

## 2003 Schedule/Results

	Opponent	Time/Result	Note
<b>February</b>			
14 (Fri.)	vs. Old Dominion-1	L, 0-2	ODU's Verlander Ks 12
15 (Sat.)	vs. The Citadel-1	W, 4-3	Scott: 2-run HR, RBI double
16 (Sun.)	vs. James Madison-1	Cancelled	heavy rain
18 (Tues.)	<b>East Tennessee St.</b>	W, 5-4	Jones: 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 RS
19 (Wed.)	<b>East Tennessee St.</b>	Cancelled	heavy rain
21 (Fri.)	<b>Cincinnati</b>	W, 5-4	3-run ninth rallies VU
23 (Sun.)	<b>Cincinnati-gm1</b>	W, 3-1	VU pitchers limit UC to 4 hits
23 (Sun.)	<b>Cincinnati-gm2</b>	L, 2-7	VU allows season-high 14 hits
25 (Tues.)	<b>Murray State</b>	Cancelled	cold temps; snow
26 (Wed.)	<b>Belmont</b>	L, 0-1	BU limits VU to three hits
27 (Thurs.)	<b>Trevecca</b>	W, 4-0	Four VU pitchers CBO
28 (Fri.)	<b>Rutgers-2</b>	W, 3-2 [12]	W. Scott GW-RBI single
<b>March</b>			
1 (Sat.)	<b>Kent State-2</b>	L, 4-6	KSU scores 3x in ninth
2 (Sun.)	<b>No. 17 Kansas-2</b>	L, 2-4	Sowers Ks 12 in loss
5 (Wed.)	vs. Central Michigan-3	W, 19-2	VU season-high 19 runs, 22 hits
5 (Wed.)	at Jacksonville	W, 5-2 [11]	Nicolas: GW-solo homer
7 (Fri.)	vs. Michigan St.-3	W, 5-4	Jones: 2-run HR & RBI triple
8 (Sat.)	vs. Notre Dame-3	L, 1-3 [10]	Sowers: 4-hits UND for 9 inn; ND
11 (Tues.)	<b>Lipscomb</b>	4 p.m. CT	
14 (Fri.)	at Mississippi St.	6:30 p.m. CT	
15 (Sat.)	at Mississippi St.	2 p.m. CT	
16 (Sun.)	at Mississippi St.	1:30 p.m. CT	
19 (Wed.)	<b>Lipscomb</b>	3 p.m. CT	
21 (Fri.)	<b>Mississippi</b>	7 p.m. CT	
22 (Sat.)	<b>Mississippi</b>	4 p.m. CT	
23 (Sun.)	<b>Mississippi</b>	1 p.m. CT	
25 (Tues.)	at Austin Peay	6:30 p.m. CT	
28 (Fri.)	at South Carolina	7 p.m. ET	
29 (Sat.)	at South Carolina	4 p.m. ET	
30 (Sun.)	at South Carolina	1:30 p.m. ET	
<b>April</b>			
1 (Tues.)	<b>Western Kentucky</b>	7 p.m. CT	
4 (Fri.)	<b>Florida</b>	7 p.m. CT	
5 (Sat.)	<b>Florida</b>	4 p.m. CT	
6 (Sun.)	<b>Florida</b>	1 p.m. CT	
8 (Tues.)	at Evansville	6 p.m. CT	
11 (Fri.)	at Arkansas	7 p.m. CT	
12 (Sat.)	at Arkansas	4 p.m. CT	
13 (Sun.)	at Arkansas	1:30 p.m. CT	
15 (Tues.)	at Middle Tennessee	7 p.m. CT	
18 (Fri.)	<b>LSU</b>	7 p.m. CT	
19 (Sat.)	<b>LSU</b>	4 p.m. CT	
20 (Sun.)	<b>LSU</b>	1 p.m. CT	
22 (Tues.)	<b>Austin Peay</b>	7 p.m. CT	
25 (Fri.)	<b>Auburn</b>	7 p.m. CT	
26 (Sat.)	<b>Auburn</b>	4 p.m. CT	
27 (Sun.)	<b>Auburn</b>	1 p.m. CT	
<b>May</b>			
2 (Fri.)	at Georgia	7 p.m. ET	
3 (Sat.)	at Georgia	2 p.m. ET	
4 (Sun.)	at Georgia	1 p.m. ET	
6 (Tues.)	at Western Kentucky	6 p.m. CT	
9 (Fri.)	at Kentucky	6 p.m. ET	
10 (Sat.)	at Kentucky	2 p.m. ET	
11 (Sun.)	at Kentucky	2 p.m. ET	
13 (Tues.)	<b>Middle Tennessee</b>	7 p.m. CT	
16 (Fri.)	<b>Tennessee</b>	7 p.m. CT	
17 (Sat.)	<b>Tennessee</b>	4 p.m. CT	
18 (Sun.)	<b>Tennessee</b>	1 p.m. CT	
21-25	SEC Tournament-4	TBA	(Wed.-Fri.)
30-1	NCAA Regionals-5	TBA	(Fri.-Sun.)
<b>June</b>			
6-8	NCAA Super Regionals-6	TBA	(Fri.-Sun.)
13-21	College World Series-7	TBA	
1-ESPN Radio 1340 Shootout (Charleston, S.C.); 2-Music City Classic, (Nashville, Tenn.); 3-Kennel Club Classic, (Jacksonville, Fla.); 4-Southeastern Conference Tournament, (Birmingham, Ala.); 5-NCAA Regionals, site to be announced; 6-NCAA Super Regional, site to be announced; 7-College World Series, (Omaha, Neb.)			
<b>Home Game in Boldface. All Times Local</b>			



