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How to put the 123rd season of Vanderbilt football into words? There were position battles, old warhorses sharing the stage with up-and-comers and spectacular plays. And there were wins. More wins than anyone this side of age 35 can ever remember. More wins than anyone on the other side of 35 thought would ever come again. Enough wins to give James Franklin a second shot at his first bowl win as a head coach on New Year's Eve. Enough wins to send Vanderbilt into 2013 and beyond with a little more respect from its Southeastern Conference peers.

But first, the 2012 Commodores have one more game to play. For its final issue of the semester, The Hustler looks back on a memorable fall and relives the players, games and stories that made this season special.



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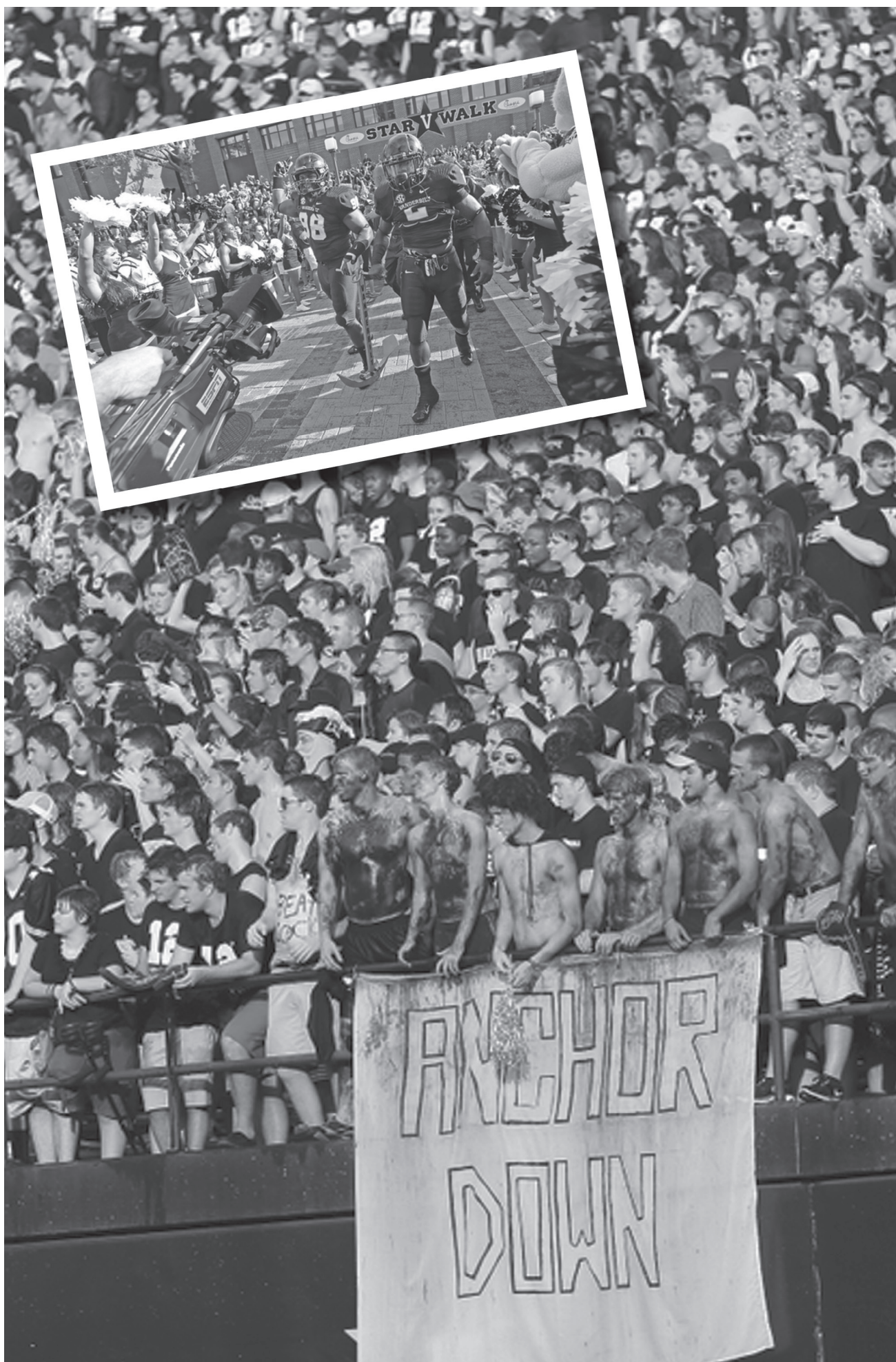
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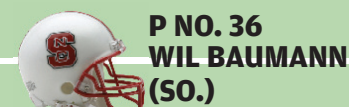
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NORTH CAROLINA STATE OFFENSE

GRAPHIC: AUGIE PHILLIPS

Reeling Pack still pack threat

 By DAN MARKS
Sports reporter

While losing to Vanderbilt is no longer something to be embarrassed about, a loss to the Commodores is certainly not something that will help a coach on the hot seat keep his job. Three SEC coaches who lost to the Commodores this season were fired in November, and while losing to Vanderbilt wasn't the only reason for their dismissal, the 40-0 and 41-18 losses certainly didn't help Joker Phillips or Derek Dooley keep their respective jobs with the Commodores' division rivals. However, in the case of Vanderbilt's bowl opponent, North Carolina State, job security will not be an issue as coach Tom O'Brien was fired after the regular season and recently replaced with Northern Illinois coach Dave Doeren, who will not coach the team in the bowl game.

The Wolfpack, infamous for their mediocrity during O'Brien's 5-year tenure, are putting a bow on another inconsistent showing in 2012. NC State finished 4-4 in the Atlantic Coast Conference but did hand then-No. 3 Florida State its only in-conference loss of the season in dramatic fashion. However, there were few other positives to take from the season, with the lowlights being a 35-21 loss to Tennessee in the season-opener and a 33-6 loss on Homecoming to a Virginia team that finished with only one other conference win.

On New Year's Eve, Commodore fans should expect NC State to throw the football. Under center, the Wolfpack are led by gunslinging quarterback Mike Glennon. In his redshirt senior season, Glennon has thrown for 3,648 yards to go along with 30 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. While Glennon has shown a knack to drive his team down the field, his 57.7-percent completion percentage raises some questions about his accuracy. Down the field, Glennon's favorite target is sophomore wide receiver Bryan Underwood, who has caught 10 touchdowns out of just 43 receptions. When the Wolfpack run the football, true freshman Shadrach Thornton comes out of the backfield. In his first



Junior cornerback David Amerson (1) hauls in an interception against Boston College on Nov. 24. The nation's interceptions leader in 2011, Amerson's encore performance has disappointed at times as he and the rest of the defense have struggled to stop anyone in the latter half of the 2012 season.

season, Thornton has run for 655 yards and three touchdowns with an average of 4.3 yards per carry.

