



2002-03

Vanderbilt Basketball

★ 15 NCAA Tournament Appearances ★ One Final Four ★
★ Three SEC Tournament Championships ★

2002-03 Vanderbilt Schedule/Results
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Nov. 1	Athletes in Action (Exh.)	W, 79-73
Nov. 10	Reebok Lady Stars (Exh.)	W, 87-54
Nov. 23	at Boston University	W, 68-51
Nov. 26	at Syracuse	W, 73-65
Nov. 30	First Tennessee Tournament Vanderbilt vs. Youngstown St.	W, 91-60
Dec. 1	First Tennessee Tournament Vanderbilt vs. Harvard	W, 84-44
Dec. 7	#8 Purdue #6 (Tempe, Ariz.)	L, 66-73
Dec. 10	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	W, 98-51
Dec. 15	Austin Peay	2 pm CT
Dec. 22	at UT Martin	3 pm CT
Dec. 28	at Texas Christian	7 pm CT
Dec. 31	UNC-Charlotte	3 pm CT
Jan. 2	at Louisville	7 pm ET
Jan. 4	Holy Cross	Noon CT
Jan. 6	at Duquesne	7:05 pm ET
Jan. 12	at Mississippi State*	2 pm CT
Jan. 16	South Carolina*	7 pm CT
Jan. 19	Kentucky*	2 pm CT
Jan. 23	Arkansas*	7 pm CT
Jan. 26	at LSU*	2 pm CT
Jan. 30	at Auburn* (Comcast TV)	7 pm CT
Feb. 2	Tennessee* (ESPN TV)	6 pm CT
Feb. 6	Alabama*	7 pm CT
Feb. 9	at Kentucky*	2 pm ET
Feb. 13	at Mississippi*	7 pm CT
Feb. 16	Georgia* (Comcast TV)	4 pm CT
Feb. 23	at Florida* (SEC-TV)	3 pm ET
Feb. 27	at Tennessee* (FOX TV)	7 pm ET
Feb. 2	LSU* (SEC-TV)	2 pm CT

SEC Tournament • March 6-9 (Thursday-Sunday)
Little Rock, Ark. (Alltel Arena)
NCAA Tournament Selection Show • March 16
NCAA Tournament 1st/2nd Rounds • March 22 & 24
NCAA Tournament Regional • March 29 & 31
EAST: Dayton, Ohio
MIDEAST: Knoxville, Tenn.
MIDWEST: Albuquerque, New Mexico
WEST: Stanford, Calif. (Maples Pavilion)
NCAA Final Four • April 6 & 8
Atlanta, Ga. - The Georgia Dome (28,210)

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Austin Peay Lady Gavs (4-1)

VS.

#9/#9 Vanderbilt Commodores (5-1)

Sunday, Dec. 15 • 2 pm • Memorial Gym (14,100) • Nashville, Tenn.

Austin Peay Lady Gavs (4-1)

F	44	Ashley Haynes	5-10	Fr.	6.4	6.6
F	52	Gerlonda Hardin	6-1	Jr.	12.2	6.2
G	11	Paige Smith	5-8	Sr.	11.8	2.2
G	10	Brooke Armistead	5-9	Sr.	21.4	3.6
G	2	Cassandra Peek	5-5	So.	3.8	2.8

Vanderbilt Commodores (5-1)

F	42	Jenni Benningfield	6-3	Jr.	15.7	5.8
F	12	Tia Battle	6-0	So.	9.2	2.8
C	21	Chantelle Anderson	6-6	Sr.	15.3	8.0
G	24	Hillary Hager	5-11	Jr.	8.8	4.7
G	22	Ashley McElhiney	5-6	Sr.	10.2	3.5

General Information

Records:Vanderbilt 5-1, Austin Peay: 4-1
.....VU: #9 in AP and #9 in USA Today/ESPN Coaches Polls
.....Austin Peay: Not ranked
Radio:WNSR 560 AM – Charlie Mattos calls the action
.....www.yahoo.com
Television:None

Vanderbilt/Austin Peay
Game Facts

Vanderbilt	
Head Coach:	Melanie Balcomb Trenton State, 1984
VU Record:	5-1
Overall Record:	168-105 (10 years)
Austin Peay	
Head Coach:	Susi Gardner Georgia (1986)
AP Record:	89-90 (8 years)
Overall Record:	89-90 (8 years)

Vanderbilt/Austin Peay
Statistical Comparison

VU	Category	AP
80.0	Scoring	68.0
57.3	Scoring Defense	54.6
+22.7	Scoring Margin	+13.4
53.2 (173-325)	FG%	42.0 (121-288)
34.7 (122-352)	FG% Defense	36.4 (98-269)
43.3 (45-104)	3Pt%	36.3 (29-80)
28.4 (31-109)	3Pt% Defense	25.8 (156-62)
71.8 (89-124)	FT%	73.4 (69-94)
72.6 (69-95)	FT% Defense	69.3 (61-88)
37.7	Rebounds	38.8
31.2	Rebounds Allowed	34.0
+6.5	Rebound Margin	+4.8
20.0	Assists	11.8
14.0	Assists Allowed	9.8
18.7	Turnovers	15.8
19.3	Turnovers Allowed	18.8
9.5	Steals	10.2
7.0	Steals Allowed	8.6
4.0	Blocked Shots	3.0
2.2	Blocked Shots Allowed	3.8

Vanderbilt/Austin Peay Series

Vanderbilt leads 10-1

H: 4-0, A: 3-1, N: 3-0

Date	Site	W/L	Score	Series
1977-78	Clarksville, Tenn.	L	61-81	0-1
	Nashville, Tenn.	W	ot75-70	1-1
1979-80	Martin, Tenn. ^	W	77-56	2-1
1980-81	Martin, Tenn. ^	W	71-69	3-1
	Clarksville, Tenn.	W	59-57	4-1
1981-82	Nashville, Tenn.	W	80-74	5-1
	Chattanooga, Tenn+	W	78-76	6-1
1982-83	Clarksville, Tenn.	W	97-47	7-1
1988-89	Nashville, Tenn.	W	97-30	8-1
1989-90	Clarksville, Tenn.	W	88-62	9-1
1990-91	Nashville, Tenn.	W	111-60	10-1

^UT-Martin Christmas Classic, UT-Martin, host
+ AIAW Tournament

NATIONAL POLLS
DECEMBER 10, 2002

AP Top 25

Rank	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Duke (42)	7-0	1,098
2.	LSU (1)	6-0	1,023
3.	Connecticut (1)	7-0	974
4.	Tennessee	6-1	957
5.	Stanford	4-0	926
6.	Purdue	6-0	914
7.	Kansas State	8-1	832
8.	Notre Dame	4-0	801
9.	VANDERBILT	4-1	676
10.	Texas Tech	3-1	655
11.	Penn State	6-1	635
12.	Minnesota	7-0	624
13.	Arkansas	6-1	602
14.	North Carolina	6-1	480
15.	Oklahoma	6-2	401
16.	Mississippi State	5-1	366
17.	Louisiana Tech	3-2	340
18.	South Carolina	6-0	293
19.	Arizona	4-1	286
20.	Georgia	4-2	274
21.	Boston College	4-1	236
22.	Brigham Young	5-1	162
23.	Texas	2-2	144
24.	George Washington	3-1	119
25.	Cincinnati	4-1	110

