

2003 Schedule/Results

	Opponent	Time/Result	Note
February			
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.)	East Tennessee St.	W, 5-4	Jones: 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 RS
19 (Wed.)	East Tennessee St.	Cancelled	heavy rain
21 (Fri.)	Cincinnati	W, 5-4	3-run ninth rallies VU
23 (Sun.)	Cincinnati-gm1	W, 3-1	VU pitchers limit UC to 4 hits
23 (Sun.)	Cincinnati-gm2	L, 2-7	VU allows season-high 14 hits
25 (Tues.)	Murray State	Cancelled	cold temp; snow
26 (Wed.)	Belmont	L, 0-1	BU limits VU to three hits
27 (Thurs.)	Trevecca	W, 4-0	Four VU pitchers CBO
28 (Fri.)	Rutgers-2	W, 3-2 [12]	W. Scott GW-RBI single
March			
1 (Sat.)	Kent State-2	L, 4-6	KSU scores 3x in ninth
2 (Sun.)	No. 17 Kansas-2	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.)	Lipscomb	W, 6-5	Mansolino: 3 RBI; Kaye: 2 RBI
14 (Fri.)	at Mississippi St.	L, 4-5 [13]	VU loses leads in 9th and 12th
15 (Sat.)	at Mississippi St.	W, 4-3	Godfrey GW-2 RBI double
16 (Sun.)	at Mississippi St.	L, 1-9	GS sparks MSU
19 (Wed.)	Lipscomb	W, 5-2	4-run sixth carries VU
21 (Fri.)	Mississippi	W, 2-1 [11]	Klosterman: Walk-off Double
22 (Sat.)	Mississippi	L, 0-3	UM 5-hits VU
23 (Sun.)	Mississippi	L, 1-3	2-run 1st enough for UM
25 (Tues.)	at Austin Peay	Postponed	Darkness when lighting unit fails
28 (Fri.)	at South Carolina	L, 0-2	VU gets 5 hits; Sowers CG loss
29 (Sat.)	at South Carolina	L, 7-11 [10]	USC's Coutlangus: walk-off GS
30 (Sun.)	at South Carolina	L, 3-8	USC scores 8 unanswered
April			
1 (Tues.)	Western Kentucky	7 p.m. CT	
4 (Fri.)	Florida	7 p.m. CT	
5 (Sat.)	Florida	4 p.m. CT	
6 (Sun.)	Florida	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.)	LSU	7 p.m. CT	
19 (Sat.)	LSU	4 p.m. CT	
20 (Sun.)	LSU	1 p.m. CT	
22 (Tues.)	Austin Peay	7 p.m. CT	
25 (Fri.)	Auburn	7 p.m. CT	
26 (Sat.)	Auburn	4 p.m. CT	
27 (Sun.)	Auburn	1 p.m. CT	
May			
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.)	Middle Tennessee	7 p.m. CT	
16 (Fri.)	Tennessee	7 p.m. CT	
17 (Sat.)	Tennessee	4 p.m. CT	
18 (Sun.)	Tennessee	1 p.m. CT	
21-25	SEC Tournament-4	TBA	(Wed.-Fri.)
30-1	NCAA Regionals-5	TBA	(Fri.-Sun.)
June			
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.)			
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Game 27

**Western Kentucky (14-10, 3-3 Sun Belt) at
 Vanderbilt (13-13, 2-7 SEC)**

April 1 • 7 p.m. CT

Television: None; Radio: None

Head Coaches:

Tim Corbin is in his first year at **Vanderbilt** (13-13)
 and his first year as a collegiate coach (13-13).
Joel Murrie is in his 23rd year at **Western Ky.** (701-559-5)
 and his 23rd year as a collegiate coach (701-559-5).

Probable Starting Pitchers

April 1	W-L	ERA	G-GS	IP	BB	SO
WKU - So., LHP, J.C. Faircloth	4-0	3.05	7-7	44.1	10	21
VU - Fr., RHP, Blake Owen	1-0	3.97	7-1	11.1	5	7

Vanderbilt Plays Host to Western Kentucky on Tuesday

Vanderbilt steps away from its Southeastern Conference schedule Tuesday when it plays host to Western Kentucky at 7 p.m.

The Commodores (13-13, 2-7 SEC) are looking to snap a five-game losing streak - all against league opponents. Vanderbilt has won five of its last six non-conference games heading into Tuesday's game. Western Kentucky (14-10, 3-3 Sun Belt) has won seven of its last 11 games. Vanderbilt leads the all-time series 27-14.