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### Game 16

Lipscomb (4-9) at Vanderbilt (9-6) • March 10 • 4 p.m. CT

**Television:** None; **Radio:** None

### Head Coaches:

**Tim Corbin** is in his first year at **Vanderbilt** (9-6)

and his first year as a collegiate coach (9-6).

**Wynn Fletcher** is in his third year at **Lipscomb** (51-59)

and his seventh year as a collegiate coach (175-164).

### Probable Starting Pitchers

March 11	W-L	ERA	AP	IP	BB	SO
LU - TBA						
VU - Fr., RHP, Matt Buschmann	1-1	1.23	5	7.1	3	4

### Vanderbilt Plays Host to Lipscomb on Tuesday

The Vanderbilt baseball team plays host to Lipscomb, Tuesday, March 11, at 4 p.m. at Hawkins Field. The Commodores (9-6), who won three of four games last week during their Spring Break trip to Jacksonville, Fla., rank second in the Southeastern Conference in both pitching (2.30 ERA) and team defense (.982 fielding percentage). Lipscomb lost three games to Mississippi State last weekend in Starkville and enter Tuesday's game with a 4-9 record.

Freshman right-hander Matt Buschmann (1-1, 1.23 ERA) will make his first collegiate start against the Bison. Buschmann, who has appeared in five games this season for VU, has struck out four batters, walked three, given up one earned run and posted two saves in 7.1 innings of work. Lipscomb has not yet announced a starter.

Vanderbilt holds a 32-8 advantage in the all-time series with Lipscomb, including last year's 6-3 win at Hawkins Field on February 20.

In its last outing, Vanderbilt took No. 17 Notre Dame to the edge Saturday before losing, 3-1, in 10 innings. Commodore sophomore left-hander Jeremy Sowers did not factor into the decision for Vanderbilt but threw nine innings and allowed only four hits and one earned run against the Irish. He carried a no hitter into the sixth inning. During the four-game road trip Vanderbilt pitchers registered a 2.31 ERA, struck out 35 batters, walked 10 and allowed 10 earned runs in 39.0 innings.

The Commodores are led offensively by junior first baseman Cesar Nicolas (.375, 2 HR, 7 RBI). Nicolas has posted a team-high nine multi-hit games this season. Freshman outfielder Warner Jones has hit safely in 13 of VU's 15 games this year, including the last nine contests. His .354 batting average ranks second on the squad.

### A Look Back at Vanderbilt's Last Game

**No. 17 Notre Dame Scores Two Runs in 10th Inning to Top VU, 3-1**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Brennan Grogan hit a game-winning RBI triple and Matt Macri laced a RBI single to left field as No. 17 Notre Dame scored twice in the 10th inning to outlast Vanderbilt, 3-1, Saturday, March 8, at Harmon Stadium on the University of North Florida campus. With the loss Vanderbilt goes 3-1 on its Spring Break trip to Florida and is 9-6 on the season. Notre Dame improves to 4-4.

Starting pitchers for both teams were masterful in their performances but did not factor into the decision. Notre Dame starter Chris Niesel struck out nine Commodores without a walk and gave up only three hits and one