Other SEC teams receiving votes:
Auburn 7, Florida 3

USA Today/ESPN/Coaches Top 25

Rank	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Duke (36)	7-0	994
2.	Connecticut (4)	7-0	931
3.	LSU	6-0	911
4.	Stanford	4-0	839
5.	Tennessee	6-1	828
6.	Purdue	6-0	819
7.	Kansas State	8-1	776
8.	Notre Dame	4-0	694
9.	VANDERBILT	4-1	613
10.	Texas Tech	3-1	612
11.	Arkansas	7-1	611
12.	Penn State	6-1	569
13.	Minnesota	7-0	470
14.	North Carolina	6-1	441
15.	Mississippi State	5-1	357
16.	Louisiana Tech	4-2	356
17.	Oklahoma	7-2	337
18.	Boston College	4-1	253
19.	South Carolina	6-0	233
20.	Georgia	4-2	219
21.	Texas	2-2	189
22.	George Washington	3-1	139
23.	Brigham Young	5-1	125
24.	Arizona	4-1	119
25.	Cincinnati	4-1	62

Other SEC teams receiving votes:
Auburn 5

THE PRESEASON POLLS

AP:12
USA Today/ESPN/WBCA Coaches Poll:10
.....(with one first-place vote)	
Lindy's:11
Basketball News:9
Women's Basketball News Service:16
Athlon's:	4
Gballmag.com:8

Commodore Calendar

Monday, Dec. 16	OFF
Tuesday, Dec. 17	OFF
Wednesday, Dec. 18	OFF
Thursday, Dec. 19	11:30 am - 2:30 pm (Main Gym)
Friday, Dec. 20	11:30 am - 2:30 pm (Main Gym)
Saturday, Dec. 219 - 11 am (Main Gym)

COMMODORES BOMB WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

The Commodores outscored Milwaukee 56-13 in the first half to set a school record for highest scoring margin in the first half - 43 points. The Commodore defense held UWM to just 13.6 percent shooting in the first half (3-22). VU was 17-29 (58.6) from the field, including a 9-13 performance from 3-point range. Sophomore Abi Ramsey totaled five of those 13 3-pointers.

FIRST TENNESSEE TOURNAMENT

Vanderbilt captured the First Tennessee Tournament championship for the 12th consecutive season defeating Harvard, 73-65, in the title game. Vanderbilt shot 60.4 percent from the field, while allowing the Crimson only a 25.8 shooting percentage from the field, including 4-33 from 3-point range.

The Commodores defeated Youngstown State, 91-60 in first round action. Central Michigan defeated Youngstown State in the Consolation Game, 56-51.

The Commodores own a 25-1 record in their own tournament, including 24 consecutive wins.

Overall in in-season tournaments, the Commodores own a 68-16 mark.

VU's Ashley McElhiney earned MVP honors, while Chantelle Anderson and Jenni Benningfield were named to the All-Tournament team.

HOME OPENER

With a 91-60 win over Youngstown State, the Commodores are now 24-2 in home openers. Vanderbilt owns a 17-game win streak in home openers. The last time the Commodores lost a home opener was Nov. 24, 1985, when Texas Tech defeated Vanderbilt 74-69.

40-MINUTES

Ashley McElhiney played in the entire Boston University and Purdue games and now totals 25 40-minute games in her career. She is now tied with Wendy Scholtens (1988-91) for second place with 25 career 40-minute games. Donna Atkinson (1983-86) is the career leader with 34.

JENNI ON THE OFFENSIVE

Junior forward Jenni Benningfield has led the Commodores in points and rebounds in three games this season (Boston, Syracuse and Purdue). She recorded her fifth double-double of her career at Boston totaling 16 points and 13 rebounds. She totaled four double-doubles her freshman season and none last season. She led all scorers at Syracuse with 19 points and numbered eight rebounds. She numbered 15 points (13 in the second half) and nine rebounds vs. #6 Purdue.

She also picked up where she left off last season in drawing offensive fouls. She took three offensive charges vs. Boston, one at Syracuse, one vs. Youngstown State and two vs. Purdue.

COMMODORE CHARGE

The Commodores have taken 14 charges so far this season. The breakdown follows:

Jenni Benningfield	7
Ashley McElhiney	2
Ashley Earley	1
Jutta Korkko	1
Erica Grimaldi	1
Chantelle Anderson	1
Hillary Hager	1

HAGER BACK IN STARTING LINEUP

After playing in 32 games while starting in 18 as a freshman, junior Hillary Hager did not start any games last season. This season, she has started in all six games and is the Commodore's third leading rebounder with 4.6 rebounds a game. She averages 30.3 minutes a game and is 18-36 from the field (50.0), including 11-21 from 3-point range (52.4) and 100 percent from the line (6-6). She averages 8.8 points a game and totals 15 assists and a team-leading 14 steals. She is the only Commodore in double-digits in steals. Last season, she numbered two steals and totaled 20 in her freshman season.

BATTLE GETS COLLEGIATE START

Sophomore Tia Battle earned her first six starts of her career this season. She played in 21 games last season and averaged 8.0 minutes a game. In VU's first six games, Battle averages 27.0 minutes and 9.2 points a game.

VU RECORD BOOK WATCH

Career Points

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 2602
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season . . 2023
 Total 2117
Amount to Record -486

Career Minutes Played

Current Leader: Zuzi Klimesova 4249
 Ashley McElhiney - Began Season . . 3083
 Total 3292
Amount to Record -958
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season . . . 3,075
 Total 3232
Amount to Record -1018

Career Points Per Game

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 21.3
 Chantelle Anderson 19.2

Career Field Goals Made

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 959
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season . . 803
 Total 837
Amount to Record -123

Career Field Goal Percentage

Current Leader: Heidi Gillingham 58.7
 Chantelle Anderson 65.4

Free Throws Attempted

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 785
 Chantelle Anderson – Began Season . . 555
 Total 588
Amount to Record -198

Career Assists

Current Leader: Ginger Jared 516
 Ashley McElhiney - Began Season . . . 454
 Total 507
Amount to Record -10

1000 Point Club

Ashley McElhiney - Began Season 803
 Total 864
Amount to 1000 -136

ASTRAZENECAHOOPS FOR THE CURE CLASSIC II

Vanderbilt joined Purdue, Notre Dame and host Arizona State for the AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II. Proceeds from the games will benefit breast cancer research, treatment and education in the Valley of the Sun and the donation going to the Phoenix affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Notre Dame defeated Arizona State in the first game, followed by VU's 73-66 loss to Purdue. Over 14,672 tickets were sold and distributed to the game.

Last season, Arizona State and Tennessee drew 16,728 fans at Bank One Ballpark in the inaugural event which raised \$10,000 for breast cancer research.

FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

Both Commodore freshmen Nicole Jules and Erica Grimaldi have seen action this season. Jules has played in five games, averages 10.6 minutes and totals 20 points and 10 rebounds. Against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Jules played for 15 minutes and went 4-6 from the line and 1-1 from the line for a career-high nine points. She also numbered one rebound, assist, blocked shot and steal. Grimaldi saw limited action at Syracuse, but averaged 15 minutes in the First Tennessee Classic. Grimaldi numbered four assists in 14 minutes of play vs. Youngstown and was 1-1 from the field with two assists and one steal vs. Harvard.

WBCA/Summerville RPI

The Commodores 2002-03 strength of schedule is ranked as the 11th toughest in the nation according to the preseason WBCA/Summerville RPI. Last season, the Commodores finished ranked fifth in the RPI with the sixth toughest schedule in the country.

As of Dec. 8, the Commodores own an 47 RPI.

LARGER THAN LIFE

A 50' x 40' billboard featuring Chantelle Anderson and men's basketball player Matt Freije was installed Nov. 11 on the Ramada Inn located at 920 Broadway facing westbound traffic. The billboard features the two players and the men's and women's home schedules. A second billboard featuring Ashley McElhiney and Russell Lakey has also been installed on the Baker Building off West End Avenue.

