



2002-03

Vanderbilt Basketball

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 State	1 pm
	Central Michigan vs. Harvard	3 pm
Dec. 1	First Tennessee Tournament	
	Game 1	Noon CT
	Championship Game	2 pm CT
Dec. 7	Purdue (Tempe, Ariz.)	2:30 pm MT
Dec. 10	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	7 pm CT
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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Youngstown State Penguins (1-1)

VS.

#9/#8 Vanderbilt Commodores (2-0)

Saturday, November 30 • 1 pm • Memorial Gym • Nashville, Tenn.

Youngstown State

F	13	Jen Perugini	6-2	So.	7.0	7.0
F	23	Jessica Forsythe	5-10	Jr.	13.0	6.5
G	10	Maggie Johnston	5-5	Sr.	9.5	3.0
G	14	Jessica Olmstead	5-9	So.	9.0	4.5
G	21	Devin Novak	5-10	Jr.	6.5	2.5

Vanderbilt Commodores

F	42	Jenni Benningfield	6-3	Jr.	17.5	10.5
F	12	Tia Battle	6-0	So.	10.0	1.0
C	21	Chantelle Anderson	6-6	Sr.	12.0	4.5
G	24	Hillary Hager	5-11	Jr.	12.0	5.0
G	22	Ashley McElhiney	5-6	Sr.	3.0	2.0

General Information

Records:Vanderbilt 2-0, Youngstown State 1-1
 Rankings:VU: #9 in AP Poll; #8 in USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll; YSU: Not ranked
 Radio:WNSR 560 AM – Charlie Mattos calls the action
www.yahoo.com
 Television:None
 Websites:www.vucommodores.com; www.yu.edu/sports

Vanderbilt/Youngstown
Game Facts

Vanderbilt	
Head Coach:	Melanie Balcomb
	Trenton State, 1984
VU Record:	2-0
Overall Record:	165-104 (10 years)
Youngstown State	
Head Coach:	Ed DiGregorio
	Mount Union, 1951
YSU Record:	314-220 (20 years)
Overall Record:	314-220 (20 years)

Vanderbilt/Youngstown State Series
First Meeting

MEDIA RELATIONS

Vanderbilt	
	Tammy Boclair (615-322-4121)
Youngstown State	
	Jamie Hall (330-941-1581)

Vanderbilt/Youngstown
Statistical Comparison

VU	Category	YSU
70.5	Scoring	66.0
58.0	Scoring Defense	72.0
+12.5	Scoring Margin	-6.0
48.5 (47-97)	FG%	39.8 (49-123)
33.3 (40-120)	FG% Defense	39.5 (49-124)
33.3 (11-33)	3Pt%	42.2 (19-45)
32.3 (10-31)	3Pt% Defense	35.6 (16-45)
73.5 (36-49)	FT%	68.2 (15-22)
81.3 (26-32)	FT% Defense	90.9 (30-33)
38.0	Rebounds	37.5
32.0	Rebounds Allowed	40.0
+6.0	Rebound Margin	-2.5
15.0	Assists	19.5
13.5	Assists Allowed	18.5
23.0	Turnovers	18.5
18.5	Turnovers Allowed	14.5
11.0	Steals	6.5
8.5	Steals Allowed	9.5
4.0	Blocked Shots	3.0
2.0	Blocked Shots Allowed	2.5

NATIONAL POLLS
November 25, 2002

AP Top 25

Rank	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Duke (42)	2-0	1,097
2.	Kansas State	4-0	999
3.	LSU (1)	3-0	989
4.	Tennessee	1-1	938
5.	Connecticut (1)	2-0	923
6.	Purdue	2-0	856
7.	Stanford	2-0	810
8.	Georgia	1-0	809
9.	Vanderbilt	1-0	729
10.	Notre Dame	0-0	719
11.	North Carolina	2-0	606
12.	Texas Tech	1-1	587
13.	Penn State	4-1	556
14.	Minnesota	2-0	510
15.	Louisiana Tech	2-1	440
16.	Texas	0-1	391
17.	Arkansas	2-0	378
18.	Boston College	1-0	255
19.	Mississippi State	3-1	221
20.	Iowa State	1-0	203
21.	George Washington	1-0	189
22.	BYU	1-0	182
23.	Oklahoma	2-1	149
24.	Santa Barbara	1-1	129
25.	Cincinnati	0-1	111

Other SEC teams receiving votes:

South Carolina 33, Florida 17, Ole Miss 17, Auburn 9.