## 2003 Vanderbilt Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Position	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Prev. School)
1	Warner Jones	SS/OF	R/R	5-10	160	Fr.-HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
2	Worth Scott	OF/LHP	L/L	6-0	200	Jr.-2L	Hendersonville, Tenn. (Hendersonville)
3	Cesar Nicolas	3B/1B	R/R	6-4	225	Jr.-2L	Miami, Fla. (Westminster Christian)
5	Matt McGraner	C	R/R	6-2	205	Fr.-HS	Germantown, Tenn. (Germantown)
6	Gil Kim	SS/2B	S/R	5-6	150	So.-TR	Pottsville, Pa. (Lawrenceville [N.J.]/Middlebury Coll.)
7	Zach Simpson	2B	R/R	6-0	185	So.-1L	Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville)
8*	Ryan Klosterman	2B/SS	R/R	5-11	175	So.-TR	Clermont, Fla. (South Lake/Clemson)
9	Tony Mansolino	SS/3B	R/R	6-0	195	So.-1L	Collierville, Tenn. (Buchanan)
10	Jeremy Sowers	LHP	L/L	6-1	175	So.-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)
11	Jensen Lewis	RHP	R/R	6-3	185	Fr.-HS	Cincinnati, Ohio (Anderson)
12	Rucker Taylor	SS/2B	R/R	5-10	160	Fr.-HS	Montrose, Ala. (Bayside Academy)
14	Robert Ransom	RHP	R/R	6-3	225	Jr.-2L	Atlanta, Ga. (Westminster)
15	Jonathan Douillard	C	L/R	6-0	190	Jr.-2L	Acworth, Ga. (Harrison)
17	Blake Owen	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Fr.-HS	Cross Plains, Tenn. (East Robertson)
18	Mickey Kropf	C/3B	S/R	6-5	220	Jr.-TR	Roswell, Ga. (Alan Pope/Harvard)
19	Jeff Boutwell	OF	R/R	6-1	175	Fr.-HS	Southport, Fla. (Mosley)
20	Matt Zeller	OF	L/R	6-3	200	So.-1L	Leawood, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East)
21	Ryan Mullins	LHP	L/L	6-6	175	Fr.-HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Father Ryan Academy)
22	Ryan Godfrey	OF	R/R	6-2	190	Jr.-TR	Cypress, Calif. (Los Alamitos/Cypress CC)
24	John Kaye	OF	L/R	6-2	210	Sr.-2L	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay)
26	Matt Buschmann	RHP	R/R	6-3	175	Fr.-HS	Wildwood, Mo. (Lafayette)
27	Jeff Sues	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	So.-1L	Red Bank, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)
28	Will Becker	C	R/R	6-1	200	Fr.-HS	Hudson, Ohio (Western Reserve)
31	William Pauly	C/IF	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.-HS	Jacksonville, Fla. (Episcopal)
34	Giovanni Seretti	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	So.-TR	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola HS/Duke)
35	John Scott	LHP	L/L	6-3	230	So.-1L	Raleigh, N.C. (Woodberry Forest)
36	Nick Pilkington	RHP	R/R	6-4	185	Fr.-HS	Brighton, Tenn. (Harding Academy)

\* - Ryan Klosterman will wear No. 46 in the gold jersey only.

### Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** 4 Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984), First Season at Vanderbilt/Overall

**Assistant Coaches:** 16 Derek Johnson (Eastern Illinois, 1993), 23 Erik Bakich (East Carolina, 2000)

**Volunteer Coach:** 30 Michael Holder (Augusta State, 2001)

**Athletic Trainer:** Josh Vander Velden

**Student Equipment Manager:** Liz Knox

### Quick Facts Information

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tenn.
Enrollment	6,241
Nickname	Commodores
Founded	1873
Colors	Black and Gold
Conference	Southeastern
Stadium (Capacity)	Hawkins Field (1,575)
Dimensions	L-310, C-400, R-330; Alleys-375
Chancellor	Gordon Gee (Utah, 1968)
Faculty Representative	David Williams (Northern Michigan, 1969)
Director of Athletics	Todd Turner (North Carolina, 1973)
Athletic Department Phone	615-322-4727
Ticket Office Phone	615-322-GOLD/1-877-44-VANDY

#### 2003 OUTLOOK

Lettermen Returning/Lost	11/15
Position Starters Returning/Lost	5/4
Total Pitchers Returning/Lost	5/6
Newcomers	15

### Pronunciation Guide

Eric BAKICH	BAK-ich
Jeff BOUTWELL	BOUT-well
Jonathan DOUILLARD	DOO-lard
Mickey KROPF	KROF
Tony MANSOLINO	MANS-oh-lean-o
GIOVANNI SERETTI	G-oh-VAHN-ee SIR-etti

### Commodores By Class

**Freshmen (11):** Will Becker, Matt Buschmann, Jeff Boutwell, Warner Jones, Jensen Lewis, Matt McGraner, Ryan Mullins, Blake Owen, Nick Pilkington, William Pauly, Rucker Taylor

**Sophomore (9):** Gil Kim, Ryan Klosterman, Tony Mansolino, John Scott, Giovanni Seretti, Zach Simpson, Jeremy Sowers, Jeff Sues, Matt Zeller

**Junior (6):** Jonathan Douillard, Ryan Godfrey, Mickey Kropf, Cesar Nicolas, Robert Ransom, Worth Scott

**Senior (1):** John Kaye

## Vanderbilt Head Coach Tim Corbin

After nine season as an assistant coach at baseball power Clemson, Tim Corbin moves into the role of Commodore head coach in 2003 and looks to construct similar success at Vanderbilt.

**Corbin helped the Tiger program produce more victories than all but four programs in the nation from 1994-2002.** Clemson won more than 71 percent (434 wins, 172 losses) of its games, captured two Atlantic Coast Conference regular season titles, made nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament and fought its way to the **College World Series four times** (1995, 1996, 2000, and 2002) while Corbin assisted head coach Jack Leggett. **The Tigers ended the 2002 season with their ninth consecutive top 25 finish and their sixth top 10 finish since 1994.**

Joining Clemson as an assistant coach in 1994, Corbin worked his way up the Tiger coaching staff. Earning two promotions, Corbin received the title of assistant head coach in 1998 before becoming the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator in September 2001.

