

2003 Schedule/Results

	Opponent	Time/Result	Note
February			
14 (Fri.)	vs. Old Dominion-1	10 a.m. ET	
15 (Sat.)	vs. The Citadel-1	5 p.m. ET	
16 (Sun.)	vs. James Madison-1	1:30 p.m. ET	
18 (Tues.)	East Tennessee St.	3 p.m. CT	
19 (Wed.)	East Tennessee St.	3 p.m. CT	
21 (Fri.)	Cincinnati	4 p.m. CT	
22 (Sat.)	Cincinnati	2 p.m. CT	
23 (Sun.)	Cincinnati	1 p.m. CT	
26 (Wed.)	Belmont	3 p.m. CT	
28 (Fri.)	Rutgers-2	4 p.m. CT	
March			
1 (Sat.)	Kent State-2	2 p.m. CT	
2 (Sun.)	Kansas-2	1 p.m. CT	
4 (Tues.)	at Jacksonville	7 p.m. ET	
5 (Wed.)	vs. Central Michigan-3	1 p.m. ET	
7 (Fri.)	vs. Michigan St.-3	1 p.m. ET	
8 (Sat.)	vs. Notre Dame-3	3 p.m. ET	
11 (Tues.)	Lipscomb	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.)	Lipscomb	3 p.m. CT	
21 (Fri.)	Mississippi	7 p.m. CT	
22 (Sat.)	Mississippi	4 p.m. CT	
23 (Sun.)	Mississippi	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	
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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Games 1-3

ESPN Radio 1340 Shootout • Charleston, S.C.

Vanderbilt (0-0) vs. Old Dominion (0-0)

February 14 • 10 a.m. ET

Vanderbilt vs. The Citadel

February 15 • 5 p.m. ET

Vanderbilt vs. *No. 28 James Madison

February 16 • 1:30 p.m. ET

* - No. 28 - Collegiate Baseball

Media Broadcasts

Television: None; Radio: None

Head Coaches:

Tim Corbin enters his first year as a collegiate coach (0-0)

and his first year at **Vanderbilt** (0-0).

Tony Guzzo enters his 25th year as a collegiate coach (687-557-2)

and his ninth year at **Old Dominion** (256-191).

Fred Jordan enters his 11th year as a collegiate coach (394-261)

and his 11th year at **The Citadel** (394-261).

Spanky McFarland enters his 14th year as a collegiate coach

(342-349-3) and his fifth year at **James Madison** (166-125-2).

Vanderbilt Probable Starting Pitchers (2002 Statistics)

vs. Old Dominion	ERA	W-L	IP	BB	SO
So., LHP, Jeremy Sowers	4.37	6-5	101.0	31	85
vs. The Citadel	ERA	W-L	IP	BB	SO
Fr., LHP, Ryan Mullins or					
Jr., RHP, Robert Ransom	7.40	0-3	20.2	10	15
vs. James Madison	ERA	W-L	IP	BB	SO
Fr., LHP, Ryan Mullins or					
Jr., RHP, Robert Ransom	7.40	0-3	20.2	10	15

Vanderbilt Begins Corbin Era in South Carolina

The Tim Corbin era at Vanderbilt University begins this Friday, Feb. 14, when the Commodores travel to Charleston, S.C., to play Old Dominion at 10 a.m. ET, in the first of three games at the ESPN 1340 Shootout hosted by The Citadel.

In becoming Vanderbilt's 21st head baseball coach in school history last June, Corbin accepted his first head coaching stint at the Division I level. This weekend Corbin returns to the state he called home for the past 15 years. During the last nine years (1994-2002), Corbin served as an assistant coach under Jack Leggett at Clemson, taking the Tigers to four appearances at the College World Series and nine Top 25 finishes. Prior to his tenure at Clemson, Corbin served as head coach for six seasons (1988-1993) at Presbyterian College, in Clinton, S.C. 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. (More detailed Corbin bio on page 3 of these notes.)

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)

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
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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."

Young 'Dores

The 2003 Vanderbilt Commodore baseball team taking the field this weekend 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 this weekend's 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 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 coach Derek Johnson (32), assistant coach 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).

Nicolas Questionable for Opening Weekend

Vanderbilt junior infielder Cesar Nicolas is listed as questionable this weekend after suffering a head injury in preseason practice. The junior, who was expected to start at first base for the Commodores, 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. As a result of his injuries, Nicolas will be required to wear a batting helmet at all times for the first several weeks of the season.