USA Today/ESPN/Coaches Top 25

Rank	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Duke (36)	2-0	996
2.	Kansas St. (1)	4-0	920
3.	LSU	3-0	870
4.	Connecticut (3)	2-0	864
5.	Tennessee	1-1	824
6.	Purdue	2-0	760
7.	Stanford	2-0	745
8.	Vanderbilt	1-0	689
9.	Georgia	1-0	645
10.	Notre Dame	0-0	567
11.	Texas Tech	1-1	521
12.	North Carolina	2-0	475
13.	Penn State	4-1	449
14.	Louisiana Tech	2-1	428
15.	Arkansas	2-0	423
16.	Texas	0-1	391
17.	Minnesota	2-0	339
18.	Iowa State	1-0	245
19.	Boston College	1-0	230
19.	Mississippi State	3-1	230
21.	TCU	1-1	199
22.	Oklahoma	2-1	140
23.	Virginia	2-0	117
24.	George Washington	1-0	110
25.	Cincinnati	0-1	105

Other SEC teams receiving votes:

Florida 29; South Carolina 15; Auburn 7.

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

Saturday, November 30	Vanderbilt vs. Youngstown State, 1 pm
Sunday, December 1	vs. Harvard/Central Michigan, Noon or 2 pm
Monday, December 2	OFF
Tuesday, December 3	Practice, 3-6 pm - Practice Gym
Wednesday, December 4	Practice, 3:30 - 6:30 pm - Practice Gym
Thursday, December 5	Practice, 3 - 6 pm - (Practice Gym
Friday, December 6	Depart for Tempe, Ariz. - TBD
Saturday, December 7	vs. Purdue (Tempe, Ariz.), 2:30 MT

FIRST TENNESSEE TOURNAMENT

Vanderbilt welcomes Youngstown State, Central Michigan and Harvard to the Fourth Annual First Tennessee Tournament. This is the 13th tournament Vanderbilt has hosted. The Commodores have won all but the inaugural tournament - The O'Charley's Classic - when VU lost to Butler, 91-88.

The Commodores own a 23-1 record in their own tournament, including 22 consecutive wins.

Overall in in-season tournaments, the Commodores own a 6-16 mark.

HOME OPENER

The Commodores are 23-2 in home openers. Vanderbilt owns a 16-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.

CHANTELLE AND MAC

In games when seniors Chantelle Anderson and Ashley McElhiney were both in the lineup, the Commodores own a 77-26 record for a 73.7 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.

40-MINUTES

Ashley McElhiney played in the entire Boston University game and now totals 24 40-minute games in her career. She is one game shy of tying 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 the first two games of the seasons in points and rebounds. 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 also picked up where she left off last season in drawing offensive fouls. She took three offensive charges vs. Boston and one at Syracuse.

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 both games and is the Commodore's second leading scorer with 12.0 points a game. She averages 33 minutes a game and is 8-11 from the field (72.7), including 4-6 from 3-point range (66.7) and 100 percent from the line (4-4). She also totals 10 rebounds, six steals and three assists.

BATTLE GETS COLLEGIATE START

Sophomore Tia Battle earned her first and second starts of her career at Boston and Syracuse. She played in 21 games last season and averaged 8.0 minutes a game. In VU's first two games, Battle averaged 32.5 minutes and 10.0 points a game.

FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

Both Commodore freshmen Nicole Jules and Erica Grimaldi saw action on the Commodore's road trip. Jules played in both games and averaged 7.5 minutes and totaled three rebounds. Grimaldi saw limited action at Syracuse.

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.

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.

