



COMMODORES ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Pts.	Rb.	Ast.
0	Jermaine Beal	G	Fr.	3.9	1.9	1.8
3	Alex Gordon	G	Jr.	7.7	2.3	3.4
4	Derrick Byars	G-F	Sr.	16.8	4.9	3.4
11	Alan Metcalfe	F	Jr.	2.4	2.0	0.2
14	Aubrey Hammond	G	Jr.	0.8	0.4	0.3
20	Dan Cage	G	Sr.	11.2	3.0	2.1
31	JeJuan Brown	F	Fr.	3.3	2.6	0.6
32	Shan Foster	G-F	Jr.	15.4	4.8	2.4
34	George Drake	G	Fr.	2.6	1.4	0.6
41	Ross Neltner	F	Jr.	9.9	5.9	2.2
54	Ted Skuchas	C	Sr.	4.0	2.4	0.4

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RESULTS

NOVEMBER			
Georgetown	L, 86-70	Elon	W, 81-70
at Wake Forest	L, 88-78	Furman	L, 70-62

DECEMBER			
Toledo	W, 98-93	vs. PR-Mayaguez	W, 102-59
E. Tennessee St.	W, 104-62	vs. Tenn. Tech	W, 75-62
Lipscomb	W, 59-50	vs. Appalachian St.	L, 87-79
Georgia Tech	W, 73-64	Alabama A&M	W, 86-47
Nicholls State	W, 76-40		

JANUARY			
at Rice	W, 74-69	at Kentucky	W, 72-67
at Auburn	L, 68-65	at LSU	W, 64-53
Tennessee	W, 82-81	Mississippi	W, 85-80
at Georgia	L, 85-73	at Florida	L, 74-64
Alabama	W, 94-73		

FEBRUARY			
Georgia	W, 66-61	at Mississippi St.	L, 83-70
at Tennessee	L, 84-57	Kentucky	W, 67-65
South Carolina	W, 78-68	at South Carolina	W, 99-90
Florida	W, 83-70		

MARCH			
Arkansas	L, 82-67	vs. Arkansas*	L, 72-71

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DIFFERENCE MAKER



Derrick Byars emerged as the SEC player of the year because of his ability to create shots for himself and for his teammates. His ability to get to the basket on offense will be particularly important today if George Washington concentrates on extending its defense to neutralize the Commodores' weapon of choice: the three-point shot.

[6] VANDERBILT vs.
[11] GEORGE WASHINGTON



Coach Karl Hobbs has led George Washington to its second Atlantic 10 tournament title in three seasons and its third straight berth in the NCAA tournament.

WHEN: 5:05 p.m. **WHERE:** Arco Arena, Sacramento (17,317). **TV:** WUSA-9.
RADIO: WTWP (107.7 FM, 1500 AM), WTEM (980 AM).
RECORDS: Commodores (SEC at-large), 20-11; Colonials (Atlantic 10 champion), 23-8.
WINNER FACES: Washington State-Oral Roberts winner on Saturday in Sacramento.



Back court: The Colonials' strength all season has been the combination of Maureece Rice and Carl Elliott. Rice scored 16, 22 and 12 in three Atlantic 10 tournament games while Elliott's leadership from the point guard spot has helped keep the Colonials loose in demeanor during their run.

Vanderbilt's Alex Gordon turned over the ball just 46 times, the lowest by a starting guard in the SEC. Senior guard Dan Cage led the SEC in three-point accuracy at 46 percent.

Front court: Vanderbilt guard-forward Shan Foster finished second on the team in scoring (15.4 points per game) and shot 35 percent from three-point range. Commodores forward Ross Neltner can play inside but has a nice shooting touch, too. He shot 53 percent while grabbing 5.9 rebounds. GW forward Regis Koundjia has been important on the defensive end. He mans the top position in the Colonials' two most effective zone looks and is responsible for pressuring ballhandlers. Forward Dokun Akingbade had 15 points and nine rebounds in the Atlantic 10 championship game against Rhode Island.

Benches: Colonials forward Rob Diggs, a former starter, is expected to play after injuring his nose in last week's conference tournament. Diggs, who took an elbow to his nose, averages 10.7 points per game and has played well as a reserve. Meantime, Ted Skuchas (6 feet 11) gives the Commodores some size off the bench while Jermaine Beal (6-3) gives the Commodores a bigger point guard.

Coaches: GW Coach Karl Hobbs has turned in perhaps his best coaching performance in Foggy Bottom, guiding a Colonials team light on expectations to its third straight NCAA tournament. Vanderbilt Coach Kevin Stallings returns to the tournament for the first time since bringing Vanderbilt to the round of 16 in 2004.

— Marc Carig

COLONIALS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Pts.	Rb.	Ast.
1	Travis King	G	Fr.	5.6	1.9	2.5
5	Rob Diggs	F	So.	10.7	5.1	1.1
10	Jeff Del Favero	G	Fr.	0.0	0.0	0.0
11	Hermann Opoku	F	Fr.	0.4	0.3	0.0
12	Johnny Lee	G	Fr.	0.5	0.3	0.2
15	Cheyenne Moore	F	So.	4.3	1.6	0.5
22	Damian Hollis	G	Fr.	5.2	3.1	0.9
23	Regis Koundjia	F	Sr.	7.4	5.0	1.5
25	Carl Elliott	G	Sr.	13.1	5.1	4.9
31	Noel Wilmore	G	So.	2.9	0.7	0.3
33	Maureece Rice	G	Jr.	16.2	3.6	2.1
41	Peter Laplante	F	Fr.	0.2	0.1	0.0
42	Dokun Akingbade	F	Sr.	7.3	5.5	1
52	Dominic Green	F	So.	0.2	0.2	0.1

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RESULTS

NOVEMBER			
at Boston U.	W, 70-57	at Kennesaw St.	W, 69-52
Dartmouth	W, 94-49	at Providence	L, 86-67
Longwood	W, 74-60		

DECEMBER			
vs. Virginia Tech	W, 63-62	UMBC	W, 72-51
Md. Eastern Shore	W, 79-56	vs. Air Force	L, 66-52
vs. Southern Cal	L, 74-65	vs. Colgate	W, 75-42

JANUARY			
Fordham	W, 70-59	Charlotte	W, 76-68
Marshall	W, 74-65	Saint Joseph's	W, 74-65
at Massachusetts	L, 91-84	at Rhode Island	W, 82-78
St. Bonaventure	W, 80-63	at Dayton	L, 84-69
at Richmond	W, 63-58		

FEBRUARY			
at Saint Louis	L, 63-53	Temple	W, 84-72
Xavier	L, 87-58	Richmond	W, 68-49
at Saint Joseph's	L, 62-56	at La Salle	W, 86-74

MARCH			
at Charlotte	W, 62-60	vs. Saint Louis*	W, 60-40
Duquesne	W, 88-80	vs. Rhode Island*	W, 78-69
vs. Saint Joseph's*	W, 58-48		

*ATLANTIC 10 TOURNAMENT

DIFFERENCE MAKER



George Washington's **Maureece Rice** must be effective on offense for the Colonials. Rice has excelled at creating his own shot. GW thrives on forcing turnovers and scoring in transition, but Rice provides a stable scoring source.