Defensively, NC State allows nearly 25 points per game, which puts the Wolfpack 45th nationally. However, had NC State played teams other than South Alabama and The Citadel in back-to-back games, this statistic would be much worse. Overall, the Wolfpack allow nearly 420 yards per game, the majority of which come at the expense of a weak secondary that surrenders just under 262 yards per contest. Look for Jordan Rodgers to attack NC State's porous defense both on the ground and through the air.

Between NC State's coaching transition and the slew of defensive implosions that

haunted the end of the regular season, the Wolfpack may indeed be facing long odds against a team riding a six-game winning streak. But one of the most glaring remaining marks against this year's Vanderbilt team is that it has not beaten a team with a winning record all season, with 6-6 Ole Miss being the only bowl-eligible team Vanderbilt has defeated.

Had the Commodores been selected to a bowl higher up on the bowl hierarchy, they could have had an opportunity to turn heads against a team like Clemson or Nebraska — teams with a bit more cache than North Carolina State. But that doesn't mean a win on Dec. 31 won't do a world of good for a program searching for as much national exposure as it can get.

Five Music City Bowl matchups to watch

 By MATT CITAK
Sports reporter

1. WR JORDAN MATTHEWS VS. CB DAVID AMERSON

Matthews and Amerson are the highest-profile playmakers on their respective teams. Matthews has been wire-to-wire dominant in 2012, garnering All-SEC first team honors from the Associated Press after finishing with the school record for receiving yards in a season. Meanwhile, Amerson is wrapping up a somewhat disappointing season following a stellar 2011 campaign in which he pulled in 13 interceptions, far and away the most in the nation. If the two juniors happen to enter this year's NFL Draft after they meet on the field on Dec. 31, don't be surprised to hear both their names called during the first two days.

2. CB ANDRE HAL VS. WR TOBIAS PALMER

Hal was third in the SEC in passes defended on the way to All-SEC second team honors. Palmer was second for the Wolfpack in receptions (46), yards (670) and touchdowns (6), and the shifty senior finished off the season with a flurry of big games, headlined by 219 yards and three touchdowns against Clemson. With this game being the last of Palmer's college career, Hal will have to bring his A-game in order to stop this talented receiver.

3. VANDERBILT PASS DEFENSE VS. QB MIKE GLENNON

Standing at 6 feet 5 inches, Glennon is not only one of the tallest quarterbacks in the country but also one of the most talented. However, he will have his hands full against the Commodores and their 10th-best pass defense in the country, which has surrendered only 176 yards through the air per game. Safeties Kenny Ladler and Javon Marshall will be tasked with making sure Vanderbilt doesn't get beat deep by Glennon's next-level arm.

4. LB CHASE GARNHAM VS. NC STATE OFFENSIVE LINE

Garnham has been one of the best players on defense for the Commodores in 2012, showing an aptitude for fearlessly filling holes in the run defense. He leads the team in sacks (5.5), tackles for losses (11.5) and is third in total tackles (77). While NC State's offensive line has been hit with the injury bug all season long, they appear to be healed and ready to go. Facing four linemen over 6 feet 5 inches, Garnham will have to find a way to penetrate to put some pressure on Glennon.

5. HEAD COACH JAMES FRANKLIN VS. INTERIM HEAD COACH DANA BIBLE

Franklin is leading his team to a second straight bowl appearance for the first time in school history, but equally important are the extra weeks of practice to give him time to assess his team for the future. The same luxury was not afforded NC State's head coach. After a disappointing 7-5 season, Tom O'Brien was fired as head coach after five years in Raleigh, with offensive coordinator Dana Bible taking over responsibilities as head coach for the bowl game. While Bible has been coaching for over 30 years, he has never been the head coach for a team before now.



A NEW PLAYING WEIGHT

Kris Kentera is learning that the road from spindly quarterback to bruising tight end takes hours of hard work ... **and protein shakes**

By **STEVE SCHINDLER**
Sports reporter

Kris Kentera arrived in Nashville from Colorado Springs, Colo., as a raw, 6-foot-4-inch, 195-pound quarterback. A part of James Franklin's first recruiting class, the Pine Creek High School alum led his team to three consecutive league championships. His senior campaign saw him throw for over 1,600 yards, run for over 600 yards and score 23 total touchdowns.

The Colorado All-State quarterback was red-shirted his first year on campus, spending time learning the Commodores' playbook, getting used to the speed of the college game and increasing his overall strength. Despite aspirations of being a quarterback, Kentera was asked to change positions for the good of the team.

This spring, Franklin announced that Kentera would make the move to tight end/H-back after impressing the coaching staff on the scout team with his excellent athleticism — an athleticism that certainly runs in Kentera's blood, given that his grandfather played linebacker and fullback at Arizona State and his father played receiver at Georgia Tech.

The position change prevented him from being buried behind Jordan Rodgers and Austyn Carta-Samuels on the quarterback depth chart and threw him into an open competition for playing time with his fellow tight ends after All-SEC tight end Brandon Barden's departure. With a gaping hole at the tight end position, a starting gig was left up in the air. His competitors included the team's elder statesman in sixth-year senior Austin Monahan, along with highly touted youngsters Steven Scheu and Dillon van der Wal. Monahan had the wide advantage in experience, and Scheu and van der Wal were considered to be the team's future at the position. In addition, Kentera came in as the runt of the tight end litter with Scheu (6 feet 6 inches, 250 pounds), van der Wal (6 feet 7 inches, 255 pounds) and Monahan (6 feet 6 inches, 252 pounds) displaying more prototypical size for the position.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for Kentera was adding bulk to his lanky 6-foot-4-inch frame. Through a steady diet and multiple protein shakes a day over the offseason, he was able to get himself up to 230 pounds. While still small for a tight end, the gain gave him a chance to see the field.

Kentera was impressive in preseason practices and scrimmages, utilizing his in-depth knowledge of the Vanderbilt playbook and high football IQ to flash his immense playmaking abilities. Kentera credits the coaching staff and roommate Steven Scheu with accelerating his

development at the position.

He earned praise in preseason camp thanks to his soft hands and athleticism, putting him in line to see action next to Monahan in the opener against South Carolina. The former quarterback received a harrowing first assignment: to block the nation's best passer rusher, Jadeveon Clowney.

While Clowney only registered one sack, he was disruptive all night as South Carolina abused the Commodores up front with 11 tackles for loss and five sacks.

Kentera continued to endure ups and downs early in the season, going without a catch in his first four games and adjusting to the physicality of SEC defensive linemen.

"It's been a little rough with the size having to stick your nose in the trenches with 280-pound guys, but I enjoy the fight," he said.

As the season wore on, Kentera began to see more

time, until finally, things began clicking. Over Vanderbilt's six-game winning streak, the redshirt freshman has caught eight balls for 92 yards and two touchdowns, including a clutch 21-yard grab on third down against Ole Miss that set up the winning touchdown one play later.

While Kentera's statistics won't blow anyone away, he is the team's third leading receiver behind Jordan Matthews and Chris Boyd.

