

## 2002 Schedule/Results

|                         | Opponent       | Time/Result | Note                       |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b>February (5-2-0)</b> |                |             |                            |
| 12 (Tues.)              | Tennessee Tech | W, 6-4      | Nicolas walk-off 3-run HR  |
| 16 (Sat.)               | West Virginia  | W, 7-6      | Mewbourne's 900th win      |
| 17 (Sun.)               | West Virginia  | W, 10-5     | Kaye GS keys win           |
| 20 (Wed.)               | Lipscomb       | W, 6-3      | Prothro homers 2x; 3-for-4 |
| 22 (Fri.)               | at Louisville  | L, 1-6      | VU limited to six hits     |
| 23 (Sat.)               | at Louisville  | L, 3-12     | UL scores 9 in 7th inning  |
| 24 (Sun.)               | at Louisville  | W, 6-5      | Scott GS; Sowers 10 Ks     |
| 27 (Wed.)               | Memphis        | Canceled    | Upper 20s, wind & snow     |

### March (9-6-0)

|            |                   |             |                             |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 (Fri.)   | Connecticut-#     | W, 11-5     | 11 Runs, 17 hits, 10 2Bs    |
| 2 (Sat.)   | Iowa-#            | W, 2-1      | Sowers 12 Ks                |
| 3 (Sun.)   | Saint Louis-#     | Canceled    | Upper 20s, wind & snow      |
| 5 (Tues.)  | vs. Campbell-N1   | W, 7-3      | Douillard 2-for-3, 1 RBI    |
| 7 (Thurs.) | at Central Fla.   | W, 7-2      | Little 6.2 IP, 1 ER, 3 Ks   |
| 8 (Fri.)   | at Central Fla.   | L, 3-4 (11) | VU batters SO 18x           |
| 9 (Sat.)   | vs. Temple-N2     | W, 10-6     | 6-run 8th rallies VU        |
| 13 (Wed.)  | Belmont           | W, 10-7     | Nicolas 3-for-5, 4 RBI      |
| 15 (Fri.)  | at LSU            | L, 0-6      | VU posts 4 hits, SO 12x     |
| 16 (Sat.)  | at LSU            | W, 9-2      | Little throws CG 6 hitter   |
| 17 (Sun.)  | at LSU            | W, 8-7      | VU rallies w/ 3-run 9th     |
| 20 (Wed.)  | at Memphis        | Canceled    | Rain                        |
| 22 (Fri.)  | Georgia           | L, 4-14     | Sowers: 11H, 7ER, 4BB       |
| 23 (Sat.)  | Georgia           | L, 7-9      | Down 8-4, rally falls short |
| 24 (Sun.)  | Georgia           | L, 3-11     | Three-run fifth downs VU    |
| 27 (Wed.)  | at Tenn. Tech     | L, 7-12     | 9-run 2nd inn. dooms VU     |
| 29 (Fri.)  | Arkansas (CSS)    | Canceled    | Rain                        |
| 30 (Sat.)  | Arkansas (SEC-TV) | W, 4-3      | Three-run 4th lifts 'Dores  |
| 31 (Sun.)  | Arkansas          | Canceled    | Rain                        |

### April

|            |                |           |
|------------|----------------|-----------|
| 3 (Wed.)   | at Western Ky. | 6 p.m.    |
| 5 (Fri.)   | at Ole Miss    | 7 p.m.    |
| 6 (Sat.)   | at Ole Miss    | 1:30 p.m. |
| 7 (Sun.)   | at Ole Miss    | 1:30 p.m. |
| 9 (Tues.)  | at Austin Peay | 6:30 p.m. |
| 12 (Fri.)  | So. Carolina   | 7 p.m.    |
| 13 (Sat.)  | So. Carolina   | 2 p.m.    |
| 14 (Sun.)  | So. Carolina   | 1 p.m.    |
| 16 (Tues.) | Evansville     | 7 p.m.    |
| 17 (Wed.)  | Evansville     | 3 p.m.    |
| 19 (Fri.)  | at Florida     | 5:30 p.m. |
| 20 (Sat.)  | at Florida     | 3 p.m.    |
| 21 (Sun.)  | at Florida     | 11 a.m.   |
| 23 (Tues.) | Middle Tenn.   | 7 p.m.    |
| 26 (Fri.)  | Miss. State    | 7 p.m.    |
| 27 (Sat.)  | Miss. State    | 7 p.m.    |
| 28 (Sun.)  | Miss. State    | 1 p.m.    |

### May

|            |                   |           |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 (Wed.)   | Austin Peay (CSS) | 7 p.m.    |
| 3 (Fri.)   | at Auburn         | 6:30 p.m. |
| 4 (Sat.)   | at Auburn         | 3:00 p.m. |
| 5 (Sun.)   | at Auburn         | 1:30 p.m. |
| 7 (Tues.)  | Western Ky.       | 7 p.m.    |
| 10 (Fri.)  | Kentucky          | 7 p.m.    |
| 11 (Sat.)  | Kentucky          | 7 p.m.    |
| 12 (Sun.)  | Kentucky          | 1 p.m.    |
| 14 (Tues.) | at Middle Tenn.   | 7 p.m.    |
| 17 (Fri.)  | at Tennessee      | 6 p.m.    |
| 18 (Sat.)  | at Tennessee      | 3 p.m.    |
| 19 (Sun.)  | at Tennessee      | 1 p.m.    |
| 22-26      | SEC Tourney-N3    | All Day   |

### June

|       |                      |     |
|-------|----------------------|-----|
| 31-2  | NCAA Regionals       | TBA |
| 7-9   | NCAA Super Regionals | TBA |
| 14-22 | College World Series | TBA |

# — Music City Challenge; N1 — Jacksonville, Fla.;  
N2 — Orlando, Fla.; N3 — Hoover, Ala. All times Central  
and subject to change.



## 2002 VANDERBILT BASEBALL



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### Game No. 23

Vanderbilt (14-8, 3-4 SEC)  
at Western Kentucky (18-8, 3-2 Sun Belt)

### Game Nos. 24-26

Vanderbilt (14-8, 3-4 SEC)  
at No. 11 Ole Miss (21-7, 5-4 SEC)

No. 11 according to Collegiate Baseball Poll

Wed. — 6 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. — 7 p.m. • 1:30 p.m. • 1:30 p.m. CT

### \*\*\* Vanderbilt at Western Kentucky \*\*\*

Television: None; Radio: None; National Rankings: None

### \*\*\* Vanderbilt at Ole Miss \*\*\*

Television: None; Radio: WTNN (105.5 FM) in Oxford, Miss.

National Rankings: Ole Miss is ranking in all four college baseball polls.

Its highest ranking is No. 11 in the Collegiate Baseball poll. Vanderbilt is not ranked.

### Head Coaches:

Roy Mewbourne is in his 30th season as a collegiate coach (912-662-9)  
and his 24th year at Vanderbilt (645-589-9).

Joel Murrie is in his 23rd season as a collegiate coach (704-555-5)  
and his 23rd year at Western Kentucky (704-555-5).

Mike Bianco is in his fifth season as a collegiate coach (160-101-1)  
and his second year at Ole Miss (60-30-1).

### Commodores Start Five-Game Road Trip Wednesday at Western Kentucky

Vanderbilt hits the road for a five-game road trip beginning this Wednesday at Western Kentucky. After ending a season-long four game losing streak Sunday by topping Arkansas 4-3, the Commodores will face two talented squad this week in Western Kentucky and No. 11 Ole Miss. The two teams combine for a 39-15 overall record this season.

VU pitching limited Arkansas to only four hits Sunday. It was the fewest hits allowed by Vanderbilt in a game since the Commodores held Florida to two hits in a 1-0 Gators win exactly one year ago (3/31/01) — 49-game stretch. Freshman left-hander Jeremy Sowers registered his first conference win in Sunday's game to move to 3-2 on the year.

Sean Luellwitz continues to lead all Commodore hitters, batting .352 on the season and .393 against SEC competition. His 32 hits, six home runs and 28 RBI are all team highs. Third baseman/designated hitter John Prothro currently owns the longest hit streak on the team at five games. Shortstop Tony Mansolino has hit safely in all but five games this season.

Western Kentucky has won 16 of its last 21 games and is 3-2 in early play in the Sun Belt Conference. The Hilltoppers are led offensively by Antone Towns (.400, 18 H, 6 RBI) and Jeff Pacholke (.358, 19 H, 9 RBI). Matt Wilhite (4-0, 1.12 ERA, 12 AP) and Ryan Biconda (3-2, 3.43 ERA) led the pitching staff.

