

# Vanderbilt Men's Tennis



## 2003 SCHEDULE

(22-3, 9-2 SEC, No. 6 ITA)

Jan. 25	UT-Martin	W, 7-0
Jan. 25	UT-Chattanooga	W, 7-0
Feb. 1	Charleston Southern	W, 7-0
Feb. 8	@ No. 51 Tulsa	W, 6-1
Feb. 9	@ No. 25 Arkansas *	L, 3-4
Feb. 15	No. 75 Furman	W, 7-0
Feb. 16	No. 24 Ohio State	W, 6-1
Feb. 22	No. 39 Indiana	W, 7-0
Feb. 28	No. 22 Georgia *	W, 7-0
March 2	No. 26 Tennessee *	W, 7-0
March 14	@ No. 62 Georgia State	W, 5-1
March 16	@ No. 1 Florida *	L, 3-4
March 19	No. 44 Louisville	W, 7-0
March 21	@ No. 44 Mississippi St. *	W, 5-2
March 23	@ Mississippi *	W, 4-3
March 28	@ No. 20 Louisiana St. *	W, 5-2
March 30	@ Tulane	L, 1-4
April 4	No. 19 Auburn *	W, 4-3
April 6	No. 14 Alabama *	W, 7-0
April 9	@ Middle Tennessee St.	W, 6-1
April 11	No. 12 Kentucky *	W, 6-1
April 13	@ No. 13 South Carolina *	W, 5-1
<i>April 18-21 SEC Championships</i>		
<i>April 18</i>	<i>vs. No. 22 Georgia!</i>	<i>W, 4-0</i>
<i>April 19</i>	<i>vs. No. 6 Mississippi!</i>	<i>W, 4-1</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>vs. No. 2 Florida!</i>	<i>W, 4-0</i>
<i>May 10-11 NCAA Regional - Nashville, Tenn.</i>		
<i>May 10</i>	<i>vs. Tennessee Tech ^</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>
<i>May 11</i>	<i>vs. Pepperdine/Miss. St. ^</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>

\*SEC matches

! Oxford, Miss.

^ Nashville, Tenn.

Times subject to change

(ITA Ranking) - At Time of Match

## This Week's Matches:

May 10-11

NCAA Regional

Nashville, TN • Currey Tennis Center



**NCAA Regional Preview:** The Vanderbilt men's tennis team has had 17 days so far to bask in the glory of winning its first Southeastern Conference Tournament championship. Now the celebrating is over, and the Commodores will begin its quest for the ultimate prize – a NCAA Championship.

The journey will begin at 12 p.m. (CST) Saturday, May 10, against in-state foe Tennessee Tech at the Brownlee O. Currey Jr. Tennis Center. For Vanderbilt, this is the first time it has ever hosted a NCAA Tournament Regional. The Commodores, who are the tournament's seventh seed overall, will be joined by Tennessee Tech, 26th-ranked Pepperdine and 39th-ranked Mississippi State in Nashville. Pepperdine and Mississippi State will kick things off at 9 a.m. (CST) Saturday.

**NCAA History:** This year marks the fourth NCAA Tournament berth in the history of Commodore men's tennis. Last year, Vanderbilt travelled to Lexington, Ky. where they defeated Ohio State in the first round, before falling to the host Wildcats in the second round. The Commodores' first NCAA appearance was in 1999, when they visited Champaign, Ill. for an NCAA regional. The Commodores have made the second round in their three previous appearances.

**Reynolds' Record-Setting Season:** Junior Bobby Reynolds etched his name in the Vanderbilt record book this season, as he now holds the marks for the most career wins (93) and most wins in a single season (40). Reynolds, who was named ITA National Player of the Month twice this year, surpassed the career win total mark of 79, which Andrew Nisker set in 2000. With his win over Ole Miss' Alex Hartman back on March 23, he moved past Chris Groer's mark of 31 wins in a season.

**There's No Place Like Home:** With its win over 12th-ranked Kentucky on April 11, the Commodores completed the 2003 regular season with a perfect 12-0 mark at the Currey Tennis Center. This is the first

## 2002-03 COMMODORE ROSTER

Name	Class	Hometown	Worth Noting
Scott Brown	So.	St. Louis, Mo.	All-SEC Second Team; Posted 9-2 record at No. 5 singles position
Zach Dailey	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Finished dual-match season with incredible 19-3 mark
Chad Harris	Jr.	Aurora, Colo.	All-SEC First Team; Third Vanderbilt player all-time to win 30 matches
Matt Lockin	So.	Lilburn, Ga.	All-SEC Second Team; Currently 13-7 at No. 3 position
Jens-Pilgram Larsen	So.	Oslo, Norway	Saw significant action at No. 3 doubles during dual-match season
Bobby Reynolds	Jr.	Acworth, Ga.	SEC Player of the Year; SEC Tournament's Most Outstanding Player
Lewie Smith	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Third on team with 18 dual-match victories; 16 at No. 6 position
Greg Sossaman	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn.	Saw limited action on an experienced team
Josh Tarkoff	Sr.	Miami, Fla.	VU's only senior; Competed in 13 singles matches for 'Dores