SHARP SHOOTERS

Even though the Commodores are sporting a new up-tempo style offense, they are still leading the Southeastern Conference in field goal percentage with a 51.9 mark (139-268). Vanderbilt has shot at least 50 percent in four games, including a season-high 60.4 percent vs. Harvard. Against Milwaukee, the Commodores shot 59.6 percent from the field with all 11 Commodores playing in the contest. VU shot 58.6 percent in the first half (17-29) and 60.7 percent (17-28) in the second half. For the last two seasons, the Commodores led the nation - men or women - in field goal percentage. Last season, VU owned a 52.1 percentage (988-1897) and in 2000-01 the Commodores shot 54.5 percent from the field (984-1806). Below is the first five game field goal percentages:

at Syracuse	46.2 (24-52)
at Boston	51.1 (23-45)
Youngstown State	54.8 (34-62)
Harvard	60.4 (32-53)
vs. Purdue	46.4 (26-56)
Wisconsin-Mil	59.6 (34-57)

CHANTELLE AND MAC

In games when seniors Chantelle Anderson and Ashley McElhiney were both in the lineup, the Commodores own a 80-27 record for a 74.7 win percentage. McElhiney missed four games during the 2001-02 season due to a foot injury. During their three-year career, the Commodores have made three NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Regional final games and two trips to the SEC Tournament Championship game, winning the title in 2002.

AFTER A SLOW START....

Anderson and McElhiney both had slow starts to the season, but turned that around in the First Tennessee Tournament.

In the first two games of the season, Anderson averaged 24.5 minutes a game, shot an uncharacteristic 47.1 percent from the field (8-17) and averaged 4.5 rebounds, 8.5 turnovers and 12.0 points. She also collected nine fouls, while fouling out of the Syracuse contest. Against Youngstown, the senior All-American answered with a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. She also matched a career-high six blocked shots. For the tournament, Anderson averaged 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds. Against Milwaukee, Anderson played for 22 minutes and was 7-9 from the field and 8-11 from the line with four rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocked shots.

McElhiney started the first two games 3-15 from the field and totaled 16 turnovers. Against YSU, McElhiney hit 5-10 from the field, including 4-7 from 3-point range and totaled 11 assists for the second consecutive game with just two turnovers in 35 minutes of play. She was named MVP of the First Tennessee Tournament averaging 14 points, 5.0 rebounds, 7.5 assists and shot 72.7 from 3-point range hitting 8-11 from beyond the arc. McElhiney matched a career-high 12 assists vs. Purdue and numberd 10 vs. Milwaukee in 25 minutes of play and is now **10 assists shy of setting the VU record for career assists**. She is also 136 points shy of joining the 1000-Point Club. With a 40-minute game vs. Purdue, she is now tied with Wendy Scholtens in second place with 25 40-minute games. Donna Atkinson (1983-86) is the career leader with 34.

VU BOMBERS

Sophomore Abi Ramsey hit a career-high five three pointers vs. Milwaukee on only seven attempts in the first half of the game when she played only 12 minutes. As a team, the Commodores hit 10-19 from three-point range in that contest. McElhiney added two and Hillary Hager hit three. The team game record is 15 three-pointers vs. Oral Roberts in 1993. The VU Individual game record is seven held by Jillian Danker (vs. Idaho State, 3/17/01) and Julie Powell (vs. Auburn, 2/17/91). For the season, Vanderbilt is 45-104 from three-point range for a 43.3 percentage, second in the SEC and 26th in the nation.

Senior CLASS Award Candidates
Chantelle Anderson – Ashley McElhiney

Chantelle Anderson and Ashley McElhiney have been listed as candidates for the second annual Senior CLASS Award. The award is presented annually to the nation's senior player-of-the-year for NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball. The inaugural award winners were Juan Dixon of Maryland and Sue Bird of Connecticut. The list of women's "Players to Watch" include representatives from 15 conferences, eight of which have multiple players on the list. The SEC also has the most women's players, with six nominations. There are five players on the women's list that were AP All-Americans last season, including two first-team selections.

The formation of the Senior CLASS Award - an acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School - was announced during last season's college basketball season. The CLASS Award was developed in response to the recent trend of college basketball players leaving college early to turn professional.

Selection criteria is based on a number of factors, the most important being that the recipient must have exhausted their four years of eligibility and have fulfilled their commitment to their respective university.

NAISMITH WATCH

Chantelle Anderson leads the list of pre-season candidates for the 2002-03 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. Jackie Bradford, President of the Atlanta Tipoff Club, announced the candidates. Nine players from the Southeastern Conference are on the list.

The Naismith Awards program, now in its 35th year, honors the outstanding college basketball players in the United States. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball.

The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts. Members of the board were asked to name top male and female players who are most likely to be in contention for the award.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE STATS

Following is where Vanderbilt ranks in the **Dec. 8** SEC Statistical Categories:

Scoring Offense:	5. 76.4
Scoring Defense:	7. 58.6
Scoring Margin:	5. +17.8
FG Pct.	1. 51.9 (139-268)
FG Pct. Defense:	4. 34.8 (105-302)
3-pt Pct.	2. 41.2 (35-85)
3-pt Pct. Defense:	5. (28.0 (26-93)
FT Pct.	6. 71.1 (69-97)
Rebounding Offense:	11. 38.2
Rebounding Defense:	2. 31.4
Reboundng Margin:	7. +6.8
Blocked Shots:	7. 4.00
Assists:	4. 18.40
Steals:	12. 7.40
Turnover Margin:	10. -1.80
Assist/Turnover Ratio:	5. 0.97
Offensive Rebounds	11t. 11.0
Defensive Rebounds:	7. 27.20
3-point Field Goals Made:	3. 7.00

SCORING:

11. Jenni Benningfield	15.0
13. Chantelle Anderson	14.4

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:

6. Jenni Benningfield	62.0 (31-50)
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FREE THROW PERCENTAGE:

8. Chantelle Anderson	81.8 (18-22)
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3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE:

4. Hillary Hager	47.1 (8-17)
7. Ashley McElhiney	44.4 (12-27)

ASSISTS/TURNOVER RATIO:

7. Ashley McElhiney	2.32
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REBOUNDING

6. Jenni Benningfield	8.4
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ASSISTS

1. Ashley McElhiney	8.80
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STEALS

4. Hillary Hager	2.60
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3-POINTERS MADE

4. Ashley McElhiney	2.40
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BLOCKED SHOTS

5. Chantelle Anderson	1.80
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DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS:

2. Jenni Benningfield	6.80
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Vanderbilt's Pre-Season Honors

Chantelle Anderson

- Naismith Top Three
- Honda Award Nominee
- Associated Press Preseason All-America Team
- Street & Smith's Preseason All-America Team
- Women's Basketball News Service All-America Team
- Lindy's All-America Team
- Basketball News All-America Team
- Athlon's All-America Team
- Womenscollegehoops.com All-America Team
- Gballmag.com All-America Team
- Southeastern Conference Preseason Player of the Year
- Southeastern Conference Preseason First Team
- ESPN.com Preseason Player of the Year Top 5 List
- ESPN.com Center Top 5 List

Ashley McElhiney

- ESPN.com Point Guard Top 5 List

2003-04 Vanderbilt Signees

- Katie Antony, 5-10, G, Anacoco, La. (Anacoco HS)
- Rachel Brockman, 6-3, F/C, Noblesville, Ind. (Noblesville HS)
- Dee Davis, 5-7, PG, Cincinnati, Ohio (Princeton HS)
- Jennifer Hall, 6-1, F, Folsom, Calif. (Folsom HS)
- Cherish Stringfield, 5-7, G Wakefield, Va. (Sussex Central HS)
- Carla Thomas, 6-3, F, Mechanicsburg, Penn. (Cumberland Valley HS)

Melanie Balcomb

Head Coach

Melanie Balcomb is not one to sit around and wait for things to happen. That much was evident during her days as a high school and college player in New Jersey, and nothing has changed in a coaching career that has been on the fast track from the start.

Balcomb became the fourth head women's basketball coach in Vanderbilt history when she was hired May 28, following a successful seven-year run at Xavier University. She was the winningest women's basketball coach in Xavier history with an overall record of 135-78 with two Atlantic 10 Conference championships, three NCAA Tournament appearances and a pair of Atlantic 10 Conference tournament crowns. During her tenure she increased the number of winning seasons in the program's history by 50 percent.