"As tight ends, we don't have to catch balls to be productive," Kentera said. "We're out there blocking every play for guys like Zac (Stacy), opening up things that go unnoticed. Production isn't necessarily getting balls, but just making the team better any way I can."

Kentera has improved immensely as a blocker after a baptism by fire, against such players as Clowney, Jarvis Jones and the myriad of talented defenders on Will Muschamp's Florida team.

"I enjoy going in there and fighting and proving I can hang in there with anyone in the country, whether that's Jadeveon Clowney or even Walker May in practice," Kentera said.

He also understands the progress he's made from the season opener to now. "Game One was a blur to me. It was kind of breathtaking going out there in front of all those people. Coming from Colorado, I don't think I've played in front of more than 2,000 people, and we had a sellout in the opener. It was a bit overwhelming, but now it's second nature and I feel much more comfortable and relaxed out on the field."

With roughly three weeks until the Music City Bowl, Kentera has officially ascended to the top of the tight end depth chart for the Commodores. Expect the young tight end to continue his improvement, taking on all comers and continuing to enjoy the fight.

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KRIS KENTERA,
Vanderbilt tight end

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EMERGING FROM THE SHADOWS: THE LONG MARCH OF JORDAN RODGERS

By **JESSE GOLOMB**
Sports reporter

Around the corner from Vanderbilt Stadium, just a short walk away from a field that now appears greener with each passing game, Jordan Rodgers prepares for another unlikely celebration. For the moment, he stands off to stage left, hidden amidst a group of much larger teammates, shrouded in his older brother's shadow. All of a sudden, a young fan and his father, football and pen in hand, find him. A year ago, Jordan would have been able to remain anonymous. Not anymore. The floodgates open. He is exposed.

Thankfully, before the hordes can come out of the woodwork and descend on Rodgers' location, the party begins, and Chancellor Zeppos is introduced. The Chancellor gives way to the athletic director, and then to the bowl game's corporate sponsor, and finally to the beloved head coach. Each has a few words to say about this glorious night, one of the greatest in the history of a traditionally sorry Southeastern Conference football program. Then, they cede the podium, and the microphone, to a former junior college quarterback.

"I only got here three years ago," says Jordan Rodgers, confidence spilling off the stage. "I thought it would be great to get a chance to play in the SEC, and compete against some of the best. But I never thought we would be one of the best."

The crowd roars. In this light, he looks more like Aaron than ever.

"We're going to be one of the best."

JOURNEY TO THE SEC

It's been almost three years since Jordan Rodgers left Butte Community College in his native Chico, Calif., and exactly two days since he stood on stage at Vanderbilt's Bowl Announcement Ceremony. Today, the rain is coming down in sheets, so the Commodores have been released from practice early. Rodgers enters the team facility and begins bouncing down the hallway, a sopping wet bandana holding back his dirty blonde hair, obscuring the most obvious sign of his California roots. Someone asks Rodgers if he should take a shower.

"Why would I want to do that?" he calls out, continuing to skip down the hall before landing right in front of me. He extends his right hand, and I shake it. It is as in need of a shower as the rest of him.

Just now, I begin to understand why one of Rodgers' receivers, Jordan Matthews, describes his quarterback as "extremely loose."

"It's almost crazy," Matthews says. "You expect your quarterback to be really uptight, especially in the huddle. J-Rod is one of the most positive, confident guys I've ever played with. He adds that swagger to our offense."

With that swagger under center, Vanderbilt has gone 10-8, which doesn't sound like much until you consider the team was 7-23 in the 30 games prior. Even more impressive, Rodgers has led the school to its second consecutive bowl berth, a feat no other Commodore quarterback before him was able to accomplish.

Arguably, no one — with the exception of head coach James Franklin — has played a bigger role in the success of Vanderbilt football over the last two seasons than Jordan Rodgers. Yet, what's more startling is just how close Rodgers came to never playing a down at Vanderbilt.

Jordan led the Butte Community College Roadrunners to the 2008 NJCAA National Championship, the first in school history. A year later, he was recruited to play at Kansas. But when head coach Mark Mangino resigned following allegations of misconduct, Rodgers' scholarship was revoked.

"I really had no options," Jordan says, reminiscing on days spent flipping through Division-I depth charts, desperately seeking a team that could use the assistance of a junior college quarterback. As he outlines his process — "Who had a graduating senior? Who had a bunch of young quarterbacks?" — his mood darkens. The West Coast smile disappears, and the swagger dissipates for the first time all day.

"Then," the 24-year old remembers, brightening up, "I got a call from Vanderbilt."

Rodgers was initially surprised by the school's interest. With a quarterback depth chart stocked with two seniors, a freshman and a sophomore, the Commodores didn't seem to fit the mold of a team in need of a junior college quarterback.

Besides, where the hell was Vanderbilt?

"I probably couldn't have told you that Vanderbilt was in the SEC," Rodgers admits. "I probably couldn't have told you that it was in Nashville. It wasn't even on my radar."

"At the time, I told him it was the best thing that could have happened to him," says Aaron Rodgers, Jordan's Super Bowl MVP-winning big brother and a fellow JUCO transfer from Butte. "I've been to Nashville a few times. Love the city. I just thought it would be a really good fit — a great university academically, and then to be a part of a program that we both thought was on the rise."

Out of options, it didn't take long for Jordan to be convinced. But it wasn't the city or the

studies or his brother's advice that eventually lured him to Nashville. He wanted to play among giants.

"I loved the opportunity to play in the SEC. I wanted to play against the best."

INJURY AND TURNOVER

For a long time, it didn't seem like he would play at all.

Rodgers arrived on Vanderbilt's campus in the early spring of 2010, three weeks after his official visit. When spring practice rolled around, he found himself locked in a quarterback battle with more than one competitor, including incumbent starter Larry Smith. Rodgers was still gunning for the job in the fall when he took a hit in practice and his shoulder gave out. Suddenly, there was no zip on his throws. Onto the shelf he went, redshirt in tow.

At this point in the recounting, the sullenness returns.

"That was a rough season for me. I had never had an injury that bothered me before that, never missed a game for anything."

Rodgers was disappointed he couldn't compete right away, but moreso that he couldn't help a team that was getting smacked around on the field. In 2010, the Commodores lost 10 games, nine of them by double-digit margins. "I'm from a winning program," he says. "I'm used to winning in high school. I won in junior college, won the national championship. I only lost a few games in my career at junior college. 2-and-10 was tough."

Indeed it was. Head coach Bobby Johnson — the man who had recruited Aaron's little brother in the first place — retired just weeks before the start of the 2010 season. Interim head coach Robbie Caldwell was shown the door on the morning of the final game of the season, and a year after transferring, Jordan Rodgers was preparing to prove himself to a third head coach.

Part of the new staff was quarterbacks coach Ricky Rahne, who, along with head coach James Franklin, had helped former Kansas State quarterback Josh Freeman blossom into a first round NFL draft pick. Rahne had seen Rodgers play when he was a freshman at Butte.