Commodore freshman right-hander Blake Owen (1-0, 3.97 ERA) makes his second collegiate start. The Cross Plains, Tenn., native has allowed six runs (five earned) and five walks with seven strikeouts in 11.1 innings and seven appearances this year. The Hilltoppers are scheduled to start sophomore left-hander J.C. Faircloth (4-0, 3.05 ERA). Western Kentucky's top pitcher, Faircloth has given up 18 runs (15 earned) and 10 walks to go along with 21 strikeouts in 44.1 innings and seven starts.

Tuesday's game is the first of 11 home games this month for Vanderbilt. Nationally ranked foes Florida, LSU and Auburn also visit Hawkins Field in April.

Noting the Series

Vanderbilt leads the all-time series with Western Kentucky, 27-14. The series dates back to 1980. The two teams split a pair of meetings last year. In the first contest, April 3 in Bowling Green, Vanderbilt grabbed a 6-5 lead in the top of the sixth only to see Western Kentucky score eight unanswered runs while surging to a 13-6 win. VU pitcher Jeff Sues took the loss, allowing five hits and six earned runs in 1.1 innings. WKU reliever Andy Baldwin earned the win, striking out one without allowing a hit in 1.2 innings. Antone Towns and Patrick Ransdell each registered four RBI for WKU.

Vanderbilt won the rematch, 10-9, May 7 in Nashville. Chris Broadus hit the game-winning single in the eighth inning. Scott Shapiro went 3-for-4 with a RBI and three runs scored for the Commodores. VU reliever Dean Bennett earned the win, throwing 1.2 innings, walking two and striking out two. WKU's Grady Hinchman took the loss. He gave up one earned run and a walk but struck out three and did not allow a hit in the tough-luck loss.

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)
32	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 black 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 seasons 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."

Scouting Western Kentucky

Western Kentucky comes to Hawkins Field Tuesday, winners in seven of its last 11 games. Antone Towns leads all Hilltopper hitters with a .352 average. Tim Grogan holds team-high honors with four home runs and 20 RBI.

J.C. Faircloth is Western Kentucky's top pitcher. He has given up 18 runs (15 earned) and 10 walks to go along with 21 strikeouts in 44.1 innings and seven starts.

The Hilltoppers are hitting at a .281 clip with 15 home runs and 126 RBI. Their pitching staff owns a 4.36 team ERA with 136 strikeouts compared with 71 walks. WKU hurlers have allowed 212 hits and 120 runs (102 earned) in 210.2 innings.

Western Kentucky is returning four starters and 14 lettermen from a 2002 squad that posted a 38-20 record and finished with a 14-9 record in the Sun Belt Conference's East Division.

The two teams will meet again May 6 in Bowling Green.

Quick Hits

Vanderbilt went 0-3 last week after it was swept by South Carolina (2-0, 11-7 [10], 8-3) in Columbia. The Commodores attempted to play at Austin Peay last Wednesday, but a lighting unit failed in the top of the second and the game was postponed due to darkness... Jeremy Sowers pitched a complete-game in VU's 2-0 loss Friday to USC. He scattered nine hits and two runs (two earned) with two walks and eight strikeouts in eight innings to lower his ERA to 2.70 this season. Ryan Mullins struck out a season-high eight batters on Sunday, while scattering seven hits, five runs (one earned) and two walks in six innings of action... During the weekend Vanderbilt starters went 0-2 but registered a 1.80 ERA with 21 strikeouts to go along with 21 hits, 10 runs (four earned) and six walks. Vanderbilt's 2-0 loss on Friday marked the 20th game this season decided by three runs or less... USC's rally from four down Saturday was the largest lead lost by Vanderbilt this season... Saturday, VU suffered only its second loss in 11 games when it lead after the eighth inning... The Commodores also suffered their first loss of the year in eight games when they scored five or more runs... Ryan Klosterman swiped his SEC-leading 20th stolen base Saturday against South Carolina... The Commodores play 11 of their 16 games at home during the month of April.

**A Look Back at Vanderbilt's Last Game
No. 17 South Carolina Surges Past Vanderbilt,
8-3, to Sweep Series**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Vanderbilt built a 3-0 lead but South Carolina scored eight times in the final four innings to rally for an 8-3 win, Sunday, March 30, at Sarge Frye Field. The win gives the Gamecocks a sweep of the three-game series and improves their record to 19-9, 4-5 in the Southeastern Conference. Vanderbilt loses its fifth consecutive league game to slip to 13-13 overall and 2-7 in the SEC.