Vanderbilt travels to Oxford, Miss., this weekend for a three-game SEC series against

### Probable VU Starting Pitchers for the Week

#### Vanderbilt's Starter

| Day  | No. | Name            | Yr. | L/R | APP-GS | IP   | W-L-Sv | BB | SO | ERA  |
|------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|--------|------|--------|----|----|------|
| Wed. | 22  | Steven Faulkner | Sr. | RHP | 7-6    | 37.1 | 2-2-0  | 19 | 15 | 4.82 |
| Fri. | 32  | Jeff Little     | Sr. | RHP | 8-7    | 44.2 | 4-2-1  | 14 | 25 | 4.03 |
| Sat. | 10  | Jeremy Sowers   | Fr. | LHP | 6-6    | 46.0 | 3-2-0  | 15 | 52 | 3.72 |
| Sun. |     | TBA             |     |     |        |      |        |    |    |      |

#### Notes

Faulkner will make his first start in 10 days Wed. at Western Ky... Versus non-conference foes this season Faulkner is 2-1, 3.13 ERA, 26 H, 8 ER, 11 BB, 10 SO in 23.0 IP and four starts... Little is 1-1 in two starts in conference play with a 4.02 ERA, 13 H, 7 ER, 6 BB, 6 SO. He posted a save against Arkansas in Sunday's resumed game... Sowers pitched 2.0 innings Saturday against Arkansas before rain halted play for the day. He came back Sunday to pitch 5.0 more innings and registered his first SEC win.

## 2002 Vanderbilt Numerical Roster

| No. | Name               | Position | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | Cl.-Exp. | Hometown (High School/Prev. School)                 |
|-----|--------------------|----------|-----|------|-----|----------|---|
| 2   | Worth Scott        | OF/LHP   | L/L | 6-0  | 195 | So.-1L   | Hendersonville, Tenn. (Hendersonville)              |
| 3   | Cesar Nicolas      | SS/3B    | R/R | 6-4  | 220 | So.-1L   | Miami, Fla. (Westminster Christian)                 |
| 5   | Karl Nonemaker     | CF/OF    | L/L | 6-1  | 190 | Sr.-3L   | Roxbury, N.J. (Roxbury)                             |
| 6   | Jay Smith          | LHP      | R/L | 5-11 | 185 | Jr.-2L   | Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville Academy)            |
| 7   | Zach Simpson       | 2B/SS    | R/R | 6-0  | 176 | Fr.-HS   | Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville HS)                |
| 8   | Scott Vanderhoff   | 2B/SS    | R/R | 5-8  | 170 | Sr.-3L   | Cumming, Ga. (Forsyth Central)                      |
| 9   | Tony Mansolino     | SS/2B/3B | R/R | 6-0  | 185 | Fr.-HS   | Clovis, Calif. (Buchanan)                           |
| 10  | Jeremy Sowers      | LHP      | L/L | 6-0  | 165 | Fr.-HS   | Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)                           |
| 11  | John Prothro       | 3B/1B/OF | R/R | 6-1  | 210 | Sr.-2L   | Woodstock, Ga. (Mobile Christian/Southern Union JC) |
| 12  | Chris Broadus      | 2B/3B    | R/R | 5-11 | 195 | Sr.-1L   | Saucier, Miss. (Houghton/Mississippi Gulf Coast)    |
| 14  | Robert Ransom      | RHP      | R/R | 6-3  | 225 | So.-1L   | Atlanta, Ga. (Westminster)                          |
| 15  | Jonathan Douillard | C        | L/R | 6-0  | 185 | So.-1L   | Acworth, Ga. (Harrison)                             |
| 17  | Paul Stempel       | OF/1B    | R/R | 6-3  | 195 | Fr.-RS   | Lakewood, Colo. (Green Mountain)                    |
| 18  | Justin Elliott     | OF       | R/R | 6-0  | 180 | Fr.-HS   | Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)          |
| 19  | Eric Billings      | SS/3B    | R/R | 6-1  | 180 | Fr.-RS   | Potomac, Md. (Georgetown Prep)                      |
| 22  | Steven Faulkner    | RHP      | R/R | 6-3  | 200 | Sr.-1L   | Hendersonville, Tenn. (Beech/Volunteer State JC)    |
| 23  | Chris Maultsby     | RHP      | R/R | 6-2  | 210 | Sr.-2L   | Smyrna, Tenn. (Smyrna)                              |
| 24  | John Kaye          | OF/1B    | L/R | 6-2  | 210 | Jr.-2L   | Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay/Rice)              |
| 25  | Sean Luellwitz     | 1B/C     | R/R | 6-5  | 230 | Sr.-3L   | Brookfield, Wis. (Marquette Univ. HS)               |
| 26  | Matt Zeller        | OF/1B    | L/R | 6-3  | 185 | Fr.-HS   | Kansas City, Mo. (Shawnee Mission East)             |
| 27  | Jeff Sues          | RHP      | R/R | 6-4  | 215 | Fr.-HS   | Middletown, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)                |
| 32  | Jeff Little        | RHP      | R/R | 6-3  | 205 | Sr.-3L   | Palm Harbor, Fla. (Valparaiso [Ind.])               |
| 34  | Mike McClure       | OF       | R/R | 6-0  | 175 | Fr.-HS   | New Orleans, La. (Newman)                           |
| 35  | John Scott         | LHP      | L/L | 6-3  | 235 | Fr.-HS   | Raleigh, N.C. (Woodberry Forest School)             |
| 36  | Dean Bennett       | RHP      | R/R | 6-2  | 210 | Sr.-1L   | Boise, Idaho (Hazel Green/Blue Mountain CC)         |
| 45  | Scott Shapiro      | RHP/1B   | R/R | 6-6  | 230 | Fr.-HS   | Oceanside, Calif. (St. Augustine)                   |

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: 1 Roy Mewbourne

Assistant Coach: 40 John Barlowe, 16 Derek Johnson

Volunteer Assistant Coach: 30 Mike Holder

### Pronunciation Guide

Chris BROADUS — BRAH-dus  
Jonathan DOUILLARD — DOO-lard  
Sean LUELLWITZ — LU-el-witz  
Karl NONEMAKER — NONE-ah-maker  
John PROTHRO — PRO-throw  
Tony MANSOLINO — MAN-so-lin-o

### Commodores By Class

#### Freshmen (11)

Eric Billings, Justin Elliott, Tony Mansolino,  
Mike McClure, John Scott, Scott Shapiro,  
Zach Simpson, Jeremy Sowers,  
Paul Stempel, Jeff Sues, Matt Zeller

#### Sophomores (5)

Jonathan Douillard, Ronald Hatcher,  
Cesar Nicolas, Robert Ransom,  
Worth Scott

#### Juniors (2)

John Kaye, Jay Smith

#### Seniors (9)

Dean Bennett, Chris Broadus,  
Steven Faulkner, Jeff Little, Sean Luellwitz,  
Chris Maultsby, Karl Nonemaker,  
John Prothro, Scott Vanderhoff

### Media Information

#### Interview Policy

All Vanderbilt coaches and players will be available throughout the season for interviews with members of the media. Requests for interviews should be made through the Media Relations Office at (615) 322-4121. Post-game interviews with Coach Mewbourne and requested players will be available after a mandatory 10-minute cooling off period.

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No. 11 Ole Miss. The Rebels enter the week on a six-game win streak after sweeping Kentucky in Lexington last weekend (9-5, 5-4, 12-2). The Rebels 15-6-1 record in March tied the school record for wins in the month.

The Rebels rank second in the SEC with a .335 team batting average. Six batters hit .350 or better led by Seth Smith's .429 average, four home runs and 30 RBI. Burney Hutchinson leads Ole Miss with seven home runs.

### The Western Kentucky Series

Vanderbilt leads 26-13 in the all-time series which dates back to 1980.

The Commodores won last year's meeting, 6-5, in Nashville. Vanderbilt scored three times in the ninth to snap a five-game losing streak. Sean Luellwitz hit a two-RBI single to center field to tie the score. After Karl Nonemaker pinch ran for Luellwitz, WKU third baseman Nick Turner dropped an inning-ending pop up that allowed Nonemaker to score the winning run.

### The Ole Miss Series

Vanderbilt leads 35-33-2 in the all-time series dating back to 1900. The Rebels took two of three from Vanderbilt in last year's series in Nashville (17-6, 9-8, 7-3). Ole Miss has won eight of the last 12 in the series. Vanderbilt's last series win came in 1997 when the Commodores swept the Rebels in Nashville. Vanderbilt's last series win in Oxford came in 1996 (1-4, 8-6, 6-2).