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## COMMODORES IN THE RANKINGS

### TEAM

Jan. 13 -	#29
Jan. 29 -	#27
Feb. 5 -	#25
Feb. 12 -	#28
Feb. 19 -	#26
Feb. 26 -	#24
March 5 -	#23
March 12 -	#21
March 19 -	#14
March 26 -	#8
April 2 -	#10
April 9 -	#8
April 16 -	#8
April 23 -	#6 *
April 28 -	#6

### \* Highest Ranking in Program History

### SINGLES

Sept. 9 -	Reynolds (#9) Harris (#38)
Jan. 13 -	Reynolds (#8) Harris (#14) Lockin (#99)
Feb. 26 -	Reynolds (#5) Harris (#15)
March 2 -	Reynolds (#2) Harris (#13) Lockin (#72)
March 26 -	Reynolds (#2) Harris (#10) Lockin (#55)
April 9 -	Reynolds (#2) Harris (#15) Lockin (#55)
April 23 -	Reynolds (#1) Harris (#9) Lockin (#63)
April 28 -	Reynolds (#1) Harris (#16) Lockin (#66)

### DOUBLES

Sept. 9 -	Reynolds/Smith (#19)
Jan. 13 -	Reynolds/Smith (#27)
Feb. 26 -	Harris/Brown (#9) Reynolds/Smith (#35)
March 2 -	Harris/Brown (#7) Reynolds/Smith (#43)
March 26 -	Reynolds/Smith (#14) Harris/Brown (#23)
April 9 -	Harris/Brown (#13) Reynolds/Smith (#28)
April 23 -	Harris/Brown (#19) Reynolds/Smith (#26)
April 28 -	Harris/Brown (#19) Reynolds/Smith (#31)

time in the history of the Vanderbilt men's program that it has gone undefeated. The Commodores closest home match was a 4-3 victory over Auburn. The Commodores swept nine of their opponents at home this season.

**Last Action:** The Commodores have had more than two weeks to enjoy the glory of winning their first-ever SEC Tournament championship. In their last match, the Commodores blanked No. 2-ranked Florida, 4-0, in the SEC title match in Oxford, Miss. It was arguably the program's biggest win. Following the tournament, Bobby Reynolds was named the Most Outstanding Player.

**National Rankings:** The Commodores are well-represented in the most recent ITA individual rankings (4/28/03). Bobby Reynolds currently is the top-ranked player in the country, the first Vanderbilt men's tennis player to earn this prestigious honor. Junior Chad Harris joins Reynolds in the Top 20, as he currently stands at No. 16. University of Michigan transfer Matt Lockin comes in at No. 66. Both Reynolds and Harris have qualified for the NCAA Singles Championship May 19-24 in Athens, Ga.

In doubles, Harris and Scott Brown currently stand at No. 19, which is based on their 15-3 record. Reynolds and Lewie Smith are ranked 31st, as they have posted a 16-9 record throughout the 2002-03 season. Both doubles teams have qualified for the NCAA Doubles Championship.

**'Dores' Success Pays Off** Head coach Ken Flach's squad cleaned up at the 2003 SEC Awards Banquet on April 16 in Oxford. Flach earned SEC Coach of the Year honors for the first time since taking over the Commodore reigns in 1997.

Bobby Reynolds earned the conference's highest honor, as he was named SEC Player of the Year. The junior finished the SEC regular season with a perfect 11-0 mark at the No. 1 position. Chad Harris joined Reynolds on the All-SEC First Team, as he finished the SEC regular season with a 9-2 dual-match record.

Matt Lockin and Scott Brown were placed on the conference's second team, as the two finished with .500 or better marks in the SEC action.

**New Season Highs:** Six Commodores set or tied a personal season-high in singles wins: Bobby Reynolds (40 wins), Chad Harris (31), Matt Lockin (25), Lewie Smith (24), Zach Dailey (24) and Scott Brown (18).

**Top of the Lineup Leading the Charge:** The one-two combo of Reynolds and Harris have combined to win 71 singles matches during the 2002-03 regular season. Reynolds has posted 23 victories over players ranked at the time of the match, while Harris has defeated 17 ranked opponents.

**Close Calls:** Two of Vanderbilt's three losses this season came by scores of 4-3, which were both SEC matches. In their loss to Arkansas, the Commodores lost four of the six singles matches, while against No. 2 Florida, the difference was the doubles point.

**Double(s) Your Pleasure:** One explanation for the Commodores' success this year has been their play in doubles. In the 24 dual matches Vanderbilt has played doubles, it has won the critical point 21 times. The Commodores opened the season off by winning the doubles point in their first 10 matches.