USC starting left-hander David Marchbanks pitched a complete game in the win. He scattered seven hits, three runs (one earned) and one walk while striking out seven. Vanderbilt starting left-hander Ryan Mullins (1-4) took the loss. He struck out a season-high eight batters but allowed seven hits, five runs (one earned) and two walks in six innings.

South Carolina rallied from a three-run deficit to score four times in the fifth. Steven Tollenson

The Southeastern Conference

SEC STANDINGS

(Through 3/31)

EASTERN DIVISION

	Conference			Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	GB	W-L	Pct.
Florida	5-3-1	.611	—	22-6-1	.776
Tennessee	4-5	.444	1.5	15-11	.577
South Carolina	4-5	.444	1.5	19-9	.679
Vanderbilt	2-7	.222	3.5	13-13	.500
Georgia	1-8	.111	4.5	12-13	.480
Kentucky	0-9	.000	5.5	10-17	.370

WESTERN DIVISION

	Conference			Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	GB	W-L	Pct.
Miss. State	8-1	.889	—	22-3-1	.865
LSU	7-1-1	.833	0.5	18-9-1	.661
Auburn	7-2	.778	—	24-6	.800
Alabama	5-4	.556	2.0	20-7	.741
Arkansas	5-4	.556	2.0	22-5	.815
Ole Miss	5-4	.556	2.0	17-10	.630

THIS WEEKEND'S SCHEDULE

April 4-6 (Friday-Sunday)

Alabama at Auburn
 Georgia at Arkansas
Florida at Vanderbilt
 Kentucky at Mississippi State
 South Carolina at LSU
 Ole Miss at Tennessee

COMMODORES IN THE SEC RANKINGS

(Rankings heading into this week's action)

TEAM RANKINGS (ALL-GAMES)

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Fielding Percentage	.982
1st	Intentional Walks Allowed	.7
1st	Fewest Errors Committed	19
2nd	Steal Attempts	52
3rd	Sac Bunts	19
4th	Stolen Bases	35
3rd	Opposing Bat Avg	.236
3rd	Fewest Earned Runs Allowed	.81
3rd	ERA	3.00
3rd	Fewest Hits Allowed	212
4th	Hit by Pitch	32
5th	Fewest HR allowed	11
T-5th	Saves	6

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (ALL-GAMES)

Rank	Category	Number
1st-Klosterman	Stolen Bases	20
1st-Klosterman	SB Attempts	23
T-1st-Sowers	Strikeouts	59
T-1st-Nicolas	Fielding Pct.	1.000
T-1st-Jones	Fielding Pct.	1.000
2nd-Sowers	Innings Pitched	53.1
T-2nd-Zeller	Sac Bunts	5
T-3rd-Sowers	Runners Picked Off	2
T-4th-Klosterman	Hit By Pitch	8
5th-Nicolas	Putouts	222
5th-Nicolas	Chances	238

coaxed a bases-loaded walk and Brian Buscher followed with a bases-clearing double to left field to give the Gamecocks a 4-3 lead.

South Carolina extended its lead to 5-3 in the sixth when Jon Coutlangus grounded out to second base, plating Matt Riddle from third.

The Gamecock advantage grew to 7-3 in the seventh when Justin Harris pushed a bases-loaded bunt single into the hole between the pitcher's mound and first base to bring home Tolleson. Kevin Melillo followed with a sacrifice fly to left field to score Buscher.

Bryan Triplett completed the run when his one-out solo home run to left-center field gave the Gamecocks an 8-3 lead.

Vanderbilt took a 2-0 lead in the second inning when John Kaye scored from third base on a throwing error by USC third baseman Buscher. Jonathan Douillard hit a sharp grounder to Buscher at third base but Buscher's throw home short hopped the plate and allowed Kaye to score. Zach Simpson followed with a sacrifice fly to center field that brought home Worth Scott.

Three innings later the Commodores increased their lead to 3-0 in the fifth when Ryan Klosterman doubled down the left-field line and scored on a RBI single to center field by Matt Zeller.

Next Up For VU

The Commodores play host to nationally ranked Florida this weekend in a three-game SEC series beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Game two is Saturday at 4 p.m., with the series finale Sunday at 1 p.m.

Commodore Comparison

The 2003 VU baseball team continues to show improvement from a year ago. The most significant upgrades have come on the pitching staff where Commodore hurlers are allowing three fewer earned runs a game in 2003. Hits and walks allowed are down and strikeouts are up.