### What's On Deck

After Vanderbilt plays at Western Kentucky and Ole Miss this weekend it travels to Austin Peay, April 9 to take on the Governors. Vanderbilt then returns to Hawkins Field to play host to highly ranked South Carolina, April 12-14.

### Updated Career Statistics vs. UM

#### HITTING

| Name         | Avg         | GP        | AB         | H         | HR       | RBI       |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Broadus      | .429        | 2         | 7          | 3         | 0        | 3         |
| Douillard    | .200        | 2         | 5          | 1         | 0        | 2         |
| Kaye         | .333        | 3         | 12         | 4         | 1        | 4         |
| Luellwitz    | .318        | 6         | 22         | 7         | 1        | 5         |
| Nicolas      | .000        | 1         | 2          | 0         | 0        | 0         |
| Nonemaker    | .429        | 9         | 35         | 15        | 0        | 2         |
| Prothro      | .333        | 2         | 6          | 2         | 0        | 1         |
| W. Scott     | .000        | 3         | 5          | 0         | 0        | 0         |
| Vanderhoff   | .263        | 9         | 19         | 5         | 2        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>.327</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>19</b> |

#### PITCHING

| Name         | W-L        | ERA         | G        | IP          | H         | ER        | BB        | SO        | HR       |
|--------------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Faulkner     | 1-0        | 1.12        | 1        | 8.0         | 6         | 1         | 3         | 13        | 0        |
| Little       | 0-1        | 11.12       | 2        | 5.2         | 13        | 7         | 3         | 4         | 0        |
| Maultsby     | 0-1        | 11.88       | 2        | 8.1         | 14        | 11        | 9         | 4         | 4        |
| Ransom       | 0-0        | .386        | 2        | 4.2         | 3         | 2         | 0         | 5         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1-2</b> | <b>7.09</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>26.2</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>4</b> |

### Last Time Out

Freshman left-hander Jeremy Sowers allowed only four hits in seven innings of work as Vanderbilt topped Arkansas 4-3 in the lone game of a rain-shortened SEC series last weekend in Nashville. Sowers picked up his first career SEC win and improved to 3-2 overall.

The Commodores scored three times in the fourth inning thanks to three RBI singles from Chris Broadus, Karl Nonemaker and Cesar Nicolas.

### Dore Data

Vanderbilt is 13-0 when it has the lead after the sixth inning... Karl Nonemaker has played in 103 consecutive games without committing an error (at Troy State 3/3/2000)... Nonemaker (639) and Sean Luellwitz (636) will enter VU's all-time top 10 list for career at bats this week. Luellwitz (52) needs three doubles to become VU's all-time leader (for complete listing see page 7)... VU batters have struck out 186 times entering the week — tied for second most in the league... VU pitchers have allowed 12 home runs this season, the fewest in the SEC...

Jeremy Sowers ranks second in the conference with 20 batters struck out looking... Jeff Little needs one more win to join the VU top 10 list for career wins with 17.

### VU at Home at Hawkins

Before the 2002 season began the team gathered a list of goals to accomplish during the year, one of which stressed winning at home. The Commodores are well on their way so far with a 8-3 mark at Hawkins Field. Beginning the year 7-0 at home (before a series sweep by Georgia) Vanderbilt owned its best home start since the 1998 campaign started with 12 straight wins at McGugin Field. The 7-0 start tied for the fifth-best home start in school history. (more on next page.)

### Vanderbilt's Best Starts at Home in School History

| Start      | Year        | Season Record |
|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 12-0       | 1998        | 25-28         |
| 11-0       | 1972        | 35-15         |
| 10-0       | 1991        | 29-27         |
| 8-0        | 1969        | 21-18         |
| 7-0        | 1989        | 31-21-2       |
| <b>7-0</b> | <b>2002</b> | <b>????</b>   |
| 6-0        | 1988        | 30-23         |

### Injured List

Two Vanderbilt players, catcher Jonathan Douillard and relief pitcher Robert Ransom will sit out this week from injuries suffered two weeks ago in the Georgia series.

Douillard dislocated his right thumb and tore ligaments while fielding a bunt single by UGA outfield speedster Darryl Blaze Saturday. He started Sunday against UGA but was very limited in his throwing abilities. He is wearing a cast this week and will be reevaluated next week.

Possible replacements at catcher are Scott Vanderhoff and Tony Mansolino.

Ransom suffered a testicular contusion

## Vanderbilt Baseball's New Home — Hawkins Field



The 2002 season begins with great anticipation as the newly completed Hawkins Field takes centerstage, showcasing Vanderbilt's commitment to Commodore baseball.

Still nestled alongside Vanderbilt Stadium and Memorial Gymnasium on the west end of campus, Hawkins Field features a modern design with a classic baseball park atmosphere, including brick and iron features, more than 1,500 chair-back seats and a 35-foot-tall left field wall.

Vanderbilt's first home since McGugin Field was introduced 76 years ago, Hawkins Field will officially be dedicated April 27, 2002, honoring the Hawkins family. A long-time contributor to the Vanderbilt community, Charles Hawkins III played both football and baseball at Vanderbilt from 1952-54 and became the first Commodore pitcher to earn All-Southeastern Conference honors. He donated more than \$2 million toward the construction of the stadium. His father, Charles Hawkins II, lettered in both football and baseball at Vanderbilt in the mid-1920s.

### Hawkins Field Construction Phases

**Phase I** — Began immediately following the 2000 season and consisted of demolishing McGugin Field and erecting a new playing surface. This included:

- moving the field 45 feet along the first base line
- installing a drainage system that can percolate 13 inches of rain an hour
- laying TiffSport Grass
- constructing a unique 35-foot wall in left field along Memorial Gym
- installing brick along the backstop
- adding additional lighting

**Phase II** — Began immediately following the 2001 season and consisted of building a new grandstand and press box. This included:

- demolishing the old press box
- constructing the main entrance and external facade with brick and iron
- building the grandstand area and installing 1,598 chair-back seats
- adding a fully operational press box
- upgrading the stadium sound system

## Vanderbilt Head Coach Roy Mewbourne

The 30th season as a collegiate head coach promises to be special for Vanderbilt's Roy Mewbourne. In a season that has already seen him earn his 900th career win (2/16-West Virginia) the 56-year-old skipper has seen his dream of a new stadium come to fruition with the unveiling of Hawkins Field.

A catalyst in the stadium's construction, Mewbourne has played a vital role in fundraising, planning and oversight, and now has his Commodores charting a new future in Vanderbilt baseball.

Over the years the personable Mewbourne has earned the respect of his peers and players alike by combining a strong desire for success with his warm, friendly personality.

Amassing a **912-661-9** overall record and a **645-588-9** mark in 24 seasons at Vanderbilt, Mewbourne is the winningest coach in school history. **He is the 35th coach in college baseball history to reach the 900-win plateau. His career victories total ranks third in the Southeastern Conference and among the 25 best in the nation for active coaches.**

A nine-time "Coach of the Year" selection, Mewbourne has mentored several future stars while directing numerous squads to championships and appearances in both the NCAA and the NAIA tournaments. Hunter Bledsoe, the 1999 SEC Player of the Year, is one of 10 All-Americans and 19 All-SEC honorees to play for Mewbourne. Along with Bledsoe, 55 other Commodore players have inked professional baseball contracts after collegiate careers under Mewbourne.

Mewbourne has fielded some outstanding teams in his Vanderbilt tenure, highlighted by his 1980 squad that captured the SEC championship and earned him SEC Coach of the Year honors. At the same time, Mewbourne stresses excellence in the classroom. Ninety-five Commodores have earned Academic All-SEC honors since his arrival, including a school-record and league-best 13 last season.

Mewbourne came to Vanderbilt in 1979 from Birmingham-Southern College, a school which inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2000. Mewbourne compiled a 267-74 record in six years, while being named NAIA District 27 Coach of the Year in 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1978. The Birmingham native was honored as the NAIA Area 5 Coach of the Year in 1974 and 1975 and the Southern States Conference Coach of the Year in 1978.