Her fast-paced philosophy is apparent in her coaching style, which features an up-tempo approach and a lot of points. Of the 15 Xavier players who have scored at least 1,000 points in a career, 40 percent played at least one season under Balcomb with two others poised to join that club when she left. The highest scoring team in program history was her 2000-01 squad, which averaged 79.4 points per game.

It took just three years for her to turn Xavier into, first, a postseason participant and, then, a national title contender. In 1997-98 she guided the Musketeers beyond the regular season for the first time ever with an appearance in Women's National Invitational Tournament. Each of the next three seasons Xavier competed in the NCAA Tournament, capped in 2001 by a run to the regional final which featured a victory over perennial power Tennessee. Every season from 1995-96 through 2000-01, the program rose through the Ratings Power Index (RPI) from 94 through 15.

Prior to Xavier she spent two years as head coach at Ashland (Ohio) University. Her first season there (1993-94) she led the team to an 18-9 overall record, which matched the best in school history, and an 11-7 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the first winning season in that program's history in that league.

She also served three years as an assistant at Providence College (1990-93), during which the Lady Friars went 62-30, made two NCAA Tournament appearances and once (1990-91) led the nation in scoring while they amassed 26-6 record. In 1989-90, Balcomb was as assistant at Ohio University and she began her coaching career with a four-year stint (1985-89) on the staff at Niagara University.

Her playing career featured similar rush to success. At both Trenton State College and Highstown (N.J.) High School, she set career records for scoring, assists and steals. In other words, not only did she score a lot of points, she quickly got the ball to others who could score and then often took it away from the opposition to make sure her team could score once more.

In high school, rather than wait for someone else to do it, she became the first female athlete to score 1,000 points in a career. She finished with 1,581 points, two All-State selections and three All-County honors. She also excelled on both the varsity tennis and softball teams.

Her basketball education even began earlier than most and is based in some of the most fundamental aspects of the sport. She learned the game at an early age as the daughter of Alan Balcomb, a varsity boy's coach for 30 years at South Brunswick (N.J.) High School and then an assistant for four years at Princeton University under Pete Carril, the master of the half-court game.

With a long-running history of achievement as a player and a coach, it is no rush to judgment to say Melanie Balcomb is more than just a quick fix for Vanderbilt.

2002-03 Vanderbilt Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht	Cl/Exp	Hometown (High School)
00	Jutta Korkko	F	6-1	So./1L	Helsinki, Finland (Holy Cross)
11	Erica Grimaldi	PG	5-5	Fr./HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Notre Dame deSion)
12	Tia Battle	G/F	6-0	So./1L	Plymouth, Minn. (Maple Grove)
15	Venessa Ferragamo	G/F	5-10	Jr./2L	Orange, California (Santa Margarita)
20	Abi Ramsey	G	5-10	So./1L	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Shelbyville)
21	Chantelle Anderson	C	6-6	Sr./3L	Vancouver, Wash. (Hudson Bay)
22	Ashley McElhiney	PG	5-6	Sr./3L	Gleason, Tenn. (Gleason)
24	Hillary Hager	G/F	5-11	Jr./2L	Franklin, Penn. (Franklin)
31	Nicole Jules	C/F	6-3	Fr./HS	Washington DC (St. John's College)
32	Ashley Earley	G/F	5-11	So./1L	Memphis, Tenn. (Briarcrest)
42	Jenni Benningfield	F	6-3	Jr./2L	Louisville, Ky. (Assumption)

Head Coach: Melanie Balcomb (First Season)

Assistant Coaches: Kristin Schneider, Vicky Picott, Stephanie Norman

Director of Basketball Operations: Nikki Kremer

Trainer: Kris Mack

PRONUNCIATIONS:

Jutta Korkko	YOU tah KORE koe
Tia Battle	TEE uh
Venessa Ferragamo	fair uh GAH moe
Chantelle Anderson	shawn TELL
Hillary Hager	HAY ger
Melanie Balcomb	BALL come
Vicky Picott	PIE cut

Fast Break with Melanie Balcomb

Join Charlie Mattos and Head Coach Melanie Balcomb each Wednesday morning throughout the season on WNSR radio.

The Commodore Connection

The Commodore Connection featuring Melanie Balcomb and the women's basketball team will be televised on Tuesday evenings on Comcast on the following dates - Nov. 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 28 and Feb. 11.

Commodore Insider

The Commodore Insider brings the most up-to-date news about Vanderbilt athletics right to your email. The service is free and you choose which Commodore sports you want to receive information on. The service can be modified at any time. You can sign up by visiting the website at www.vucommidores.com.

The Commodores on Television

The Commodores are scheduled for at least six television games, including appearances on ESPN, SEC TV, Comcast and Fox Sports Net.

Jan. 30	at Auburn	Comcast	7 pm CT
Feb. 2	Tennessee	ESPN	6 pm CT
Feb. 16	Georgia	Comcast	4 pm CT
Feb. 23	at Florida	SEC TV	2 pm CT
Feb. 27	at Tennessee	FOX	6 pm CT
March 2	LSU	SEC TV	2 pm CT

Vanderbilt Sports Update

News about Vanderbilt athletics, including the women's basketball team can be heard Monday through Friday at 5:55 pm (CT) on WSM 95.5 FM. The Vanderbilt Sports Update is hosted by Joe Fisher, director of broadcasting/corporate development.

Melanie Balcomb's Yearly Records

Year	University	W	L	Postseason
1993-94	Ashland	18	9	
1994-95	Ashland	10	17	
1995-96	Xavier	15	13	
1996-97	Xavier	10	17	
1997-98	Xavier	17	12	WNIT
1998-99	Xavier	24	9	NCAA
1999-00	Xavier	26	5	NCAA
2000-01	Xavier	31	3	Final 8
2001-02	Xavier	12	19	
2002-03	Vanderbilt	5	1	
Overall (10 years)		168	105	.616
Ashland (2 years)		28	26	.538
Xavier (7 years)		135	78	.634

Balcomb's Accolades

- 2001 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- 2001 Greater Cincinnati Women's Sports Foundation Coach of the Year
- 2001 Columbus Dispatch Ohio Coach of the Year
- 2001 New Jersey Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year
- 2001 Associated Press National Coach of the Year Candidate
- 2001 ESPN The Magazine Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2001 Naismith Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2001 Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2001 March of Dimes Greater Cincinnati Coach of the Year
- Three NCAA Tournament Appearances
- One NCAA Regional Final Appearance

Vanderbilt's Record Is:

Overall	.5-1
Home Games	.3-0
Road Games	.2-0
Neutral Games	.0-1
Tournament Games (Non-SEC)	.2-0
SEC Tournament	.0-0
Streak	.W1
SEC Games	.0-0
Home	.0-0
Road	.0-0
Non-Conference Games	.5-1
Home	.3-0
Road	.2-0
Neutral	.0-1
Day Games	.3-1
Night Games	.2-0
November	.3-0
December	.2-1
January	.0-0
February	.0-0
March	.0-0
Monday	.0-0
Tuesday	.2-0
Wednesday	.0-0
Thursday	.0-0
Friday	.0-0
Saturday	.2-1
Sunday	.1-0
Overtime	.0-0
Television	.1-0
vs. Ranked Teams	.0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	.5-0
Leading at Halftime	.4-0
Home	.3-0
Road	.1-0
Neutral	.0-0
Trailing at Halftime	.1-1
Home	.0-0
Road	.1-0
Neutral	.0-1
Leading with 10 Minutes	.5-0
Tied with 10 Minutes	.0-0
Trailing with 10 Minutes	.0-1
Leading with 5 Minutes	.5-0
Tied with 5 Minutes	.0-0
Trailing with 5 Minutes	.0-1
VU Shoots 50% or Better	.4-0
Opponent Shoots 50% or Better	.0-0
VU Outrebounds/ties Opponent	.5-0
Opponent Outrebounds VU	.0-1
VU has fewer (or equal) turnovers	.2-1
Opponent has fewer turnovers	.3-0

