

WEEK TWO
NEVADA AT VANDERBILT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Vanderbilt overcame two early red-zone disappointments and bottled up a high-scoring Nevada offense, winning a critical early-season nonconference game 41-10 Saturday with a dominant second-half performance.

Carrying on from last week's opener against Middle Tennessee, the Commodores (2-0) were rock-solid defensively from the start, holding the Wolf Pack to 124 yards in the first half and 250 overall, a week after coach Jay Norvell's team scored 72 points on 636 yards against Portland State.

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But Vanderbilt's failure to score on two promising drives into the red zone to start the game allowed the visitors from the Mountain West Conference to keep things close, tightening the score to 17-10 on a 9-yard Ty Gangi pass to Brendan O'Leary-Orange in the final minute of the first half.

Nevada (1-1) never closed the gap, though, going three-and-out to start the third quarter. Vanderbilt responded with an impressive 11-play, 77-yard drive, draining 6:17 off the clock, ending with a 25-yard Ryley Guay field goal.

In contrast to the game's start, Vanderbilt scored on three straight drives to open the second half with a 46-yard dash from the speedy Ke'Shawn Vaughn and Kalija Lipscomb's second touchdown catch of the day from Kyle Shurmur following Guay's kick, stretching a one-touchdown lead to a 24-point margin.

Shurmur finished 23 for 32 for 258 yards passing with no interceptions for the second straight week. Senior linebacker Josh Smith finished with 10 tackles, three for loss, in a standout defensive performance for Vanderbilt.

THE TAKEAWAY

Nevada: The Wolf Pack raised eyebrows after last week's 72-point performance, but learned quickly that SEC defenses are stouter than Portland State's; Nevada's first four drives ended with three punts and a fumble for a total of 36 yards. Vanderbilt scored 21 points on four Nevada turnovers.

Vanderbilt: Facing three Top 25 teams the next four games -- including trips to No. 8 Notre Dame and No. 3 Georgia -- Saturday's win looks critical for Vanderbilt's bowl hopes.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
NEV	0	10	0	0	10
VAN	0	17	17	7	41

Scoring Summary -----

SECOND QUARTER	NEV	VAN
VAN TD 13:16 Kalija Lipscomb 2 Yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay Kick) 7 plays, 53 yards, 2:41	0	7
VAN TD 12:24 Ke'Shawn Vaughn 7 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick) 2 plays, 7 yards, 0:15 play	0	14
NEV FG 5:41 Ramiz Ahmed 32 Yd Field Goal 7 plays, 13 yards, 3:17	3	14
VAN FG 3:13 Ryley Guay 35 Yd Field Goal 7 plays, 48 yards, 2:28	3	17
NEV TD 0:49 Brendan O'Leary-Orange 9 Yd pass from Ty Gangi (Ramiz Ahmed Kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 2:24	10	17
THIRD QUARTER	NEV	VAN
VAN FG 7:14 Ryley Guay 25 Yd Field Goal 11 plays, 77 yards, 6:17	10	20
VAN TD 6:17 Ke'Shawn Vaughn 46 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick) 1 play, 46 yards, 0:11	10	27
VAN TD 0:23 Kalija Lipscomb 11 Yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay Kick) 8 plays, 73 yards, 4:00	10	34
FOURTH QUARTER	NEV	VAN
VAN TD 1:10 Josh Crawford 1 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick) 3 plays, 21 yards, 1:40	10	41

Team Stats	NEV	VAN
First Downs	15	29
Total Yards	247	469
Total Plays	64	73
Avg Gain Per Play	3.9	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	31	198
Rushes	25	39
Yards Per Rush	1.2	5.1
Net Yards Passing	216	271
Comp-Att	22-39	24-34
Yards Per Pass	5.5	8.0
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-23
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	5	1
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	6
Penalty Yards	67	44
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Possession	23:58	36:02

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NEV	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Toa Taua	6	24	4.0	0	9
Devonte Lee	6	11	1.8	0	6
Kelton Moore	5	9	1.8	0	5
Jaxson Kincaide	2	3	1.5	0	2
Blake Wright	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Ty Gangi	4	-4	-1.0	0	9
Kaleb Fossum	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
VAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	11	93	8.5	2	46
Jamauri Wakefield	8	43	5.4	0	26
Josh Crawford	10	33	3.3	1	15
Khari Blasingame	6	28	4.7	0	11
Kyle Shurmur	1	4	4.0	0	4
Mo Hasan	2	-1	-0.5	0	6
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

NEV	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ty Gangi	22	39	216	5.5	1	2	28.4
VAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyle Shurmur	23	32	258	8.1	2	0	79.3
Mo Hasan	1	2	12	6.0	0	0	6.8

RECEIVING

NEV	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
McLane Mannix	6	86	14.3	0	32
Kaleb Fossum	6	56	9.3	0	14
Romeo Doubs	2	25	12.5	0	20
Trae Carter-Wells	1	13	13.0	0	13
Jaxson Kincaide	2	11	5.5	0	9
Brendan O'Leary-Orange	1	9	9.0	1	9
Kelton Moore	2	8	4.0	0	7
Elijah Cooks	1	6	6.0	0	6
Toa Taua	1	2	2.0	0	2
VAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jared Pinkney	4	98	24.5	0	53
Kalija Lipscomb	10	85	8.5	2	12
Cam Johnson	2	26	13.0	0	14
Chris Pierce	2	21	10.5	0	16
Sam Dobbs	2	20	10.0	0	18
Donaven Tennyson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	2	6	3.0	0	4
Khari Blasingame	1	2	2.0	0	2