*(All records entering the week)*  
**SEC's Winningest Active Coaches**

| Coach                                     | Wins       |
|---|------------|
| 1. Norm DeBriyn, Arkansas .....           | 1,140      |
| 2. Ron Polk, Mississippi State .....      | 1,137      |
| 3. <b>Roy Mewbourne, Vanderbilt .....</b> | <b>912</b> |
| 4. Keith Madison, Kentucky.....           | 707        |
| 5. Ray Tanner, South Carolina .....       | 635        |

**NCAA's Winningest Active Coaches**

| Coach (yrs.)                            | Wins       |
|---|------------|
| 1. Augie Garrido, Texas (34) .....      | 1,348      |
| 2. Gene Stephenson, Wichita St. (25) .. | 1,326      |
| 3. Chuck Hartman, Virginia Tech (43) .. | 1,315      |
| 4. Larry Hays, Texas Tech (32) .....    | 1,300      |
| 5. Bob Bennett, Fresno St. (34) .....   | 1,285      |
| <b>19. Roy Mewbourne, VU (30) .....</b> | <b>912</b> |

**NCAA's Winningest Coaches All-Time**

| Coach (yrs.)                             | Wins       |
|--|------------|
| 1. Cliff Gustafson, Texas (29) .....     | 1,427      |
| 2. Rod Dedeaux, So. Calif. (45) .....    | 1,332      |
| 3. *Augie Garrido, Texas (34) .....      | 1,348      |
| 4. *Gene Stephenson, Wichita St. (25) .. | 1,326      |
| 5. *Chuck Hartman, Virginia Tech (43) .. | 1,315      |
| <b>35. *Roy Mewbourne, VU (30) .....</b> | <b>912</b> |

two weeks ago against Georgia when he was hit by a line drive off the bat of UGA third baseman Lee Mitchell. Ransom will not return for at least two weeks.

Ransom was making his first appearance of the 2002 season when the accident occurred. Ransom sat out the first third of the season recovering from summer surgery on his right shoulder. Ransom was a 2001 Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Honorable Mention Freshman All-American last season.

### Sowers Debut Worthy Of SEC Pitcher of the Week Honors

Vanderbilt freshman left-hander Jeremy Sowers was named Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week for February 25.

A product of Louisville's Ballard High School, Sowers made his collegiate debut at Louisville (2/24), striking out 10 Cardinals, scattering four hits — all singles — and allowing only one earned run. Vanderbilt held off Louisville in the late innings to win 6-5. His 10 strike outs were a Commodore season-high and the most by a Vanderbilt pitcher since current senior right-hander Steven Faulkner struck out 13 Ole Miss batters April 29, 2001.

Only four Commodore pitchers have earned the award since the conference started honoring both a position player and pitcher in 1987. Sowers is the first Vanderbilt pitcher to garner recognition since Phillip Haigler earned the award for the week of April 29, 1996. Mike McLochlin (April 24, 1989) and Scott Newell (April 13, 1992) were Vanderbilt's first recipients.

"He had a great outing considering it was the first time he took the mound at the college level," head coach Roy Mewbourne said. "It was a pressure situation with him pitching in his hometown against his hometown's university. He handled everything well and gave us a chance to win the ball game."

## — WEEKLY RECAPS —

### Week 7: at Memphis, Georgia Series

Despite its first ranking since 1998, the No. 29 (Collegiate Baseball) Commodores suffered their first SEC series sweep at home since 1997 (vs. Florida) when the Bulldogs took three games last weekend in Nashville.

Vanderbilt starting pitchers surrendered 29 hits, 24 R, 21 ER and 13 BB with 13 SO against Georgia. Each starter was tagged with the loss. In the series the Bulldogs scored 34 runs on 40 hits, while VU scored 14 runs on 31 hits.

It was Georgia's second straight sweep of Vanderbilt in as many seasons. VU has loss six straight to the Bulldogs.

The Memphis game was canceled due to rain.

### Week 6: Belmont, at LSU Series

John Kaye's game-winning two-RBI double completed a three-run ninth as Vanderbilt rallied to win the rubber match of its three-game series with then-No. 7 LSU, 8-7. Sean Luellwitz's two homers and four RBI also helped paved the way for the upset.

VU lost the series opener 6-0 despite a decent outing from its ace pitcher Jeremy Sowers. Jeff Little helped even the series at a game apiece the following day, throwing a complete-game six hitter.

**Mewbourne Through the Years**

| Year                           | University     | W L T      |            |          | Postseason                              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------|---|
|                                |                | W          | L          | T        |   |
| 1973                           | Birmingham-So. | 41         | 8          | 0        | NAIA Champion                           |
| 1974                           | Birmingham-So. | 41         | 10         | 0        |   |
| 1975                           | Birmingham-So. | 49         | 9          | 0        | NAIA, Area 5 Champion                   |
| 1976                           | Birmingham-So. | 43         | 12         | 0        | NAIA Champion                           |
| 1977                           | Birmingham-So. | 47         | 21         | 0        | NAIA, Southern States Conference Champs |
| 1978                           | Birmingham-So. | 46         | 14         | 0        | Southern States Conference Champs       |
| 1979                           | Vanderbilt     | 21         | 25         | 0        |   |
| 1980                           | Vanderbilt     | 34         | 21         | 1        | SEC Champion                            |
| 1981                           | Vanderbilt     | 26         | 25         | 1        |   |
| 1982                           | Vanderbilt     | 28         | 17         | 2        |   |
| 1983                           | Vanderbilt     | 22         | 23         | 1        |   |
| 1984                           | Vanderbilt     | 28         | 17         | 0        |   |
| 1985                           | Vanderbilt     | 35         | 16         | 0        |   |
| 1986                           | Vanderbilt     | 25         | 29         | 0        |   |
| 1987                           | Vanderbilt     | 27         | 25         | 0        |   |
| 1988                           | Vanderbilt     | 30         | 23         | 0        |   |
| 1989                           | Vanderbilt     | 31         | 21         | 2        |   |
| 1990                           | Vanderbilt     | 28         | 30         | 0        |   |
| 1991                           | Vanderbilt     | 29         | 27         | 0        |   |
| 1992                           | Vanderbilt     | 29         | 24         | 1        |   |
| 1993                           | Vanderbilt     | 32         | 23         | 1        |   |
| 1994                           | Vanderbilt     | 28         | 30         | 0        |   |
| 1995                           | Vanderbilt     | 26         | 30         | 0        |   |
| 1996                           | Vanderbilt     | 29         | 25         | 0        |   |
| 1997                           | Vanderbilt     | 31         | 24         | 0        |   |
| 1998                           | Vanderbilt     | 25         | 28         | 0        |   |
| 1999                           | Vanderbilt     | 22         | 33         | 0        |   |
| 2000                           | Vanderbilt     | 21         | 33         | 0        |   |
| 2001                           | Vanderbilt     | 24         | 31         | 0        |   |
| 2002                           | Vanderbilt     | 14         | 8          | 0        |   |
| <b>OVERALL (29 yrs.)</b>       |                | <b>912</b> | <b>662</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>(.577)</b>                           |
| <b>Vanderbilt (23 yrs.)</b>    |                | <b>645</b> | <b>589</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>(.521)</b>                           |
| <b>Birmingham-So. (6 yrs.)</b> |                | <b>267</b> | <b>74</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>(.783)</b>                           |

## Charting Sowers

Vanderbilt freshman left-hander Jeremy Sowers makes his seventh collegiate start Saturday at Ole Miss. In six appearances and 46.0 innings pitched this season, Sowers leads Vanderbilt and is fifth in the SEC with 52 strike outs (7.42 SO/game). Sowers is currently tied with Mike McLochlin (1988-90) in ninth place for most strike outs by a freshman at Vanderbilt. Below is a listing of VU's top freshmen pitchers all-time (ranked by strike outs).

### Vanderbilt's Top Freshmen Pitchers

| Rank | Name                         | R-L        | G-GS       | W-L        | ERA         | IP          | BB        | SO        |
|------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1.   | Doug Wessel (1970-73)        | RHP        | 13-n/a     | 6-3        | 3.84        | 74.2        | 47        | 97        |
| 2.   | Mike Willis (1969-72)        | LHP        | n/a-n/a    | 4-5        | 2.97        | 87.2        | 52        | 93        |
| 3.   | Mark Prior (1999)            | RHP        | 13-13      | 4-8        | 4.59        | 82.1        | 23        | 71        |
| 4.   | Damon Yee (1997-2000)        | RHP        | 22-4       | 4-2        | 2.33        | 65.2        | 22        | 69        |
| 5.   | Rick Giannola (1994-97)      | RHP        | 17-14      | 5-5        | 7.67        | 81.0        | 53        | 65        |
| 6.   | Brian Farley (1982)          | —          | 15-10      | 7-3        | 3.82        | 80.0        | 50        | 63        |
| 7.   | Jim Heins (1986-89)          | RHP        | 17-14      | 8-6        | 5.56        | 87.1        | 60        | 62        |
| 8.   | Jim Gibbs (1981-84)          | RHP        | 18-10      | 6-5        | 6.99        | 74.2        | 58        | 57        |
| 9.   | Mike McLochlin (1988-90)     | RHP        | 21-4       | 6-2        | 4.33        | 52.0        | 33        | 52        |
|      | <b>Jeremy Sowers (2002-)</b> | <b>LHP</b> | <b>6-6</b> | <b>3-2</b> | <b>3.72</b> | <b>46.0</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>52</b> |
| 11.  | Steve Sadecki (1989-91)      | RHP        | 19-5       | 5-2        | 4.75        | 55.0        | 36        | 48        |
|      | Robert Ransom (2001-)        | RHP        | 24-5       | 4-2        | 4.92        | 71.1        | 30        | 48        |
|      | Chris Maultsby (1999-)       | RHP        | 23-6       | 2-6        | 6.45        | 51.2        | 45        | 48        |