VU RECORD BOOK WATCH

Career Points

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 2602
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season . . .2023
Amount to Record-556

Career Minutes Played

Current Leader: Zuzi Klimesova 4249
 Ashley McElhiney - Began Season . . .3083
Amount to Record-1089
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season3,075
Amount to Record-1126

Career Points Per Game

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 21.3
 Chantelle Anderson19.2

Career Field Goals Made

Current Leader: Wendy Scholtens 959
 Chantelle Anderson - Began Season . . .803
Amount to Record-149

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
Amount to Record-221

Career Assists

Current Leader: Ginger Jared 516
 Ashley McElhiney - Began Season 454
Amount to Record-47

1000 Point Club

Ashley McElhiney - Began Season 803
Amount to 1000-182

WORLDSPAN AND THE SEC

Last year, in an unprecedented move, Worldspan® became the official presenting television sponsor of SEC women's athletic events on FOX Sports Net South. This marked the first-ever, conference-wide women's sports television sponsorship in the history of intercollegiate athletics. Worldspan continues their commitment to women's athletics this year. The Worldspan identity will be featured on all women's events tele-vised as part of the SEC-TV package distributed by FOX Sports Net South, Sunshine Network and FOX Sports Net Southwest. The programming schedule includes both regular-season and conference championship events in soccer, volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, softball, golf, tennis, track and field and swimming and diving. Worldspan also will present a regular women's athletics feature on SEC-TV Weekly, seen Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. ET.

Senior CLASS Award Candidates Released – Anderson and McElhiney Among Candidates

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.

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	2	0	
Overall (10 years)		165	104	.613
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	.2-0
Home Games	.0-0
Road Games	.2-0
Neutral Games	.0-0
Tournament Games (Non-SEC)	.0-0
SEC Tournament	.0-0
Streak	.W3
SEC Games	.0-0
Home	.0-0
Road	.0-0
Non-Conference Games	.2-0
Home	.0-0
Road	.2-0
Neutral	.0-0
Day Games	.1-0
Night Games	.1-0
November	.2-0
December	.0-0
January	.0-0
February	.0-0
March	.0-0
Monday	.0-0
Tuesday	.1-0
Wednesday	.0-0
Thursday	.0-0
Friday	.0-0
Saturday	.1-0
Sunday	.0-0
Overtime	.0-0
Television	.1-0
vs. Ranked Teams	.0-0
vs. Unranked Teams	.2-0
Leading at Halftime	.1-0
Home	.0-0
Road	.1-0
Neutral	.0-0
Trailing at Halftime	.1-0
Home	.0-0
Road	.1-0
Neutral	.0-0
Leading with 10 Minutes	.2-0
Tied with 10 Minutes	.0-0
Trailing with 10 Minutes	.0-0
Leading with 5 Minutes	.2-0
Tied with 5 Minutes	.0-0
Trailing with 5 Minutes	.0-0
VU Shoots 50% or Better	.1-0
Opponent Shoots 50% or Better	.0-0
VU Outrebounds/ties Opponent	.2-0
Opponent Outrebounds VU	.0-0
VU has fewer (or equal) turnovers	.0-0
Opponent has fewer turnovers	.2-0

Melanie Balcomb's Vanderbilt Record

Overall	.2-0	SEC Tournament	.0-0
Home	.0-0	Ranked Teams	.0-0
Road	.2-0	Unranked Teams	.2-0
Neutral	.0-0	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	.2-0	Final Four	.0-0

2002-03 Miscellaneous Statistics

Last 5 Games	.2-0
Last 10 Games	.2-0
Longest Win Streak	.W2
Longest Losing Streak	.N/A
Largest Margin of Victory	.17 (68-51) at Boston University, Nov. 23, 2002
Largest Margin of Defeat	.N/A

Starting Lineups:

100.0 2-0 . . McElhiney, Hager, Anderson, Battle, Benningfield

2002-03 Double Figure Games

SCORING:

- 2 Chantelle Anderson (13 at BU; 11 at Syracuse)
- 2 Jenni Benningfield (16 at BU; 19 at Syracuse)
- 2 Hillary Hager (14 at BU; 10 at Syracuse)
- 1 Tia Battle (11 at BU)
- 1 Ashley Earley (11 at Syracuse)

REBOUNDING:

- 1 Jenni Benningfield (13 at BU)

ASSISTS:

- 1 Ashley McElhiney (11 at Syracuse)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES:

- 1 Jenni Benningfield (16p, 13r at BU)

