

Spring '02



Prospectus

ALL-AMERICAN HOPEFUL DAN STRICKER AMONG SENIOR RETURNEES

Nineteen seniors, including several all-star candidates, head the list of Commodores expected at spring practice.

Coach Johnson will welcome nearly 70 players, including 41 returning letterwinners, when Vanderbilt's spring practices open March 12.

Heading the list is senior wide receiver **Dan Stricker**, a two-time All-SEC pick who is within range of becoming the SEC's all-time leading receiver in 2002. Stricker is expected to garner preseason All-American consideration.

At least five other Commodores - OG **Jim May**, center **Jamie Byrum**, DT **Brett Beard**, DB **Rushen Jones** and LB **Hunter Hillenmeyer** - should attract preseason All-SEC interest.

SEVERAL 'DORES SEEK DIFFERENT POSITIONS

New changes to offensive and defensive schemes have several players looking at different positions this spring.

Among those are three juniors: **Ian Gaines** (CB to RB), **Mike Adam** (LB to FB) and **Ronald Hatcher** (WR to HB).

COMMODORES SCHEDULE SPRING PRACTICES IN VANDERBILT STADIUM

Due to a major improvement underway to existing grounds, Head Coach Bobby Johnson will conduct the Commodore Spring Practices on Dudley Field in Vanderbilt Stadium.

In late February, construction crews removed fencing and light towers from the former practice area, starting the multi-million renovation to eight acres of athletic practice facilities behind the football headquarters in McGugin Center.

When finished in late July, Coach Johnson will possess something previous Vanderbilt coaches have lacked - good options for practicing in poor weather.

All 15 spring practices, ending with the Black & Gold Scrimmage Saturday, April 6, are scheduled in Vanderbilt Stadium. After the Black & Gold Scrimmage, the university will repair damage likely to occur to the natural grass surface due to the heavy use.

When finished, the \$4.5 capital project will provide Coach Johnson more flexible to conduct practice during inclement weather while enlarging the existing practice area. It will consist of a 80-yard synthetic surface and 100-yard natural grass field.

The practice field project is expected to be ready when the Commodores report for preseason drills in August.

VANDERBILT SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE • TENTATIVE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 10	11	12 <i>Practice #1</i> 4:00 p.m.	13 <i>Practice #2</i> 4:00 p.m.	14	15 <i>Practice #3</i> 4:00 p.m.	16 <i>Practice #4</i> 9:00 a.m.
17	18	19 <i>Practice #5</i> 4:00 p.m.	20 <i>Practice #6</i> 4:00 p.m.	21	22 <i>Practice #7</i> 4:00 p.m.	23
24 <i>Practice #8</i> 4:00 p.m.	25	26 <i>Practice #9</i> 4:00 p.m.	27 <i>Practice #10</i> 4:00 p.m.	28	29 <i>Practice #11</i> 4:00 p.m.	30 <i>Practice #12</i> 9:00 a.m.
31	April 1	2 <i>Practice #13</i> 4:00 p.m.	3	4 <i>Practice #14</i> 4:00 p.m.	5	6 <i>Black & Gold</i> 2:00 p.m.

Note: Dates and starting times for the Vanderbilt Spring Practice schedule are tentative, and could change due of inclement weather.

PLAYERS BUSY PREPARING IN NEW CONDITIONING FACILITY

The football players have been busy preparing for spring practice in the program's newest asset - a \$600,000 strength and conditioning facility.

The weightroom, located next to the player dressing room, offers an array of custom-built training equipment, from lat pull-down machines and Olympic platform bench units to three 20-foot Austin leg drives and a 40-yard cushioned sprint surface.

Workouts are supervised by newly appointed Strength, Speed & Conditioning Director John Sisk, formerly of Clemson. John Moore, another former Clemson aide, has recently joined the football strength and conditioning staff.

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Quick Facts

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tennessee
Enrollment	6,241
Founded	1873
Nickname	Commodores
Mascot	Mr. Commodore
Colors	Black & Gold
Stadium	Vanderbilt (41,221)
Chancellor	E. Gordon Gee
Faculty Representative	David Williams
Athletics Director	Todd Turner
VU All-Time Record	526-492-50 (.516)
1st Year of Football	1890
Conference Affiliation	Southeastern
Bowl Appearance/Record	1-1-1

2002 VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
August 31	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga.	TBA
September 7	Furman	NASHVILLE	6:00
September 14	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	TBA
September 21	Ole Miss	Oxford, Miss.	TBA
September 28	South Carolina	NASHVILLE	TBA
October 5	Open		
October 12	Middle Tennessee	NASHVILLE	TBA
October 19	Georgia	Athens, Ga.	TBA
October 26	Connecticut (Homecoming)	NASHVILLE	1:00
November 2	Alabama	NASHVILLE	TBA
November 9	Florida	NASHVILLE	TBA
November 16	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	TBA
November 23	Tennessee	NASHVILLE	TBA

Note: This is the first 12-game regular season schedule in Vanderbilt football history. The Commodores will also host seven home games for the first time since 1950.

2002 FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Football Coach	Bobby Johnson
Offensive Coordinator/TE	Ted Cain
Defensive Coordinator	Bruce Fowler
Asst. Head Coach/OL	Robbie Caldwell
Recruiting Coordinator/DL	David Turner
Linebackers	Warren Belin
Defensive Backs	Jamie Bryant
Running Backs	Charlie Fisher
Wide Receivers	J.D. Hall
Quarterbacks	Jimmy Kiser
Strength/Conditioning Director	John Sisk
Graduate Assistants	Andrew Kerr, Ryan McSwain

2001 VANDERBILT FOOTBALL RESULTS (2-9, 0-8)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
August 30	Middle Tennessee	L	28-37	39,885
September 8	Alabama	L	9-12	37,318
September 22	Richmond	W	28-22	23,107
September 29	Auburn	L	21-24	39,366
October 13	Georgia (Homecoming)	L	14-30	31,847
October 20	@ South Carolina	L	14-46	83,104
October 27	@ Duke	W	42-28	18,332
November 3	@ Florida	L	13-71	85,052
November 10	Kentucky	L	30-56	32,422
November 24	@ Tennessee	L	0-38	102,519
December 1	@ Ole Miss	L	27-38	39,212

NOTE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

Vanderbilt Football Head Coach Bobby Johnson, his coaching staff and the media relations department would like to invite you to "Commodore Spring 2002" - the first VU football practices under Johnson's direction.

The first practice session is scheduled Tuesday, March 12, with the players on the field at 4:00 p.m. On weekdays, the Commodores will be on the field at 4:00 p.m. The schedule for Saturday practices vary.

The Black & Gold Scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m.

Coach Johnson will open the first 30 minutes of each spring practice to photo and video cameras. Afterward, the use of cameras is not allowed. The practices will be open to the public.

This year, all practices will be conducted on Dudley Field at Vanderbilt Stadium. Because the surface is natural grass, incimate weather is likely to force changes to the dates/times of practice schedule. Updated practice schedules and information will be available at vucommODORES.com, VU's official website.

SPRING PRACTICE UPDATES
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VANDERBILT COMMODORES AT A GLANCE

STARTERS RETURNING: 16

OFFENSE: 7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>'01 Key Statistics</u>
Dan Stricker	Sr.	WR	6-3	203	65 catches, 1,079 yds
M.J. Garrett	Sr.	WR	6-3	215	219 yards in one game
Tom Simone	Sr.	TE	6-5	240	Nine catches, one TD
Justin Geisinger	So.	LT	6-4	320	All-SEC Frosh
Jim May	Sr.	LG	6-4	305	Three-year Starter
Jamie Byrum	Sr.	C	6-4	282	Captain, 11-game starter
Brian Kovolisky	So.	RG	6-7	285	Started four games

DEFENSE: 7

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>'01 Key Statistics</u>
Brett Beard	Jr.	NG	6-3	295	Played thru foot fracture
Chuck Losey	Sr.	DE	6-4	255	Four forced fumbles
Hunter Hillenmeyer	Sr.	OLB	6-4	242	Second leading tackler
Pat Brunner	So.	ILB	6-3	242	All-SEC Frosh pick
Aaron McWhorter	Sr.	CB	6-1	200	Started 10 of 11 games
Justin Giboney	Sr.	FS	6-1	205	Injured against Gators
Rushen Jones	Sr.	CB	6-1	180	Hampered by wrist injury

SPECIALISTS: 2

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>'01 Key Statistics</u>
Ronald Hatcher	Jr.	KR/PR	5-10	180	20.5 avg. on kickoffs
Jason Daniels	Jr.	SN	6-3	220	Played in all 11 games

STARTERS LOST: 14

OFFENSE: 6

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Key Statistics</u>
Greg Zolman	QB	All-time Commodore passing leader
Lew Thomas	RB	Averaged 96 yards per game until foot injury
Rodney Williams	RB	Compiled 590 yards rushing, 7th all-time VU rusher
Pat Green	OT	Two-year starter, allowed just two quarterback sacks
Duncan Cave	OG	Suffered season-ending ankle fractures vs. USC
Jason Mathenia	WR	22 catches for 258 yards and touchdown.

DEFENSE: 5

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Key Statistics</u>
Wally Conyers	DE	Leading tackler among linemen
Antuan Bradford	ILB	Top leader in total tackles and tackles for loss
Nate Morrow	OLB	3rd top tackler despite playing with foot fracture
Jerrold Jackson	S	Led VU in interceptions and deflected passes
Harold Lercius	FS	Fourth leading tackler, started 33 consecutive games

SPECIALISTS: 3

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Key Statistics</u>
Joe Webb	Punter	Averaged 41.4 yards, four-year starter
Justin Purkey	Holder	Served important role junior and senior seasons
Jimmy Stover	Kicker	Walk-on made just one field goal, 10/11 extra points

KEY NEWCOMERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Key Statistics</u>
Jay Cutler	Fr.	QB	6-4	210	Could compete for QB job
Dustin Dunning	Fr.	TE	6-5	228	Runs good routes, soft hands
Matthew Tant	Fr.	RB/FB	5-11	216	Strong legs with speed
Nigel Seaman	Fr.	OT	6-5	310	Agile, big body
Jovan Haye	Fr.	LB	6-4	250	Excellent speed, strength
Dominique Morris	Fr.	DB	6-1	185	Good cover man, hurt in '01
Moses Osemwegie	Fr.	LB	6-0	210	Hard hitter, good quickness

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 41

OFFENSE (21) - Kenan Arkan, Curtis Brancheau, Zeke Brandon, Jamie Byrum, Ryan Cuffee, M.J. Garrett, Justin Geisinger, Nick Getter, Markess House, Brian Kovolisky, Jim May, Norval McKenzie, Chris Mitacek, Jordan Pettit, Juan Rojas, Tom Simone, Brandon Smith, Dan Stricker, Jason Tant, Benji Walker, Chris Young

DEFENSE (18) Mike Adam, Brett Beard, Pat Brunner, Eric Byrum, Matt Clay, Robert Dinwiddie, Ian Gaines, Justin Giboney, Hunter Hillenmeyer, Rushen Jones, Chuck Losey, Nick Lyle, Mike Martin, Aaron McWhorter, Ryan Nungesser, Lorenzo Parker, Libner Telusca, Doug Wolford

SPECIALISTS (2) - Jason Daniels, Ronald Hatcher

LETTERMEN LOST: 27

OFFENSE (14) Duncan Cave, Pat Green, Hezih Hasanoglu, Jordan Hill, Anthony Jones, Jason Mathenia, Tim Olmstead, Brent Peacher, Tyson Radke, Everett Robinson, Jason Shields, Lew Thomas, Rodney Williams, Greg Zolman

DEFENSE (8) Antuan Bradford, Wally Conyers, Doyle Crosby, Andrew Gardella, Jerrold Jackson, Harold Lercius, Ethan McDaniel, Nate Morrow

SPECIALISTS (5) Chuck Folino, David Meadows, Justin Purkey, Jimmy Stover, Joe Webb

COMMODORES BY CLASS

SENIORS (19) Mike Adam, Jamie Byrum, Alan Bubbus, Ryan Cuffee, Ian Gaines, M.J. Garrett, Justin Giboney, Hunter Hillenmeyer, Rushen Jones, Chuck Losey, Mike Martin, Jim May, Aaron McWhorter, Chris Mitacek, Ryan Nungesser, Juan Rojas, Jonathan Shaub, Tom Simone, Dan Stricker

JUNIORS (18) Brett Beard, Zeke Brandon, Bara Cola, Jason Daniels, Robert Dinwiddie, Nick Getter, Ronald Hatcher, Markess House, Abtin Iranmanesh, Howdy MacPherson, Dan Murphy, Jordan Pettit, Jason Tant, Libner Telusca, Benji Walker, Brandon Walthour, Doug Wolford, Chris Young

SOPHOMORES (13) Kenan Arkan, Curtis Brancheau, Pat Brunner, Eric Byrum, Aaron Carter, Matt Clay, Justin Geisinger, Brian Kovolisky, Nick Lyle, Norval McKenzie, Lorenzo Parker, Greg Robson, Brandon Smith

FRESHMEN (19) Jason Caldwell, Jay Cutler, Dustin Dunning, Jovan Haye, Jerrin Holt, Trey Holloway, Ryan King, Ben Koger, Ralph McKenzie, Paul Meadows, Marty Morgan, Dominique Morris, Kelechi Ohanaja, Moses Osemwegie, Nigel Seaman, Ronnie Swoopes, Matthew Tant, Cheron Thompson, Keith Williams



HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON - A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS

Bobby Johnson enters his initial Spring Practice at Vanderbilt armed with a legacy of integrity, character, intelligence, motivation and winning tradition.

Quite possibly, the South Carolina native arrives from Furman University with the ideal combination of professional success and personal well-being to succeed in turning around the Vanderbilt football program.

Johnson arrives in Nashville with few accomplishments unfulfilled at Furman. During an eight-year reign as head coach, Johnson guided the Paladins to a 60-36 overall record, NCAA I-AA national runnerup finish, four NCAA appearances and a pair of Southern Conference titles. He mentored an abundance of I-AA All-Americans, including 2000 Walter Payton Award winner Louis Ivory.

In 2001, Johnson directed Furman to the pinnacle of I-AA success. The Paladins claimed a share of the Southern Conference, then scored three playoff wins to reach the I-AA finals for the first time since 1988. One of the victories was a dramatic 24-17 win over two-time defending champion Georgia Southern to earn a berth in the I-AA national finals. In the NCAA finals, Furman narrowly lost to #1 Montana 13-6.

The 2001 success was the culmination of a tremendous rebuilding job by Johnson at Furman. The tradition-rich Paladins were coming off three disappointing seasons when Johnson was named head coach in 1994, after spending a year as defensive coordinator at his alma mater, Clemson.

Johnson's revitalization effort at Furman started with a 3-8 season in 1994. The next season, Johnson led a youthful Furman squad to a winning season, 6-5, and renewed respect in the Southern Conference.