### Notes about the top four leaders:

Like Sowers, Wessel and Willis passed up MLB dollars to play at Vanderbilt. Wessel turned down the Chicago White Sox. Willis said no to the Cincinnati Reds... Wessel led all SEC pitchers with 97 SO in 1970... In 1970 Wessel struck out 23 batters vs. UT-Chattanooga (3/23/02); tied for third most in a game in NCAA history... Willis ranks No. 1 in VU history with 350 career strike outs... As a sophomore in 1970, Willis tied Wessel with 97 strike outs for the Commodores... Prior transferred to Southern California after his freshman campaign... Prior won the Golden Spikes Award (college baseball's equivalent to the Heisman Trophy) last season with the USC Trojans. He was the first pick in the 2002 MLB Draft by the Chicago Cubs... Yee finished No. 2 at VU with 287 strike outs.

The series win was Vanderbilt's first against LSU since 1988 and the first in Baton Rouge since 1957. Vanderbilt joins the 2000 Georgia Bulldogs as the only squads from the SEC Eastern Division to win a series at Alex Box Stadium since the league went to a round-robin format in 1986.

### Week 4 — Florida Trip

The Commodores concluded an eight-day, four-game spring break road trip through Jacksonville and Orlando with a 3-1 mark. VU defeated Campbell (7-3), Central Florida (7-2) and Temple (10-6). The Commodores one loss came in the second match up with Central Florida (4-3 in 11 innings).

- Jeff Little pitched 6.2 innings, allowing seven hits, one earned run and struck out three in VU's 7-2 win over Central Florida (3/7).

- Jeremy Sowers struck out 10 in 9.0 IP against Central Florida (3/8). He surrendered six hits and two earned runs in the no decision.

- Sean Luellwitz led all VU hitters. He was 7-for-14 (.500) with eight RBI, four runs scored, two homers and a double.

### Week 3 — Memphis,

#### Music City Challenge

Temperatures in the upper 20s, windy conditions and snow canceled games against Memphis (2/27) and Saint Louis (3/3). Two of the three Music City Challenge games were played, with Vanderbilt handling Connecticut

## Commodore Superlatives

### Team Highs (All Games)

| Batting          |  |
|------------------|--|
| At bats:         | 40 vs Connecticut (Mar 01, 2002)       |
| Runs scored:     | 11 vs Connecticut (Mar 01, 2002)       |
| Hits:            | 17 vs Connecticut (Mar 01, 2002)       |
| RBIs:            | 11 vs Connecticut (Mar 01, 2002)       |
| Doubles:         | 10 vs Connecticut (Mar 01, 2002)       |
| Triples:         | 2 vs West Virginia (Feb 17, 2002)      |
| Home runs:       | 2 vs Lipscomb (Feb 20, 2002)           |
| Total bases:     | 30 vs Tennessee Tech (Mar 27, 2002)    |
| Walks:           | 7 vs West Virginia (Feb 17, 2002)      |
| Strikeouts:      | 18 vs Central Florida (Mar 08, 2002)   |
| Sac hits:        | 3 vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)                |
| Sac flies:       | 3 vs Georgia (Mar 23, 2002)            |
| Stolen bases:    | 3 vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)                |
| Hit by pitch:    | 2 vs Belmont (Mar 13, 2002)            |
| Caught stealing: | 1 (5 games)                            |
| Runners LOB:     | 13 vs West Virginia (Feb 16, 2002)     |
| Hit into DP:     | 3 vs Temple (Mar 09, 2002)             |
| Fielding         |  |
| Putouts:         | 31 vs Central Florida (Mar 08, 2002)   |
| Assists:         | 15 vs West Virginia (Feb 17, 2002)     |
| Errors:          | 5 vs Belmont (Mar 13, 2002)            |
| Passed balls:    | 3 vs West Virginia (Feb 17, 2002)      |
| DPs turned:      | 3 vs West Virginia (Feb 16, 2002)      |
| Strikeouts:      | 3 vs Georgia (Mar 24, 2002)            |
| Pitching         |  |
| Innings pitched: | 10.1 vs Central Florida (Mar 08, 2002) |
| Runs allowed:    | 1 vs Iowa (Mar 02, 2002)               |
| Earned runs:     | 1 vs Iowa (Mar 02, 2002)               |
| Walks allowed:   | 1 vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)                |
| Strikeouts:      | 14 vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)               |
| Hits allowed:    | 4 vs Arkansas (Mar 30, 2002)           |
| Wild pitches:    | 3 vs LSU (Mar 17, 2002)                |
| Hit batters:     | 2 vs Georgia (Mar 22, 2002)            |

### Individual Highs (All Games)

| Batting          |   |
|------------------|---|
| At bats:         | 5 (38 games)  |
| Runs scored:     | 3 Karl Nonemaker vs Temple (Mar 09, 2002)           |
| Hits:            | 3 Karl Nonemaker vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)              |
| RBIs:            | 3 Cesar Nicolas vs Georgia (Mar 23, 2002)           |
| Doubles:         | 4 Sean Luellwitz vs Central Florida (Mar 07, 2002)  |
| Triples:         | 4 Sean Luellwitz vs Central Florida (Mar 07, 2002)  |
| Home runs:       | 2 Sean Luellwitz vs Central Florida (Mar 07, 2002)  |
| Total bases:     | 10 John Prothro vs Lipscomb (Feb 20, 2002)          |
| Walks:           | 2 John Prothro vs Lipscomb (Feb 20, 2002)           |
| Strikeouts:      | 4 Worth Scott vs Central Florida (Mar 07, 2002)     |
| Sac hits:        | 2 Jonathan Douillard vs Georgia (Mar 23, 2002)      |
| Sac flies:       | 1 (6 games)   |
| Stolen bases:    | 1 (24 games)  |
| Hit by pitch:    | 1 (17 games)  |
| Caught stealing: | 1 (7 games)   |
| Runners LOB:     | 5 Chris Broadus vs West Virginia (Feb 16, 2002)     |
| Fielding         |   |
| Putouts:         | 14 Sean Luellwitz vs Central Florida (Mar 07, 2002) |
| Assists:         | 6 Scott Vanderhoff vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)            |
| Errors:          | 3 Cesar Nicolas vs West Virginia (Feb 16, 2002)     |
| Passed balls:    | 3 Sean Luellwitz vs West Virginia (Feb 17, 2002)    |
| Pitching         |   |
| Innings pitched: | 9.0 Jeremy Sowers vs Central Florida (Mar 08, 2002) |
| Strikeouts:      | 9.0 Jeff Little vs LSU (Mar 16, 2002)               |
| Wild pitches:    | 12 Jeremy Sowers vs Iowa (Mar 02, 2002)             |
| Hit batters:     | 2 Jeremy Sowers vs LSU (Mar 15, 2002)               |
| Runners LOB:     | 2 Chris Maultsby vs LSU (Mar 17, 2002)              |
| Errors:          | 2 Chris Maultsby vs Georgia (Mar 22, 2002)          |
| Wild pitches:    | 2 Jeremy Sowers vs Louisville (Feb 24, 2002)        |
| Hit batters:     | 2 Jeff Little vs Georgia (Mar 23, 2002)             |