PITCHING

2002	Statistic	2003
5.98	ERA	3.00
.297	Opp Batting Avg	.236
12	Saves	6
449.2	Innings Pitched	217.2
10.37/gm	Hits Allowed	8.15/gm
5.86/gm	Earned Runs	3.12/gm
4.47/gm	Walks Allowed	3.31/gm
6.12/gm	Strikeouts	8.38/gm
0.88/gm	HR Allowed	0.42/gm

HITTING

2002	Statistic	2003
.285	Batting Avg	.243
0.80/gm	HR	0.35/gm
5.49/gm	RBI	3.23/gm
3.16/gm	Walks	3.12/gm
7.50/gm	Strikeouts	6.42/gm
0.80/gm	Stole Bases	1.35/gm

DEFENSE

2002	Statistic	2003
.965	Fielding Pct.	.982

- 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.

Vanderbilt's Record When...

Scoring 1-4 Runs.....	6-8
Scoring 5-9 Runs.....	6-1
Scoring 10+ Runs.....	1-0
Shutouts.....	1-4
Vanderbilt Scores First.....	8-3
Opponent Scores First.....	5-10
Leading After 6 innings.....	9-2
Trailing After 6 innings.....	2-9
Tied After 6 innings.....	2-3
Leading After 7 innings.....	8-2
Trailing After 7 innings.....	0-9
Tied After 7 innings.....	4-2
Leading After 8 innings.....	9-1
Trailing After 8 Innings.....	2-9
Tied After 8 Innings.....	2-2
Extra Innings.....	3-3
Collects 1-4 Hits.....	1-2
Collects 5-9 Hits.....	9-9
Collects 10-plus Hits.....	5-2
Out-Hit Opponent.....	8-4
Out-Hit By Opponent.....	4-8
Same Hits as Opponent.....	1-1
One-Run Games.....	8-2
Two-Run Games.....	1-6
VU Hits a Home Run.....	5-3
Opponent Hits a Home Run.....	2-6
VU Starter Gets Decision.....	6-8
VU Bullpen Gets Decision.....	7-5
Vs. Left-Handed Starter.....	2-7
Vs. Right-Handed Starter.....	11-6
Errorless.....	7-5
Committing One Error.....	5-5
Committing 2-plus Errors.....	1-3
Opponent is Errorless.....	2-4
Opponent Commits One Error.....	8-3
Opponent Commits 2-plus Errors.....	3-4
Day Games.....	11-11
Night Games.....	2-2
At Home.....	8-6
On the Road.....	3-5
At Neutral Site.....	2-2
Vs. SEC Opponents.....	2-7
SEC Home.....	1-2
SEC Away.....	1-5
Vs. SEC East.....	0-3
Vs. SEC West.....	2-4
Vs. Non-Conference.....	11-6
Vs. Top 25 Ranked Opponents.....	1-7
Vs. In-State Opponents.....	4-1
On Tuesday.....	2-0
On Wednesday.....	3-1
On Thursday.....	2-0
On Friday.....	3-3
On Saturday.....	3-4
On Sunday.....	0-5
In February.....	6-3
In March.....	7-10
In April.....	0-0
In May.....	0-0
In Black Jerseys.....	3-4
In Gold Jerseys.....	7-6
in White Jerseys.....	3-3
Longest Winning Streak.....	.4 games; (2/18-2/23)
Longest Losing Streak.....	5 games;
.....	1x (3/22-3/30 [current])
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 7-3 (bot 8th)
.....	lost 11-7 [10] vs. South Carolina (3/29)

- 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.

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	%
Vanderbilt	20 of 27 players	74.1
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
League Average	276 of 465	59.4

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

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. Ole Miss (0-3), 3/22/03
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 South Carolina, 3/28-3/30/03

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); 2x vs. Kent State, 3/1/03 and at MSU, 3/16/03
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game.....	Jeremy Sowers (11) vs. MSU, 3/14/03
.....	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 Peeples (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

Commodore Starters and Relievers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	GP	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Starters	2.59	6-9	26	26	1	1/1	0	163.1	137	58	47	46	151	27	0	5	604	.227	10	12	7	3	13
Relievers	3.86	7-4	26	0	0	1/1	6	79.1	75	39	34	40	67	11	1	6	295	.254	5	3	2	2	11

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.

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.

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

Name	POS	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
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)