Along the way the organized, focused and enthusiastic understudy earned a national reputation as one of the most respected assistant coaches in the country. **He worked intensely while collecting nine talented recruiting classes — all of which were recognized among the top 25 in the nation.** His on-field work developing outfielders and hitters helped 20 Clemson players earn All-America accolades while 34 Tigers were later drafted to play professional baseball.

Corbin's dedication and attention to detail caught the eye of the national baseball publication *Baseball America* on numerous occasions. In 1997, it touted the Clemson coaching staff as one of the top five "College Recruiting Staffs" in the country. It later tabbed the 1999 Tiger freshman class as No. 1 nationally. **And in 2000, *Baseball America* and the American Baseball Coaches Association named Corbin its National Coach of the Year.**

In 2000, Southern California head coach Mike Gillespie served as skipper of the USA Baseball team and quickly chose Corbin as an assistant on his staff. The staff helped guide the Americans to a gold-medal finish at the World Championships in the Netherlands, setting a record for best winning percentage (.900).

Prior to his tenure at Clemson, Corbin served as head coach at Presbyterian College for six seasons beginning in 1988. Restarting a baseball program that laid dormant for several years, Corbin directed Presbyterian College from NAIA to Division II status, posting a 106-138 overall record. Along the way, Corbin guided the Blue Hose to three consecutive appearances in the South Atlantic playoffs (1991-93) while earning South Atlantic Coach of the Year honors in 1990.

### THE TIM CORBIN FILE

- **Personal:** Timothy Carter Corbin... Born: 8/5/61 in Wolfeboro, N.H.... Hometown is Wolfeboro, N.H.... Family includes wife, Maggie, and two daughters, Molly (18) and Hannah (14).
- **Education:** Kingswood Regional High School, 1979... Kimball Union Academy — Postgraduate, 1980 ... Ohio Wesleyan, B.A. in Physical Education, 1984... Ohio State University, Master of Arts in Athletic Administration, 1986.
- **Playing Experience:** Four-year letterman as an infielder/catcher at Ohio Wesleyan, 1981-1984
- **Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant Coach at Ohio State, 1985-1986... Assistant Coach at Wofford, 1987... Head Coach at Presbyterian College, 1988-1993... Assistant Coach at Clemson, 1994-1998... Assistant Head Coach at Clemson, 1998-2001... Associate Head Coach at Clemson, 2001-2002... Head Coach at Vanderbilt, 2003-

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT TIM CORBIN

**Mike Gillespie, Head Coach at Southern California and Head Coach of 2000 gold-medal winning USA Baseball Team where Corbin was an assistant**

"He's on my short list of best coaches I've come across. He's spectacular. He's a young guy with knowledge beyond his years. It's vast. He's a great student of all phases of the game. He's bright and can articulate what he knows and believes. Plus, he has an outstanding ability in establishing a rapport with his kids. He has a great sense of humor. Vanderbilt is very lucky to have him. He was very happy at Clemson and in order for him to leave he would have to come across a job that he perceived as a great opportunity."

**Jack Leggett, Head Coach at Clemson**

"He's got a great recruiter's mentality, leaving no stone unturned. He has a tremendous work ethic and is the most organized person I have ever seen. He also possesses the ability to stay focused on the task at hand. When you combine those three things you have an outstanding recruiter. He's also very knowledgeable about the game of baseball and did a great job working with our hitters and outfielders the past several years at Clemson."

**Khalil Greene, 2002 National Player of the Year and former Clemson infielder recruited by Corbin. Greene was drafted by San Diego in first round (13th pick) of 2002 Draft.**

"Coach Corbin is one of the most dedicated people I've ever met. Whether it's working out in the weightroom with the players or recruiting, once he decides to do something he goes full bore ahead."

"He helped me a lot with the hitting aspects of my game. He knows a lot of the intricacies of different players' swings. So anytime you go into a slump, he knows the little things to point out and says them in a way to motivate you and help you turn around your swing.

"I've enjoyed knowing him off the field and going to his house and hanging out. I consider him as much a friend as any of the players on my team. He's a great person."

unearned run in eight innings. Vanderbilt starter Jeremy Sowers struck out six Irish batters, walked two and surrendered only four hits and one earned run in nine innings of action.

Sowers did not allow a hit until the sixth inning when Irish designated hitter Craig Cooper doubled down the right-field line. While Cooper was thrown out at the plate three batters later, the Irish did manage to score a run in the inning. Steve Sollmann legged out a single to short and scored three batters later when Matt Edwards chopped a ball in between the mound and first base. Edwards beat out Sowers to the first base bag.

Vanderbilt left two runners in scoring position in the third inning and another runner on second base in the fifth before plating its first run in the bottom of the sixth. Ryan Klosterman reached first base on a fielding error by Macri at short. Klosterman, who stole second base, stole third base and came home when Irish catcher Javi Sanchez's throw to third base bounced down the left-field line.

Vanderbilt reliever Jensen Lewis (1-2) entered the game in the 10th inning and gave up three hits in the frame, including the two by Grogan and Macri. Irish reliever J.P. Gagne (2-1) pitched the ninth and 10th innings to pick up the win. He struck out four of the six batters he faced. Vanderbilt plays its next game Tuesday, March 11 at home against Lipscomb before beginning Southeastern Conference play next weekend at nationally ranked Mississippi State.