A lot of time had passed since then. "I didn't really have a concept of his game," says Rahne. "I knew he worked really hard, and I knew he took it very seriously based on the film study and the questions he was asked. But he was still coming back from a surgery, and he wasn't really able to throw. To be honest, he wasn't really able to do a whole lot."

Nobody knew what Jordan Rodgers was capable of — even Rodgers himself, who was stressed out by the prospect of being overlooked by the new regime.

"I've never played a game here yet," he remembers thinking. "I'm not able to throw the football in spring ball. I'm supposed to still be competing for the job, but I'm not able to show the coaches anything."

"I'm not able to throw the football for the first three-and-a-half, four months that they're on campus."

SUDDENLY THE STARTER

It was a long road back for Rodgers, but eventually, he would return. After losing out on the starting gig — "I don't feel like I deserved the job, Game One" — at the beginning of the 2011 campaign, he appeared in each of the Commodores' first five contests.

"It's a testament to J-Rod that he didn't just get complacent in his role, that he was still in there watching film," Matthews says. "And when the opportunity came, he was ready."

Opportunity reared its head in the fifth week of the season, when the Commodores traveled to Tuscaloosa to play the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide. Early on, Larry Smith suffered a lower leg injury, and Rodgers replaced him. Vanderbilt would end up being blown out 34-0, but both coaches and players agreed that Rodgers had displayed poise against the nation's top team.

"That was when I really started to think about it," Rahne says.

The next week, Smith threw two head-scratching interceptions in the first half of a home game against Georgia, and the staff turned to Rodgers once more. In the process of leading the Commodores to a near-upset of the Bulldogs, he racked up 80 yards on the ground and impressed his coaches yet again.

"He got into the Georgia game and sparked us, mostly with his legs," recalls Rahne.

Save for a one-game respite against Presbyterian College this season, Jordan Rodgers has not relinquished his hold on the starting job since.

"I knew my shot would come," says Rodgers, now brimming with confidence. "When it came, it wasn't pretty at times. But we found a way to move the ball, and we found a way to make plays and we came really close to winning that game. We felt like we really should have won that game."

Jordan is talking about playing Georgia last season, but he could just as well be referencing any game he has started. There's been a pattern to his tenure as Vanderbilt's quarterback, a constant sense of ordered chaos that surrounds the offense. As field general, Rodgers is at the center

of it all, looking alternatively professional and semi-pro.

In other words, the Commodores rarely make it easy. They march the ball down the field, picking up first down after first down, and end up stalling and settling for a field goal. They move the ball on the first drive of the game, and go three-and-out on the next four. Most frustratingly, they

move the ball on the first drive of the game, and go three-and-out on the next four. Most frustratingly, they fall just short of the signature win Franklin and Rodgers have yet to add to their ever-expanding resumes.

BROTHERLY LOVE

"I wish I had his athleticism," Aaron Rodgers says of his little brother. "He's going to run probably in the 4.5 range, I'd guess, at his pro day. I busted my butt to be around 4.7."

During the offseason, the Rodgers brothers sometimes retreat back to Chico, where they lift weights, work on footwork, and trade tips — though, both brothers will not hesitate to remind you most of the advice flows in one direction.

"I like to think I'm more of the teacher in this relationship," says the older Rodgers with a laugh.

Jordan agrees. "I feel like we are very similar players, but mostly because I'm trying to mirror my game after his," he says. "Of course,

anybody would want to."

Before every game, Aaron sends Jordan a text, usually telling him to trust his feet.

All offseason, at the behest of his big brother, Jordan worked on his footwork, altering what he was doing both under center and under the gun. He thinks it's paid off.

"It's helped me to be more accurate this season," he says. Whatever the cause, there's little doubt Rodgers has had a better idea of where the ball is going in 2012.

Before the season, he set a (somewhat arbitrary) goal of completing 68 percent of his passes. Though he's fallen far short of that number, his completion percentage is still up 10 percent from last year.

Rahne has also noticed improvement on the mental side of the game, where Rodgers seems more positive than ever.

"Before, he put a lot of pressure on himself," Rahne says. "Sometimes his mistakes would bother him. Now, he understands mistakes are going to happen."

Ever since he decided to leave Butte, all he has done is exhaust his options. Why would he stop now?

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JORDAN RODGERS

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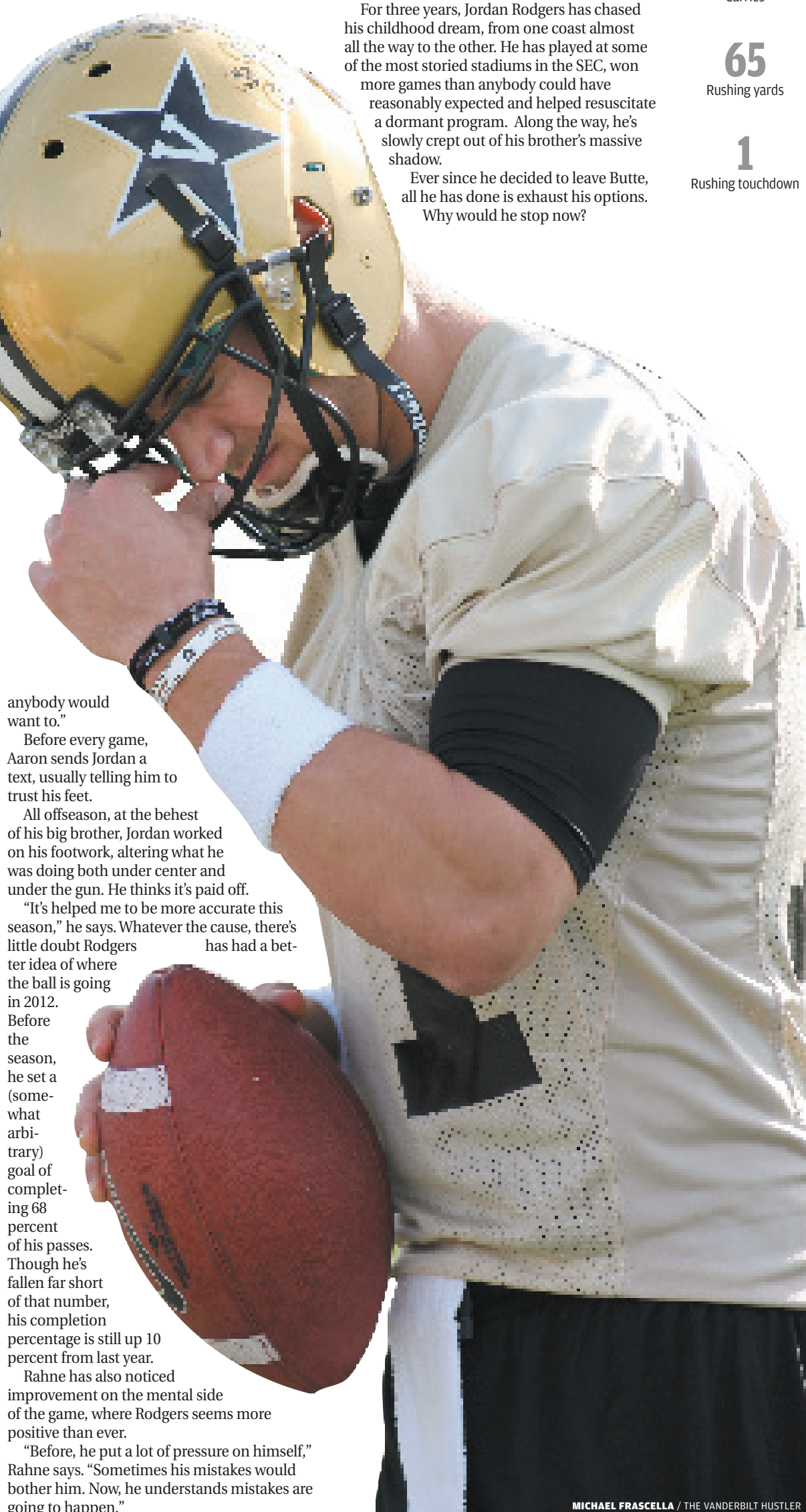
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LINING IT ALL UP