The winning combination mushroomed in 1996 as Furman went 6-0 at home enroute to a 9-4 finish and the school's first NCAA appearance and Top 20 ranking in six years. During the playoffs, the Paladins scored an impressive 42-31 road victory over Northern Arizona before losing to Marshall. Johnson received the first of three Region II Coach of the Year honors by the American Football Coaches Association. That year, he also coached All-American tight end Luther Broughton, the first Paladin NFL draftee in a decade.

Johnson's 1997 and 1998 Furman squads, expected to contend for the Southern Conference championship, struggled to continue the school's football tradition, finishing 7-4 and 5-6, respectively.

In 1999, Johnson guided the Paladins back to championship form, posting a 9-3 record, capturing an NCAA playoff berth and the team's 10th Southern Conference championship. The team was ousted from the playoffs by defending



VANDERBILT HEAD COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

PERSONAL FILE

Name	Robert Alan Johnson
Born	February 8, 1951
Birthplace	Columbia, South Carolina
Wife	Catherine Bonner of Charleston, S.C.
Married	March 9, 1974 in Charleston

EDUCATION

High School	Eau Claire (S.C.) High School, 1969
College	Clemson University, B.S. in Management, '73 Furman University, M.A. in Education, '79

national champion Massachusetts 30-23 in overtime. The Paladins' three losses were by a total of 12 points. Johnson's team also handily defeated North Carolina 28-3, its first I-A win since 1985. A seven-game win streak ended against eventual I-AA champion Georgia Southern, 41-38. The Paladins featured a bevy of stars, including running back Louis Ivory, NFL draftees John Keith and Des Kitchings and academic All-Americans Stuart Rentz and Marion Martin.

Johnson's strong run continued in 2000, as Furman again finished 9-3. The highlight was a 45-10 defeat of #1 Georgia Southern, the eventual I-AA national champion. The regular season featured a five-game win streak, and two losses by a combined margin of three points. The playoffs ended quickly for Furman, as Hofstra captured a 31-24 first-round victory. Johnson's players reaped numerous honors, including Ivory, who captured the Walter Payton Award as the top offensive player in NCAA I-AA football after rushing for 2,079 yards. Four other Paladins were recognized as All-Americans and



Coach Bobby Johnson Profile - Continued

Martin was awarded a prestigious National Football Foundation/Hall of Fame Scholarship.

The Paladins dropped the 2001 season opener, 20-14 to I-A foe Wyoming, then ran off 12 victories in 13 games before losing the national championship to Montana. The highlight was Furman's 24-17 victory over favored Georgia Southern in the NCAA semifinals.

The fact that Furman thrived under Johnson surprised few Paladin followers. Johnson's style and appreciation for winning football became evident at Furman as he distinguished himself as a top assistant coach and later as defensive coordinator.

Johnson was a key factor in virtually all the success Furman has enjoyed since 1975, including 11 conference championships and an NCAA I-AA national title.

Johnson's professional reputation is built on years of squeezing the most out of his players' abilities while urging them to put forth maximum effort on and off the field. His career has seen Johnson serve as academic advisor and admission office liaison. Furman football's nationally acclaimed graduate rates and 12 academic All-American selections during Johnson's tenure testify to his effectiveness. His ability to work with qualified associates is apparent from the simple fact that his coaching staff has remained virtually intact at Furman since his appointment in 1994.

Johnson's coaching career, which covers 24 years, began in 1976 as defensive backs coach at Furman. In 1980, Johnson left the university to serve as academic counselor at Clemson, but returned the following year. In 1983, he added the responsibility of defensive coordinator - a position he held for three years under then head coach Dick Sheridan and seven seasons under Jimmy Satterfield. In 1993, he accepted a similar position at his alma mater, Clemson.

During his tenure as defensive coordinator at Furman, the Paladins were 91-31-3, claimed five Southern Conference crowns and registered eight I-AA Top 20 final rankings. In Furman's 1988 national championship campaign, Johnson's defense led the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 9.7 points per game.

In his only season at Clemson, his Tiger defense helped deliver a Peach Bowl victory, though Johnson left the Tigers prior to the bowl to take the Furman head coaching job.

A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Johnson starred as a football, baseball and basketball player at Eau Claire High School. In 1968, he was named South Carolina Lineman of the Year. He continued his playing career at Clemson, where he lettered three years playing at wide receiver and cornerback. Johnson led Clemson in interceptions in 1971 and 1972, and was a two-time Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic selection.

He graduated from Clemson in 1973 with a bachelor of science degree in management. In 1979, he was awarded a master's degree in education from Furman. He is married to the former Catherine Bonner of Charleston, South Carolina.

Personal

PLAYING CAREER

- Eau Claire High School (1965-68)
 - Tight End/Defensive Back;
 - Four-Year Letterman;
 - South Carolina Lineman of the Year, 1968;
 - Shrine Bowl, 1968
- Clemson University (1969-72)
 - Wide Receiver/Cornerback;
 - Three-Year Letterman;
 - Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic, 1971-72

COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD

- Head Coach: 60-36-0 (Furman, 1994-2001)
- Assistant Coach - 139-58-6 (Furman, 1976-79, 1981-92; Clemson, 1993)

COACHING CAREER

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Record</u>
2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8
1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor	
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2
1976	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	6-4-1

HEAD COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2001 National Runnersup, NCAA I-AA
Southern Conference co-champions
I-AA National Coach of the Year
Region II Coach of the Year
- 2000 NCAA I-AA Playoffs
Southern Conference co-champions
- 1999 NCAA I-AA Playoffs
Southern Conference Champions
Region II Coach of the Year
- 1996 NCAA I-AA Quarterfinals
Region II Coach of the Year



Assistant Coaches

LINEBACKERS

WARREN BELIN

Years as Collegiate Coach: 11
Previous Position: Linebackers/
 Recruiting, Southern Methodist
Alma Mater: Wake Forest University

Warren Belin, a former defensive coach at Southern Methodist University, will mentor Vanderbilt linebackers.

Belin, 34, served in a similar role at SMU for the past five years. His SMU duties were expanded 1998 when he was also named assistant recruiting coordinator. Prior to joining the SMU staff, Belin worked at William & Mary, Cornell and East Tennessee State.

Belin continued the SMU's tradition of quality linebackers. During his tenure, at least one Mustang linebacker was named All-Western Athletic Conference each year. Vic Vilorio, who played last year, led the WAC in tackles in 2000. Jason Simonton, was a two-time All-WAC performer in 1998-99. A third linebacker, Chris Bordano, was the WAC's Western Division Defensive Player of the Year in 1997.

Prior to joining the SMU staff, Belin worked as an assistant coach at William & Mary for two seasons, tutoring the defensive line in 1995 and linebackers in 1996. He went to William & Mary after serving three years (1991, 1993-94) as linebackers coach at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. His also coached linebackers one year (1992) at East Tennessee State.

Belin, a native of Marshville, N.C., was a three-year starter and four-year letterman at Wake Forest from 1987-90. He earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Science from Wake Forest, graduating cum laude. He was named to the All Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Team in 1990, and was a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll recipient. Belin is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

Belin is married to the former Yolanda Taylor. She is currently the SMU assistant track and field coach.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

JAMIE BRYANT

Years as Collegiate Coach: 5
Previous Position: Graduate Assistant/
 Defensive Backs, North Carolina
Alma Mater: Ohio Wesleyan University

Jamie Bryant, who spent the 2001 season as a secondary coach and graduate assistant at the University of North Carolina, will mentor Vanderbilt defensive backs.

While assisting defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta at North Carolina, Bryant worked on the staff with Robbie Caldwell, Vanderbilt's assistant head coach and offensive line coach.

Bryant, 32, assisted at UNC after serving a year at St. Francis (Pa.) University. His coaching career also includes a three-year stint at Clarion (Pa.) University and five years of high school experience.

The Tar Heels finished strong in 2001, using an aggressive defense to win seven of their final nine regular season games, including impressive routs of ACC foes Florida State and Clemson. North Carolina ended its season successfully by shutting down Auburn 16-10 in the Peach Bowl.

The Tar Heels were the ACC's top-ranked unit - and 15th best nationally - in total defense. They also topped the conference in pass efficiency defense.

Prior to joining UNC, Bryant's efforts as defensive coordinator and secondary coach improved a struggling defense at I-AA St. Francis.

Bryant entered the collegiate coaching ranks in 1997 as linebackers coach at Clarion. His duties at Clarion evolved to secondary coach and special teams coordinator for his final two seasons.

From 1992-96, Bryant coached at three Ohio high schools, including a three-year stint as head coach at East Clinton High.

Bryant, native of Fredericktown, Ohio, was a three-year letterman at Ohio Wesleyan, graduating in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in economics management.

**ASST. HEAD COACH/
 OFFENSIVE LINE**

ROBBIE CALDWELL

Years as Collegiate Coach: 25
Previous Position: Asst. Head Coach/
 Off. Line Coach, North Carolina
Alma Mater: Furman

Caldwell, a 25-year collegiate coaching veteran who most recently served at the University of North Carolina, will serve as Vanderbilt's assistant head coach and tutor offensive linemen.

Caldwell, 48, served the last three years as offensive line coach at UNC. Previous to the UNC stint, Caldwell served 14 years at North Carolina State and eight years at Furman.

At NC State, Caldwell tutored the offensive line for 11 years, then had the added responsibility of assistant head coach from 1997-99. Caldwell coached 14 All-ACC lineman for the Wolfpack, and helped guide six of the top 10 total offenses in North Carolina State history.

Prior to joining the NC State staff, Caldwell coached the offensive line at Furman from 1978-85, and served the university as a graduate assistant in 1976. He coached high school football at Hanahan, S.C. in 1977.

At Furman, Caldwell coached six Southern Conference championship teams, including the national runnerup in 1985. Eight of his pupils at Furman were named first-team All-Southern Conference, and five captured the conference's Jacobs Blocking Award during his tenure.

Caldwell, a native of Pageland, South Carolina, was a three-year letterman at center for Furman, and was named the team's MVP in 1975. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1976.

Caldwell is married to the former Nora Lynn Lassister of Arlington, Va. They are the parents of a daughter, Emsley, 7.



Assistant Coaches

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ TIGHT ENDS

TED CAIN

Years as Collegiate Coach: 25
Previous Position: Tight Ends/WRs
Furman
Alma Mater: Furman

Ted Cain, a former assistant at Furman and I-AA head coach with 25 years of coaching experience, will serve as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach.

Cain, 49, has served as head coach at Virginia Military Institute and offensive coordinator at North Carolina State University, in addition to his recent three-year stint with Furman's receiving corps.

Cain was a three-year letterman at tight end for Furman. After serving a two-year term as an U.S. Army second lieutenant, Cain began his coaching career as outside linebackers coach at Furman in 1977. The next year, he moved across the line of scrimmage, coordinating the Furman passing game and coaching Paladin receivers. He continued in that capacity for eight years, playing a key role in helping Furman produce a 69-23-2 overall record.

That success led to Cain's move to North Carolina State in 1986. As offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, Cain directed seven of the Wolfpack's top 10 passing yardage seasons.

In 1997, Cain accepted his first head coaching job at Virginia Military Institute. Although there just two seasons, Cain worked to improve facilities and renew a commitment to strength training. Cain rekindled his relationship with Furman in 1999. Since the return, Furman went 30-9, and won a pair of conference titles.

Cain earned a bachelor's degree in geology and a master's in education from Furman.

Cain and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two children: Matt, 19, a redshirt freshman quarterback at Furman; and Erin, 16.

RUNNING BACKS

CHARLIE FISHER

Years as Collegiate Coach: 20
Previous Position: Off. Coordinator/QBs,
Temple
Alma Mater: Springfield (Mass.) College

Charlie Fisher, a former Division II head coach, comes to Vanderbilt after serving two years as offensive coordinator and QB coach at Temple in Philadelphia.

A native of Allenwood, Pa., Fisher took over a struggling offense, utilizing a multiple pro-set to create one of the school's most potent attacks in recent years.

Prior to joining Temple, Fisher was successful during a two-year stint tutoring wide receivers at North Carolina State. The Wolfpack passing attack led the Atlantic Coast Conference and ranked ninth nationally in 1998, averaging 309 yards per game, and was a leading reason behind North Carolina State's drive to a bowl berth.

Fisher's professional background includes a successful tenure as head coach of West Georgia State prior to moving to North Carolina State. From 1993-97, Fisher guided the Braves to a 36-17 overall record, the highest five-year winning percentage in school history. Four of his teams at West Georgia were nationally ranked. Two of his squads made trips to the NCAA II playoffs. He began his tenure at West Georgia as offensive coordinator in 1991.

From 1985-1990, Fisher served as a position coach, and eventually, as offensive coordinator at Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina.

Fisher played quarterback and wide receiver from 1977-80 at Springfield College in Massachusetts. He earned his undergraduate degree in physical education.

Fisher earned a master's in sports management from Eastern Kentucky in 1982. He has served as a graduate assistant at both EKU and Mississippi.

Fisher is married to the former Julie Shaffer of Watsonstown, Pa. They are the parents of two sons: Brian, 13; and Brett, 7.

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

BRUCE FOWLER

Years as Collegiate Coach: 18
Previous Position: Defensive Coordinator/
LBs, Furman
Alma Mater: Furman

Bruce Fowler, a key assistant for more than a decade at Furman, will serve as defensive coordinator at Vanderbilt.

Fowler, 43, served as Bobby Johnson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Furman for the past three seasons. Johnson was Fowler's position coach at Furman in the late 1970s.

Fowler, a Cincinnati native, served 16 seasons on the Furman coaching staff after starting as a graduate assistant in 1984. His coaching responsibilities continuously progressed during his tenure at Furman. For the last three years, Fowler was defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Paladins. He mentored Furman All-American Will Bouton, the Southern Conference defensive player-of-the-year in 2000. Since 1999, the Furman defense has played a crucial role in the Paladins' 30-9 overall record, two conference championships, three consecutive NCAA playoff appearances and an I-AA national runnerup finish last year.

Prior to coaching Paladin linebackers, Fowler directed the Furman secondary for five years, coaching six All-Southern Conference performers, including consensus All-America safety and current 49er John Keith. Fowler moved to the Furman defensive staff after serving several years as an offensive assistant for receivers.

Fowler earned two varsity letters at Furman. He was a member of the Paladins' first Southern conference championship team in 1978, started in the defensive secondary in 1979, and played on Furman's 1980 conference champion. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and master's degree in education from Furman.

Fowler is married to the former Linda Gilman of Ocala, Fla. They are the parents of a son, Jake, 7, and a daughter, Madison, 5.



Assistant Coaches

WIDE RECEIVERS

J.D. HALL

Years as Collegiate Coach: 10

Previous Position: Receivers - Connecticut

Alma Mater: Bethune-Cookman (Fla.)