### Scouting Lipscomb

Lipscomb returns 17 lettermen and five starters from its 2002 squad that finished 24-24 overall. Chris Parker leads the Bison with a .372 average. He has a team-high 16 hits. Nathan McCorkle leads the squad with 12 RBI.

Seth Kuwik has been strong out of the bullpen, registering a team-high 20 strikeouts to go along with a 1.84 ERA and 1-1 record in 14.2 innings.

Bison hitters own a .237 average. The pitching staff has a 6.97 team ERA.

### Commodores in the SEC Rankings

#### TEAM RANKINGS

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Sac Bunts	11
1st	Fewest HR allowed	2
T-1st	Steal Attempts	35
2nd	ERA	2.30
2nd	Opposing Bat Avg	.216
2nd	Runs Allowed	45
3rd	Batters SO Looking	47
T-3rd	Fewest Hits Allowed	110
4th	Batters Struck Out	132
T-4th	Stolen Bases	23
T-4th	Saves	4

#### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Rank-Name	Category	Number
1st-Zeller	Sac Bunts	5
1st-Klosterman	Stolen Bases	13
1st-Klosterman	SB Attempts	15
1st-Sues	Batters SO Looking	15
2nd-Sowers	Batters SO	36
2nd-Sowers	Innings Pitched	32.1
T-3rd-Douillard	Caught Stealing By	4
T-4th-Lewis	Saves	2
T-4th-Buschmann	Saves	2
5th-Sues	Opposing Bat Avg	.188
5th-Nicolas	Putouts	119

6th-Nicolas	.....Chances	.....126
T-6th-Lewis	.....Appearances	.....7
7th-Sues	.....ERA	.....1.61
7th-Sowers	.....Opposing Bat Avg.....	.198
T-7th-Lewis	.....Games Finished	.....4
8th-Klosterman	.....Assists.....	45
T-8th-Sues	.....Batters SO	.....27

**- SEASON NOTES -**

**Klosterman Sets Single-Game Assists Record**

Sophomore shortstop Ryan Klosterman set the Vanderbilt single-game record for assists with 11 against East Tennessee State in the Commodores' 5-4 win (2/18). The previous record was nine held by four former Commodores, including Terry Geshke (vs. Georgia [4/21/62]), Joey Jackson (vs. Rollins [3/4/86]), Dede Malmo (vs. Lipscomb [3/30/88]) and Brad Reese (vs. Memphis [3/11/90]).

While the Southeastern Conference does not have records for most assists, the NCAA record book lists only eight other players in collegiate baseball history to register more than 11 assists in a nine-inning game. The NCAA record is 14 set by Florida's Kevin Polcovich against Tennessee (4/27/91).

Klosterman recorded at least one assist in seven different innings. He was busiest in the second inning, when he made all three assists, and in the seventh and eighth innings when he lent a hand in two of the three outs.

**Nicolas' Comeback Complete**

Cesar Nicolas completed an amazing comeback when he made his first start of the season against East Tennessee State (2/18). The Vanderbilt junior infielder was inadvertently hit in the head with a swung bat, Jan. 18, in the batting cages adjacent to Hawkins Field. Nicolas suffered a mild concussion and broken temporal bones on the right side of his head.

Originally expected to miss the first two to three weeks of the season, Nicolas made his first appearance as a pinch hitter in both the season opener against Old Dominion and the following game against The Citadel.

**- PRESEASON NOTES -**

**Sowers Garners Preseason Attention**

Jeremy Sowers has earned second team All-America honors from *Baseball America* and third team All-America accolades from Louisville Slugger and "Collegiate Baseball" newspaper entering the 2003 season. *Baseball America* also tabbed him as the third-best sophomore in the country (at any position).

Sowers and Oklahoma left-hander David Purcey, who also earned second-team honors, were the only two sophomore hurlers to receive recognition from the *Baseball America* listing that included three All-America teams, honoring 15 pitchers. Sowers and Mississippi State junior left-hander Paul Maholm were the only pitchers from the Southeastern

Conference represented.

Sowers was one of nine sophomore pitchers and 63 players overall chosen to the three teams selected by Louisville Slugger and "Collegiate Baseball." Sowers, Maholm and LSU senior right-hander Jake Tompkins were the three SEC pitchers honored.

Last year, Sowers was one of 19 starting pitchers nationwide to earn Freshman All-America honors from Louisville Slugger and "Collegiate Baseball." As the Commodores' top pitcher, Sowers went 6-5 while leading Vanderbilt in wins (six), ERA (4.37), innings pitched (101.0), strikeouts (85) and pickoffs (12). His 85 strikeouts tied for sixth-most by SEC pitchers and first among all freshmen hurlers in the league. His strikeout total also ranked third all-time among freshmen pitchers at Vanderbilt. His 101.0 innings pitched set a Vanderbilt record for freshmen pitchers.