Senior defensive tackles **Rob Lohr** and **Colt Nichter** look to leave an impact in Nashville heading into their **final bowl game**

By **GEORGE BARCLAY**
Assistant sports editor

Four years ago, Vanderbilt football was in an entirely different world. Bobby Johnson was the head coach. There were still students on campus who witnessed the days of Cutler-to-Bennett. The University of Tennessee was the dominant in-state program. Sellouts at Vanderbilt Stadium were a rarity.

In 2012, times have changed. Now James Franklin emerges from the locker room every game to address the media. The Rodgers-to-Matthews hookups are a common sight on Saturdays. The enemy in orange has not reached a bowl game for two straight seasons and faces lingering NCAA sanctions. Vanderbilt Stadium is becoming a sea of black and gold.

While these changes have been drastic, two constants remain in Vanderbilt's football program in senior defensive tackles Rob Lohr and Colt Nichter. Starting out as redshirt freshmen in 2008, both Lohr and Nichter have taken advantage of their time under the new coaching staff and have benefitted from James Franklin's psychological approach to the game.

"Coach Franklin gets here, and he changes everything," said Lohr. "The whole culture changes, the mindset of the team changes and it's just been a tremendous difference. It's a much better feeling going out on Saturdays and knowing you can win games. It's really changed our perception as a team and the perception from when we came in



Lohr (left) and Nichter (right) have helped anchor a defensive line that finished the regular season with 20 sacks and 52 tackles for loss. The Commodores may be deeper on the D-line than at any other position, and in the final game of their Vanderbilt careers, the two seniors will be looking to set the tone for a bright future in the trenches.

here. We have a winner's mentality as opposed to a loser's mentality."

Similarly, Nichter has been impressed by the work ethic Franklin has instilled in the team.

"We really hadn't worked hard until Franklin got here," he said. "A big part of it is (Director of Performance Enhancement Dwight) Galt and the strength and training we do in the offseason. We really honestly have no days off."

And to the delight of Commodore fans, the hard work has paid off. In their senior seasons, Lohr and Nichter have totaled 28 tackles and 15 tackles, respectively, with a forced fumble from Nichter. The duo has also helped bring pressure on quarterbacks and contain

the running game, giving Vanderbilt 18.3 points allowed per game, good for 15th in the nation.

"(It's been) just executing at all levels," said Nichter of the team's defense. "We all work together as interchangeable parts. We just execute, pursue and have a black death mentality."

On Dec. 17 against Tennessee, the black death mentality was in full effect in a 41-18 Commodore victory. With both Lohr and Nichter grinding in the trenches, Vanderbilt held the Volunteers' explosive offense to under 200 yards in both the passing and the running game. Yet, despite the emotions of a victory against a hated rival, the linemen saw the game simply as another "W."

"Obviously it was a good win for us, a big win for us because we hadn't beaten them (at home) since 1982," said Lohr. "But personally, it just felt like another win for us. That's a credit to Coach Franklin and how he's set the one-game-at-a-time mentality."

Heading into their final game as Vanderbilt players in the Music City Bowl on New Year's Eve, Lohr and Nichter hope to end their last year in Nashville like their first, with a bowl victory.

"We want to leave 9-4 as Music City Bowl champions," said Lohr. "Our freshman year, we came in and both redshirted, but we were Music City Bowl champions that year."

You may not see them on ESPN

analyst Mel Kiper Jr.'s draft board, but Rob Lohr and Colt Nichter have played a crucial role in Vanderbilt's football renaissance. For the past two seasons, the duo has started in every game for the Commodores. Needing a group of upperclassmen to buy in, Franklin's success in Nashville would not have been possible had players like Lohr and Nichter remained aloof. And now that they see their college careers ending, both remain proud of their involvement.

"You can just tell by how the stadium fills up now and how people talk about Vandy," said Lohr. "It's not 'same old Vandy.' Now it's 'new Vanderbilt.' It's the Vanderbilt Commodores. Anchor Down. I feel like we helped build that."

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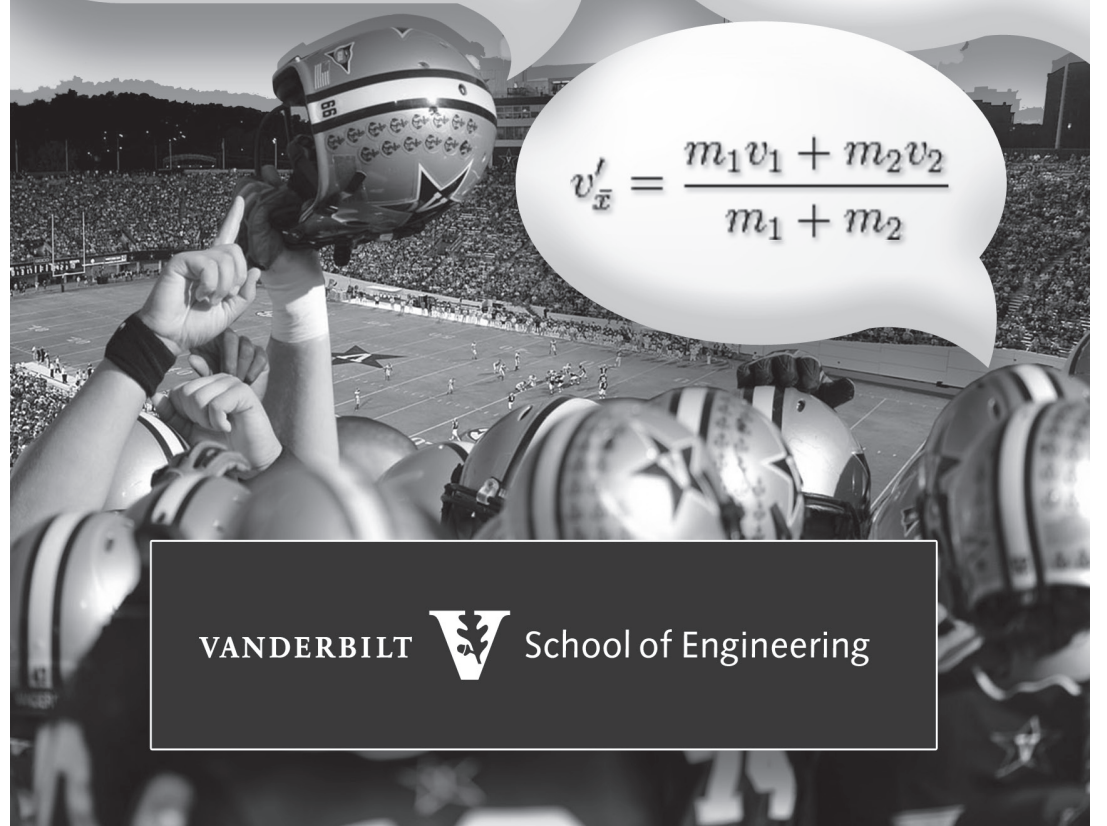
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THE BIG STATS