Jermaine "J.D." Hall, a former offensive assistant at the University of Connecticut and the youngest member of Head Coach Bobby Johnson's coaching staff, will mentor wide receivers.

Hall, 30, served the last two years as receivers coach under Connecticut Head Coach Randy Edsall. Previously, he served on the coaching staffs at North Carolina A&T and North Carolina Central.

Hall is a 1993 graduate of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he was one of the school's finest offensive performers. When Hall ended his playing career, he owned team records for career completions (588), attempts (1,150) and passing yardage (7,154 yards). His jersey, #12, is singled out as one of Bethune-Cookman's "Famous Wildcat Numbers."

Hall, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., began his collegiate coaching career at North Carolina Central in 1993, working there six years, the final four as offensive coordinator. In 1999, he joined the North Carolina A&T staff, serving one year as quarterback coach and recruiting coordinator. The team won the MEAC, earning a berth in the I-AA playoffs. In 2000, he joined the Connecticut staff, serving as the Huskies wide receivers coach. He also interned with the Miami Dolphins in 1995.

Hall earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bethune-Cookman. He was wed to the former Erin Dobson in July 2001.

QUARTERBACKS

JIMMY KISER

Years as Collegiate Coach: 20

Previous Position: Offensive Coordinator - Univ. of Richmond

Alma Mater: Furman

Jimmy Kiser brings more than two decades of collegiate coaching experience to the Vanderbilt staff. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Kiser served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Richmond last year, and as quarterbacks coach at Memphis in 2000. Previously, he served more than a decade at North Carolina State.

Kiser, 45, started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Furman. After coaching three years at Dunwoody (Ga.) High School, Kiser worked two years at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College, serving as offensive coordinator.

In 1986, Kiser joined the North Carolina State staff. He served the Wolfpack as receivers coach (1986-95), quarterbacks and receivers coach (1996) and offensive coordinator (1997-99). Under Kiser in 1997, North Carolina State led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rushing offense and was second in total offense. The Wolfpack led the ACC in passing offense and total offense the following year.

In 2000, Kiser moved to Memphis where he coached the Tigers' quarterbacks. In 2001, he served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Richmond.

Kiser won four varsity letters at Furman, graduating in 1979. He was named All-Southern Conference as a wide receiver as a senior. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration, graduating cum laude. In 1982, Kiser earned a master's degree from the Clemson/Furman joint MBA program.

Kiser and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four children: Anna Lee, 14, Jodi 13, Jamie, 11, and Kelly, 14 months.

**RECRUITING COORD./
DEFENSIVE LINE**

DAVID TURNER

Years as Collegiate Coach: 16

Previous Position: Defensive Ends - University of Minnesota

Alma Mater: Davidson (N.C.)

David Turner, a 16-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks, will coach the Vanderbilt defensive line.

Turner will also fill the important role of recruiting coordinator for Commodore Head Coach Bobby Johnson.

The native of Goldston, North Carolina comes to Vanderbilt from the University of Minnesota where he coached the Gopher defensive ends in 2001.

Before accepting the Big Ten position, Turner served as defensive tackles and linebackers coach at the University of Virginia. He also served as a special teams co-coordinator during his final year at Virginia.

Turner is a graduate of Davidson College in North Carolina. He was a three-time varsity letterman as a running back.

He began coaching as an assistant at his alma mater. In 1988, he moved to North Carolina State, serving two years as a graduate assistant before spending a year as defensive line coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

From 1991-92, Turner served as outside linebackers coach at James Madison, helping the Dukes to a 9-4 record and berth in the I-AA playoffs.

Turner returned to the NCAA Division I ranks in 1993, serving two seasons as defensive ends coach at the University of Kentucky. In 1995, he returned to North Carolina State, coaching defensive ends and linebackers. Turner accepted the coaching duties at Virginia in 1997.

Turner earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Davidson in 1985.

Turner is married to the former Yvette Modica of Robersonville, N.C. They are the parents of two daughters, Bianca and Alexya, 5.



Offensive Outlook

THE COMMODORES - ENTERING SPRING 2002

Vanderbilt's upcoming Spring Practice promises to be one of the Southeast's most interesting and entertaining as a new coaching staff to works create a winning atmosphere and answer several lingering personnel questions.

For Vanderbilt's first-year Head Coach Bobby Johnson, the four-week practice will focus on improving football fundamentals and conditioning, emphasizing concentration, and taking the initial steps to create a winning environment. Johnson's chief goal is simple: get better each day.

From the moment I arrived at Vanderbilt, I've stated this team is going to work to improve each and every day," Johnson said. "The spring practices will be successful if we accomplish that goal."

On Tuesday, March 12, Coach Johnson begins the introduction of his system to 70 returning Commodores, including 42 lettermen and 18 redshirt freshmen from last year. At stake for the players is the opportunity to make a favorable impression on Johnson and his staff, all new to the Nashville campus.

Johnson will address these key topics this spring:

- Will a quarterback step forward to guide the Commodores?
- How will the offensive backfield shake out?
- Will several top Commodores return 100% healthy off injuries suffered last year?
- How will the team adapt to new offensive/defensive schemes?

THE OFFENSE

Vanderbilt's one-back set, multiple wideouts and shotgun formation of recent years departed with the former coaching staff. So did most the entire offensive backfield.

Coach Johnson's offensive staff, armed with the experience of three former coordinators, is expected to adopt a traditional two-back set, with multiple packages and formations, to the Commodore returnees. The team's ability to adapt to the change in scheme is just one crucial element of the spring practices. Another is to replace graduation losses of Vanderbilt's all-time leading passer and two running backs that combined for 1,265 rushing yards in 2001.

QUARTERBACK - The competition to replace Greg Zolman appears to be between **Benji Walker** (6-4, 208, Jr.) and redshirt freshman **Jay Cutler** (6-4, 202). Both are inexperienced, yet offer the dual-threat promise of throwing and running the football. Walker has attempted just seven passes in two seasons, but has excellent athleticism and running ability displayed in limited duty against Florida and Tennessee last year. Cutler is little known to the Commodore followers, but caused headaches for Vanderbilt's first-team defense in 2001 as a redshirt. **Howdy McPherson** (5-11, 205, Jr.) also will compete this spring.

THE BACKFIELD - The Commodore backfield is wide open. With the move away from a shotgun/single back set and the absence of returning starters, the coaches are looking for several players to step forward at tailback and fullback.

Norval McKenzie (5-11, 202, So.) is the team's only experienced running back, and his playing time in 2001 was sparse at best. McKenzie should receive plenty of competition from redshirt freshman **Matthew Tant** (5-11, 216), former reserve defensive back **Ian Gaines** (5-11, 198, Sr.) and former flanker **Ronald Hatcher** (5-10, 180, Jr.).

Tant also could get a close look at the available fullback slot. Senior **Mike Adam** (6-3, 222) also is expected to seek the fullback opening after spending the last two years as a part-time starter at inside linebacker. A former TE, **Zeke Brandon** (6-2, 240, Jr.), also will compete.

The receiving corps and offensive linemen are strengths for the Commodores, though at least one opening exists on the front.

RECEIVING CORPS - Seniors **Dan Stricker** (6-3, 200) and **M.J. Garrett** (6-3, 202) return after starting as wide receivers last year. Stricker is one of the Southeastern Conference's top returning wide outs, and is within range of several SEC career marks. Garrett, who started fast last year but tailed off after a shoulder injury, should be 100% this spring.

Two juniors, **Chris Young** (6-2, 178), and **Markessus House** (6-4, 210) and sophomore **Brandon Smith** (6-1, 180) will try to impress coaches, as will three redshirt freshmen: **Keith Williams** (6-1, 180), **Jason Caldwell** (6-1, 200) and **Jerrin Holt** (6-3, 212).

Tom Simone (6-5, 238, Sr.) returns at tight end, but will be pressed by three lettermen - **Curtis Brancheau** (6-4, 246, So.), and **Nick Getter** (6-4, 255, Jr.) - and **Jason Daniels**. Two redshirt freshman, **Dustin Dunning** (6-5, 228) and Dan Murphy (6-3, 224) would make a favorable impression.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Vanderbilt must replace All-SEC second teamer Pat Green at right tackle, but return four starters: left tackle **Justin Geisinger** (6-4, 320, So.), left guard **Jim May** (6-4, 300, Sr.), center **Jamie Byrum** (6-4, 281, Sr.) and right guard **Brian Kovolisky** (6-7, 270, So.).

Due to surgeries, Geisinger (foot) and May (shoulder) may be withheld from full contact, giving several prospects an opportunity to display their skills to the new staff. Junior **Jordan Pettit** (6-4, 282) and **Kenan Arkan** (6-7, 280, So.) had spot starts last year and provide quality depth, as do center/guard **Jason Tant** (6-3, 280, Jr.) and guard **Greg Robson** (6-4, 288, So.). A pair of redshirt freshmen tackles, **Ryan King** (6-7, 292) and **Nigel Seaman** (6-5, 326) could compete for the line opening.

ALL-AMERICAN PROSPECT

DAN STRICKER, WR

Wide receiver Dan Stricker, within reach of several SEC all-time receiving marks, is Vanderbilt's leading All-American candidate.

Stricker enters 2002 with 138 career catches for 2,260 yards, fifth and third respectively, on VU's career lists. He is 832 receiving yards shy of the SEC all-time mark established in 2001 by LSU All-American Josh Reed. He also needs 72 catches to set the SEC career mark for total receptions.

Stricker's 2001 campaign - 65 catches, 1079, 8 TDs - was one of the finest ever by a Commodore. He has surpassed 100-yards in a game nine times, tying a team mark. His single-game high, 204 yards vs Kentucky last year, is the third highest total in team history. His 15 career TD catches is sixth among VU receivers.

In 2000, Stricker caught 61 passes for 994 yards and 5 TDs.

Stricker, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, is a two-time All-SEC selection.

ALL-SEC PROSPECTS

JIM MAY, OFF. GUARD

Senior Jim May returns as a dependable three-year starter and leader on the Commodore offensive front.

May played the entire 2001 season with shoulder and hip injuries, yet never missed a game. He has started the last 29 games, winning the position as a redshirt freshman.

A native of South Carolina who prepped in Lilburn, Ga., May is an extremely intelligent player and coach on the field. He has allowed just two QB sacks during the last two seasons.

JAMIE BYRUM, CENTER

Team leader Jamie Byrum has called the line blocking assignments as a two-year starter at center.

Elected as a team captain as a junior, Byrum performed remarkably in 2001 despite a nagging knee injury. Until key injuries late in the season, Byrum and the VU line led the SEC with fewest QB sacks allowed.



Defensive Outlook

THE DEFENSE

The Vanderbilt defense, the SEC's worst in 2001, must improve if the Commodores figure to rise out of the East Division cellar. Coordinator Bruce Fowler and his staff plan to change looks with a 4-3 front, built on the concept that superior conditioning and sound techniques will translate into aggressive, winning defense.

Without doubt, conditioning and improving fundamentals will be the focus of Spring Practice. But the sessions also offer several athletes an opportunity to step forward and demonstrate their abilities to the new staff. Several are coming into the spring off serious injuries, while others watched from the sidelines last year through redshirt seasons. The competition should be fierce for a number of positions.

DEFENSIVE FRONT - Competition should be fierce as all four defensive line positions are up for grabs this spring. Nose tackle **Brett Beard** (6-4, 285, Jr.) is a returning starter, but is expected to miss much of the spring on rehab from foot surgery. Senior **Chuck Losey** (6-4, 250) looks solid at one of the defensive end positions after starting last year. With plans for a new defense, the coaches must find a tackle and end to fit the 4-3 alignment.

Robert Dinwiddie (6-5, 278, Jr.) could surface at either position, but will get a first look at tackle. Last year, Dinwiddie showed raw ability and enthusiasm in spot duty. Two sophomores, **Matt Clay** (6-2, 292) and **Aaron Carter** (6-3, 270), will push the competition at tackle after seeing limited action in 2001.

A pair of redshirt freshmen, **Trey Holloway** (6-2, 288) and **Ralph McKenzie** (6-4, 314), could have a huge impact on the unsettled line. Both are naturally talented, and offer the size necessary to compete in the Southeastern Conference, by the emergence of two redshirt freshmen.

Senior **Ryan Nungesser** (6-4, 256) should get a close inspection at defensive end. Nungesser was a solid reserve last year prior to a persistent, late-season knee injury. Any improvement in talented junior **Libnir Telusca** (6-3, 234) will add an intriguing element to the DE competition.

LINEBACKERS - Senior **Hunter Hillenmeyer** (6-4, 242) and sophomore **Pat Brunner** (6-3, 248) are returning starters, but the change to a 4-3 alignment likely will create added competition for all three positions. Hillenmeyer was one of the Commodores' top defenders in 2001, and could blossom into an All-SEC candidate in his senior season. Brunner, an All-SEC freshman selection, needs to improve his quickness after leaning on fellow inside backer Antuan Bradford last year. has never reached his potential, but seems tailored to the new scheme. Two others - sophomore **Eric Byrum** (6-4, 230) and

junior **Doug Wolford** (6-3, 236) - saw limited action in 2001 and could be factors this spring.

Three redshirt freshmen - **Moses Osemwegie** (6-0, 214), **Jovan Haye** (6-3, 252) and **Marty Morgan** (6-3, 216) have the skill level to possibly win a starting role in 2002. Junior **Brandon Walthour** (6-3, 218) is back after a year away and appears ready to challenge for playing time. Also in the hunt are two more redshirt freshmen: **Luke Hammond** (6-3, 232) and **Paul Meadows** (6-2, 232).

SECONDARY - Three senior starters return - CB **Rushen Jones** (6-1, 198), CB **Aaron McWhorter** (6-1, 192) and FS **Justin Giboney** (6-0, 203), but lingering questions and decent depth suggest open competition in the defensive backfield. Jones and Giboney are two-year starters who missed much of the 2001 season to injuries. Their healthy return is vital to the Commodores' success.

Look for freshmen **Dominique Morris** (6-1, 184) and **Lorenzo Parker** (5-11, 186) to press for playing time at cornerback. Morris was redshirted after a early-season knee injury while Parker filled in admirably during Jones' injury, earning All-SEC freshmen accolades. Three other freshmen, **Cheron Thompson** (5-11, 185), **Ronnie Swoopes** (6-2, 200), **Kelechi Ohanaja** (5-11, 185) will try to break into the lineup.

While Giboney likely will man the free safety position, the strong safety slot is wide open. Hard-hitting **Jonathan Shaub** (6-1, 208) will attempt a return after missing last year to shoulder surgery. If he is unable to go, look for sophomore **Nick Lyle** (6-2, 208) and senior **Mike Martin** (5-10, 196) to battle for the starting role. A good showing this spring would place incoming freshman **Ben Koger** (6-1, 188) and Ohanaja in line for playing time.

SPECIALISTS

Graduation losses will force the Vanderbilt coaching staff to rework the Commodore special teams. Punter Joe Webb and both placekickers, Jimmy Stover and Chuck Folino, have departed, leaving the team without experience at either position.