## Vanderbilt's Record When...

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Scoring 1-4 Runs.....   | 2-5     |
| Scoring 5-9 Runs.....   | 8-2     |
| Scoring 10+ Runs.....   | 4-0     |
| Shutouts.....   | 0-1     |
| Vanderbilt Scores First.....  | 10-5    |
| Opponent Scores First.....  | 4-3     |
|   |         |
| Leading After 6 innings.....  | 13-0    |
| Trailing After 6 innings.....   | 1-5     |
| Tied After 6 innings.....   | 0-2     |
| Leading After 7 innings.....  | 13-0    |
| Trailing After 7 innings.....   | 1-7     |
| Tied After 7 innings.....   | 0-2     |
| Leading After 8 innings.....  | 13-0    |
| Trailing After 8 Innings.....   | 1-6     |
| Tied After 8 Innings.....   | 0-1     |
| Extra Innings.....  | 0-1     |
|   |         |
| Collects 1-4 Hits.....  | 0-2     |
| Collects 5-9 Hits.....  | 5-4     |
| Collects 10-plus Hits.....  | 9-2     |
| Out-Hit Opponent.....   | 9-1     |
| Out-Hit By Opponent.....  | 2-7     |
| Same Hits as Opponent.....  | 3-0     |
| One-Run Games.....  | 5-1     |
| Two-Run Games.....  | 1-1     |
| VU Hits a Home Run.....   | 11-2    |
| Opponent Hits a Home Run.....   | 4-6     |
|   |         |
| VU Starter Gets Decision.....   | 9-7     |
| VU Bullpen Gets Decision.....   | 5-1     |
| Vs. Left-Handed Starter.....  | 6-1     |
| Vs. Right-Handed Starter.....   | 8-7     |
|   |         |
| Errorless.....  | 6-2     |
| Committing One Error.....   | 4-2     |
| Committing 2-plus Errors.....   | 4-4     |
| Opponent is Errorless.....  | 4-2     |
| Opponent Commits One Error.....   | 2-3     |
| Opponent Commits 2-plus Errors.....   | 8-3     |
|   |         |
| Day Games.....  | 12-6    |
| Night Games.....  | 2-2     |
| At Home.....  | 8-3     |
| On the Road.....  | 4-5     |
| At Neutral Site.....  | 2-0     |
|   |         |
| Vs. SEC Opponents.....  | 3-4     |
| SEC Home.....   | 1-3     |
| SEC Away.....   | 2-1     |
| Vs. SEC East.....   | 0-3     |
| Vs. SEC West.....   | 3-1     |
| Vs. Non-Conference.....   | 10-4    |
| Vs. Ranked Opponents.....   | 2-1     |
| Vs. In-State Opponents.....   | 3-1     |
|   |         |
| On Tuesday.....   | 2-0     |
| On Wednesday.....   | 2-1     |
| On Thursday.....  | 1-0     |
| On Friday.....  | 1-4     |
| On Saturday.....  | 5-2     |
| On Sunday.....  | 3-1     |
| In February.....  | 5-2     |
| In March.....   | 9-6     |
| In April.....   | 0-0     |
| In May.....   | 0-0     |
|   |         |
| In White Jerseys.....   | 3-2     |
| In White Pinstripe Jerseys.....   | 6-1     |
| In Black Jerseys.....   | 2-2     |
| In Gray Pinstripe Jerseys.....  | 3-3     |
|   |         |
| Longest Winning Streak.....   | 5 games |
| Longest Losing Streak.....  | 4 games |
|   |         |
| Largest Comeback Win ....trailing 5-1 (bot-2nd),<br>.....won 10-6 vs. Temple (3/9)  |         |
| Largest Lead Lost .....led 3-0 (bot-1st),<br>.....lost 4-3 at Central Florida (3/8) |         |

11-5 and edging Iowa 2-1.

- Jeremy Sowers struck out a career-high 12 batters and allowed only two hits against Iowa to pick up his second win of the year.
- Four days after the death of his father Cesar Nicolas hit a lead-off solo home run to spark the Commodores to a 11-5 win over the Huskies. He also hit a double and ended the day 2-for-5.
- Vanderbilt posted season highs in runs (11), hits (17) and doubles (10) in its 11-5 win over Connecticut (3/1).

### Week 2 — Lipscomb, at Louisville

- Third baseman John Prothro hit two home runs and went 3-for-4 to lead Vanderbilt to a 6-3 win over Lipscomb (2/20). The win kept the Commodores undefeated in the early season at 4-0.
- Vanderbilt lost its first game of the 2002 season 2/22 at Louisville. The Commodores managed six hits in the 6-1 loss.
- Sean Luellwitz hit his first home run of the season, a three-run long ball to left field, but Louisville scored nine times in the seventh inning to win 12-3 (2/23).
- Worth Scott hit his first career grand slam and Jeremy Sowers struck out 10 Cardinals in 7.0 IP as Vanderbilt avoided the series sweep with a 6-5 win at Louisville (2/24). Dean Bennett picked up his third save of the year.

### Week 1 — Tenn Tech, West Virginia

- Head Coach Roy Mewbourne registered his 900th career coaching win (2/26) when Vanderbilt edged West Virginia 7-6. He is the 35th coach in history to reach the 900-win plateau and ranks 19th among active coaches in victories.
- Senior outfielder Karl Nonemaker went 6-for-

11 (.545) during the opening week of the season with a double, a triple, four runs scored and three RBI. Nonemaker moved into a three-way tie for eighth place on the VU all-time hits list with 220.

- Sophomore Cesar Nicolas hit a walk-off three-run home run to rally VU past Tennessee Tech, 6-4, on opening night, Feb. 12. It marked the first home run and Commodore win in the newly completed \$5.8 million Hawkins Field.
- Junior John Kaye hit a grand-slam home run Sunday against West Virginia, helping to spark VU to a 10-5 win. It was Vanderbilt's first grand slam since Andy Kropf accomplished the feat against Ole Miss (4/4/99). For the week he went 4-for-10 with three doubles, three runs scored, four RBI and four walks.

## — SEASON NOTES —

### Honoring a Former Commodore

The Commodores will wear a #41 stitched into their caps this season to honor former Vanderbilt alum and relief pitcher Mark Hindy who died in the tragic events at the World Trade Center, Sept. 11, 2001. A native of the Bronx, N.Y., Hindy played for Vanderbilt from 1992-95 and worked for Cantor Fitzgerald.

The Vanderbilt Athletic Department has established the "Mark Hindy Memorial Fund" to honor the former Commodore. A plaque will be hung in the new stadium, the annual alumni-athlete golf will be renamed "The Mark Hindy Memorial" and an endowed baseball scholarship will be named in his honor.

For more information on Mark Hindy, please visit [www.vucommodores.com/baseball/mult/hindy](http://www.vucommodores.com/baseball/mult/hindy) or call the VU Athletics Department at 615-343-3109.

## The Last Time...

### A Vanderbilt Team...

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Won 10 or more consecutive games.....             | 2/13/98-3/1/98 (10)                               |
| Lost five or more consecutive games.....          | 3/30/01 vs Florida - 4/7/01 vs Auburn (six games) |
| Scored 20 or more runs in a game.....             | 22 vs. Yale, 3/14/00                              |
| Hit consecutive home runs.....                    | Ashley Freeman, Adam Blue vs. Tennessee, 5/12/01  |
| Hit three consecutive home runs.....              | .....not on record                                |
| Shut out consecutive opponents.....               | .....vs. St. Joseph's (12-0), 3/11/94             |
| Shut out the opponent.....                        | .....vs. Morehead State (9-0), 3/14/94            |
| Was shut out by the opponent.....                 | .....vs. UT-Martin (5-0), 2/11/01                 |
| Was shut out in two consecutive games.....        | .....at LSU (0-6), 3/15/02                        |
| Swept a conference doubleheader.....              | .....vs. Kentucky (0-14), (0-4), 4/23/76          |
| Was swept in a conference doubleheader.....       | .....vs. Georgia, 5/15/94                         |
| Swept a conference series at home.....            | .....at Mississippi State, 3/12/00                |
| Was swept in a conference series at home.....     | .....vs. Georgia, 3/22/02-3/24/02                 |
| Swept a conference series on the road.....        | .....vs. Florida, 3/30/01-4/1/01                  |
| Was swept in a conference series on the road..... | .....at Georgia, 4/15/93-4/16/93                  |
| Was swept in a conference series on the road..... | .....at Georgia, 5/4/01-5/5/01                    |

### A Vanderbilt Player...

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Hit two home runs in a game.....                  | Sean Luellwitz at LSU, 3/17/02            |
| Hit three home runs in a game.....                | John Prothro vs Lipscomb, 2/20/02         |
| Hit a grand slam home run.....                    | Jeff Martin vs. Valparaiso, 3/13/91       |
| Hit for the cycle.....                            | John Kaye vs. West Virginia, 2/17/02      |
| Had six or more RBI in a game.....                | Clinton Johnston vs. Kentucky, 4/28/96    |
| Had five or more hits in a game.....              | Andy Kropf (6) vs. Evansville, 4/12/00    |
| Had 10 or more total bases in a game.....         | Kevin Geshke (5) vs. W. Kentucky, 4/25/00 |
| Stole three or more bases in a game.....          | John Prothro (10) vs. Lipscomb, 2/20/02   |
| Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game.....          | Aaron Fausett (10) vs. Ole Miss, 4/4/99   |
| .....   | Karl Nonemaker (3) vs. UAB 2/21/01        |
| .....   | Jeremy Sowers (10) at Louisville, 2/24/02 |
| .....   | Jeremy Sowers (12) vs. Iowa, 3/2/02       |
| .....   | Steven Faulkner (13) vs. Ole Miss 4/29/01 |
| Had 15 or more strikeouts in a game.....          | Jeff Peebles (15) vs. DePauw, 3/18/73     |
| Pitched a complete game.....                      | Jeff Little at LSU, 3/16/02               |
| Pitched a nine-inning, complete game shutout..... | Phil Haigler vs. Kentucky, 4/26/96        |
| Pitched a no-hitter.....                          | Doug Wessel vs. Belmont, 4/19/71          |
| Pitched a perfect game.....                       | .....not on record                        |

## Senior Leadership a Factor

The 2002 Vanderbilt squad features nine seniors on the roster. Five of those seniors are in their fourth year at Vanderbilt. It's the second-most seniors on a Commodore roster in the Mewbourne era. The 1981 team listed 10 seniors, including one fourth-year senior. Mewbourne has coached four squads with five four-year seniors. His 1995 team featured a Mewbourne era-high six fourth-year seniors.