**Commodore Superlatives**

**Team Highs (All Games)**

<b>Batting</b>		
At bats:	47	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Runs scored:	19	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Hits:	22	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
RBI's:	18	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Doubles:	4	.....vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
	4	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Triples:	1	.....vs Old Dominion (Feb 14, 2003)
	1	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	1	.....vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)
Home runs:	1	.....(6 games)
Total bases:	28	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Walks:	6	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
	6	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	6	.....vs Jacksonville (Mar 05, 2003)
Strikeouts:	13	.....vs Notre Dame (Mar 08, 2003)
Sac hits:	3	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Sac flies:	1	.....vs Cincinnati (Feb 21, 2003)
	1	.....vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
Stolen bases:	5	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Hit by pitch:	4	.....vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)
Caught stealing:	2	.....(4 games)
Runners LOB:	14	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Hit into DP:	3	.....vs Citadel (Feb 15, 2003)

<b>Fielding</b>		
Putouts:	36	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Assists:	17	.....vs East Tennessee St. (Feb 18, 2003)
	17	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Errors:	3	.....vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
Passed balls:	1	.....(4 games)
DPs turned:	3	.....vs Old Dominion (Feb 14, 2003)

<b>Pitching</b>		
Innings pitched:	12.0	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Strikeouts:	13	.....vs Kansas (Mar 02, 2003)
	13	.....vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Hits allowed:	3	.....vs Trevecca (Feb 27, 2003)
Wild pitches:	1	.....(8 games)
Hit batters:	3	.....vs Kent State (Mar 01, 2003)

**Individual Game Highs (All Games)**

<b>Batting</b>		
At bats:	6	.....Cesar Nicolas vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	6	.....Matt McGraner vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	6	.....Warner Jones vs Jacksonville (Mar 05, 2003)
Runs scored:	4	.....Worth Scott vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Hits:	4	.....Matt McGraner vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	4	.....Ryan Klosterman vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
RBI's:	5	.....Matt McGraner vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Doubles:	2	.....Cesar Nicolas vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
	2	.....Cesar Nicolas vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Triples:	1	.....Ryan Klosterman vs Old Dominion (Feb 14, 2003)
	1	.....Worth Scott vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
	1	.....Warner Jones vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)
Home runs:	1	.....(6 games)
Total bases:	7	.....Worth Scott vs Citadel (Feb 15, 2003)
	7	.....Warner Jones vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)
Walks:	2	.....vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Strikeouts:	3	.....(6 games)
Sac hits:	1	.....(11 games)
Sac flies:	1	.....Jonathan Douillard vs Cincinnati (Feb 21, 2003)
	1	.....John Kaye vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
Stolen bases:	3	.....Ryan Klosterman vs Kent State (Mar 01, 2003)
Hit by pitch:	2	.....Ryan Klosterman vs Kent State (Mar 01, 2003)
	2	.....Matt Zeller vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)
Caught stealing:	1	.....(12 games)
Runners LOB:	5	.....John Kaye vs East Tennessee St. (Feb 18, 2003)
	5	.....Cesar Nicolas vs Trevecca (Feb 27, 2003)
	5	.....Tony Mansolino vs Michigan State (Mar 06, 2003)

<b>Fielding</b>		
Putouts:	15	.....Cesar Nicolas vs Rutgers (Feb 28, 2003)
Assists:	11	.....Ryan Klosterman vs East Tennessee St. (Feb 18, 2003)
Errors:	2	.....Tony Mansolino vs Cincinnati (Feb 23, 2003)
Passed balls:	1	.....(4 games)

<b>Pitching</b>		
Innings pitched:	9.0	.....Jeremy Sowers vs Notre Dame (Mar 08, 2003)
Strikeouts:	12	.....Jeremy Sowers vs Kansas (Mar 02, 2003)
	12	.....Jeff Sues vs Central Michigan (Mar 05, 2003)
Wild pitches:	1	.....(8 games)
Hit batters:	2	.....Robert Ransom vs Kent State (Mar 01, 2003)