Junior transfer Ryan Godfrey, senior John Kaye and junior Worth Scott saw action at first base during preseason play. Godfrey is scheduled to start this weekend.

Projected 2003 Starters

With such a youth movement, several new faces will appear in the starting lineup. **Ryan Godfrey**, a junior transfer from Cypress CC should start at first base for the injured Cesar Nicolas. Freshman **Rucker Taylor** and sophomore **Zach Simpson** battled throughout the spring for the starting slot at second base. Taylor could have the early lead. **Ryan Klosterman**, a sophomore transfer from Clemson, will be a fixture this season at shortstop. Last year's shortstop, **Tony Mansolino**, moves to third base.

The outfield will also see an influx of new talent with freshman speedster **Warner Jones** in left

and much improved sophomore **Matt Zeller** in center. The lone upperclassman in the outfield will be **Worth Scott** in right.

Junior **Jonathan Douillard** should start behind the plate despite suffering from turf toe on his right foot for the past two weeks.

The pitching staff is led by sophomore left-hander **Jeremy Sowers** and junior right-hander **Robert Ransom**. Sowers enters the season with several preseason accolades, including second team All-American honors from *Baseball America* magazine. Ransom, who sat out most of the 2002 season with injuries, moves into the weekend rotation on a regular basis for the first time in his collegiate career.

Scouting Vanderbilt's Opponents

Old Dominion returns six starters and 17 lettermen from the 2002 campaign that saw the Monarchs finish 26-27 overall and 8-12 (eighth) in the Colonial Athletic Association. ODU is led by right-hander **Justin Verlander** who was named the conference rookie of the year and a Freshman All-American a year ago while posting a 7-6 record and 1.90 ERA in 113.2 innings of work. Verlander, who struck out 137 batters in 2002, enters the 2003 season with second team preseason All-American accolades from Louisville Slugger and "Collegiate Baseball" newspaper. Other top returners include senior outfielder **Brent Sollenberger** (.316, 3 HR, 25 RBI) and senior catcher **John Oehler** (.302, 4 HR, 25 RBI). Friday's Vanderbilt-Old Dominion season opener will mark the first meeting between the two schools.

Seven starters and 15 lettermen return for **The Citadel** in 2003. The Citadel posted a 31-26 overall mark in 2002 and finished atop the Southern Conference with a 22-8 league record. Key returners include sophomore second baseman **Jon Aughey** (.313, 34 RBI, 14 SB) and junior right-hander **Raymond Jenkins** (5-4, 3.12 ERA, 83 SO). The Vanderbilt-Citadel series is tied at one win apiece.

Ranked No. 28 nationally, **James Madison** comes to Charleston, S.C., off a splendid 2002 season in which the Dukes posted a school-best 44-16 record, won the American Division of the Colonial Athletic Conference and appeared in an NCAA Regional (Columbia, S.C.). Senior first baseman **Eddie Kim** returns for his final campaign after earning conference player of the year honors last season, hitting .421 with 12 HR and 74 RBI. Other key contributors back from a year ago are senior third baseman **Brent Metheny** (.249, 52 RBI, 29 SB), junior outfielder/left-hander **Kurt Isenberg** (.271, 9 HR, 26 RBI/7-4, 3.73 ERA, 43 SO) and senior right-hander **Chris Cochran** (7-1, 3.84, 65 SO). Sunday's Vanderbilt-James Madison meeting will be the first in series history.

Opening the Season on the Road

Not since 1995 when Vanderbilt traveled to Alabama-Birmingham and lost 6-2, have the Commodores started a season away from home. Vanderbilt holds a 7-6 record in road openers since 1980 and a 9-18-1 road mark since 1950.

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.

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. Harvard finished the 2002 campaign with a 20-26 overall mark. 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

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. Mississippi State (4-0), 4/28/02
Was shut out by the opponent	vs. Austin Peay (0-5), 5/1/02
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, 5/3/02-05/5/02

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 Gesheke (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	Karl Nonemaker (3) vs. UAB 2/21/01
Had 10 or more strikeouts in a game	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 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 no-hitter	Doug Wessel vs. Belmont, 4/19/71
Pitched a perfect game	not on record

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 plan 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.