While the coaching staff has signed recruits in both areas, a punter and two kickers will participate in spring drills. The punting hopeful, **Matt Weiss**, is a sophomore walk-on.

Though two kicking prospects were signed in the 2002 recruiting class, a pair of hopefuls are in the spring camp. Junior **Abtin Iranmanesh** (5-11, 205) has a strong leg, but lacks any game experience. **Greg Gulinson**, a walk-on, also is competing.

The coaching staff must also locate a long snapper after the graduation of David Meadows. Junior **Jason Daniels** returns with experience as the short snapper. A replacement for 'former holder Justin Purkey also must be identified.

ALL-SEC PROSPECTS

BRETT BEARD

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Beard earned the praise of coaches while playing the demanding nose tackle position in VU's 3-4 defense. Beard managed 41 tackles, including three for losses, while being continuously double-teamed.

He also earned the respect of teammates for his toughness. He played all 11 games, and started 10, despite a foot fracture suffered in the fourth game.

Beard, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is expected to miss the spring practices, as part of rehabilitation after off-season foot surgery.

RUSHEN JONES

CORNERBACK

When Jones is in the lineup, the Commodores simply are a better defensive unit. A third-year starter, Jones missed six games last year due to a broken hand suffered before the Georgia contest. He returned in the finale, giving VU a lift versus Mississippi.

During his injury, the Commodore defense allowed 44.6 points per game. When he played, the average was 27 points per game.

Jones, a native of Memphis, Tenn., was a Frosh All-American and All-SEC selection.

HUNTER HILLENMEYER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

Hillenmeyer blossomed in his first year as a starter in 2001, finishing the season as the Commodores' second leading tackler with 72 total stops. He also contributed 2.5 sacks, four deflected passes, four tackles for loss, and three recovered fumbles.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., the athletic Hillenmeyer will continue as an outside linebacker in Vanderbilt's shift to a 4-3 base defense.



OFFENSIVE PROSPECTS

POSITION/PLAYER	NOTES
WIDE RECEIVER	
Dan Stricker	All-American caliber receiver
Chris Young	Unlimited talent, needs to impress
Markessus House	Will get opportunity to play
Jason Caldwell	Redshirt who could have impact
WIDE RECEIVER	
M.J. Garrett	Injury free, should elevate game
Ryan Cuffee	Needs to find niche as receiver
Brandon Smith	Lettered as true freshman
Jerrin Holt	Excellent body, soft hands
Keith Williams	Should be fun to watch in spring
LEFT TACKLE	
Justin Geisinger	2001 All-SEC Frosh Pick
Ryan King	Big redshirt, should help with depth
LEFT GUARD	
Jim May	All-SEC Candidate
Greg Robson	Has talent, also expect a look at center
CENTER	
Jamie Byrum	Leader that provides line stability
Jason Tant	Adds experience, also looking at guard
RIGHT GUARD	
Brian Kovolisky	Began late-season starter as freshman
Jordan Pettit	Will compete at guard or tackle
RIGHT TACKLE	
Kenan Arkan	Has shot at open starting role
Jordan Pettit	Improved body, could start
Nigel Seaman	Big redshirt with bigger upside
TIGHT END	
Tom Simone	Excellent blocker, runs solid routes
Nick Getter	Hindered in 2001 by injuries
Curtis Brancheau	Solid Blocker
Jason Daniels	Also has snapper duties
Dan Murphy	Hard worker, may contribute
Dustin Dunning	Solid hands, needs strength
QUARTERBACK	
Benji Walker	Solid runner, needs to show good arm
Jay Cutler	Athletic redshirt with chance at job
Howdy MacPherson	Hard worker
TAILBACK	
Ian Gaines	Athletic, coming from DB role
Norval McKenzie	Has college experience at position
Ronald Hatcher	Moving from flanker, elusive
Jason Tant	Solid body, should challenge
FULLBACK	
Mike Adam	Possesses fullback mindset
Zeke Brandon	Moving from reserve tight end role
Bara Cola	Strength is biggest asset
Juan Rojas	Seeking chance at natural position
Jason Tant	Talent to play here or tailback

KICKING/PUNTING PROSPECTS

PLAYER/POSITION	NOTES
Abtin Iranmanesh, Kicker	Untested, good leg
Matt Weiss, Punter	Walk-on needs to improve distance

DEFENSIVE PROSPECTS

POSITION/PLAYER	NOTES
DEFENSIVE END	
Ryan Nungesser	Most experienced, needs good spring
Libnir Telusca	Natural skills, lacks experience
NOSE TACKLE	
Brett Beard	Played last year on foot fracture
Matt Clay	Looking to compete for playing time
Ralph McKenzie	Redshirt to move up depth charts
DEFENSIVE TACKLE	
Robert Dinwiddie	Should contribute here
Aaron Carter	Added weight, needs to impress
Trey Holloway	Should get playing time with good spring
RUSH END	
Chuck Losey	Should blossom with 4-3 set
Jovan Haye	Injury free, could be a force
WILL LINEBACKER	
Eric Byrum	Gained experience as freshman
Jovan Haye	Could be a starter by end of camp
Marty Morgan	Hard worker, could easily surprise
Moses Osemwegie	Loves to hit, needs some weight
MIKE LINEBACKER	
Pat Brunner	'01 starter, likely to improve
Doug Wolford	Time to make a statement
Paul Meadows	Will benefit from good spring
SAM LINEBACKER	
Hunter Hillenmeyer	Starter who should improve
Eric Byrum	Gained experience as freshman
Brandon Walthour	Sat out last year, has superior skills
Luke Hammond	Needs to impress the new staff
CORNERBACK	
Aaron McWhorter	Solidifies starting role with good spring
Dominique Morris	Showed tons of talent as freshman
Cheron Thompson	Could be big surprise of spring
Alan Bubbus	New walk-on
STRONG SAFETY	
Jonathan Shaub	Main question - Are injuries healed?
Nick Lyle	Good size, big sleeper
Kelechi Ohanaja	New on campus, quick feet
Ronnie Swoopes	Good skills, coming off injury
FREE SAFETY	
Justin Giboney	Enters spring off great offseason drills
Mike Martin	Experienced, can fill either safety role
Ben Koger	New on campus, reputation for hitting
Eric Saling	Hard working walk-on
CORNERBACK	
Rushen Jones	All-SEC potential coming off injury
Lorenzo Parker	Gained valuable experience last year
Kelechi Ohanaja	Needs to impress staff this spring

Note on chart: Players listed in "bold face type" are returning starters at the position listed. All others are listed in order of playing experience.



2002 VANDERBILT SPRING FOOTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl	Year	Hometown	High School
1	Eric Saling	FS	6-3	200	So.-SQ	2nd	Louisville, Ky.	St. Xavier
2	Alan Bubbus	DB	5-10	190	Sr.-SQ	1st	Russellville, Ark.	Russellville
3	Benji Walker	QB	6-4	208	Jr.-2L	4th	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
5	Aaron McWhorter	DB	6-1	192	Sr.-3L	5th	Ft. Worth, Texas	O.D. Wyatt
6	Ryan Cuffee	WR	5-11	202	Sr.-3L	4th	Arlington, Texas	James Martin
7	Mike Martin	FS	5-10	196	Sr.-3L	4th	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit
9	Howdy MacPherson*	QB	6-0	195	Sr.-SQ	2nd	Arvada, Colo.	Pomona
9	Norval McKenzie*	RB	5-11	202	So.-1L	3rd	Powder Springs, Ga.	McEachern
11	Rushen Jones	DB	6-1	198	Sr.-3L	5th	Memphis, Tenn.	Whitehaven
13	Jonathan Shaub	SS	6-1	208	Jr.-2L	4th	Brentwood, Tenn.	David Lipscomb
14	Justin Giboney	FS	6-0	203	Sr.-3L	4th	Englewood, Colo.	Cherry Creek
15	Greg Gulinson	K	5-9	175	Sr.-SQ	4th	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park
16	Chris Young	WR	6-2	178	Jr.-2L	3rd	Batesville, Miss.	South Panola
17	Jay Cutler	QB	6-4	202	Fr.-RS	2nd	Santa Claus, Ind.	Heritage Hills
19	Markessus House	WR	6-4	210	Jr.-1L	4th	Birmingham, Ala.	Wenonah
20	Lorenzo Parker	DB	5-11	186	So.-1L	3rd	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Walled Lake West
21	Ronald Hatcher	TB	5-10	180	Jr.-2L	3rd	Birmingham, Ala.	Shades Valley
22	Brandon Walthour	LB	6-3	218	So.-1L	3rd	Orlando, Fla.	Dr. Phillips
24	M.J. Garrett	WR	6-3	202	Sr.-3L	4th	Old Hickory, Tenn.	Donelson Christian
25	Ben Koger	SS	6-1	188	Fr.-1st	1st	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood
26	Dominique Morris	DB	6-0	184	Fr.-HS	2nd	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
28	Cheron Thompson	DB	5-11	185	So.-RS	2nd	Atlanta, Ga.	F. Douglass
29	Chris Mitacek	FB	5-11	212	Sr.-3L	4th	Cudahy, Wis.	Cudahy
30	Ian Gaines	RB	5-11	198	Jr.-2L	3rd	Denton, Texas	Denton
31	Ronnie Swoopes	DB	6-2	200	Fr.-RS	2nd	Athens, Ga.	Clarke Central
32	Nick Lyle	SS	6-2	208	So.-1L	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier
33	Matthew Tant	RB	5-11	216	Fr.-RS	2nd	Pegram, Tenn.	Harpeth
34	Mike Adam	FB	6-3	222	Sr.-3L	4th	Hales Corner, Wis.	Whitnall
35	Jerrin Holt	WR	6-3	212	Fr.-RS	2nd	Grand Prairie, Texas	Grand Prairie
38	Moses Osemwegie	LB	6-0	214	Fr.-RS	2nd	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
41	Bara Cola	FB	6-0	236	Jr.-SQ	4th	Pensacola, Fla.	Woodhaven
42	Marty Morgan	LB	6-3	216	Fr.-RS	2nd	Canton, Miss.	Canton Academy
43	Matt Weiss	P	6-3	198	So.-SQ	2nd	Cheshire, Conn.	Hopkins School
44	Pat Brunner	LB	6-3	248	So.-1L	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio	Elder
45	Dustin Dunning*	TE	6-5	228	Fr.-RS	So.	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover
45	Jason Daniels*	TE/SN	6-3	234	Jr.-1L	2nd	Southlake, Texas	Southlake Carroll
47	Hunter Hillenmeyer	LB	6-4	242	Sr.-3L	4th	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
48	Kelechi Ohanaja*	DB	6-1	190	Fr.-HS	1st	Arlington, Texas	James Martin
48	Juan Rojas*	FB	6-0	218	Sr.-SQ	4th	Economistas, Mexico	Green Gates
50	Libnir Telusca	LB	6-3	234	Jr.-2L	4th	North Miami Beach, Fla.	Pace
51	Luke Hammond	LB	6-3	232	Fr.-RS	3rd	Wetumpka, Ala.	Wetumpka
52	Jovan Haye	LB	6-3	252	Fr.-RS	2nd	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Dillard
54	Chuck Losey	DE	6-4	250	Sr.-3L	5th	Hixson, Tenn.	Soddy-Daisy
55	Jamie Byrum	C	6-4	281	Sr.-3L	5th	Grove City, Ohio	Grove City
56	Ryan Nungesser	DE	6-4	256	Sr.-3L	5th	San Marino, Calif.	Polytechnic
58	Jason Tant	C/G	6-3	280	Jr.-2L	4th	Pegram, Tenn.	Harpeth
59	Paul Meadows	LB/LS	6-2	232	Fr.-RS	2nd	Birmingham, Ala.	Hoover
62	Ryan King	OT	6-7	292	Fr.-RS	2nd	Cincinnati, Ohio	Fairfield
63	Nigel Seaman	OT	6-5	326	Fr.-RS	2nd	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Dillard
67	Greg Robson	OG/C	6-4	288	So.-1L	3rd	Schaumburg, Ill.	Schaumburg
69	Aaron Carter	DT	6-3	270	So.-1L	3rd	Wallingford, Pa.	Strath Haven
70	Kenan Arkan	OT	6-7	280	So.-1L	3rd	McMurray, Pa.	Peters Township
71	Justin Geisinger	OT	6-4	320	So.-1L	3rd	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mt. Lebanon
72	Jim May	OG	6-4	300	Sr.-3L	5th	Lilburn, Ga.	Parkview
73	Ralph McKenzie	DL	6-4	314	Fr.-RS	2nd	Southfield, Mich.	Brother Rice
74	Jordan Pettit	OT	6-4	282	Jr.-2L	4th	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
75	Abtin Iranmanesh	K	5-11	205	Jr.-SQ	3rd	Madison, Ala.	Bob Jones
76	Brian Kovolisky	OL	6-7	270	So.-1L	3th	Clark, N.J.	Arthur L. Johnson
77	Trey Holloway	DL	6-2	288	Fr.-RS	2nd	Edmond, Okla.	Heritage Hall
80	Brandon Smith	WR	6-1	180	So.-1L	2nd	New Orleans, La.	St. Augustine
81	Nick Getter	TE	6-4	255	Jr.-2L	4th	Round Rock, Texas	Round Rock
83	Zeke Brandon	TE/FB	6-2	240	Jr.-2L	3rd	Copperas Cove, Texas	Copperas Cove
84	Tom Simone	TE	6-5	238	Sr.-3L	5th	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mt. Lebanon
85	Dan Stricker	WR	6-3	200	Sr.-3L	5th	Cincinnati, Ohio	Elder
86	Jason Caldwell	WR	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	2nd	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover
87	Curtis Brancheau	TE	6-4	246	So.-1L	3rd	Greenville, Texas	Greenville
88	Keith Williams	WR	6-1	180	Fr.-RS	2nd	Riverdale, Ga.	North Clayton
90	Doug Wolford	LB	6-3	236	Jr.-2L	4th	Lexington, Ky.	Lexington Catholic
92	Brett Beard	DT	6-3	285	Jr.-2L	4th	Birmingham, Ala.	Vestavia
94	Dan Murphy	TE	6-3	224	Jr.-1L	3rd	Shaker Heights, Ohio	St. Ignatius
95	Eric Byrum	LB	6-4	281	So.-1L	2nd	Grove City, Ohio	Grove City
96	Robert Dinwiddie	DE	6-5	278	So.-1L	3rd	Hendersonville, Tenn.	Hendersonville
99	Matt Clay	DT	6-2	292	So.-1L	3rd	Powder Springs, Ga.	McEachern

(* - duplicate roster number during spring drills)