James Franklin doesn't like to focus on the history of Vanderbilt football, so we'll do it for him. The Hustler rounded up the most impressive achievements from a football season filled with **shattered records, individual accomplishments and milestone victories.** Read the CliffsNotes on the side of the page, or soak in the full extent of Vandy's unprecedented success below. Are we overdoing it? ... Nah.

By **ALLISON MAST**
Sports reporter

AUG. 30 SOUTH CAROLINA

- Largest crowd for a home opener since Aug. 30, 2001, versus Middle Tennessee State
- Jordan Rodgers' 78-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Matthews was the longest since Mackenzie Adams threw a 79-yard pass to Sean Walker in 2008 versus Duke.

SEPT. 15 PRESBYTERIAN

- The 58-point shutout victory matches the largest margin of victory in a shutout since 1999 against The Citadel.
- Trey Wilson became the second Commodore to return an interception 100 yards for a touchdown, matching Archibald Barnes' effort against Tennessee last season. The score was Wilson's third career pick-six and sets the new school record for interceptions returned for a score.
- Brian Kimbrow and Stacy became the first VU duo to each rush for 100-plus yards since 2009 when Stacy and Warren Norman each rushed for over 100 yards against Western Carolina.
- Carey Spear kicked a career-high three field goals with his 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. Spear is the first VU kicker to kick three field goals in a game since Ryan Fowler did it on Nov. 21, 2009, at Tennessee.
- The Commodores' 605 total yards is the most since the Army game last season when Vanderbilt gained 530 yards.
- Vanderbilt rushed for 410 yards, marking the first time the Commodores topped 400 yards in a game since they ran for 433 yards against Western Carolina in 2009.

SEPT. 22 GEORGIA

- Matthews and Chris Boyd each going over 100 yards receiving marked the first time a Vanderbilt receiving duo had 100-yard receiving games since 2006 when Earl Bennett (157) and Marlon White (121) accomplished the feat against Florida.

OCT. 6 MISSOURI

- The SEC road win was Vanderbilt's first since winning at Ole Miss in 2010.

OCT. 20 AUBURN

- Vanderbilt Stadium was sold out for the second consecutive game for the first time since 1996.
- Stacy broke the Vanderbilt

school rushing record with a 27-yard run late in the fourth quarter, finishing the day with 169 yards and giving him 2,670 yards on 500 carries for his career. Stacy broke the previous mark of Frank Mordica, who ran for 2,632 yards on 546 carries in his career.

OCT. 27 UMASS

- Jonathan Krause's punt return touchdown in the third quarter was the first for a Vanderbilt player since Jimmy Williams versus Northern Illinois in 1999.
- Matthews' 10 receptions made him the first Commodore to have at least 10 catches in a game since Earl Bennett had 11 against Ole Miss in 2007.
- Trey Wilson's interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter was the fourth pick-six of his career and second this season. The four career interception returns for touchdowns are a Vanderbilt record and are second all-time in the Southeastern Conference (Tennessee's Jackie Walker had five from 1969-71).

NOV. 3 KENTUCKY

- The Commodores' 27-0 halftime lead was VU's largest halftime lead over an SEC opponent since a 35-0 lead over Kentucky in 1969.
- The 40-point win is the largest margin of victory for Vanderbilt in an SEC game since the Commodores beat LSU 48-7 in 1948 and the largest margin of victory in an SEC road game since a 47-0 win over Auburn in 1948.
- The shutout was Vanderbilt's first SEC shutout since blanking Kentucky 6-0 in 1968.
- The shutout victory marked the first time since 1964 Vanderbilt had two shutouts in the same season (against George Washington and Tennessee).

NOV. 10 OLE MISS

- Vanderbilt notched its third SEC road win for the first time in school history.
- The Commodores' rally from 17 points down marks the largest deficit Vanderbilt has come from behind to win in over 30 years.
- The win marked the third straight Vanderbilt win in Oxford for the first time in the series' history and the program's first three-game win streak over Ole Miss since 1949-51.

NOV. 17 TENNESSEE

- Zac Stacy's 10-yard rushing touchdown was the 27th of his career, setting the school career record.
- The win tied the school record for most SEC wins with five, tying the 1935 team.
- The win marked the Commodores' first seven-win regular season since 1982.
- Vanderbilt's 23-point win was the largest margin of victory over Tennessee since a

26-0 win in 1954.

- The victory over the Volunteers was the first home win over UT since 1982.
- Carey Spear's field goal in the second quarter set a new school record for field goals in a single season with 17 made field goals.

NOV. 24 WAKE FOREST

- Vanderbilt topped 40 points for the fifth time this year. The last season Vanderbilt scored over 40 points in five games came in 1915.
- The victory was the sixth straight for the Commodores, their first six-game win streak since 1955 and the first six-game win streak to conclude the regular season since 1948.
- Vanderbilt finished the regular season 8-4 overall, the most regular season wins since the 1982 season. Only twice in team history have the Commodores reached nine wins: 9-0 in 1904 and 9-1 in 1915.
- With his six catches in the first quarter, Jordan Matthews passed Earl Bennett for second on Vanderbilt's single-season receptions list with 83 catches this season.
- Jordan Matthews' 64-yard touchdown reception set the school record for receiving yards in a single season with 1,262 yards this year.