ASSOCIATED PRESS • USA TODAY/ESPN/COACHES TOP 25 POLLS

PRESEASON

AP Top 25

1. Duke (37)
2. **Tennessee (4)**
3. **LSU (1)**
4. Kansas State
5. Stanford
6. Connecticut
7. **Purdue**
8. **Georgia**
9. Notre Dame
10. Louisiana Tech
11. Vanderbilt
12. Texas
13. Texas Tech
14. Penn State
15. North Carolina
16. Minnesota
17. **Arkansas**
18. Cincinnati
19. Boston College
20. **Mississippi State**
21. George Washington
22. Iowa State
23. Oklahoma
24. Colorado State
25. Santa Barbara

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

1. Duke (25)
2. **Tennessee (11)**
3. Kansas State
4. **LSU**
5. Connecticut (4)
6. Stanford
7. Purdue
8. Vanderbilt
9. **Georgia**
10. Louisiana Tech
11. Texas
12. Notre Dame
13. Texas Tech
14. Penn State
15. North Carolina
16. **Arkansas**
17. Minnesota
18. Iowa State
19. **Texas Christian**
20. Boston College
21. Cincinnati
22. Old Dominion
23. **Mississippi State**
24. Colorado State
25. Oklahoma

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	0	2	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 25.03% 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	0	2	40
Norton	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0	2	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.

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, four times, 2000-01
Steals2 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12-17-00
Assists3 vs. UNC-Asheville and Portland State, 2000-01
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
ReboundsNone
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

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

CAREER HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
ReboundsNone
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
ReboundsNone
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points11 at Boston, 11-23-02
FG Made4 at Boston and Syracuse, 2001-02
3Pt Made1 at Boston and Syracuse, 2001-02
Rebounds4 vs. Tennessee, 2-2-02
Steals2 at Boston and Syracuse, 2001-02
Assists3 at Boston, 11-23-02
Blocked Shots2 at Boston, 11-23-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points11 at Boston, 11-23-02
FG Made4 at Boston and Syracuse
3Pt Made1 at Boston and Syracuse
Rebounds1 at Boston and Syracuse
Steals2 at Boston and Syracuse
Assists3 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
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
Rebounds2 vs. UNC-Asheville, 12-17-00
Steals1, three times, 2000-01
Assists1 vs. Howard, 2000-01
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
ReboundsNone
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points12 at Vermont, 12-22-01
FG Made4 at Vermont/vs. Mississippi, 2001-02
3Pt Made4 at Vermont, 12-22-01
Rebounds4 vs. Mississippi, 2001-02/4 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 vs. Louisville, 1-7-02
Assists4 vs. Xavier, 11-28-01
Blocked Shots1 vs. Canisius/at Alabama, 2001-02

SEASON HIGHS

Points6 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
FG Made2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
3Pt Made2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Rebounds4 at Boston, 11-23-02
StealsNone
Assists1 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
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. Toledo, 11-28-99

SEASON HIGHS

Points13 at Boston, 11-23-02
FG Made5 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds5 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Assists1 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Blocked Shots2 at Boston, 11-23-02

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) and Western Kentucky (2002)
Blocked Shots

SEASON HIGHS

Points8 at Boston, 11-23-02
FG Made2 at Boston, 11-23-02
3Pt Made1 at Boston and Syracuse
Rebounds4 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals3 at Boston and Syracuse
Assists11 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
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 Made2 at Boston and Syracuse
Rebounds6 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals5 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Assists2 at Boston, 11-23-02
Blocked ShotsNone

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

CAREER HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

SEASON HIGHS

PointsNone
FG MadeNone
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
StealsNone
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

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, four times

SEASON HIGHS

Points11 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
FG Made2 at Boston and Syracuse
3Pt MadeNone
Rebounds6 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
Steals1 at Boston, 11-23-02
AssistsNone
Blocked ShotsNone

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

CAREER HIGHS

Points21 at South Carolina, 1-18-01
FG Made7, seven 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 Shots

SEASON HIGHS

Points19 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
FG Made7 at Boston and Syracuse
3Pt Made1 at Boston, 11-23-02
Rebounds13 at Boston, 11-23-02
Steals2 at Syracuse, 11-23-02
Assists2 at Boston and Syracuse
Blocked Shots2 at Syracuse, 11-26-02