2002 VANDERBILT SPRING FOOTBALL ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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70	Kenan Arkan	OL	6-7	280	So.-1L	3rd	McMurray, Pa.	Peters Township
92	Brett Beard	DT	6-3	285	Jr.-2L	4th	Birmingham, Ala.	Vestavia Hills
87	Curtis Brancheau	TE	6-4	246	So.-1L	3rd	Greenville, Texas	Greenville
83	Zeke Brandon	FB	6-2	240	Jr.-2L	3rd	Copperas Cove, Texas	Copperas Cove
44	Pat Brunner	LB	6-3	248	So.-1L	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio	Elder
2	Alan Bubbus	DB	5-10	190	Sr.-SQ	1st	Russellville, Ark.	Russellville
95	Eric Byrum	LB	6-4	230	So.-1L	2nd	Grove City, Ohio	Grove City
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99	Matt Clay	DT	6-2	292	So.-1L	3rd	Powder Springs, Ga.	McEachern
41	Bara Cola	FB	6-0	236	Jr.-SQ	4th	Pensacola, Fla.	Woodhaven
6	Ryan Cuffee	WR	5-11	202	Sr.-3L	4th	Arlington, Texas	James Martin
17	Jay Cutler	QB	6-4	202	Fr.-RS	2nd	Santa Claus, Ind.	Heritage Hills
45	Jason Daniels	TE/SN	6-3	234	Jr.-1L	2nd	Southlake, Texas	Southlake Carroll
96	Robert Dinwiddie	DT	6-5	278	So.-1L	3rd	Hendersonville, Tenn.	Hendersonville
45	Dustin Dunning	TE	6-5	228	Fr.-RS	So.	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover
30	Ian Gaines	RB	5-11	198	Jr.-2L	3rd	Denton, Texas	Denton
24	M.J. Garrett	WR	6-3	202	Sr.-3L	4th	Old Hickory, Tenn.	Donelson Christian
71	Justin Geisinger	OT	6-4	320	So.-1L	3rd	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Mt. Lebanon
81	Nick Getter	TE	6-4	255	Jr.-2L	4th	Round Rock, Texas	Round Rock
14	Justin Giboney	FS	6-0	203	Sr.-3L	4th	Englewood, Colo.	Cherry Creek
15	Greg Gulinson	K	5-9	175	Sr.-SQ	4th	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park
51	Luke Hammond	LB	6-3	232	Fr.-RS	3rd	Wetumpka, Ala.	Wetumpka
21	Ronald Hatcher	TB	5-10	180	Jr.-2L	3rd	Birmingham, Ala.	Shades Valley
52	Jovan Haye	LB	6-3	252	Fr.-RS	2nd	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Dillard
47	Hunter Hillenmeyer	LB	6-4	242	Fr.-3L	4th	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
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19	Markessus House	WR	6-4	210	Jr.-1L	4th	Birmingham, Ala.	Wenonah
75	Abtin Iranmanesh	K	5-11	205	Jr.-SQ	3rd	Madison, Ala.	Bob Jones
11	Rushen Jones	DB	6-1	198	Sr.-3L	5th	Memphis, Tenn.	Whitehaven
62	Ryan King	OL	6-7	292	Fr.-RS	2nd	Cincinnati, Ohio	Fairfield
25	Ben Koger	SS	6-1	188	Fr.-1st	1st	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood
76	Brian Kovolisky	OL	6-7	270	So.-1L	3rd	Clark, N.J.	Arthur L. Johnson
54	Chuck Losey	DE	6-4	250	Sr.-3L	5th	Hixson, Tenn.	Soddy-Daisy
32	Nick Lyle	SS	6-2	208	So.-1L	3rd	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier
9	Howdy MacPherson	QB	6-0	195	Sr.-SQ	2nd	Arvada, Colo.	Pomona
7	Mike Martin	FS	5-10	196	Sr.-3L	4th	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit
72	Jim May	OG	6-4	302	Sr.-3L	5th	Lilburn, Ga.	Parkview
9	Norval McKenzie	RB	5-11	202	So.-1L	3rd	Powder Springs, Ga.	McEachern
73	Ralph McKenzie	DT	6-4	314	Fr.-RS	2nd	Southfield, Mich.	Brother Rice
5	Aaron McWhorter	DB	6-1	192	Sr.-3L	5th	Ft. Worth, Texas	O.D. Wyatt
59	Paul Meadows	LB/LS	6-2	232	Fr.-RS	2nd	Birmingham, Ala.	Hoover
29	Chris Mitacek	FB	5-11	212	Sr.-3L	4th	Cudahy, Wisc.	Cudahy
42	Marty Morgan	LB	6-3	216	Fr.-RS	2nd	Canton, Miss.	Canton Academy
26	Dominique Morris	DB	6-0	184	Fr.-RS	2nd	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
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38	Moses Osemwegie	LB	6-0	214	Fr.-RS	2nd	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell Academy
20	Lorenzo Parker	DB	5-11	186	So.-1L	3rd	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Walled Lake West
74	Jordan Pettit	OT	6-4	282	Jr.-2L	4th	Olive Branch, Miss.	Olive Branch
67	Greg Robson	OG/C	6-4	288	So.-1L	3rd	Schaumburg, Ill.	Schaumburg
48	Juan Rojas	FB	6-0	218	Sr.-SQ	4th	Econonistas, Mexico	Green Gates
1	Eric Saling	FS	6-3	200	So.-SQ	2nd	Louisville, Ky.	St. Xavier
63	Nigel Seaman	OT	6-5	326	Fr.-RS	2nd	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Dillard
13	Jonathan Shaub	SS	6-1	208	Jr.-2L	4th	Brentwood, Tenn.	David Lipscomb
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50	Libnir Telusca	LB	6-3	234	Jr.-2L	4th	North Miami Beach, Fla.	Pace
28	Cheron Thompson	DB	5-11	185	Fr.-RS	2nd	Atlanta, Ga.	F. Douglass
3	Benji Walker	QB	6-4	208	Jr.-2L	4th	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
22	Brandon Walhour	LB	6-3	218	So.-1L	3rd	Orlando, Fla.	Dr. Phillips
43	Matt Weiss	P	6-3	198	So.-SQ	2nd	Cheshire, Conn.	Hopkins School
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16	Chris Young	WR	6-2	178	Jr.-2L	3rd	Batesville, Miss.	South Panola



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#34 MIKE ADAM

Fullback
6-3, 222, Senior - 3L
Hales Corner HS, Hales Corner, Wisc.
2001 Starts: 2

Seeking to move across the line of scrimmage and compete for fullback opening in new two-back offensive system.

2001 Credited with 32 tackles as inside linebacker. Had career high nine-tackles against Duke and seven vs. Middle Tennessee. Started against Kentucky and Tennessee.
2000 Started first two games, but moved to reserve role with return of Jamie Winborn.
1999 Played limited LB role as true freshman.

#70 KENAN ARKAN

Offensive Tackle
6-7, 280, Sophomore - 1L
Peters Township HS, McMurray, Pa.
2001 Starts: 2

Late-season experience, including a pair of starts, should benefit Arkan, who can expect a close look at the open offensive tackle slot.
2001 Gained valuable experience with late season starts at left tackle. Moved into starting lineup midway through Kentucky game when Justin Geisinger was injured. Also played at Florida.
2000 Redshirted.

#92 BRETT BEARD

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 285, Junior - 2L
Vestavia Hills HS, Birmingham, Ala.
2001 Starts: 10

Defensive leader who is expected to miss full contact this spring while recovering from foot injury. Tough and tenacious, Beard played eight games last year at the nose tackle position in a 3-4 set with a foot fracture.
2001 Had 41 tackles as nose tackle. Played every game, and started 10 times. Before injury, had nine tackles against Alabama and eight vs. Middle Tennessee.
2000 Played in every game, and credited with six tackles.
1999 Redshirted.

YEAR	TACKLES	TACK/LOSS	SACKS	FF/FR
2001	41	3-5	0	0/0
2000	6	0-0	0	0/0
TOTALS	47	3-5	0	0/0

#87 CURTIS BRANCHEAU

Tight End
6-4, 246, Sophomore - 1L
Greenville HS, Greenville, Texas
2001 Starts: 0

Valuable blocker who saw action in short yardage situations should compete for additional playing time at tight end.

2001 As second-team TE, played in every game as of redshirt freshman campaign, contributing in two-TE situations and on special teams... Caught a pass against Richmond and Kentucky, good for 11 yards.
2000 Redshirted.

#83 ZEKE BRANDON

Fullback
6-2, 240, Junior - 2L
Copperas Cove HS, Copperas Cove, Texas
2001 Starts: 0

Special teams player/tight end who is expected to get a look at fullback this spring.
2001 Earned second letter, playing every game as member of kickoff return and coverage teams... Made two solo tackles on coverage units.
2000 Saw action in all 11 games on special teams.

#44 PAT BRUNNER

Linebacker
6-3, 242, Sophomore-1L
Elder HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Starts: 9

Will have to show strength and speed necessary to keep inside linebacking position after gaining valuable experience as starter in 3-4 set a year ago.
2001 Named First Team Coaches' All-SEC Freshman after starting in nine games, and making an appearance in all 11 games... Was fifth leading tackler, but struggled at times due to inexperience.
2000 Redshirted.

YEAR	TACKLES	TACK/LOSS	SACKS	FF/FR
2001	59	0-0	0	0/0

#95 ERIC BYRUM

Linebacker
6-4, 230, Sophomore-1L
Grove City HS, Grove City, Ohio
2001 Starts: 0

A valuable reserve as a freshman, Byrum must compete for one less LB position in 3-4 set. Slowed by foot injury, but has good size and strength.
2001 Was the only true freshman to letter on defense, had four tackles on the season, playing in nine games.

#55 JAMIE BYRUM

Center
6-4, 281, Senior - 3L
Elder HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Starts: 11

Durable, agile and tough veteran leader who gives Commodores solid foundation on the line. Experience should help as new offensive system is unveiled this spring.
2001 Team captain as junior... Started every game, playing through pain much of season... Called offensive line assignments, helping unit to excellent performance until late-season injuries to two starters.
2000 Gained experience as first-year starter... Won starting role position with excellent spring and preseason effort... Added 25 pounds to frame.
1999 Redshirted

#86 JASON CALDWELL

Wide Receiver
6-1, 200, Freshman-RS
Hoover HS, Hoover, Ala.
2001 Starts: 0

Excellent body with good hands and speed, Caldwell needs solid performance this spring to move into the mix for playing time at receiver where Commodores have two returning senior starters.
2001 Redshirted.
2000 All-state performer for 14-1 state champion... Played WR and DB... Runs 4.4... Teammate of fellow VU recruits Paul Meadows and Dustin Dunning.

#69 AARON CARTER

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 270, Sophomore - 1L
Strath Haven HS, Wallingford, Pa.
2001 Starts: 0

Has chance to move up DL depth charts with excellent spring. Must continue to build strength and improve toughness to move into DL openings.
2001 Played sparingly in 3-4 set, and was used in particular special teams assignments.
2000 Redshirted.



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#99 MATT CLAY

Defensive Tackle
6-2, 292, Sophomore - 1L
McEachern HS, Powder Springs, Ga.
2001 Starts: 0

Has opportunity to gain starting job at open defensive tackle slot or secure top DL reserve role with productive spring. Must work on speed, agility and toughness.

2001 Reserve role at nose tackle, playing in every game while contributing on specific special teams units... Was credited with two solo tackles on the season.

2000 Redshirted

#41 BARA COLA

Fullback
6-0, 236, Junior - SQ
Woodhaven HS, Pensacola, Fla.
2001 Starts: DNP

Sat out 2001 season, though continued association with team as manager. Lacks great speed, but has excellent strength and may compete for new FB slot.

2001 Did not play... Served as team manager, helping with coordination of practices.

2000 Gained experience as first-year starter... Won starting role position with excellent spring and preseason effort... Added 25 pounds to frame.

1999 Redshirted.

#6 RYAN CUFFEE

Wide Receiver
5-11, 202, Senior - 3L
James Martin HS, Arlington, Texas
2001 Starts: 11

Looking to catch the eye of offensive coaches and conclude Commodore career on positive note after failing to break into offensive lineup last year.

2001 Assigned to special teams, Cuffee played in every game last year, primarily on return squads. Did not catch a pass for first time in three seasons.

2000 Gained one start versus Miami of Ohio while playing six games. Had 18-yard catch against Mississippi, before missing final five games with knee injury. Season stats were two catches for 22 yards.

1999 Against Northern Illinois, had three catches for 18 yards. Slowed remainder of season by knee injury.

#16 JAY CUTLER

Quarterback
6-4, 202, Freshman -RS
Heritage Hills HS, Santa Claus, Ind.
2001 Starts: 0

Unproven but plenty talented, an excellent spring could place Cutler in open competition for starting quarterback spot. Versatile player who can throw or run, caused VU first-team defense headaches all season in practice. Cutler could step forward this spring, providing ample competition for Benji Walker.

2001 Redshirted.

1999 Led HS to 15-0 record and 3A state championship... Named all-state, completing 60% of passes and rushing for 7.6-yard avg... Superb three-sport athlete.

#45 JASON DANIELS

Tight End/Snapper
6-3, 234, Junior -1L
Southlake HS, Southlake, Texas
2001 Starts: 0

Will get look at tight end, but also a valuable commodity to Commodore for snapping abilities. His experience will benefit the VU kicking game where inexperience will be the norm.

2001 Though 'Dores only succeeded on four field goals, Daniels' snapping wasn't the problem... Served as short snapper in every game.

2000 DNP

#96 ROBERT DINWIDDIE

Defensive Tackle
6-5, 278, Sophomore - 1L
Hendersonville HS, Hendersonville, Tn.
2001 Starts: 0

His continued progression would be a huge lift for the Commodore defense. Dinwiddie, who has gained weight and improved strength during offseason, needs to prove to new staff that he can be a starter or valuable contributor at open defensive end position.

2001 Played in every game, but only sparingly on defensive line behind pair of seniors... Also contributed on special teams... Credited with just two tackles, but showed hustle and emotion when called to play.

2000 Redshirted.

#45 DUSTIN DUNNING

Tight End
6-3, 228, Sophomore - RS
Hoover HS, Hoover, Ala.
2001 Starts: RS

Owens arguably the best set of hands in the tight end corps, Dunning looks to join the mix for playing time this spring in a crowded field of tight ends. Still needs to add bulk to body, but has bright future.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 First team all state for 14-1 state champion squad... Had 48 catches for 755 yards and six TDs from TE position... Nominated to play in Ala.-Miss. All-Star Game and Alabama North-South All-Star Game.

#30 IAN GAINES

Running Back
5-11, 198, Junior - 2L
Denton HS, Denton, Texas
2001 Starts: 0

Involved in one of spring's most interesting storylines - who will step forward at the vacant tailback slot? Gaines, a DB last year after beginning VU career as HB hopeful, will get crack at the job.

2001 Did not start, but played in all 11 games, utilized on special teams and nickel pass coverage packages on defense. Credited with seven tackles.

