

2008 GAME RECAPS

Vanderbilt 34 MIAMI, OH 13 - Thursday Night on espnU. VU fmbld at its own 48 and MU got a 37 yd FG. VU went 71 yds in 8 plays for a TD. MU was int'd at its own 19 on the next play and VU got a 42 yd FG, 10-3. After a 91 yd PR by Moore (longest in VU history), QB Nickson got a 1 yd TD run, 17-3. Mid-2Q, MU drove 83 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 17-10. VU got a 59 yd run by Nickson on its next play setting up a 14 yd TD run by Nickson, 24-10. VU got a 35 yd run by Nickson on its next drive setting up a 32 yd FG, 27-10 with :14 left 1H & VU had just a 218-181 yd edge. MU settled for a 29 yd FG, 27-13 after 3Q's. VU went 71 yds in 11 plays for a TD to ice it, 34-13. MU was stopped on downs & then int'd in the EZ with :13 left.

VANDERBILT 24 South Carolina 17 - Thursday Night ESPN. After a FR SC drove 20 yds in 5 plays for a TD. SC got to the VU34 but was int'd at the 20. SC was int'd at the VU29 and it was ret'd 41 yds to the 30. That set up a VU 19 yd FG, 7-3. SC got a 41 yd FG on the final play of the half, 10-3 & SC had a 133-50 yd edge. A punt bounced off the SC upman and VU rec'd at the 31 and got a TD pass to tie it. SC went on a 66 yd, 12 play drive and an obvious pass interference was not called and they had a 42 yd FG blk'd and ret'd to the 42. VU went 58 yds in 5 plays for a TD and the lead, 17-10. SC missed a 48 yd FG and VU went 68 yds in 8 plays for a TD, 24-10. SC went 55 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 24-17 with 7:39 left and VU went 3 & out. SC drove to the VU34 but after 2 sacks, punted with 2:34 left and VU got 2 first downs to run out the clock.

VANDERBILT 38 Rice 21 - Rice had a 407-344 yd edge. Rice had leads of 7-0, 14-7 and then drove 80 yds in 11 plays for a 21-14 lead with just 3:19 left 1H. VU went 60 yds in 7 plays for a TD with :15 left to tie. At the half Rice had a 272-175 yd edge. After a 19 yd punt by Rice, VU went 42 yds in 3 plays for a TD and then went 61 yds in 13 plays for a 48 yd FG, 31-21. Rice was stopped on downs at the VU30. Mid-4Q, DJ Moore, who had 169 yds in returns, got a 67 yd PR to the 1 setting up a TD, 38-21. Rice was int'd at the 6 by Moore and VU went on a 47 yd, 10 play drive ending the game at the Rice16.

Vanderbilt 23 MISSISSIPPI 17 - UM had a 385-202 yd edge but could not overcome 6 turnovers. UM took its opening drive 77 yds in 13 plays but settled for a 20 yd FG. UM got a 13 yd FR TD & rec'd a fmbld at the VU20 on the next play. UM was int'd and it was ret'd 79 yds for a TD by Hamilton who had 3 int on the day. UM's Wallace ret'd the KO 98 yds for a TD, 17-10. VU ret'd the KO to the 44 and 6 plays later had a TD, 17-14. UM was int'd at its own 37 with 6:13 left and VU got a 34 yd FG, 17-17. UM opened the 3Q with a 78 yd, 12 play drive but was stopped on downs at the 1. UM muffed a punt at its own 43 changing field position. VU, 2 possessions later, started at the UM50 and got a 31 yd FG for the lead, 20-17. UM missed a 47 yd FG. UM was int'd at midfield and on its next drive went 80 yds in 6 plays. McCluster's 56 yd run gave them a 1st & gl at the 7 but he fmbld into the EZ for a TB with 2:53 left. VU hit a 40 yd FG with :31 left. UM was int'd at the 10 on the final play.

VANDERBILT 14 Auburn 13 - AU went 53 yds in 10 plays but was stopped on downs at the 1 then went 49 yds in 9 plays for a TD. After an int, AU went 27 yds in 2 plays for TD and led 13-0 but they missed a crucial xp. VU took over at the AU30 after a 25 yd PR with 3:41 left 1H behind bkup QB Adams. On 3rd & 15, Adams threw a 15 yd TD pass, 13-7. At the half AU had 151-93 yd and 12-5 FD edges. VU missed a 40 yd FG then went 68 yds in 8 plays for a TD and the lead, 14-13. VU had a 49 yd FG blk'd and the next 8 poss were punts. VU pinned AU at the 3 with 2:17 left and Todd was int'd on the next play.

MISSISSIPPI ST 17 Vanderbilt 14 - In the 1H MSU had a 144-43 yd edge. They settled for a 33 yd FG after a 64 yd, 12 play drive. The next 8 poss were punts with MSU getting off a 4 yd punt and a 16 yd punt so VU started at the MSU17. Seven plays later they got a TD with :19 left 1H and led 7-3. MSU took its opening drive of the 3Q 59 yds in 12 plays for a TD, 10-7. Early 4Q, VU was int'd and it was ret'd 16 yds to their 7. MSU got a TD, 17-7. Adams came in at QB and VU went 57 yds in 10 plays for a TD 17-14. VU took over at its 28 with 3:37 left but Adams was int'd and MSU got 1 first down and took a knee.