- Carey Spear's extra point in the third quarter gave him 74 points this season, setting the new school record previously held by Ricky Anderson (1982).
- Carey Spear's career-high 52-yard field goal in the third quarter was the Commodores' first 50-yard field goal since 2006, when Bryant Hahnfeldt booted a 51-yard field goal at Duke, and longest since Steve Jenner's 55-yarder in 1995. The field goal was the sixth longest in school history.
- Jonathan Krause's two punt returns for touchdowns this season mark the first time since 1968 that a Commodore returned two punts for scores in a single season.
- Zac Stacy's 90-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter broke his own school record for the longest run in school history and was the second-longest run ever allowed by Wake Forest.
- Zac Stacy became the first player in school history to produce back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons with 1,034 yards this regular season and pushed him over 3,000 career yards with 3,036 yards in his VU career.

DEC. 2 BOWL ANNOUNCEMENT

- Vanderbilt accepted an invitation to the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, marking the first time in school history the team has made it to a bowl in back-to-back seasons.

Information from Vanderbilt Athletics was used in compiling these records.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

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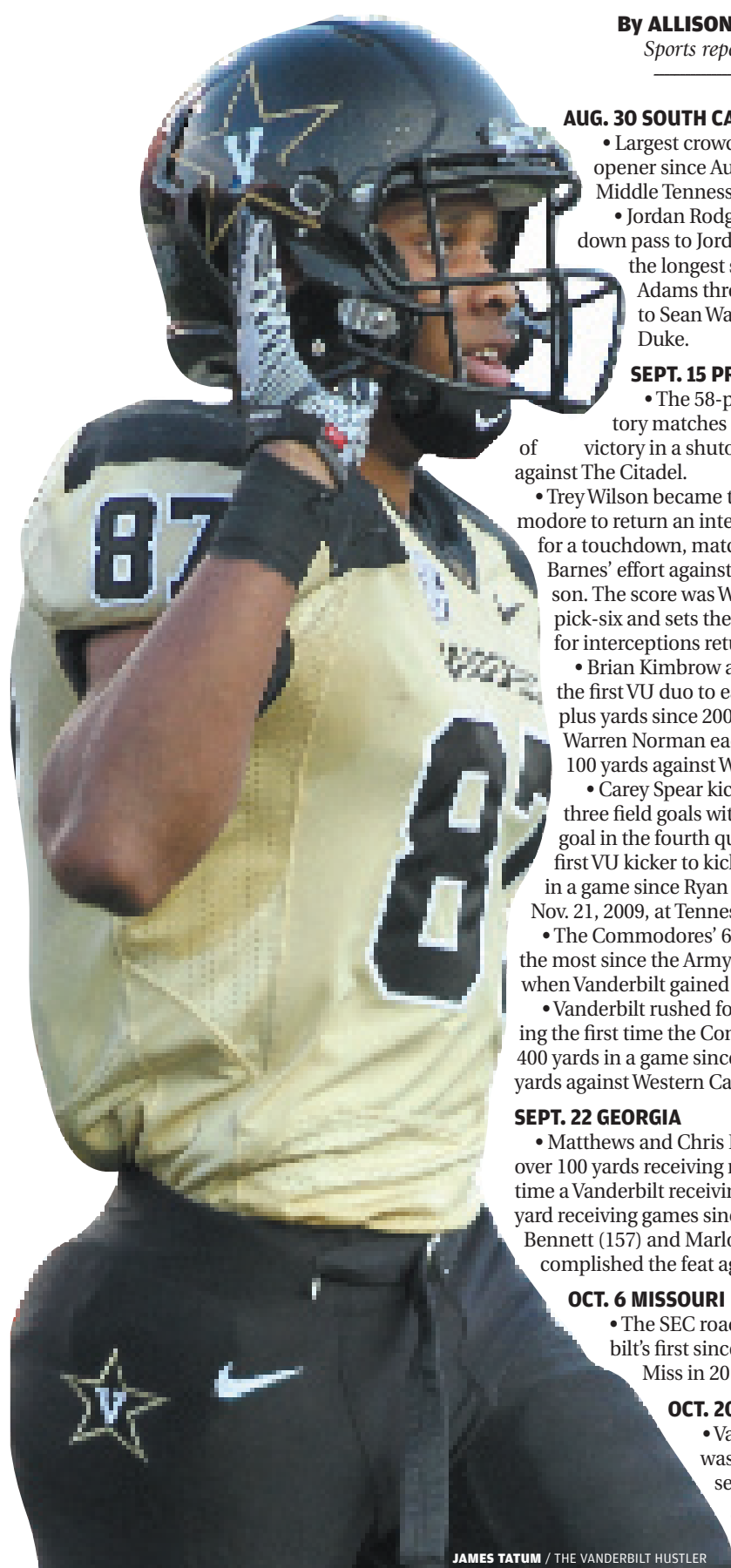
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TOP 5 LIST

Sports reporter Anthony Tripodoro takes on Vanderbilt football's top 5 performances of the season

For every team accomplishment, there are countless individual efforts that go underpublicized. Here are the five performances that stood above the rest this season.

V CAREY SPEAR vs. Wake Forest

As the football saying goes, no one cares about the kicker until you need him. In Vanderbilt's 55-21 pummeling of Wake Forest to close the season, the Commodores clicked on all cylinders offensively and did not need their placekicker Carey Spear to win the game. That did not stop Spear from turning in a stellar afternoon to earn him the honor of SEC Special Teams Player of the Week. Spear split the uprights six times, twice on field goals and four times on extra points on his way to breaking two school records: one for most points by a kicker in a season, the other for most field goals made in a single season. In addition, his 52-yard field goal was a career-best.

IV ZAC STACY vs. Auburn

Zac Stacy made history in a tight game against Auburn in late October. In just another one of his many outstanding performances over the last four years, the senior running back ran for 169 yards on 27 carries and punched in a touchdown to help Vanderbilt pull out a 17-13 victory over the Tigers. Along the way, he became the school's all-time leader in rushing yards with a 27-yard run late in the fourth quarter to push him ahead of Frank Mordica. Stacy proved throughout his senior season that he deserved to graduate as one of the most decorated players in school history.

III ANDRE HAL vs. Tennessee

What ended up as a one-sided blowout in the biggest rivalry game of the year could have been much more in doubt if not for the critical performance of defensive back Andre Hal. Tasked with marking receivers Cordarrelle Patterson and Justin Hunter, Hal had two interceptions and put up 68 yards on interception returns to set up two Vanderbilt touchdowns. In the second quarter, he returned an interception to the Tennessee 17-yard line, and in the third quarter, he ran his second pick back all the way down to Tennessee's 4-yard line to set up a touchdown run by quarterback Jordan Rodgers. Hal came up big to help Vanderbilt win at home against the Volunteers for the first time in 30 years.

II JORDAN MATTHEWS vs. South Carolina

Jordan Matthews had his best performance of the season in Vanderbilt's season-opening loss against South Carolina. Matthews seemed to be the only receiver open for quarterback Jordan Rodgers to throw to all night and burned the Gamecock secondary on several plays, including a 78-yard touchdown catch, on his way to an 8-reception, 147-yard performance. Perhaps the most memorable play of the night, however, was Matthews' final one. On fourth down, with the Commodores down 17-13 with under two minutes remaining in the game, Rodgers targeted Matthews, who appeared to be the victim of a missed pass interference call as he could not

bring the ball in. Had that penalty been called, the game might have ended differently, and Matthews' game might have been the best performance by a Vanderbilt player this season.