Melanie Balcomb's Vanderbilt Record

Overall	.5-1	SEC Tournament	.0-0
Home	.3-0	Ranked Teams	.0-1
Road	.2-0	Unranked Teams	.5-0
Neutral	.0-1	NCAA Tournament	.0-0
SEC Games	.0-0	First/Second Round	.0-0
Home	.0-0	Regional Semifinals	.0-0
Road	.0-0	Regional Finals	.0-0
Non-Conference Games	.5-1	Final Four	.0-0

2002-03 Miscellaneous Statistics

Last 5 Games	.4-1
Last 10 Games	.5-1
Longest Win Streak	.W4
Longest Losing Streak	.L1
Largest Margin of Victory	.47 (98-51)
vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 12/10/02
Largest Margin of Defeat	.7
vs. Purdue, Dec. 7, 2002

Starting Lineups:

83.3 5-1 . . .McElhiney, Hager, Anderson, Battle, Benningfield

2002-03 Double Figure Games

SCORING:

- 6 Chantelle Anderson (13 at BU; 11 at Syracuse; 16 vs. YSU; 19 vs. Harvard; 13 vs. Purdue; 22 vs. UWM)
- 6 Jenni Benningfield (16 at BU; 19 at Syracuse; 13 vs. YSU; 12 vs. Harvard; 15 vs. Purdue; 17 vs. UWM)
- 3 Hillary Hager (14 at BU; 10 at Syracuse; 12 vs. YSU)
- 3 Tia Battle (11 at BU; 12 vs. YSU; 13 vs. Harvard)
- 3 Ashley Earley (11 at Syracuse; 13 vs. YSU; 10 vs. Harvard)
- 3 Ashley McElhiney (14 vs. YSU; 14 vs. Harvard; 10 vs. Purdue)
- 2 Abi Ramsey (11 vs. Purdue; 18 vs. UWM)

REBOUNDING:

- 1 Jenni Benningfield (13 at BU)
- 1 Chantelle Anderson (10 vs. YSU)

ASSISTS:

- 4 Ashley McElhiney (11 at Syracuse; 11 vs. YSU; 12 vs. Purdue; 10 vs. UWM)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES:

- 1 Jenni Benningfield (16p, 13r at BU)
- 1 Chantelle Anderson (16p, 10r vs. YSU)
- 2 Ashley McElhiney (14p, 11a vs. YSU; 10p, 12a vs. Purdue)

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PRESEASON	NOV. 25	DEC. 2	DEC. 10
AP Top 25	AP Top 25	AP Top 25	AP Top 25
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (37) Tennessee (4) LSU (1) Kansas State Stanford Connecticut Purdue Georgia Notre Dame Louisiana Tech VANDERBILT Texas Texas Tech Penn State North Carolina Minnesota Arkansas Cincinnati Boston College Mississippi State George Washington Iowa State Oklahoma Colorado State Santa Barbara 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (42) Kansas State LSU (1) Tennessee Connecticut (1) Purdue Stanford Georgia VANDERBILT Notre Dame North Carolina Texas Tech Penn State Minnesota Louisiana Tech Texas Arkansas Boston College Mississippi State Iowa State George Washington BYU Oklahoma Santa Barbara Cincinnati 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (42) LSU (1) Connecticut (1) Tennessee Stanford Purdue Kansas State VANDERBILT Notre Dame Texas Tech Penn State Minnesota Arkansas Georgia Louisiana Tech North Carolina Minnesota Arkansas Georgia Mississippi State Texas Oklahoma BYU Mississippi State Arizona Boston College South Carolina George Washington Cincinnati 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (42) LSU (1) Connecticut (1) Tennessee Stanford Purdue Kansas State Notre Dame VANDERBILT Texas Tech Penn State Minnesota Arkansas North Carolina Mississippi State Louisiana Tech South Carolina Arizona Georgia Boston College Brigham Young 5-1 162 Texas George Washington Cincinnati
USA Today/ESPN Top 25	USA Today/ESPN Top 25	USA Today/ESPN Top 25	USA Today/ESPN Top 25
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (25) Tennessee (11) Kansas State LSU Connecticut (4) Stanford Purdue VANDERBILT Georgia Louisiana Tech Texas Notre Dame Texas Tech Penn State North Carolina Arkansas Minnesota Iowa State Texas Christian Boston College Cincinnati Old Dominion Mississippi State Colorado State Oklahoma 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (36) Kansas St. (1) LSU Connecticut (3) Tennessee Purdue Stanford VANDERBILT Georgia Notre Dame Texas Tech North Carolina Penn State Louisiana Tech Arkansas Texas Minnesota Iowa State Boston College Mississippi State TCU Oklahoma Virginia George Washington Cincinnati 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (37) Connecticut LSU Stanford Tennessee Purdue Kansas State VANDERBILT Notre Dame Texas Tech Arkansas Penn State Louisiana Tech Minnesota North Carolina Texas Georgia Oklahoma Mississippi Boston College George Washington Brigham Young South Carolina Iowa State TCU 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duke (36) Connecticut (4) LSU Stanford Tennessee Purdue Kansas State Notre Dame VANDERBILT Texas Tech Arkansas Penn State Minnesota North Carolina Mississippi State Louisiana Tech Oklahoma Boston College South Carolina Georgia Texas George Washington Brigham Young Arizona Cincinnati
Vanderbilt opponents bolded	Vanderbilt opponents bolded	Vanderbilt opponents bolded	Vanderbilt opponents bolded

GAME 1

#11/#8 Vanderbilt vs. Boston
Nov. 23 • Boston, Mass.
Case Gym

VISITORS: Vanderbilt University 1-0

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Battle	4-9	1-4	2-3	1	1	11	2	2	2	2	34
Anderson	3-10	0-0	7-9	5	4	13	0	10	2	1	33
McElhiney	2-7	1-5	3-3	4	1	8	5	8	0	3	40
Hager	5-6	2-3	2-2	6	5	14	2	1	0	1	29
Benningfield	7-9	1-2	1-2	13	2	16	2	3	0	0	37
Ramsey	0-1	0-1	0-0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	15
Jules	0-1	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Earley	2-2	0-0	2-3	2	0	6	0	0	0	1	7
TEAM	6										
Totals	23-45	5-15	17-24	42	13	68	11	26	4	8	200

FG% 1st: 8-23 34.8% 2nd: 15-22 68.2% Game: 51.1%
3-Pt. % 1st: 1-9 11.1% 2nd: 4-6 66.7% Game: 33.3%
F T % 1st: 5-9 55.6% 2nd: 12-15 80.0% Game: 70.8%

HOME TEAM: Boston 0-1

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Lopez	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	15
Moseley	4-9	0-0	1-3	7	3	9	2	2	2	2	32
Terhune	6-16	4-8	4-5	5	4	20	1	2	0	4	40
Vanderwal	2-8	1-4	0-0	2	3	5	4	4	0	1	35
Norris	1-9	0-3	2-2	4	4	4	2	3	0	1	23
Jones	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
Argentieri	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	22
Parr	3-12	1-1	2-2	5	5	9	0	3	0	1	27
Werner	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TEAM	4										
Totals	18-61	6-17	9-12	30	21	51	12	18	4	10	200

FG% 1st: 10-27 37.0% 2nd: 8-34 23.5% Game: 29.5%
3-Pt. % 1st: 2-8 25.0% 2nd: 4-9 44.4% Game: 35.3%
F T % 1st : 1-3 33.3% 2nd: 8-9 88.9% Game: 75.0%