2000 Played 10 of 11 games as a key performer on special teams.

#24 M.J. GARRETT

Wide Receiver
6-3, 202, Senior - 3L
Donelson Christian, Old Hickory, Tn.
2001 Starts: 5

Could be big season from Garrett, who started '01 played only to be slowed by shoulder injury.

2001 Played all 11 games, starting five... Had career game in opener vs. MTSU (eight catches, 219 yards, TD), but suffered shoulder separation late in game that affected much of season... Had VU's longest catch of year (73 yards) vs. MTSU... Caught TDs vs. Duke, UGa. and Miss. Finished year with 16.9 yards per catch (27 catches for 455 yards).

2000 Started six of 11 games, catching 11 passes for 148 yards... Best effort (four catches, 2 TDs) in season finale vs. Tennessee.

1999 Saw action in every game... Lone catch was a big one - 61-yard TD vs. Northern Illinois.

YEAR	REC.	REC. YARDS	TDs	LONG
2001	27	455	4	73
2000	11	148	2	36
1999	<u>1</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>61</u>
TOTALS	39	664	7	73



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#71 JUSTIN GEISINGER

Offensive Tackle
6-4, 320, Sophomore - 1L
Mt. Lebanon HS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
2001 Starts: 9

Solidified offensive line in '01 with quality tackle play, but must rebound from late-season ankle injury. A healthy Geisinger will go a long way to a productive '02 offensive line.

2001 Entered season as question mark; left prematurely as one of team's most dependable performers... Started just nine games at left tackle... Held his own against some of SEC's top ends... Season ended vs. Kentucky with fractured ankle.

2000 Redshirted.

#81 NICK GETTER

Tight End
6-4, 255, Junior - 2L
Round Rock HS, Round Rock, Texas
2001 Starts: 0

Looking to rebound from disappointing '01, due to early-season leg injury. When healthy, can catch while providing excellent blocking ability. Could compete for TE job with outstanding spring.

2001 Handicapped the entire season with leg problems, missing first two games to muscle pull... Played in final nine games without a start... Used in two-TE situations and on kickoff return teams... Did not make a catch.

2000 Played eight games, making four catches for 29 yards, including a career long of 17 yards against Duke.

1999 Redshirted.

#14 JUSTIN GIBONEY

Free Safety
6-0, 203, Senior - 3L
Cherry Creek HS, Englewood, Colo.
2001 Starts: 8

This spring, Giboney needs to showcase talent and prove he is 100% healthy. Should be a key to rediscovering VU's effective defense.

2001 Was the secondary leader in tackles (59) and interceptions when lost for season vs. Florida.

Started first eight games, averaging nearly eight tackles per contest... Also two INTs vs. Duke.

2000 Started last six games at FS, making 52 tackles, including 13-yard sack vs. Wake Forest... Achieved career-high 16 tackles at Kentucky.

1999 Played in four games before season-ending ankle injury.

YEAR	TACKLES	SACKS	INTS	FF/FR
2001	59	0-0	2	0/0
2000	52	1-13	0	0/1
1999	2	0-0	0	0/0

#51 LUKE HAMMOND

Linebacker
6-3, 232, Freshman - RS
Wetumpka HS, Wetumpka, Ala.
2001 Starts: RS

Hammond's push toward playing time at linebacker would be one of the spring's biggest stories on campus. Hammond, seriously injured two years ago in a campus mishap, has worked to add bulk and has natural ability/enthusiasm to help Commodores. His development on the field this spring would be a big lift for squad.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Medical Redshirt.

#21 RONALD HATCHER

Tailback
5-10, 180, Junior - 2L
Shades Valley HS, Birmingham, Ala.
2001 Starts: 1

A dangerous open-field runner, Hatcher will get a look at tailback in the expected change to a two-back set. A dependable returner, Hatcher began VU career in backfield before moving to WR last year.

2001 Was the 'Dores top kickoff and punt returner, and was among top six receivers with 10 catches for 117 yards. Played in every game, with lone start coming against Auburn... 54-yard catch vs. Richmond was VU's third longest offensive play of the year... Caught three passes against Richmond... Had two catches for 27 yards vs. Alabama.

2000 Was the SEC's sixth leading punt returner, averaging 9.4 yards on 23 returns.

#52 JOVAN HAYE

Linebacker
6-3, 252, Freshman - RS
Dillard HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
2001 Starts: RS

Must rebound from prior shoulder problems, but Haye has the physical assets for big-time defensive success. Haye would add quickness and big body missing from VU four-linebacker set of 2001. A superb spring for Haye offers several possibilities for defensive coaches.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Named second team all-state at DT as senior for 13-2 state runnerup only one year after starting organized football. Was a two-way starter (DT and RG) and played in Dade-Broward All-Star Game.

#47 HUNTER HILLENMEYER

Linebacker
6-4, 242, Senior - 3L
Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, Tn.
2001 Starts: 11

Improved with every start last year, and more of the same can be expected. Despite different role in new 4-3 set, Hillenmeyer has experience and game instincts to become an All-SEC caliber performer.

2001 Started every game at outside linebacker, improving with each start... Finished second on team in tackles (72), led VU in fumbles recovered (3) and shared lead in sacks (2.5)... Had career-high 12 stops vs. USC... Had nine tackles at Tennessee.

2000 Credited with six tackles and a fumble recovery in limited duty at outside linebacker... Also contributed on special teams.

1999 Recorded three tackles and caused a fumble while playing in all 11 games.

YEAR	TACKLES	TACKLE/LOSS	SACKS	FF/FR
2001	72	4-25	2.5-22	0/3
2000	6	1-1	0-0	0/1
1999	3	0-0	0-0	1/0
TOTALS	81	5-26	2.5-22	1/4

#77 TREY HOLLOWAY

Defensive Tackle
6-3, 288, Freshman - RS
Heritage Hall HS, Edmond, Okla.
2001 Starts: RS

One Commodore who could become a potential DT starter with an excellent spring showing. Smart with excellent technique, Holloway caused 'Dore offense havoc in practice last year as redshirt.

Needs to continue increasing upper body strength.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Named all-state and all-district "Lineman of the Year" for 11-2 state quarterfinalists. Started both ways, recorded 75 tackles, seven sacks as prep senior.

#35 JERRIN HOLT

Wide Receiver
6-3, 212, Freshman - RS
Grand Prairie HS, Grand Prairie, Texas
2001 Starts: RS

One of the Commodores' most physical wide receivers, Holt has excellent hands and good speed. With two starting seniors returning, Holt will need a strong spring to catch the coaches' attention and move up WR depth charts.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Caught 43 passes for 720 yards and eight TDs as senior... Named all-region and all-district, invited to play in Texas Outback Bowl All-Star Game.



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#19 MARKESSUS HOUSE

Wide Receiver
6-4, 210, Junior - 1L
Wenonah HS, Birmingham, Ala.
2001 Starts: 0

Still finding his way at receiver, House is one of several WR hopefuls looking for a strong spring in order to move up receiving depth charts.

2001 Gained experience by playing in final two games against Tennessee and Mississippi... Did not make a catch.

2000 Was limited in playing time in one game as redshirt freshman.

1999 Redshirted.

#75 ABTIN IRANMANESH

Kicker
5-11, 205, Junior - SQ
Bob Jones HS, Madison, Ala.
2001 Starts: 0

Iranmanesh has been with the VU program two years, but still not gained game experience. Possesses strong foot, but must prove effectiveness kicking field goals. With no lettermen returning, he has opportunity to win a position.

2001 Did Not Play

2000 Did Not Play

#11 RUSHEN JONES

Defensive Back
6-1, 198, Senior - 3L
Whitehaven HS, Memphis, Tenn.
2001 Starts: 4

All-SEC caliber performer who created void when injured midway through '01 season with broken wrist. Jones is expected back 100% and needs to provide leadership in secondary that must improve if the Commodores are to improve.

2001 Started first four games before suffering wrist injury in practice... Came back to play in season finale vs. Mississippi... Deflected three passes, fourth best on team.

2000 Recorded at least five tackles in six games... Started every game for Commodores... Tied for team high with seven deflected passes.

1999 Coaches' All-SEC Frosh pick, starting every game at CB... Earned Third Team All-American honors by *The Sporting News*... Tied for team lead with two INTs.

YEAR	TACKLES	INTs	PD	FF/FR
2001	22	0-0	3	0/0
2000	44	1-0	7	1/0
1999	44	2-70	5	1/0
TOTALS	110	3-70	15	2/0

#62 RYAN KING

Offensive Tackle
6-7, 292, Freshman - RS
Fairfield HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Starts: RS

Excellent size who enters first spring practice with opportunity to earn playing time at open tackle slot, King needs to display blocking skills while adapting to new offense.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Nominated to play in Ohio East-West All-Star Game after helping team to 8-4 record and second round of state playoffs. Started at OT and created holes for 1,000-yard rusher Earl Haynes.

#25 BEN KOGER

Safety
6-1, 188, Freshman - DNP
Brentwood HS, Brentwood, Tenn.
2001 Starts: DNP

Koger was recruited by former coaching staff, but will get an opportunity at safety positions where Commodores have potential needs. Good speed and agility who comes with reputation as hard-hitter.

2001 Did not play.

2000 All-State performer and regional most valuable defensive back... Two-way starter who managed 120 tackles/three interceptions as senior from safety position... Outstanding decathlete as prep.

#76 BRIAN KOVOLISKY

Off. Guard/Tackle
6-7, 270, Sophomore - 1L
Johnson HS, Clark, N.J.
2001 Starts: 4

Kovolisky gained valuable experience starting four games at right guard after Duncan Cave was injured last year. He needs to solidify his status this spring, then work to add strength during the summer months. Still learning position.

2001 Seldom used at start of season... Serious game experience began vs. South Carolina... Started next four games before giving way to Jordan Pettit in season finale. Gained valuable experience.

2000 Redshirted.

#54 CHUCK LOSEY

Defensive End
6-4, 250, Senior - 3L
Soddy-Daisy HS, Hixson, Tenn.
2001 Starts: 11

One of strongest Commodores, Losey is situated to have a great '02 campaign. The new 4-3 scheme should free Losey to become more of a pass rushing force while continuing his reputation for hard hits.

2001 Started every game for the Commodores, coming off an ankle injury that forced him to the sidelines in 2000... Tied for team high in tackles for loss (7.5) and sacks (2.5)... Was one of the SEC's leaders with four forced fumbles... Had season-high eight tackles, a sack and a forced fumble vs. Ala.

2000 Redshirted, due to ankle injury.

1999 Started four games, playing in eight games... Credited with 14 tackles.

1998 Recorded 23 tackles and an INT while playing in every game.

Year	Tackles	Tackle/loss	Sacks	FF/FR
2001	37	7.5-36	2.5-24	4/2
1999	14	0-0	0-0	1/0
1998	23	0-0	0-0	1/0
TOTALS	74	7.5-36	2.5-24	6/2

#32 NICK LYLE

Safety/Def. Back
6-2, 208, Sophomore - 1L
St. Xavier HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Starts: 0

Has talent to contribute in secondary. Lyle needs to demonstrate hitting and coverage ability to compete for open safety spot.

2001 Played in 10 games in limited role in secondary and special teams... Credited with six tackles.

2000 Redshirted.

#7 MIKE MARTIN

Safety/Def. Back
5-10, 196, Senior - 3L
Jesuit HS, Tampa, Fla.
2001 Starts: 0

Needs big spring to end his career in Commodore starting secondary. Smart player who possesses good size and experience.

2001 Played in every game for third consecutive year... Utilized on special teams and select pass coverages... Recorded 11 tackles and recovered fumble.

2000 Credited with four tackles in special teams duties... Played in every game.

1999 Recorded 11 tackles (second most among freshmen) as reserve defender and special teams member... Caused a pair of fumbles.



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#72 JIM MAY

Offensive Guard
6-4, 300, Senior - 3L
Parkview HS, Lilburn, Ga.
2001 Starts: 11

All-SEC caliber offensive guard who has experience and superb knowledge of blocking techniques. May could miss full contact this spring due to off-season surgery, but is expected at 100% this summer. A three-year starter, May is a fixture on VU line, and tenacious on the line of scrimmage.

2001 Started every game at left guard... Only allowed one QB sack on season... Played final six games with injured shoulder.

2000 Started every game at left guard... shared duties with Duncan Cave. Allowed opposing linemen just a single QB sack.

1999 Earned starting job early in season, starting final seven games at left guard.

1998 Redshirted.

#9 NORVAL MCKENZIE

Running Back
5-11, 202, Sophomore - 1L
McEachern HS, Powder Springs, Ga.
2001 Starts: 0

Should get serious consideration for starting tailback position. Is only returning back with game experience. McKenzie has the build of a potent back and displayed elusive moves during the 2001 season, but must demonstrate improved blocking techniques and catching skills this spring.

2001 Played in nine games, utilized as reserve in one-back set and on special teams... Rushed 13 times for 80 yards, averging 6.2 per carry, behind seniors Lew Thomas and Rodney Williams... Long rush of 16 yards against Kentucky... Effective on punt coverage squads during second half of season, making six tackles.

2000 Redshirted.

#73 RALPH MCKENZIE

Defensive Tackle
6-4, 314, Freshman - RS
Brother Rice HS, Southfield, Mich.
2001 Starts: RS

McKenzie stands to benefit as much as any Commodore this spring. An imposing figure, he is competing for a potential starting DT spot in the new 4-3 system. Needs to improve quickness and toughness to contend for serious playing time.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Had 54 tackles for 13-1 Michigan Division II state champion... Honorable mention All-Catholic League performer.

#5 AARON McWHORTER

Defensive Back
6-1, 192, Senior - 3L
O. D. Wyatt HS, Fort Worth, Texas
2001 Starts: 10

Figures to be a starter at one of the corners, but must improve cover skills if he is to secure the position for preseason. Started in secondary last year that failed to perform up to expectations. Has talent to be a very effective defensive back.

2001 Played in every game, starting all but Duke contest... Was the 'Dores top tackling DB (43 stops) while forcing and recovering a fumble... Team-high 48-yard interception return vs. Duke to set up TD... Had career-high 10 tackles against South Carolina... Averaged less than three tackles over last five games.

2000 Gained valuable experience by starting first two games... Had 14 tackles on season, including five vs. Miami (Oh.)

1999 Recorded four tackles while playing reserve role in every game.

1998 Redshirted.

YEAR	TACKLES	INTs	PD	FF/FR
2001	43	1-48	0	1/1
2000	14	0-0	2	0/0
1999	4	0-0	0	0/0
TOTALS	61	1-48	15	1/1

#59 PAUL MEADOWS

Linebacker/Snapper
6-2, 232, Freshman - RS
Hoover HS, Hoover, Ala.
2001 Starts: RS

Should get look at inside linebacker in addition to long snapping duties formerly handled by his brother, David Meadows.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Honorable mention all-state linebacker for 14-1 state champion, credited with 117 tackles as a senior.