I JORDAN RODGERS vs. Ole Miss

Vanderbilt quarterback Jordan Rodgers is often inevitably compared to his older brother, the Green Bay Packers' NFL MVP and Super Bowl champion quarterback Aaron Rodgers. But, on a night where big brother was in the stands to watch the Commodores take on Ole Miss on the road, it was Jordan who played like a champion. Nothing went the Commodores' way early on in Oxford. Zac Stacy was injured on his second carry of the game, and Ole Miss promptly jumped out to a double-digit lead. With Vanderbilt trailing by 17 in the third quarter, Rodgers hit wide receiver Jordan Matthews for a 52-yard touchdown to spark the offense. On a day where he threw for 267 yards on 21-of-36 passing, Rodgers led the Commodores' second-half rally to make the game close in the fourth quarter. Down 26-20 with 2:43 remaining, Rodgers marched the team downfield and connected with wide receiver Chris Boyd with under a minute remaining to put his team ahead for the first time all game en route to a 27-26 Vanderbilt victory that clinched a bowl berth and was, without a doubt, the best game of Jordan Rodgers' college career and the best individual performance by a Vanderbilt player this season.

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CHRIS HONIBALL / THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER
Redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Grady is not afraid to engage the entirety of the Twitterverse when he signs on. From opposing fans to Vanderbilt diehards, on topics as diverse as politics, girls, school and sometimes even football, Grady keeps the conversation going.

By DAN MARKS
Sports reporter

Ever since his introduction as Vanderbilt's head coach on Dec. 17, 2010, James Franklin has promised to sell the program. He stated a belief in what Vanderbilt had to offer: a top-tier education and the opportunity to compete in the best football conference in America, the SEC. He laid out his mission for the university, outlining how he wanted to change the culture and how everyone needed to be "all in" with the program, and then he went about promoting the hell out of his message.

While Franklin followed through on his promise to change the culture and promote the program, redshirt freshman wide receiver Josh Grady set about doing the same. In the process, he has become one of the most visible Commodores.

Before Franklin arrived in Nashville, Grady was an unrecruited high school quarterback in Tampa, Fla. Two weeks after he was hired, Coach Franklin visited Grady's high school to introduce himself. Grady was immediately impressed with Franklin's outgoing nature and the passion he had for the program, so on the night before signing day in 2011, Grady decided to commit to Franklin and Vanderbilt.

"I was struggling that night about deciding where I wanted to go, and my parents and I sat down and talked for a while about it and it just clicked that I wanted to go to Vanderbilt," Grady said about his decision. "So then I called Coach Franklin, and he was really excited about it and we made it official the next day."

While Grady was not the most highly touted recruit in Franklin's 2011 class, it soon became obvious that he was the most outgoing. He slowly built up a reputation on Twitter as the team's biggest ambassador, tweeting about the program nonstop. Grady was doing exactly what Franklin was doing, but what made his endeavors so impressive was that he was promoting before he even arrived on campus. By the time he arrived in Nashville in August, Grady had already made quite a name for himself among

the Vanderbilt faithful.

"I've always been a really outgoing person, but ever since I signed with Vandy I just wanted to do what I could to sell the program," he said about why he became such an advocate for the team and university. "Coach Franklin and all the assistants were already doing all they could to sell the school and program, so I just wanted get in on the action and be a part of it, and other people started getting involved and everything went from there."

The next step in Grady's ascension among Commodore Nation came when he started using the term "Anchor Down" in his tweets. While Coach Franklin is quick to give Grady credit for coming up with that slogan, Grady says that the slogan resulted from a tweet in which he asked fans what the Vanderbilt equivalent to "Roll Tide" was, and one fan messaged

back "Anchor Down." Grady started using it, and now the phrase has become synonymous with the program, inscribed on the field, made into cheers and easily the most used hashtag relating to Vanderbilt in social media.

"Anchor Down" has become a phenomenon on campus, and Grady has played a huge part in ensuring the mantra's prevalence. For a fan base and a university with a historic inferiority complex when it comes to athletics, people have embraced Grady for his unabashed love and pride in playing for this university. It is almost certain that tweets like this one, which was retweeted 45 times and favorited 22 more after Vanderbilt's win over Tennessee, will be seen by any Commodore fan on Twitter: "WE ARE THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE! PAINT THE STATE BLACK AND GOLD & ANCHOR TF DOWN!"

Through a lot of down years and embarrassing times, it has not always been easy to take pride in being a Vanderbilt fan or Vanderbilt player, but Grady embodies the Brand New Vanderbilt. He is bold, brash and brimming with excitement for the future, but most of all he makes Vandy fans feel good about themselves and the school for which they root, and that is why he is so beloved by the Vanderbilt faithful.

THE STATS

- 12.7: yards per catch
- 3.8: yards per rush
- 1: career start (vs. Tennessee)
- 11,573: Number of tweets as of press time
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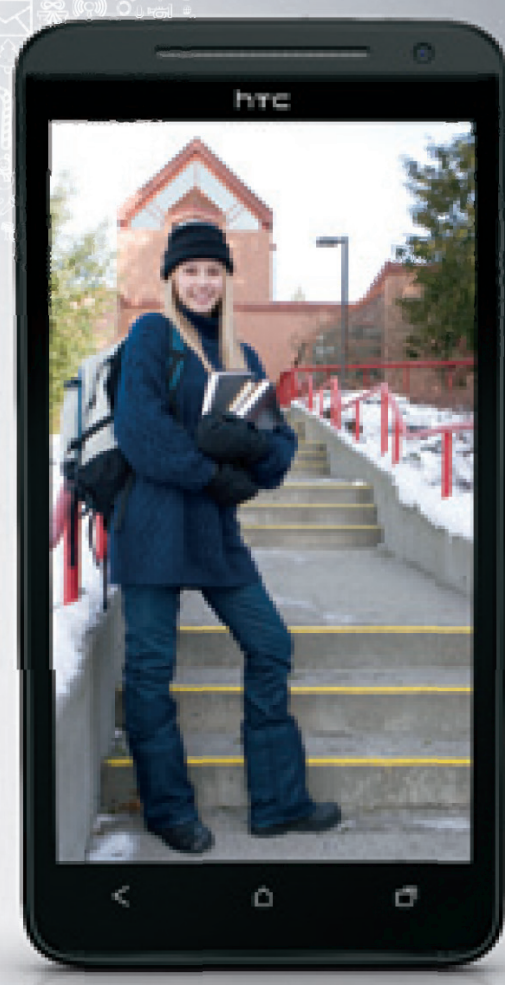
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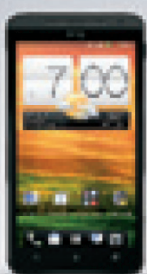
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