The 2002 senior class is well experienced. Two of the four senior pitchers started the season with more than 50 career appearances (Little - 56, Maultsby 62) and 160 career IP (Little 168.1, Maultsby 199.1).

The trio of Sean Luellwitz and Karl Nonemaker and Scott Vanderhoff entered the year with more than 100 career starts in the field each. Nonemaker and Luellwitz own more than 540 career at bats apiece. Both will finish high among the Vanderbilt 200-hit leaders. Nonemaker's career batting average will finish at or near the top of four-year players at VU. Luellwitz will rank as one of the top doubles hitters all-time at Vanderbilt.

## Tentative Radio Schedule

International Sports Properties (ISP), a sports marketing partner of Vanderbilt Athletics, has announced the Commodore baseball radio schedule for 2002.

Joe Fisher, "The Voice of the Commodores," who has called play-by-play action for Vanderbilt football and men's basketball games since 1999, will call 12 Commodore baseball games on WNSR-560 AM in Nashville.

All remaining home game, including all non-conference games, can now be heard on Vanderbilt's official website: [vucommodores.com](http://vucommodores.com).

### Radio Schedule

| Date | Opponent          | Start Time |
|------|-------------------|------------|
| 4/13 | So. Carolina      | 2 p.m. CT  |
| 4/14 | So. Carolina      | 1 p.m. CT  |
| 4/27 | Mississippi State | 7 p.m. CT  |
| 4/27 | Mississippi State | 1 p.m. CT  |
| 5/11 | Kentucky          | 7 p.m. CT  |
| 5/12 | Kentucky          | 1 p.m. CT  |
| 5/18 | at Tennessee      | 3 p.m. CT  |
| 5/19 | at Tennessee      | 1 p.m. CT  |

## Remaining Television Schedule

The Commodores will appear on television one more time in the regular season, March 1 will they play host Austin Peay. The game air on Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS) — channel 27 on the Nashville Comcast cable system — beginning at 7 p.m. CT.

## 2002 Leadoff Banquet

Former New York Yankees and Arizona Diamondbacks manager Buck Showalter was the keynote speaker at the second annual Vanderbilt Baseball Leadoff Banquet, Feb. 15, at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt.

The annual fundraising event to highlight the upcoming season, also featured a silent auction, refreshments and an opportunity to dine with a Commodore baseball player. Items auctioned off included baseball memorabilia, golf outings and vacation trips.

## All-Time VU Rankings

### Hitting

| Career Hit Leaders |                               |            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1.                 | Boomer Whipple (1992-95)      | 282        |
| 2.                 | Jim Schifman (1987-90)        | 266        |
| 3.                 | Nick Morrow (1991-94)         | 253        |
| 4.                 | <b>Karl Nonemaker (1999-)</b> | <b>242</b> |
| 5.                 | Greg Smith (1985-88)          | 239        |
| 6.                 | Rick Duncan (1972-75)         | 232        |
| 7.                 | Clint Johnston (1991-93)      | 222        |
| 8.                 | Clinton Johnston (1996-98)    | 220        |
|                    | Josh Paul (1994-96)           | 220        |
| 10.                | Josh Adeeb (1996-98)          | 212        |
| —                  | <b>Sean Luellwitz (1999-)</b> | <b>205</b> |

### Career Batting Average

|     |                               |             |
|-----|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.  | Hunter Bledsoe (1997, 99)     | .425        |
| 2.  | <b>Karl Nonemaker (1999-)</b> | <b>.376</b> |
| 3.  | Clinton Johnston (1996-98)    | .369        |
| 4.  | Greg Smith (1985-88)          | .358        |
| 5.  | Boomer Whipple (1992-95)      | .349        |
| 6.  | Greg Thomas (1991-93)         | .343        |
| 7.  | Josh Paul (1994-96)           | .343        |
| 8.  | Tim Turner (1981-82)          | .341        |
| 9.  | Mike Wright (1976-78)         | .339        |
| 10. | Joey Cora (1983-85)           | .338        |

### Career At Bats

|     |                               |            |
|-----|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Boomer Whipple (1992-95)      | 809        |
| 2.  | Jim Schifman (1987-90)        | 798        |
| 3.  | Nick Morrow (1991-94)         | 773        |
| 4.  | Cam Hazen (1985-88)           | 712        |
| 5.  | Steve Chandler (1974-77)      | 688        |
| 6.  | Kevin Geshke (1998-2001)      | 680        |
| 7.  | Greg Smith (1985-88)          | 667        |
| 8.  | Matt Kata (1997-99)           | 657        |
| 9.  | Mike Pike (1977-80)           | 652        |
| 10. | Greg Thomas (1991-93)         | 648        |
| —   | <b>Karl Nonemaker (1999-)</b> | <b>644</b> |
| —   | <b>Sean Luellwitz (1999-)</b> | <b>639</b> |

### Career Runs Scored

|    |                               |            |
|----|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Nick Morrow (1991-94)         | 208        |
| 2. | Boomer Whipple (1992-95)      | 192        |
| 3. | Bart Nielson (1991-94)        | 177        |
| 4. | Bill Hardin (1973-76)         | 174        |
| 5. | Greg Smith (1985-88)          | 161        |
| 6. | Josh Adeeb (1996-98)          | 161        |
| 7. | Josh Paul (1994-96)           | 158        |
| 8. | Clinton Johnston (1996-98)    | 150        |
|    | Vee Hightower (1990-93)       | 150        |
|    | Bill Schabes (1986-89)        | 150        |
| —  | <b>Karl Nonemaker (1999-)</b> | <b>142</b> |

### Career Doubles

|     |                               |           |
|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | Boomer Whipple (1992-95)      | 54        |
|     | Clinton Johnston (1996-98)    | 54        |
| 3.  | Cam Hazen (1985-88)           | 53        |
| 4.  | <b>Sean Luellwitz (1999-)</b> | <b>52</b> |
| 5.  | Andy Kropf (2000)             | 50        |
|     | Alan Purdy (1990-93)          | 50        |
|     | Josh Adeeb (1996-98)          | 50        |
| 8.  | Nick Morrow (1991-94)         | 49        |
| 9.  | Greg Thomas (1991-93)         | 44        |
| 10. | Rick Duncan (1972-75)         | 43        |
|     | Mike Pike (1977-80)           | 43        |
| —   | <b>Karl Nonemaker (1999-)</b> | <b>42</b> |

### Pitching

| Career Wins |                            |           |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1.          | Jeff Peeples (1970-73)     | 29        |
| 2.          | Jim Gibbs (1981-84)        | 25        |
| 3.          | Mike Willis (1969-72)      | 24        |
| 4.          | Kyle Balch (1985-88)       | 23        |
| 5.          | Mike McLochlin (1988-90)   | 20        |
| 6.          | Paul Seybt (1995-98)       | 18        |
| 7.          | Damon Yee (1997-2000)      | 17        |
|             | Bob Latimer (1973-76)      | 17        |
|             | Robert Harris (1976-79)    | 17        |
|             | Rickey Kittrell (1976-78)  | 17        |
| —           | <b>Jeff Little (1999-)</b> | <b>16</b> |

### Career Innings Pitched

|     |                               |              |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Jim Heins (1986-89)           | 340.0        |
| 2.  | Ronnie McGill (1990-93)       | 310.2        |
| 3.  | Mike Willis (1970-72)         | 307.2        |
| 4.  | Paul Seybt (1995-98)          | 288.0        |
| 5.  | Damon Yee (1997-2000)         | 286.0        |
| 6.  | Jim Gibbs (1981-84)           | 276.2        |
| 7.  | Kyle Balch (1985-88)          | 259.2        |
| 8.  | Joe Barbao (1993-94)          | 257.0        |
| 9.  | Scott Newell (1989-92)        | 245.0        |
| 10. | Bert Snow (1996-98)           | 234.1        |
| —   | <b>Chris Maultsby (1999-)</b> | <b>219.1</b> |
| —   | <b>Jeff Little (1999-)</b>    | <b>213.0</b> |