Officials: Pamela Wine, Sonya Lewis, Kevin Chapman
Technical fouls: Vanderbilt University-None. Boston-None.
Attendance: 829

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt	22	46	68
Boston	23	28	51

GAME NOTES:

- VU overcame a 23-22 halftime deficit
- BU led by as many as four points in the first half on two different occasions
- BU led 23-19 with 1:23 remaining in the first half before Tia Battle hit one of two free throws and Jenni Benningfield hit a shot with 16 seconds remaining for the 23-22 score
- VU opened the second half on an 8-0 run, including five points from Hillary Hager
- After VU forced a 30-second shot clock violation, Benningfield hit a hook shot at the 14:38 mark to extend VU's lead to eight, 38-30. In that three-minute stretch, Benningfield totaled nine of her team-high 16 points.
- VU owned as much a 19-point lead (68-49)
- VU's defense held BU to 29.5 percent from the field, including 23.5 percent in the second half (8-34).
- VU committed 26 turnovers in the game, including career highs from seniors Chantelle Anderson (10) and Ashley McElhiney (8).
- McElhiney played the entire 40 minutes
- Tia Battle earned her first collegiate start
- Nicole Jules played in her first collegiate game and answered with a rebound in five minutes of play.
- Benningfield recorded her fifth double-double of her career, first of the season. She also took three offensive charges.
- VU is now 21-5 in season openers

GAME 2

#9/#8 Vanderbilt vs. Syracuse
Nov. 26 • Syracuse, NY
Manley Field House

VISITORS: #9/#8 Vanderbilt 2-0

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Hager	3-5	2-3	2-2	4	3	10	1	3	0	5	37
Benningfield	7-16	0-1	5-6	8	1	19	2	4	2	2	38
Anderson	5-7	0-0	1-1	4	5	11	1	7	1	2	16
Battle	4-7	1-3	0-0	1	1	9	3	0	1	2	31
McElhiney	1-8	1-6	4-5	2	1	7	11	2	0	3	38
Grimaldi	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ramsey	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	11
Jules	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	10
Earley	2-3	0-0	7-11	6	3	11	0	2	0	0	17
TEAM	7										
Totals	24-52	6-18	19-25	34	16	73	19	20	4	14	200

FG% 1st: 13-26 50.0% 2nd: 11-26 42.3% Game: 46.2%
3-Pt. % 1st : 2-7 28.6% 2nd: 4-11 36.4% Game: 33.3%
FT % 1st: 9-13 69.2% 2nd: 10-12 83.3% Game: 76.0%

HOME TEAM: Syracuse 0-3

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Coleman	5-13	2-6	0-0	1	3	12	0	3	0	0	40
Jean	3-8	0-0	2-2	4	3	8	5	0	2	4	40
Norton	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	12
Perry	3-5	0-0	4-4	7	5	10	2	5	0	0	25
McBride	4-11	2-8	5-6	0	4	15	6	6	0	2	40
Ellerbe	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	1	4	2	2	0	2	15
Jackson	5-14	0-0	6-8	11	2	16	0	0	0	1	28
TEAM	7										
Totals	22-59	4-14	17-20	34	19	65	15	19	0	7	200

FG% 1st: 13-26 50.0% 2nd: 9-33 27.3% Game: 37.3%
3-Pt. % 1st: 3-6 50.0% 2nd: 1-8 12.5% Game: 28.6%
F T % 1st: 5-6 83.3% 2nd: 12-14 85.7% Game: 85.0%

Officials: Dennis DeMayo, Bryan Enterline, Jennifer Rezac
Technical fouls: Vanderbilt-Chantelle Anderson; TEAM.
Syracuse-None.
Attendance: 510

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Vanderbilt	37	36	73
Syracuse	34	31	65

GAME NOTES:

- Syracuse hit a 3-pointer to start the game, its only lead of the game.
- VU owned an 11-point lead, 28-17, at the 7:25 mark, before Syracuse tied the game at 30 at the 2:11 mark on two free throws after the Vanderbilt bench received a technical foul.
- VU led 37-34 at halftime
- The Commodores held the Orangewomen scoreless for the first 5:31 in the first half when Shannon Perry hit two free throws. Syracuse hit its first field goal of the second half at the 14:00 mark. VU opened the second half on an 11-0 run
- VU led by as many as 14-points four different times in the second half.
- After Chantelle Anderson received her fifth foul (four offensive fouls) and a technical foul, Julie McBride hit two free throws and Shannon Perry hit a layup to cut VU's lead to three, 66-63, with 1:59 remaining in the game.
- With 57 seconds remaining, Ashley Earley grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled as she hit the putback for a 3-point play and 69-63 VU lead.
- Ashley McElhiney hit 4-5 from the line in the final 34 seconds to seal the win.
- Freshman Erica Grimaldi saw her first collegiate action playing two minutes.
- Benningfield took another offensive charge in the game.

GAME 3

#9/#8 Vanderbilt vs. Youngstown State
Nov. 30 • Nashville, Tenn.
Memorial Gym

VISITORS: Youngstown State 1-2

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Perugini	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	25
Forsythe	1-6	1-1	0-0	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	17
Fleming	6-14	0-0	0-0	9	2	12	0	3	0	0	34
Johnston	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	4	0	3	4	0	0	17
Fabianova	7-13	6-9	0-0	2	2	20	4	1	0	0	31
Sabree	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Olmstead	3-8	0-3	2-3	4	3	8	3	1	0	1	28
Novak	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	10
Russo	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	9
Neila	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Holmes	2-6	0-0	2-2	1	2	6	1	2	0	0	14
TEAM	4										
Totals	24-65	7-17	5-7	25	20	60	17	15	1	2	200

FG% 1st: 11-29 37.9% 2nd: 13-36 36.1% Game: 36.9%
3-Pt. % 1st : 3-7 42.9% 2nd: 4-10 40.0% Game: 41.2%
F T % 1st : 1-2 50.0% 2nd: 4-5 80.0% Game: 71.4%

HOME TEAM: #9/#8 Vanderbilt 3-0

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Battle	5-7	1-2	1-2	7	2	12	2	1	0	0	27
Benningfield	5-8	0-1	3-4	6	1	13	0	2	1	1	20
Anderson	7-15	0-0	2-2	10	1	16	0	2	6	0	27
McElhiney	5-10	4-7	0-0	6	1	14	11	2	0	0	35
Hager	4-6	2-4	2-2	2	1	12	3	1	0	2	29
Korkko	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	6
Grimaldi	0-1	0-1	1-2	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	14
Ferragamo	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Ramsey	1-4	1-4	0-0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	8
Jules	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	1	5	0	2	0	0	10
Earley	5-8	0-0	3-3	5	0	13	0	0	0	0	17
TEAM	2										
Totals	34-62	8-15	19-19	43	10	91	21	14	7	3	200

FG% 1st: 18-35 51.4% 2nd: 16-27 59.3% Game: 54.8%
3-Pt. % 1st : 5-14 35.7% 2nd: 3-5 60.0% Game: 42.1%
F T % 1st f: 11-14 78.6% 2nd: 4-5 80.0% Game: 78.9%

Officials: Bryan Enterline, Eddie Novak, Erica Bradley
Technical fouls: Youngstown State-None. Vanderbilt -None.
Attendance: 2832

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Youngstown State	26	34	60
Vanderbilt	52	39	91

GAME NOTES:

- Six Commodores scored in double figures, including all five starters and Ashley Earley. Chantelle Anderson led VU scorers with 16 points.
- VU advances to the championship game of the First Tennessee Classic
- VU led 52-26 at halftime totaling 18 points in the paint
- Vanderbilt never trailed in the contest
- Chantelle Anderson recorded her third double-double of the season with 16 points and 10 rebounds.
- All 11 Commodores played in the contest at least six minutes
- VU shot 54.8 percent from the field, including 59.3 percent in the second half.
- VU advances to the championship game of the First Tennessee Classic and will play Harvard.