#29 CHRIS MITACEK

Fullback
5-11, 212, Senior - 3L
Cudahy HS, Cudahy, Wis.
2001 Starts: 0

Mitacek will miss the spring practices due to a continuing knee injury. A leader on and off the field, his status for the 2002 season is uncertain.

2001 Standout special teams player who went in the two games, but could not continue due to an ailing knee... Spent the season rehabbing the injury.

2000 Started once while playing in every game... Had one carry (two yards) and two catches (23 yards) from fullback position... Started against Kentucky.

1999 Saw action in all 11 games... Rushed for 31 yards on nine carries and TD... Played special teams.

#42 MARTY MORGAN

Linebacker
6-3, 216, Freshman - RS
Canton Academy, Canton, Miss.
2001 Starts: RS

Should be interesting spring for Morgan. Will need to make statement, showing coaching staff his abilities at linebacker. Solid abilities and excellent football knowledge, Morgan could be a surprise by conclusion of practices.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Gained experience as first-year starter... Won starting role position with excellent spring and preseason effort... Added 25 pounds to frame.

#26 DOMINIQUE MORRIS

Defensive Back
6-0, 184, Freshman - RS
Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, Tn.
2001 Starts: RS

Talented athlete who appeared within reach of substantial playing time a year ago until knee injury sidelined him for season. Excellent closing speed enhances natural coverage ability. Despite presence of senior starters, Morris at 100% could leap over competition with superb spring showing.

2001 Redshirted after playing two games early in season... Sidelined by knee surgery... Credited with one tackle in limited defensive and special teams duty.

2000 Redshirted.

#94 DAN MURPHY

Tight End
6-3, 234, Junior - 1L
St. Ignatius HS, Shaker Heights, Oh.
2001 Starts: 0

Does not make lots of noise, but Murphy could surprise this spring. Murphy has solid football knowledge and has the body and psyche of an inside linebacker.

2001 Saw limited duty with special teams and defense. Did not have a tackle.

2000 Redshirted.



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#56 RYAN NUNGESSER

Defensive End
6-4, 256, Senior - 3L
Polytechnic HS, San Marino, Calif.
2001 Starts: 0

Nungesser is hoping to make up for a disappointing finish to the '01 year when an ailing knee continued to affect his playing time. If he plays well this spring, this senior could enter the preseason as a possible starter at DE.

Needs to add size.

2001 Played in first six games, then had knee problems which kept him out of action...

Credited with eight tackles from DE position.

2000 Primarily used as a special teams player in every game.

1999 Played in every game, had six tackles vs. The Citadel.

1998 Redshirted.

#48 KELECHI OHANAJA

Defensive Back
6-1, 190, Freshman - DNP
James Martin HS, Arlington, Texas
2001 Starts: DNP

A relative unknown entering the spring, Ohanaja entered Vanderbilt in January, though he was recruited by former staff. A natural athlete, he will get an shot this spring in the secondary.

2001 DNP

#38 MOSES OSEMWEGIE

Linebacker
6-0, 214, Freshman - RS
Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, Tn.
2001 Starts : RS

Could be one of spring's top surprises. Talented and quick with a nose for the ball, Osemwegie possesses natural abilities suited to linebacker. If he adapts to new defense, could be a contender at outside linebacker or opening.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Division II Mr. Football for 12-0 three-time state champions... Started both ways (LB and FB) and was named All-State and All-Midstate as senior and junior.

#20 LORENZO PARKER

Defensive Back
5-11, 186, Sophomore - 1L
Walled Lake West HS, Farmington Hills, Mi.
2001 Starts: 7

Made most of opportunities last year, but will enter spring trying to regain a starting job with the Rushen Jones' return from wrist injury. Still learning position, but has tools to be successful in Commodore secondary.

2001 Started seven games in relief of Jones, with 35 tackles, an INT, forced fumble and fumble recovery... Named First Team All-SEC Freshman by the Coaches... In first game as starter, had seven tackles vs. Georgia...

Interception came against Duke.

2000 Redshirted.

YEAR	TACKLES	INTs	PD	FF/FR
2001	<u>35</u>	<u>1-0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1/1</u>
TOTALS	35	1-0	1	1/1

#74 JORDAN PETTIT

Offensive Tackle/Guard
6-4, 282, Junior - 2L
Olive Branch, Miss.
Olive Branch HS
2001 Starts: 1

Has improved body strength during off-season and appears ready to contend at starting offensive line. Pettit has the versatility and football smarts to play either guard or tackle.

2001 Played in five games after injuries to offensive starters... Earned first career start in season finale versus native Mississippi.

2000 Only saw action in Duke.

1999 Redshirted.

#67 GREG ROBSON

Off. Guard/Center
6-4, 288, Sophomore - 1L
Schaumburg HS, Schaumburg, Ill.
2001 Starts: 0

Robson's development this spring would go long way to answering depth concerns on the offensive line. Has outstanding body, needs to improve blocking assignments to contend for playing time.

2001 Saw limited action in three games toward end of season... Did not start.

2000 Redshirted.

#48 JUAN ROJAS

Fullback
6-0, 218, Senior - SQ
Green Gates HS, Economistas, Mex.
2001 Starts: 0

With the coaching staff studying a two-back set, Rojas has hopes of contributing at his natural position, fullback, during his last season at Vanderbilt.

2001 Sidelined by elbow dislocation for first two months of season, and was slow returning to form in final weeks.

2000 Did not play.

1999 Did not play.

#1 ERIC SALING

Safety
6-3, 200, Sophomore - SQ
St. Xavier HS, Louisville, Ky.
2001 Starts: 0

Sophomore walk-on who is trying to work way into playing time, either in defensive secondary or on special teams. Should quickly adapt to new defensive scheme.

2001 Did not play.

#63 NIGEL SEAMAN

Offensive Tackle
6-5, 326, Freshman -RS
Dillard HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
2001 Starts: RS

Big frame with plenty of potential, Seaman has opportunity to earn playing time at right tackle with effective spring results. Needs to continue building upper body strength and add quickness off the ball. This spring, Seaman's lack of game experience shouldn't stop him for competing for tackle position.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Played OT for 13-2 state runnerup...

Named third team all-state and all-county...

Played in Dade-Broward All-Star Game... High School teammate of VU redshirt freshman LB Jovan Haye.



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#13 JONATHAN SHaub

Strong Safety
6-1, 208, Junior - 2L
David Lipscomb HS, Brentwood, Tenn.
2001 Starts: DNP-INJ

The biggest question this spring for Shaub is whether his shoulders will handle the strain of his hitting talent. He appears 100% recovered from shoulder ailment. He is a field leader, extremely knowledgeable, who should quicken the learning curve of new system. Regarded as one of team's hardest hitters.

2001 Did not play due to shoulder injury.
2000 Had 35 tackles and first career INT in five starts... Played every game.
1999 Played in all 11 games, getting 17 tackles in nickel package defensive assignment.

#84 TOM SIMONE

Tight End
6-3, 285, Junior - 2L
Vestavia Hills HS, Birmingham, Ala.
2001 Starts: 10

Leading tight end receiver blends size with good blocking abilities. An extremely smart player, Simone needs to improve foot speed and catching ability to move forward after a falloff last fall.

2001 Started 10 of 11 games, catching nine passes for 86 yards. Biggest reception was 19-yard TD vs. South Carolina.
2000 Started eight games, making 12 catches for 127 yards and TD.
1999 Played in every game, starting four times. He had TD catch vs. N. Illinois.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

YEAR	REC.	REC. YARDS	TDs	LONG
2001	9	86	1	21
2000	12	127	1	25
1999	1	3	1	3
TOTALS	21	216	3	25

#80 BRANDON SMITH

Wide Receiver
6-1, 180, Sophomore - 1L
St. Augustine HS, New Orleans, LA
2001 Starts: 2

Needs to continue the favorable impression made as a true freshman receiver. Has superb speed and hands, and working to add needed strength during offseason. Could compete for starting role.

2001 Had two starts, playing in 10 games... Averaged 19.6 yards on nine catches... Had three receptions for 78 yards against Alabama.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

YEAR	REC.	REC. YARDS	TDs	LONG
2001	9	176	0	43
TOTALS	9	176	0	43

#85 DAN STRICKER

Wide Receiver
6-3, 200, Senior - 3L
Elder HS, Cincinnati, Ohio
2001 Starts: 11

One of the nation's top performers who is within reach of several SEC all-time receiving marks, including catches and yards receiving. Leader on the field, Stricker is one of the team's hardest workers, always trying to improve. Very coachable athlete.

2001 Team captain... All-SEC selection... Caught more than 10 passes on two occasions, reaching 100 yards receiving in three games... Career highs of 12 catches and 204 yards against Kentucky.

2000 Burst onto scene with the best year by a Commodore receiver in more than a decade... Had five 100+ yardage games... Second Team All-SEC by the Coaches, AP & Sporting News.

1999 Had 12 receptions for 187 yards.

1998 Redshirted.

YEAR	REC.	REC. YARDS	TDs	LONG
2001	65	1,079	8	50
2000	61	994	5	58
1999	12	187	2	41
TOTALS	138	2,260	15	58

#31 RONNIE SWOOPEs

Defensive back
6-2, 200, Freshman - RS
Clarke Central HS, Athens, Ga.
2001 Starts - RS

Coming off knee injury from a year ago. The injury came early in the year, just as Swoopes was making an impression on coaches.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Two-way starter and three-year letterman in high school... Recorded 50 tackles, two INTs and three fumbles during senior year.

#58 JASON TANT

Center/Guard
6-3, 280, Junior - 2L
Harpeth HS, Pegram, Tenn.
2001 Starts - 0

Enters spring practice behind a pair of veteran starters on the offensive line, center Jamie Byrum and guard Jim May. Hard worker who has added muscle to improve body. Needs to continue to advance to threaten for more playing time at two of Vanderbilt's most experienced positions.

2001 Played in just three games in relief of Byrum.
2000 Used as special teams player, seeing action in seven games.

1999 Redshirted.

#33 MATTHEW TANT

Tailback-Fullback
5-11, 216, Freshman - RS
Harpeth HS, Pegram, Tenn.
2001 Starts: RS

Golden opportunity this spring to display running and blocking ability to new coaching staff in backfield positions where Vanderbilt lacks game experience. Competition is wide open for tailback and fullback positions. Brings excellent power and good speed with a willingness to work hard.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Gained 1,374 yards (7.8 average) and scored 22 TDs as 2A "Back of the Year" designee in Tennessee. Played in the National High School All-Star Game at Cotton Bowl.

#50 LIBNIR TELUSCA

Defensive End
6-3, 234, Junior - 2L
Pace HS, North Miami Beach, Fla.
2001 Starts: 0

Looking for a new start this spring with a new coaching staff. Natural athlete who has yet to break through for substantial playing time. Has skills to be a major contributor, but needs to set a tone early in workouts. Competition will be fierce for depth chart spots at outside linebacker.

2001 Participated in all 11 games, but failed to start... Was active on several special teams... As a defender, recovered fumble late against Florida.

2000 Played on special teams in every game.

1999 Redshirted.

#28 CHERON THOMPSON

Defensive Back
5-11, 185, Freshman - RS
Douglass HS, Atlanta, Ga.
2001 Starts: RS

Gifted athlete who must have strong spring to compete for playing time in secondary with senior starters back. Has the physical tools to become a quality cover corner for the Commodores.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Two-way starter and all-region performance for 8-3 team that went to Georgia state playoffs.



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#3 BENJI WALKER

Quarterback
6-4, 208, Junior - 2L
Brentwood Academy, Brentwood, Tn.
2001 Starts: 0

Involved in one of team's top stories this spring, Walker can earn QB role with an effective camp. Must earn the confidence of coaches while learning new system which should play into his dual-threat abilities. Learned behind VU all-time passer Greg Zolman the last two seasons.

2001 Saw action in four games, usually in fourth quarter situations... Gave Vanderbilt its only offense against Florida, rushing for 33 yards and two touchdowns in late action... Completed two of six passes for 48 yards.

2000 As reserve, saw action only once, playing against Kentucky... Did not complete a pass, but had one carry for 14 yards.

1999 Redshirted.

YEAR	PASS ATTS.	COMP.	YARDS	INTs	TDs
2001	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	6	2	48	1	0

#22 BRANDON WALTHOUR

Linebacker
6-3, 218, Sophomore - IL
Dr. Phillips HS, Orlando, Fla.
2001 Starts: DNP

Has talent to provide instant help as linebacker. Possesses combination of speed and strength missing from four-LB set last year. Should benefit by shift to 4-3 scheme. Defensive staff will be looking at effort, desire to win starting time. Should be an interesting player to watch this spring.

2001 DNP

2000 DNP

1999 Played in two games, making a pair of tackles against Alabama.

#43 MATT WEISS

Punter
6-3, 198, Sophomore - SQ
Hopkins School, Cheshire, Conn.
2001 Starts: 0

Walk-on punter in situation where great spring could result in a wide-open competition for starting role this summer to replace four-year VU starter Joe Webb. Still needs to improve leg strength.

2001 Did not play.

#88 KEITH WILLIAMS

Wide Receiver
6-1, 180, Freshman - RS
North Clayton HS, Riverdale, Ga.
2001 Starts: RS

One of several redshirt freshmen receivers who could shoot up the depth charts with a good spring showing. Though both WR starters are back, coaching staff will give Williams chance to prove himself. With combination of speed and soft hands, Williams could be breakaway threat for Commodores.

2001 Redshirted.

2000 Caught 49 passes and 14 TDs as all-region performer... Favorite target for QB D.J. Shockley, now at Univ. of Georgia.

#90 DOUG WOLFORD

Linebacker
6-3, 236, Junior - 2L
Lexington Catholic, Lexington, Ky.
2001 Starts: 0

Versatile reserve who has played in every game of two-year VU career as part-time linebacker and valuable special teamer. Needs to fill niche in expected 4-3 scheme.

2001 Played in every game on kickoff squads...

As linebacker, credited with eight total tackles, including one for loss.

2000 Work exclusively on special teams while getting action in every game.

1999 Redshirted.

#16 CHRIS YOUNG

Wide Receiver
6-2, 178, Junior - 2L
South Panola HS, Batesville, Miss.
2001 Starts: 3

Talented athlete looking to make impact many have expected. Excellent skills, but must work on concentration catching football and precision routes. Needs good spring to bolster '02 success.

2001 Earned three starts, yet caught just five passes, eight shy of 2000 total... Caught career-long pass of 49 yards vs. Georgia... On two reverses, gained 23 yards.

2000 Started once as true freshman, and caught at least one pass in nine games. Career high of three catches against Duke and Kentucky.

HIGH SCHOOL One of VU's most heralded recruits, was all-American selection as quarterback, leading South Panola (Miss.) to 24-4 record in final two varsity seasons.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

YEAR	REC.REC.	YARDS	TDs	LONG
2001	5	71	0	49
2000	<u>14</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>48</u>
TOTAL	19	190	0	49



2002 VANDERBILT SIGNEES

BRAD ANDERSON

Height - 6'0" Weight - 230
Fullback/Linebacker Prospect
Urbana HS, Ijamsville, Md.