### Career Saves

|     |                               |          |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1.  | David Daniels (1992-95)       | 15       |
| 2.  | Clinton Johnston (1996-98)    | 10       |
| 3.  | Matt Kata (1997-99)           | 8        |
|     | Wayne Palmore (1972-74)       | 8        |
| 5.  | Ted Govedarcia (1975-78)      | 7        |
| 6.  | Matt Kata (1997-99)           | 6        |
|     | Jo Jo Smith (1989-91)         | 6        |
|     | Archie Smith (1985-87)        | 6        |
|     | Jeff Trenning (1983-85)       | 6        |
|     | <b>Dean Bennett (2001-)</b>   | <b>6</b> |
| 11. | John Yanello (1980-81)        | 5        |
|     | Scott Sanderson (1976-77)     | 5        |
|     | Bob Latimer (1973-76)         | 5        |
|     | Mark Bode (1970-73)           | 5        |
|     | <b>Jeff Little (1999-)</b>    | <b>3</b> |
| --  | <b>Chris Maultsby (1999-)</b> | <b>3</b> |
| --  | <b>Robert Ransom (2001-)</b>  | <b>2</b> |

## Stadium Catches Eye of Former Baseball Great

In town visiting a friend, former Los Angeles Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda saw a local newspaper feature story on Vanderbilt's newly completed Hawkins Field the day prior to the Commodores' season opener with Tennessee Tech (2/12/02). The curious Lasorda stopped by to get an up-close look at the progress and was impressed.

"This is a great stadium," said Lasorda to a local television crew at practice. "You have to have top-notch facilities to recruit the best athletes around the country. Those types of players will now take a closer look at Vanderbilt."

Lasorda visited with the Vanderbilt coaching staff and signed baseballs for the silent auction portion of the VU Leadoff Banquet (2/15).

## Sowers Misses First Six Games

Freshman pitcher Jeremy Sowers sat out Vanderbilt's first six games of the 2002 season due to an inadvertent minor NCAA rules violation.

Sowers and his family had sought advice regarding a proposed contract last summer after the Major League draft, where he was a first round selection of the Cincinnati Reds. According to NCAA policy, advisors and professional sports teams are not permitted to have contact on behalf of a student-athlete. In this instance, such contact did occur and it was ruled a secondary (minor) violation of NCAA rules.

Vanderbilt appealed the NCAA decision to no avail, saying that Sowers did nothing wrong, received no material benefit and had been saying all along he planned to play collegiately. The decision caused Sowers to miss what amounted to two starting opportunities.

"We were very disappointed with the NCAA's position," Commodore Head Coach Roy Mewbourne says. "The Sowers family took great pains to handle everything properly so any penalty seems extremely harsh to us. We've known about this for some time so it does not upset our season's plans as much as we think it's unfair to an honest student-athlete."

"My family and I thought the ruling was unjust," Sowers says, "but in the big picture I understand that we have no recourse but to move ahead."

## 2002 Captains

Senior outfielder Karl Nonemaker and senior first baseman and reserve catcher Sean Luellwitz were named captains of the 2002 Commodores.

## Accolades For Freshmen Class

Vanderbilt's freshmen class received high marks from two baseball publications in October. *Baseball America* ranked the class seventh in the nation while *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed the Commodore newcomers 19th overall.

In *Baseball America*, VU freshmen ranked second in the SEC behind only LSU at No. 5.

## The Commodore Bullpen

| Player             | ERA         | W-L        | APP       | GS       | CG       | SHO-CBO    | SV       | IP          | H         | R-ER         | BB        | SO        |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| 32 Jeff Little     | 0.00        | 0-0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 1        | 2.0         | 0         | 0-0          | 0         | 0         |
| 6 Jay Smith        | 0.00        | 0-0        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 0        | 1.2         | 1         | 1-0          | 2         | 1         |
| 23 Chris Maultsby  | 3.60        | 0-1        | 9         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 1        | 15.0        | 16        | 8-6          | 8         | 10        |
| 22 Steven Faulkner | 4.50        | 0-0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 0        | 2.0         | 1         | 1-1          | 1         | 1         |
| 27 Jeff Sues       | 5.56        | 2-0        | 8         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 1        | 11.1        | 15        | 9-7          | 5         | 11        |
| 36 Dean Bennett    | 7.15        | 0-0        | 11        | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 6        | 11.1        | 18        | 11-9         | 5         | 8         |
| 35 John Scott      | 7.88        | 1-0        | 9         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 0        | 8.0         | 10        | 8-7          | 6         | 2         |
| 14 Robert Ransom   | 10.80       | 0-0        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 0        | 1.2         | 2         | 2-2          | 2         | 1         |
| 45 Scott Shapiro   | 12.00       | 2-0        | 9         | 0        | 0        | 0-0        | 0        | 12.0        | 13        | 17-16        | 11        | 8         |
| <b>Totals</b>      | <b>6.65</b> | <b>5-1</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>65.0</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>57-48</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>42</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b>   | <b>4.29</b> | <b>2-4</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1-0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>71.1</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>54-34</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>73</b> |

## Vanderbilt Pinch Hitters

| Player        | AVG         | AB-R-H-RBI      | 2B-3B-HR     | BB-SO      |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Billings      | .000        | 1-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-1        |
| Broadus       | .333        | 6-0-2-0         | 0-0-0        | 1-2        |
| Douillard     | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Elliott       | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Hatcher       | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Kaye          | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Luellwitz     | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Mansolino     | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Nicolas       | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Nonemaker     | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Prothro       | 1.000       | 2-0-2-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| W. Scott      | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Shapiro       | .333        | 3-0-1-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Simpson       | .000        | 0-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Stempel       | .000        | 4-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 1-0        |
| Vanderhoff    | .000        | 1-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| Zeller        | .000        | 4-0-0-0         | 0-0-0        | 0-0        |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>.238</b> | <b>21-0-5-0</b> | <b>0-0-0</b> | <b>1-3</b> |

## Tracking Vanderbilt's Home Runs

| No. | Player (HR#)        | Date | Opponent        | MOB | Site | Outs | Inn. | Pitcher  |
|-----|---------------------|------|-----------------|-----|------|------|------|----------|
| 1   | Nicolas (1) 3-run   | 2/12 | Tennessee Tech  | 2   | H    | 1    | 9    | Helms    |
| 2   | Kaye (1) GS         | 2/17 | West Virginia   | 3   | H    | 1    | 3    | Nippert  |
| 3   | Prothro (1) solo    | 2/20 | Lipscomb        | 0   | H    | 2    | 4    | Passons  |
| 4   | Prothro (2) solo    | 2/20 | Lipscomb        | 0   | H    | 0    | 8    | Patton   |
| 5   | Luellwitz (1) 3-run | 2/22 | Louisville      | 2   | V    | 2    | 5    | Barber   |
| 6   | Scott (1) GS        | 2/23 | Louisville      | 3   | V    | 2    | 3    | McKenzie |
| 7   | Nicolas (2) solo    | 3/1  | Connecticut     | 0   | H    | 0    | 4    | Sperone  |
| 8   | Kaye (2) solo       | 3/2  | Iowa            | 0   | H    | 0    | 7    | Hasz     |
| 9   | Kaye (3) 2-run      | 3/5  | Campbell        | 1   | N    | 0    | 7    | Wade     |
| 10  | Luellwitz (2) 3-run | 3/7  | Central Florida | 2   | V    | 0    | 4    | Lubrano  |
| 11  | Luellwitz (3) 2-run | 3/9  | Temple          | 1   | N    | 2    | 8    | Bruno    |
| 12  | Kaye (4) 2-run      | 3/16 | LSU             | 1   | V    | 0    | 4    | Mestepey |
| 13  | Luellwitz (4) 3-run | 3/17 | LSU             | 2   | V    | 1    | 1    | Tompkins |
| 14  | Luellwitz (5) solo  | 3/17 | LSU             | 0   | V    | 0    | 4    | Tompkins |
| 15  | Mansolino (1) solo  | 3/27 | Tennessee Tech  | 0   | V    | 1    | 1    | Eubanks  |
| 16  | Luellwitz (6) 3-run | 3/27 | Tennessee Tech  | 2   | V    | 2    | 9    | Vincent  |