GAME 4

#9/#8 Vanderbilt vs. Harvard
Dec. 1 • Nashville, Tenn.
Memorial Gym

VISITORS: Harvard 3-1

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Tubridy	1-7	1-6	1-2	6	2	4	0	1	0	1	22
Peljo	6-18	1-3	2-2	8	2	15	1	3	0	1	28
Cserny	4-9	1-2	3-4	7	2	12	4	0	1	2	27
Bell	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	4	0	3	2	0	1	21
Dunham	2-8	0-4	0-0	2	1	4	1	2	0	2	31
Moore	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12
Robinson	0-2	0-2	0-2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Ide	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	5	2	0	1	0	0	14
Holsey	1-5	0-3	0-0	4	4	2	1	2	0	1	14
Murphy	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	9
Franklin	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	4
McCaffery	0-3	0-3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
TEAM	2										
Totals.	17-66	4-33	6-11	32	21	44	11	16	11	20	200

FG%1st: 6-29 20.7% 2nd:11-37 29.7% Game: 25.8%
3-Pt. 1st : 2-19 10.5% 2nd: 2-14 14.3% Game: 12.1%
F T % 1st : 1-1 100% 2nd: 5-10 50.0% Game: 54.5%

HOME TEAM: #9/#8 Vanderbilt 4-0

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Hager	0-4	0-1	0-0	8	1	0	3	0	0	2	27
Benningfield	5-7	0-0	2-4	6	2	12	3	3	1	0	24
Anderson	7-10	0-0	5-6	7	0	19	3	2	0	0	24
Battle	6-8	0-1	1-1	2	3	13	0	0	0	1	19
McElhiney	5-8	4-4	0-2	4	0	14	4	2	0	2	31
Korkko	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	5
Grimaldi	1-1	1-1	1-2	1	0	4	2	7	0	1	16
Ferragamo	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
Ramsey	2-4	2-2	0-1	0	0	6	1	1	0	1	18
Jules	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	13
Earley	3-4	0-0	4-6	6	0	10	1	1	0	0	14
TEAM	5										
Totals.	32-53	7-9	13-22	45	13	84	19	17	2	7	200

FG% 1st : 15-27 55.6% 2nd : 17-26 65.4% Game: 60.4%
3-Pt 1st: 3-5 60.0% 2nd : 4-4 100% Game: 77.8%
F T % 1st: 9-15 60.0% 2nd : 4-7 57.1% Game: 59.1%

Officials: Bryan Enterline, Tina Napier, Robin Denise Orr
Technical fouls: Harvard-None. Vanderbilt University-None.
Attendance: 2984

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Harvard	15	29	44
Vanderbilt	42	42	84

GAME NOTES:

- The Commodores captured the First Tennessee Tournament championship for the 12th consecutive season.
- VU shot 60.4 percent from the field, while allowing the Crimson only a 25.8 shooting percentage, including a 4-33 performance from 3-point range (12.1%)
- Every Commodore played in double digits except two who played five (Korkko) and nine (Ferragamo) minutes.
- VU led 42-15 at halftime. Last season, Vanderbilt held Georgia to 14 first half points, (39-14), on Jan. 20, 2002, in a 64-47 Commodore win.
- The Commodores totaled 42 of their 84 points in the paint.
- Ashley McElhiney was named MVP of the tournament, while Chantelle Anderson and Jenni Benningfield earned all-tournament honors.

GAME 5

#8/#8 Vanderbilt vs. #6/6Purdue
Dec. 7 • Tempe, Ariz.
Hoops for Cure Classic II

VISITORS: #8 Vanderbilt 4-1

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Battle	2-6	1-2	0-0	1	5	5	3	0	2	0	29
Benningfield	7-10	1-2	0-0	9	3	15	2	5	0	1	35
Anderson	5-11	0-0	3-4	5	3	13	1	2	0	0	35
McElhiney	3-8	2-5	2-2	4	3	10	12	5	0	0	40
Hager	3-9	2-6	0-0	3	5	8	3	3	0	3	37
Ferragamo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+
Ramsey	4-10	3-9	0-0	0	4	11	0	1	0	0	14
Earley	2-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	4	0	2	1	1	10
TEAM	3										
Totals..	26-56	9-24	5-7	27	23	66	21	18	3	5	200

FG% 1st: 11-22 50.0% 2nd: 15-34 44.1% Game: 46.4%
3-Pt.% 1st: 2-6 33.3% 2nd: 7-18 38.9% Game: 37.5%
F T % 1st : 0-1 0.0% 2nd: 5-6 83.3% Game: 71.4%

HOME TEAM: #6/#6 Purdue 6-0

Player	FG	3P	FT	Reb	F	TP	A	TO	B	S	MIN
Hicks	3-7	0-1	0-0	4	1	6	2	1	0	0	31
Wright	3-9	0-2	8-9	7	4	14	2	4	0	0	31
Noon	5-8	0-0	0-1	3	4	10	3	1	1	0	21
Jones	3-8	3-6	0-0	4	0	9	5	2	0	0	32
Valek	7-11	2-3	7-9	4	2	23	6	5	1	1	37
Taylor	1-2	0-0	1-2	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	14
Keys	0-0	0-0	2-2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Duncan	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	7
Webb	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	6
Heikes	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	3	4	1	1	0	2	18
TEAM	4										
Totals	24-51	5-12	20-25	36	16	73	20	18	3	6	200

FG% 1st: 10-27 37.0% 2nd: 14-24 58.3% Game: 47.1%
Pt.% 1st: 2-6 33.3% 2nd: 3-6 50.0% Game: 41.7%
F T % 1st: 3-4 75.0% 2nd: 17-21 81.0% Game: 80.0%

Officials: Scott Yarbrough, Gator Parrish, Connie Pardue
Technical fouls: #8 Vanderbilt-None. #6 Purdue-None.
Attendance: 7274

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
#8 Vanderbilt	24	42	66
#6 Purdue	25	48	73

GAME NOTES:

- The game marked the AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II with 14,672 tickets sold and distributed
- Ashley McElhiney matched a career-high 12 assists in the contest.
- VU outshot Purdue from the field and 3-point range, but were outshot at the line. Purdue was in the bonus at the 10:52 mark in the second half (two shots at 5:10), while Vanderbilt was in the bonus at the 1:22 mark.
- VU took five offensive fouls in the contest, four charges and one illegal screen
- Purdue opened the game on a 9-2 run.
- The Vanderbilt defense held Purdue scoreless from the 15:37 mark to the 8:14 mark as the Commodores outscored the Boilermakers 11-0 for a 17-14 lead. VU also committed four turnovers during that span.
- VU would get as close at two points in the second half, 45-43, on a layup by Ashley Earley at the 7:38 mark.
- 14 of Purdue's last 16 points were free throws
- Abi Ramsey was 3-9 from 3-point range.

GAME 6

#9/#9 Vanderbilt vs. UW-Milwaukee
Dec. 10 • Nashville, Tenn.
Memorial Gym

VISITORS: #8 Vanderbilt 4-1

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Webb	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	6
Heikes	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	3	4	1	1	0	2	18
TEAM	4										
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Vanderbilt Player Career/Season Highs

00 • JUTTA KORKKO
6-1 • So. • F • Helsinki, Finland

CAREER HIGHS

Points10 vs. Boston, 11-25-00
FG Made4 vs. Boston and UNC-Asheville, 2000-01
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds2, five times, 2000-01
Steals2 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12-17-00
Assists3 vs. UNC-Asheville and Portland State, 2000-01
Blocked Shots1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points2 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds2 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
StealsNone
Assists2 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Blocked Shots1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02

11 • ERICA GRIMALDI
5-5 • Fr. • PG • Kansas City, Mo.