## Vanderbilt's Record When...

Scoring 1-4 Runs.....	4-4
Scoring 5-9 Runs.....	4-0
Scoring 10+ Runs.....	1-0
Shutouts.....	1-2
Vanderbilt Scores First.....	5-0
Opponent Scores First.....	4-6
Leading After 6 innings.....	8-0
Trailing After 6 innings.....	0-4
Tied After 6 innings.....	2-2
Leading After 7 innings.....	6-1
Trailing After 7 innings.....	0-4
Tied After 7 innings.....	3-1
Leading After 8 innings.....	7-1
Trailing After 8 Innings.....	1-4
Tied After 8 Innings.....	1-1
Extra Innings.....	2-1
Collects 1-4 Hits.....	0-2
Collects 5-9 Hits.....	5-3
Collects 10-plus Hits.....	4-1
Out-Hit Opponent.....	6-2
Out-Hit By Opponent.....	2-3
Same Hits as Opponent.....	1-1
One-Run Games.....	5-1
Two-Run Games.....	1-4
VU Hits a Home Run.....	4-1
Opponent Hits a Home Run.....	2-0
VU Starter Gets Decision.....	5-3
VU Bullpen Gets Decision.....	4-3
Vs. Left-Handed Starter.....	2-1
Vs. Right-Handed Starter.....	8-3
Errorless.....	5-3
Committing One Error.....	3-1
Committing 2-plus Errors.....	1-2
Opponent is Errorless.....	2-1
Opponent Commits One Error.....	6-1
Opponent Commits 2-plus Errors.....	1-2
Day Games.....	8-6
Night Games.....	1-0
At Home.....	5-4
On the Road.....	2-0
At Neutral Site.....	2-2
Vs. SEC Opponents.....	0-0
SEC Home.....	0-0
SEC Away.....	0-0
Vs. SEC East.....	0-0
Vs. SEC West.....	0-0
Vs. Non-Conference.....	9-6
Vs. Top 25 Ranked Opponents.....	0-2
Vs. In-State Opponents.....	2-1
On Tuesday.....	1-0
On Wednesday.....	2-1
On Thursday.....	2-0
On Friday.....	2-1
On Saturday.....	2-2
On Sunday.....	0-2
In February.....	6-3
In March.....	3-3
In April.....	0-0
In May.....	0-0
In Black Jerseys.....	3-0
In Gold Jerseys.....	5-4
in White Jerseys.....	1-2
Longest Winning Streak ..4 games; (2/18-2/23)	
Longest Losing Streak.....2 games;	
.....2x, (2/23-2/26) and (3/1-3/2)	
Largest Comeback Win.....trailed 3-1 (top-6th),	
.....won 4-3 vs. The Citadel (2/15)	
.....trailed 4-2 (bot-9th),	
.....won 5-4 vs. Cincinnati (2/23)	
Largest Lead Lost.....led 4-3 (bot-7th)	
.....lost 6-4 vs. Kent State (3/1)	

## Young 'Dores

The 2003 Vanderbilt Commodore baseball team is mostly young and unproven. Twenty players on the 27-man roster are underclassmen, including nine of the staff's 10 pitchers and six of the nine position players penciled into the lineup. The roster includes only six juniors and one senior.

Just how young are the Commodores? VU tops the SEC in the percentage of underclassmen on its roster.

School	Underclassmen	%
<b>Vanderbilt</b> .....	<b>20 of 27 players</b> .....	<b>74.1</b>
Auburn .....	25 of 37.....	67.6
Georgia .....	29 of 43.....	67.4
Mississippi State.....	30 of 45.....	66.7
Tennessee .....	20 of 31.....	64.5
LSU .....	24 of 38.....	63.2
Florida.....	25 of 44.....	56.8
Kentucky .....	21 of 38.....	55.3
S. Carolina .....	23 of 43.....	53.5
Arkansas.....	18 of 35.....	51.4
Alabama .....	19 of 38.....	50.0
Ole Miss .....	22 of 46.....	47.8
<b>League Average</b> .....	<b>276 of 465</b> .....	<b>59.4</b>

## Young Coaching Staff

Not to be outdone, the Commodore coaching staff ranks as one of the youngest in the conference. With an average age of 31.50 years old, the VU coaching staff is the second youngest in the SEC as the 2003 season starts. Only Georgia has a younger staff with an average age of 31.25.

The Commodore staff includes head coach

Tim Corbin (42 years old), assistant coaches Derek Johnson (32) and Erik Bakich (25) and volunteer assistant Michael Holder (27).

In comparison, Georgia includes head coach David Perno (35), assistants Butch Thompson (32) and David Eckstein (29) and volunteer coach Jason Eller (29).

## Three Players Join Team in January

Three Commodores joined the squad in January and are not listed in the 2003 edition of the Vanderbilt media guide.

Sophomore infielder **Gil Kim** set the single-season record for assists (75) last season at Middlebury (Vermont) while starting all 28 games and hitting .310 with three doubles 12 RBI and 10 stolen bases. At The Lawrenceville School, Kim was named a 2001 Prep School honorable mention and 2000 second team All-State Prep School by the *Trentonian*. He helped guide his high school to the New Jersey Prep "A" championship as a junior and to a runner up finish as a sophomore. In high school he batted .210 as a senior with a double, five RBI and five stolen bases and hit .367 as a junior with three doubles, 10 RBI and 16 stolen bases.

Junior catcher/infielder **Mickey Kropf** started 33 of 40 games for the 2002 Ivy League Champion Harvard Crimson. Last season as a sophomore, Kropf batted .263 with seven doubles and nine RBI. He made three errors in 235 chances. Mickey is the younger brother of former Commodore catcher Andy Kropf (1997-2000) who now plays in the Detroit Tigers organization.