GEORGIA 24 Vanderbilt 14 - UGA had a 425-245 yd edge and was in a Tenn/LSU sandwich. UGA missed a 40 yd FG. Seven plays later VU was int'd at the UGA30. UGA went 70 yds in 4 plays for a TD. UGA was int'd at the 2. Later, VU was int'd at the UGA43 & UGA went 57 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 14-0. VU went 75 yds in 8 plays and got an 18 yd TD pass, 14-7 with :22 left 1H. At the half UGA had a 227-153 yd edge. UGA opened the 3Q with a 73 yd, 6 play TD drive, 21-7. UGA was int'd at its own 26 and VU got a TD 4 plays later, 21-14. UGA went 77 yds in 11 plays but missed a 37 yd FG. VU was SOD at its own 29 with 2:08 left. UGA got a 39 yd FG with :17 left.

Duke 10 VANDERBILT 7 - VU was int'd at its own 33 but Duke on 4th & 12 fmbld a punt snap at the 39. Two poss later VU went 71 yds in 11 plays and missed a 34 yd FG. Mid-2Q Duke went on a 13 play drive but was sk'd for a 10 yd loss and missed a 50 yd FG. Duke went 60 yds in 8 plays for a TD with :54 left 1H. Duke blk'd a punt and rec'd at the VU13 but missed a 43 yd FG. VU fmbld a PR at its own 15 and Duke got a 42 yd FG, 10-0 with 5:13 left 3Q. Duke went 52 yds in 7 plays but fmbld at the VU8. VU went 91 yds in 4 plays with a 79 yd TD pass, 10-7 with 13:20 left. VU went 62 yds in 12 plays but missed a 43 yd FG. VU was stopped on downs at its own 19 but Duke lost 22 yds and punted. VU8 drove to the Duke39 but Adams was int'd at the 1 with :38 left.

Florida 42 VANDERBILT 14 - UF had an 18-3 FD edge at the half and scored on 5 of their six 1H poss with their only non-scoring drive going 76 yds, 8 plays but on 1st & goal at the 1 they fmbld into the EZ for a TB, 35-0. UF opened the 3Q with a 69 yd, 10 play TD drive and led 42-0. VU put together 81 and 87 yd TD drives vs the backups, 42-14.

Vanderbilt 31 KENTUCKY 24 - VU clinched its 1st bowl since '82. VU had a 317-39 yd edge at the half and UK's only first down came on a fake punt with 2:00 left 1H! VU went 84 yds in 10 plays and 80 yds in 10 plays for TD's, had a 42 yd FG blk'd and UK ret'd it for a TD and amazingly only trailed 14-7. VU did get a 21 yd TD drive after an int. After converting a fake punt for a FD, UK went for it on 4th & 7 with :58 left but was stopped on downs at the VU43 and VU got a 39 yd FG with :02 left 1H. VU fmbld a punt at its own 12 and UK got a TD 4 plays later, 24-14. UK went 44 yds in 8 plays for a 25 yd FG, 24-17. VU went 68 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 31-17. UK drove 48 yds in 3 plays for a TD, 31-24 with 8:22 left. UK drove 54 yds in 10 plays but on 4th & 4 at the VU23, Cobb was int'd by DJ Moore at the 17.

Tennessee 20 VANDERBILT 10 - Early 2Q UT went 65 yds in 9 plays for a TD. After an 18 yd punt, UT started at the VU36 and got a 25 yd FG, 10-0. At this point, UT had a 112-4 yd edge. UT got a 45 yd IR TD, 17-0 and then after a 25 yd punt, missed a 56 yd FG. VU was at the UT34 when they fmbld and UT ret'd it 69 yds to the 14 and a penalty moved it to the 7 with just :14 left and UT added a 24 yd FG, 20-0. VU opened the 3Q with a 53 yd, 14 play drive for a 31 yd FG, 20-3. VU got a 42 yd IR TD. UT fmbld at the VU41. VU got 3 FD's to the UT39 but on 4th & 10 fired incomplete. VU gained 57 yds on its final drive getting to the UT20.

WAKE FOREST 23 Vanderbilt 10 - VU used 3 different QB's with Nickson & Adams banged up & rFr Smith taking over with 11:04 left. WF fmbld a PR at its 20 setting up a VU33 yd FG. WF went on a 55 yd, 11 play drive for a 42 yd FG. VU got a 54 yd pass to the WF24 but was int'd at the 2 and WF went 98 yds in 12 plays for a TD, 10-3. WF blk'd a punt at the VU36 but missed a 52 yd FG and had a 214-138 yd edge at the half. Each team fmbld to open the 3Q. Mid-3Q, WF went 52 yds in 5 plays for a TD, 17-3. VU went 69 yds in 14 plays for a TD 17-10 with 14:55 left. VU QB Smith was int'd on 3&19 at the VU5 by Alphonso Smith. Two plays later WF iced it with a TD, 23-10.