CAREER HIGHS

Points4 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
FG Made1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
3Pt Made1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Rebounds1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Steals1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Assists4 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/ 4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

Points4 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
FG Made1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
3Pt Made1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Rebounds1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Steals1 vs. Harvard, 12-2-02
Assists4 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/ 4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked ShotsNone

12 • TIA BATTLE
6-0 • So. • G/F • Plymouth, Minn.

CAREER HIGHS

Points13 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
FG Made6 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
3Pt Made1, three times, 2001-02
Rebounds7 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
Steals4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked Shots2 at Boston, 11-23-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points13 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
FG Made6 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
3Pt Made1, three times
Rebounds7 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
Steals4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked Shots2 at Boston, 11-23-02

15 • VENESSA FERRAGAMO
5-10 • Jr. • G/F • Orange, Calif.

CAREER HIGHS

Points6 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12-17-00
FG Made3 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12-17-00
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds3 Harvard, 12-1-02
Steals1, three times, 2000-01
Assists1 vs. Howard, 2000-01
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds3 Harvard, 12-1-02
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

20 • ABI RAMSEY
5-10 • So. • G • Shelbyville, Tenn.

CAREER HIGHS

Points18 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
FG Made6 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
3Pt Made5 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Rebounds4 vs. Mississippi, 2001-02/ at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 vs. Louisville, 1-7-02/ vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists4 vs. Xavier, 11-28-01
Blocked Shots1 vs. Canisius/at Alabama, 2001-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points18 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
FG Made6 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
3Pt Made5 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Rebounds4 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists1 at Syracuse, 11-26-02/Harvard, 12-1-02
Blocked ShotsNone

21 • CHANTELE ANDERSON
6-6 • Sr. • C • Vancouver, Wash.

CAREER HIGHS

Points41 at Mississippi State, 2000-01
FG Made19 at Portland State, 2000-01
3Pt Made2 vs. Kentucky, 1-10, 02
Rebounds14 at Santa Barbara, 1999-00
Steals3, four times
Assists5 vs. Mississippi State, 2-10-02
Blocked Shots6 vs. YSU, 11-30-02/Toledo, 11-28-99

SEASON HIGHS

Points16 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
FG Made7 vs. Youngstown/Harvard/UWM
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds10 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
Steals2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02/UWM
Assists3 vs. Harvard/UWM
Blocked Shots6 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02

22 • ASHLEY McELHINEY
5-6 • Sr. • PG • Gleason, Tenn.

CAREER HIGHS

Points29 vs. LSU, 2-15-02
FG Made8 vs. James Madison, 12-2-01
3Pt Made5 vs. Iowa State (2001) and at Alabama (2000)
Rebounds8 vs. Tennessee, 3-3-01
Steals3, nine times
Assists12 vs. Howard (2001)/Western Kentucky (2002)/Purdue
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

Points14 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
FG Made5 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/Harvard, 12-1-02
3Pt Made4 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/Harvard, 12-1-02
Rebounds6 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
Steals3 at Boston and Syracuse
Assists12 vs. Purdue, 12-7-02
Blocked ShotsNone

24 • HILLARY HAGER
5-11 • Jr. • G/F • Franklin, Penn.

CAREER HIGHS

Points18 vs. Vermont, 12-31-00
FG Made7 vs. Vermont, 12-31-00
3Pt Made4 vs. Murray State, 11-29-00
Rebounds9 vs. Murray State, 11-29-00
Steals5 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Assists6 at Penn State, 12-10-00
Blocked Shots1, nine times

SEASON HIGHS

Points14 at Boston, 11-23-02
FG Made5 at Boston, 11-23-02
3Pt Made3 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Rebounds8 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
Steals5 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Assists3 vs. Youngstown/Harvard/Purdue/UWM
Blocked ShotsNone

31 • NICOLE JULES
6-3 • Fr. • C/F • Washington DC

CAREER HIGHS

Points9 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
FG Made4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds3 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/Harvard, 12-1-02
Steals1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked Shots1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points9 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
FG Made4 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds3 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02/Harvard, 12-1-02
Steals1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Blocked Shots1 vs. UWM, 12-10-02

32 • ASHLEY EARLEY
5-11 • So. • G/F • Memphis, Tenn.

CAREER HIGHS

Points16 at Kentucky, 2-21-02
FG Made6 vs. Eastern Kentucky and Canisius, 2001-02
3Pt Made1, three times
Rebounds13 vs. Louisville, 1-7-02
Steals3 vs. Oregon State and Canisius, 2001-02
Assists7 at South Carolina, 1-3-02
Blocked Shots1, five times

SEASON HIGHS

Points13 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
FG Made5 vs. Youngstown, 11-30-02
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds7 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Steals2 vs. UWM, 12-10-02
Assists1 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
Blocked Shots1 vs. Purdue, 12-7-02

42 • JENNI BENNINGFIELD
6-3 • Jr. • F • Louisville, Ky.

CAREER HIGHS

Points21 at South Carolina, 1-18-01
FG Made7, eight times
3Pt Made4 vs. UNC-Asheville and Howard, 2000-01
Rebounds15 vs. Mississippi, 1-7-01
Steals3 at Mississippi, 2-11-01
Assists7 vs. Iowa State, 3-24-01
Blocked Shots2, three times

SEASON HIGHS

Points19 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
FG Made7 at Boston/Syracuse/Purdue
3Pt Made1 vs. YSU/at Boston/vs. Purdue
Rebounds13 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 at Syracuse, 11-23-02
Assists3 vs. Harvard, 12-1-02
Blocked Shots2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02

2002-03 Vanderbilt/Opponent Game-by-Game Statistics
Through Games of Dec. 10

Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	TOTAL		3-PTRS		FT			REBOUNDS				PF				Pts	Avg			
				FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	3FGA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	TO	Blk	Stl						
#11/8Vanderbilt at Boston	11/23/02	68-51	W	23	45	.511	5	15	.333	17	24	.708	11	31	42	38.0	13	11	26	4	8	68	70.5
				18	61	.295	6	17	.353	9	12	.750	14	16	30	32.0	21	12	18	4	10	51	58.0
#9/#8Vanderbilt at Syracuse	11/26/02	73-65	W	24	52	.462	6	18	.333	19	25	.760	13	21	34	34.0	16	19	20	4	14	73	73.0
				22	59	.373	4	14	.286	17	20	.850	17	17	34	34.0	19	15	19	0	7	65	65.0
at #9/#8Vanderbilt Youngstown	11/30/02	91-60	W	34	62	.548	8	19	.421	15	19	.789	15	28	43	39.7	10	21	14	7	3	91	77.3
				24	65	.369	7	17	.412	5	7	.714	10	15	25	29.7	20	17	15	1	2	60	58.7
at #9/#8Vanderbilt Harvard	12/1/02	84-44	W	32	53	.604	7	9	.778	13	22	.591	8	37	45	41.0	13	19	17	2	7	84	79.0
				17	66	.258	4	33	.121	6	11	.545	12	20	32	30.3	21	11	16	1	10	44	55.0
#8/#8Vanderbilt vs #6 Purdue	12-07-02	66-73	L	26	56	.464	9	24	.375	5	7	.714	8	19	27	38.2	23	21	18	3	5	66	76.4
				24	51	.471	5	12	.417	20	25	.800	12	24	36	31.4	16	20	18	3	6	73	58.6
Wisconsin-Milwaukee #9/#9Vanderbilt	12-10-02	98-51	W	17	50	.340	5	16	.313	12	20	.600	15	15	30	31.2	24	9	30	4	7	51	57.3
				34	57	.596	10	19	.526	20	27	.741	11	24	35	37.7	22	29	17	4	14	98	80.0
Vanderbilt University				173	325	.532	45	104	.433	89	124	.718	66	160	226	37.7	97	120	112	24	51	480	80.0
Opponents				122	352	.347	31	109	.284	69	95	.726	80	107	187	31.2	121	84	116	13	42	344	57.3