## 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
.....vs. Morehead State (9-0), 3/14/94	
Shut out the opponent.....	vs. Trevecca (4-0), 2/27/03
Was shut out by the opponent.....	vs. Belmont (0-1), 2/28/03
Was shut out in two consecutive games.....	vs. Kentucky (0-14), (0-4), 4/23/76
Swept a conference doubleheader.....	vs. Georgia, 5/15/94
Was swept in a conference doubleheader.....	at Mississippi State, 3/12/00
Swept a conference series at home.....	vs. Georgia, 3/22/02-3/24/02
Was swept in a conference series at home.....	vs. South Carolina, 4/12/02-4/14/02
Swept a conference series on the road.....	at Georgia, 4/15/93-4/16/93
Was swept in a conference series on the road.....	at Auburn, 5/3/02-05/02

### A Vanderbilt Player....

Hit two home runs in a game.....	Scott Shapiro vs. South Carolina, 4/15/02
.....Sean Luellwitz at LSU, 3/17/02	
.....John Prothro vs Lipscomb, 2/20/02	
Hit three home runs in a game.....	Jeff Martin vs. Valparaiso, 3/13/91
Hit a grand slam home run.....	John Kaye vs. West Virginia, 2/17/02
Hit for the cycle.....	Clinton Johnston vs. Kentucky, 4/28/96
Had six or more RBI in a game.....	Karl Nonemaker (7) vs. Kentucky, 5/12/02
Had five or more hits in a game.....	Kevin Geshke (5) vs. W. Kentucky, 4/25/00
Had 10 or more total bases in a game.....	John Prothro (10) vs. Lipscomb, 2/20/02
.....Aaron Fausett (10) vs. Ole Miss, 4/4/99	
Stole three or more bases in a game.....	Ryan Klosterman (3) vs. Kent State, 3/1/03
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game.....	Jeff Sues (12) vs. Central Michigan, 3/5/03
.....Jeremy Sowers (12) vs. Kansas, 3/2/03	
.....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.....	Steven Faulkner vs. Middle Tennessee (10 innings), 5/14/02
.....Jeff Little vs. Kentucky (nine innings), 5/10/02	
Pitched a nine-inning, complete game shutout.....	Jeremy Sowers vs. Mississippi State, 4/28/02
Pitched a combined shutout.....	vs. Trevecca, 2/27/03
Pitched a no-hitter.....	Doug Wessel vs. Belmont, 4/19/71
Pitched a perfect game.....	not on record

Sophomore right-hander **Giovanni Seretti** went through fall practice as a freshman member of the Duke Blue Devils last season. After sitting out the spring season, he transferred to Vanderbilt. Seretti joined the VU football team prior to 2002 season and was a defensive back on the scout team. As a senior at Loyola High School (Calif.), Seretti posted a 6-3 mark with a 3.02 ERA and 68 strikeouts in 56 innings pitched.

**Tough Schedule Awaits Vanderbilt**

Thirty-six games against 18 opponents with recent NCAA Tournament berths highlight the 2003 Vanderbilt baseball schedule. More than 65 percent of the Commodores' 55-game schedule consists of opponents that reached either the 2001 or 2002 NCAA Tournament, including four games against 2002 College World Series participants Notre Dame and South Carolina. Six games are scheduled against 2001 CWS participants Georgia and Tennessee. In all, Vanderbilt plays 13 games against teams that finished 2002 ranked among the top 25 in the country.

**Vanderbilt Media Services**

**Press and Photo Credentials**

Requests for press and photo credentials should be made in writing on appropriate letterhead at least one week prior to the desired game or series. Requests should be directed to Andre Foushee, Vanderbilt baseball contact. All credentials will be available at media will call located at the front entrance of Hawkins Field.

**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 head coach Tim Corbin and requested players may be conducted after a mandatory 10-minute cooling off period.

**Practice Policy**

Vanderbilt baseball practices are open to the media and the public. Practice starts at 3 p.m. Media are encouraged to arrive at Hawkins Field by 2:00 p.m. to conduct interviews between 2-2:30 p.m. Members of the media are asked to notify the Media Relations office in advance if they play to attend practice.

**Parking**

Media parking is available inside Gate 2 of the Vanderbilt Football stadium. The entrance to Gate 2 is on Natchez Trace near the corner of Natchez Trace and Jess Neely Drive. Gate 2 is within a short walk along the football stadium concourse to Hawkins Field. Requests to park in this area must be arranged through Vanderbilt Media Relations.

**2004 Vanderbilt Signees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>B/T</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Hometown (High School)</b>
Cameron Betourne	LHP	L/L	5-10	165	Clearwater, Fla. (Clearwater)
Cody Crowell	LHP	L/L	6-3	195	North Harwich, Mass. (Harwich)
Colton Daines	OF	L/L	6-0	186	Emerald Hills, Calif. (Woodside/Coll.of San Mateo)
Ty Davis	RHP	R/R	6-5	200	Austin Texas (Westlake)
Aaron Garza	OF	R/R	6-0	185	Austin, Texas (Westlake)
Graham Godfrey	RHP/1B	R/R	6-3	205	Houston, Texas (Memorial)
Carter Hawkins	C	R/R	6-3	190	Atlanta, Ga. (Westminster)
Bill Kleinschrodt	OF	R/R	6-3	200	Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)
Greg Moviel	LHP	L/L	6-6	225	Berea, Ohio (St. Ignatius)
Tyler Rhoden	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Bolles School)
Stephen Shao	LHP/1B	L/L	6-1	170	Hermitage, Tenn. (Mount Juliet)
Mike Wagner	RHP	R/R	6-1	170	Woodinville, Wash. (Redmond)