Football - Three-year player and two-year starter at Urbana, Maryland power that has 50-game win streak and four consecutive state championships... In 2001, as team captain, led Hawks with school-record 183 total tackles, including 22 tackles versus Seneca in playoffs, from middle linebacker position... Had 17 tackles in state final win... On offense, rushed for 473 yards at fullback... Also topped Hawks in 2000 with 156 total tackles... Two-time *Associated Press* All-State at LB... Also twice named all-region and all-district... *Washington Post* All-Metro LB... Maryland Big 33 All Star nominee and Baltimore Touchdown Club All-Star selection... 4.6 speed; benches 365, squats 500.

CHRIS BOOKER

Height - 6'4" Weight - 225
Defensive End/Linebacker Prospect
Northwest Rankin HS, Brandon, Miss.

Football - Two-year captain, three-year letterman... Started at inside linebacker junior and senior seasons... MVP Defensive Player for school in 2001... Team defensive MVP in 2001... Played five games of 2001 season with a cast due to fractured leg... As senior, still managed to achieve school-record 113 total tackles, three sacks and an interception for 4-7 Cougars. Two-year member of all-region and all-district teams... Named to *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* All-Jackson Metro Team and "Mississippi's Top 40 Recruits"... Listed as *Superprep Magazine's* #21 Prospect in MS... MVP at Southern Miss Summer Football Camp.

STEVEN BRENT

Height - 6'3" Weight - 278
Offensive Line Prospect
Georgetown HS, Georgetown, Texas

Football - Hard worker who blossomed during junior and senior seasons at high school just north of Austin... Two-year starter on offensive line... Due to split tackle position in Wing T formation, rarely had blocking help... Named all-region and all-district in 2001. Eagles finished 6-4, narrowly missing 5A playoffs... Pushed playing weight to 275 pounds (from 240) between junior and senior years... 4.9 speed, benches 360, squats over 500.

GRANT BRIGHAM

Height - 6'0" Weight - 170
Wide Receiver Prospect
Mountain Brook HS, Mountain Brook, Ala.

Football - 2001 Team Captain and Co-Most Valuable Player... Mixes soft hands and quick moves with blazing (4.47) speed... As a senior, had school records of 55 receptions, 838 yards, good for 10 TDs, helping Birmingham suburban

school to 10-2 record and 6A state playoffs... Also ran for 11 TDs and 223 yards on just 26 carries... Returned 12 kicks for 320 yards, including one for an 82-yard TD... Completed both passes attempted for touchdowns... Career stats are just as impressive: 81 catches for 1,119 yards, 55 carries for 465 yards and 33 total touchdowns... Team went 31-6 in two three-year varsity seasons... Named First Team Super All-State by Alabama sports writers and *Birmingham News*, Super All-Metro Birmingham, *SuperPrep* All-American, *PrepStar* All-Southeast Team, *Birmingham Post-Herald* "10 Most Wanted List" and ranked as #34 WR in America.

STEVEN BRIGHT

Height - 6'3" Weight - 208
Quarterback Prospect
Riverside HS, Greer, S.C.

Football - Four-year varsity starter at quarterback... Two-time Offensive MVP for Warriors... Dual threat quarterback... 2001 season ended prematurely, with leg injury in ninth game... As senior, rushed for 939 yards and eight TDs on 169 carries, passed for 1,550 yards and 11 TDs, going 121 of 211 (57%)... Amassed 8,386 career yards of total offense - 3,006 rushing and 5,380 passing - accounting for 76 career TDs... Named *Athlon Magazine* Preseason All-American, *Tom Lemming's* Top 25 Quarterbacks in U.S., *South Carolina Prep Football* Elite Eleven, *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region, *SuperPrep* All-South Carolina, Greenville County Player of Year, Conference Player of Year, and *South Carolina High School Sports Report* AAA All-State Player of Year.

RAY BROWN

Height - 6'2" Weight - 270
Defensive Line Prospect
Jackson Memorial HS, Jackson, N.J.

Football - Team captain ... Two-year starter at DL and OG... Jackson Memorial captured back-to-back Group 4 state championships and 24-0 record during junior and senior campaigns... Top tackler on defense... In 2001, had 103 total tackles, 19 quarterback hurries and six sacks... Earned MVP in state finals after 10.5-tackle/2.5-sack effort... As OG, helped Jaguars to top conference rushing average (6.1 per carry) in 2001... As junior, Brown was credited with 58 tackles... Blends quickness (4.85) with strength... Named *Associated Press* and *Gannett Newspapers* First Team All-State and Second Team All-New Jersey... All-conference and all-region.

RON BULLOCK

Height - 5'11" Weight - 215
Running Back Prospect
Brother Martin HS, New Orleans, La.

Football - Four-year starter... Team captain and offensive MVP... Three-year starter at tailback after starting at fullback as freshman... Accounted for 58 percent of team's total offense... Rushed for 1,303 yards on 212 carries (6.2 per carry) in Louisiana's elite private school district... Scored 19 touchdowns, 18 rushing, during senior year... Caught 11 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown... Rushed for 258 yards and four touchdowns - including the game winner - in season opener against

Lafayette High... Also had 223 yards and two touchdowns against Jesuit... As junior, gained 425 yards and eight touchdowns in three games before season-ending knee injury... Named all-district and all-conference as senior... Two-time Prep Player of the Week by *New Orleans Times-Picayune*... *PrepStar Magazine* All-Southeast selection.

ERIK DAVIS

Height - 6'2" Weight - 180
Wide Receiver/Def. Back Prospect
Ezell-Harding HS, Nashville, Tenn.

Football - Four-year varsity letterman, three-year starter and one of Tennessee's elite prep athletes... 4.4 speed... Two-way starter guided Ezell-Harding to 15-0 season and 1A state title... Scored 18 TD catches and piled up 1,341 yards on 64 catches... Returned six interceptions for TDs... Scored 33 total TDs in senior year... Averaged more than 20 yards per rush and 22 yards per catch as senior... 91-yard TD catch in Clinic Bowl is longest catch in Tennessee state title game history... Named *Associated Press* First Team All-State (all classifications), *Nashville Tennessean* All-MidState, all-region and all-district... Will play in Tennessee-Georgia Prep All-Star Classic this June.

ADAM DOSSETT

Height - 6'4" Weight - 272
Offensive Line Prospect
Parklane Academy, McComb, Miss.

Football - Captain and MVP for south Miss. power... Two-year starter at center... Named First Team 4A All-State as senior... Excelled in postseason Mississippi North-South All-Star Classic... Named *PrepStar Magazine* All-Southeast and *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* "Top 40 Prospects" publication.

KWANE DOSTER

Height - 5'11" Weight - 175
Running Back Prospect
Robinson HS, Tampa, Fla.

Football - Captain and four-year starter at running back and one of leading prep rushers in Tampa metro history... Two-way starter at tailback and cornerback, and punted for Knights... Rushed for more than 1,000 yards in all four years... Blends lightning quickness (4.35) with ability to elude defenders... Doster ended prep career as Hillsborough County's third all-time leading rusher with 4,617 yards... As senior, gained 1,299 yards despite missing several games due to ankle injury... Had 353 yards (third highest single-game total in the nation) and seven TDs on just 17 carries vs. Alonzo High... In following game, had 213 yards rushing when suffered ankle injury on first play of second half... Listed as one of South's top backs by *PrepStar Magazine*... Four-time All-Hillsborough County selection.

RICHARD FREEMAN

Height - 6'5" Weight - 240
Defensive End/Linebacker Prospect
Brentwood HS, Brentwood Tenn.

Football - Captain, two-year starter, three-year varsity letterwinner at defensive end... Also used as FB in short-yardage situations... Team competed in playoffs each of his three varsity seasons... In 2001, had 66 solo tackles,



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11 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery... Had four sacks vs. Father Ryan... *Associated Press* All-State, all-region and all-county selection... Named DL MVP in region.

HERDLEY HARRISON

Height - 6'2" Weight - 205
Linebacker Prospect
Marietta HS, Marietta, Ga.

Football - Team captain... 2001 MVP at Marietta High... Team went 8-3 and state playoffs... Two-way starter at TE and OLB, plus participated in all special teams... In 2001, had 46 tackles, 13 assists, eight tackles for loss, a sack, forced fumble and three blocked field goals... Also had eight catches for 90 yards and a TD... 4.5 40-yard speed, strong ethic in weightroom... Named Marietta Area Super 11, two-time all-district and all-region selection.

FUNTAINE HUNTER

Height - 6'3" Weight - 205
Safety/Defensive Back Prospect
Lowndes HS, Valdosta, Ga.

Football - Two-year starter in secondary for south Georgia power... Team captain as senior... Known as hard-hitter who combines blazing speed (4.3) with excellent strength (280 bench press). Forced six fumbles while leading Vikings with more than 60 tackles as senior free safety... As junior, started the season at tailback before moving to safety position... Vikings went 18-6 in Hunter's last two seasons, earning playoff berths each year... As named all-region and all-conference as senior.

GREG JOHNSON

Height - 6'1" Weight - 190 Punter
Parkview HS, Lilburn, Ga

Football - Standout left-footed punter and placekicker who started three years for two-time Georgia state champions... As senior, averaged 42.2 yards on 32 punts, with a long effort of 58 yards... Tremendous hang time and excellent precision for prep punter... Never had punt returned for touchdown... Last career effort was a booming 57-yarder that was fumbled by Northside Warner-Robins returner, sealing state championship for Panthers.. As placekicker, Johnson had 15 of 24 career field goal attempts, including a 51-yard last year... He was eight of 14 last year... Named All-Gwinnett County... Won top honors at Notre Dame Kicking Camp last summer.

PATRICK JOHNSON

Height - 5'11" Weight - 170 Kicker
Athens HS, Athens, Ala.

Football - The top kicker in school history, Johnson holds numerous Alabama prep records, including career kicking points (243), career extra points (198) and consecutive extra points (99)... Broke state record for consecutive extra points as sophomore and senior... Made seven of 11 field goal attempts as senior, including 51-yarder... As senior, 87% of kickoffs sailed into or through the end zone... Named All-State in 2001, All-Region and All-District 1999, 2000 and 2001... Four-year letterman in football.

KEVIN JOYCE

Height - 6'3" Weight - 205
Linebacker Prospect

Lake Highland Prep, Longwood, Fla.

Football - Four-year varsity letterman... Three-year defensive starter (DE and LB) during stellar career at Orlando area power... Combines speed (4.5) and strength with superb football knowledge... Two-year team captain... Holds most of school's career defensive records ... During junior and senior seasons, accumulated huge stats - 255 total tackles, 65 solo tackles, 18 quarterback sacks, eight forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, five blocked kicks and two interceptions... Team was 35-5 during four-year varsity career, making state playoffs each year... Also played RB and WR... Team MVP Defensive Player... Two-time Florida Sports Writers Association 2A First Team All-State, *Orlando Sentinel* 2001 All-Central Florida Team and Top 50 Recruits List, and *Florida Times Union's* #2 OLB in Florida... Selected *Superprep Magazine* All-Dixie Team... Three-time all-conference and all-district selection.

BLAKE LUKER

Height - 6'5" Weight - 300
Offensive Line Prospect

Collinwood HS, Collinwood, Tenn.

Football - Four-year, two-way letterman for Tennessee 1A power... Utilizes good foot speed (5.1) and excellent blocking techniques... Did not allow quarterback sack during three years as starting tackle... 5.1 speed; benches 315, squats 425... School went 24-2 and into state playoffs in junior and senior seasons... Picked as 1A Mr. Football Lineman as senior... Selected to play in Tennessee-Georgia All-Star Game in June... Two-time all-conference and all-region selection... Named *Nashville Tennessean* Second Team All-State, *Associated Press* First Team 1A All-State... First Division 1 football signee in school history.

TIM MILLER

Height - 6'2" Weight - 180
Defensive Back Prospect

Detroit Country Day, Detroit, Mich.

Football - Regarded by several recruiting experts as one of the nation's top defensive back prospects... Three-year letterman and two-way standout with Metro Detroit power... 4.3 speed and 41-inch vertical jump... As senior, rushed for 963 yards and nine touchdowns on just 142 carries (7.1 yard average) and had TD kickoff returns of 89 and 70 yards... Defensively, had 57 tackles and four deflected passes from secondary... Known to shut down opposition's top WR... Miller missed last six games of 2000 season due to hip injury... Had interception return for touchdown in season opener prior to injury... Team made playoffs in each of his varsity seasons... Named all-state, all-region and all-district in 2001... Recognized on *PrepStar Magazine* Dream Team All-American, nation's sixth best DB prospect, and Super 30 All-Midwest.

ANTOINE MORGAN

Height - 6'5" Weight - 220
Defensive End Prospect

Marlboro County HS, Bennettsville, S.C.

Football - Natural athlete... Four-year letterman who played sparingly as freshman on state champion squad... Two-way starter and leader for 15-0 South Carolina 4A state champions... Combines excellent speed (4.7) with good size and strength (benches 300+)... Played defensive tackle as a senior, accounting for 155 tackles, 16 sacks and three fumble recoveries in championship run... Achieved 26 total tackles and five sacks against Ridgeview... Also caught 10 passes for 106 yards at tight end... Converted four two-point tries... As junior, had 87 tackles and 15 sacks... Team record was 26-3 in junior and senior years... Named *High School Sports Report* First Team All-State, *PrepStar Magazine* All-Atlantic Team, all-region and all-conference.

ANDREW PACE

Height - 6'1" Weight - 190
Defensive Back/Safety Prospect
Mountain Brook High School
Mountain Brook, Alabama

Football - Team captain and three-year letterman for suburban Birmingham power... Two-year starter in secondary... As senior, had 56 tackles and school record-tying nine interceptions, returning three for TDs... In playoff win over Decatur High, Pace blocked two field goals and a punt, and returned an interception 78 yards for score... Returned six kickoffs for 183 yards (30.5 yard average)... Blazing speed (4.4), finished fourth in 110-meter hurdles at state meet as junior... Named *Birmingham News'* First Team Super All-State and Alabama Sports Writers Association First Team All-State... Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Classic nominee.

MAC PYLE

Height - 6'4" Weight - 285
Offensive Line Prospect
Adairsville HS, Adairsville, Ga.

Football - Team captain for 11-2 state quarterfinal team... Four-year offensive starter, three-year defensive starter... Played tight end, then requested move to offensive line as senior... In 2001, had 79 tackles and six sacks on defense... Team won back-to-back region titles, school's first since 1974... Also served as team's deep snapper... 5.0 speed... Three-time all-county nominee, twice named all-area... Named Associated Press First Team 1A All-State lineman as senior... Selected to play in Georgia-Tennessee High School All-Star Classic this June.