

WEEK NINE
VANDERBILT AT ARKANSAS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. -- Vanderbilt coach Derek Mason had some fun this week at the expense of running back Ke'Shawn Vaughn, jokingly calling the junior "fat man" as he returned to practice after missing 10 days with an injury.

Mason might want to consider poking his bear of a running back more in the future after his performance on Saturday.

Led by a refreshed Vaughn, the Commodores earned their first Southeastern Conference victory of the season with a 45-31 win over Arkansas. The 5-foot-10, 222-pound Vaughn did much of the damage, rushing 26 times for 172 yards and three touchdowns in leading Vanderbilt (4-5, 1-4) to its first SEC win since a victory over Tennessee to end last season.

Vaughn's effort came a week after he missed the Commodores slug-gish loss against Kentucky, and it was just in time for a team that had lost three in a row and five of its last six.

"It was just a good feeling being back out there on the team," Vaughn said.

Kyle Shurmur added a pair of touchdown passes to Jared Pinkney for the Commodores. Schumur finished 13-of-19 passing for 192 yards, and Pinkney had five catches for 93 yards and the two scores.

But it was Vaughn who set the tone in his return, breaking free for a 63-yard touchdown on for Vanderbilt's first score. He finished just short of his career-best of 180 yards rushing, set as a freshman with Illinois in 2015.

"We kept kidding (Vaughn), 'Do you need some oxygen,' in practice all week," Mason said. "He'd make a five-yard run and be huffing and puffing ... It was about getting that guy his touches and trying to get him in shape."

Rakeem Boyd ran 19 times for 113 yards for the Razorbacks (2-7, 0-5), the third time in four games the sophomore has topped the 100-yard mark in rushing.

After missing last week's game with a concussion, Arkansas quarter-back Ty Storey returned and completed 23 of 36 passes for 240 yards. He also threw two touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Razorbacks have lost seven of their last eight games under first-year coach Chad Morris.

"At some point, we've got to make a step and do something to get us out of that rut," Morris said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Four of Vanderbilt's five losses this season are to teams ranked in the top 15. The Commodores certainly looked battle-tested while rushing for 250 yards as a team -- thanks in large part to the return of Vaughn -- and kept their bowl hopes alive with games remaining against Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee. "For us, we needed that in the worst way," Mason said.

LONG-DISTANCE LIMPERS

Arkansas kicker Connor Limpert had his streak of 10 straight made field goals come to an end when he came up short on a 60-yard attempt at the end of the first half. The junior atoned for the miss, however, with a career-best 55-yard make in the third quarter. Limpert has now made 16 of 20 field goals this season, with five of his makes coming from 40 yards or more.

PSYCH

Vanderbilt defensive lineman Michael Owusu hit Storey during a pass rush in the third quarter, sending the quarterback to the ground. After the play, Owusu extended his arm -- appearing to offer to help Storey to his feet -- before quickly pulling his arm back and walking away after Storey reached up for help. "That's just football, it's talking some trash," Storey said.

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VAN	7	14	3	21	45
ARK	7	7	3	14	31

Scoring Summary -----

	VAN	ARK
FIRST QUARTER		
ARK TD 11:55		
Rakeem Boyd 5 Yd Run (Connor Limpert Kick)		7
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:05	0	
VAN TD 8:02		
Ke'Shawn Vaughn 63 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)	7	7
7 plays, 89 yards, 3:53		
SECOND QUARTER		
VAN TD 13:46		
Jared Pinkney 1 Yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay Kick)		7
6 plays, 42 yards, 2:39	14	
ARK TD 6:45		
Chase Hayden 38 Yd Run (Connor Limpert Kick)		14
8 plays, 92 yards, 3:45	14	
VAN TD 5:14		
Jared Pinkney 40 Yd pass from Kyle Shurmur (Ryley Guay Kick)		14
3 plays, 65 yards, 1:31	21	
THIRD QUARTER		
ARK FG 8:39		
Connor Limpert 55 Yd Field Goal		17
9 plays, 35 yards, 3:40	21	
VAN FG 1:15		
Ryley Guay 36 Yd Field Goal		17
14 plays, 57 yards, 7:24	24	
FOURTH QUARTER		
VAN TD 11:31		
Ke'Shawn Vaughn 11 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)		17
7 plays, 76 yards, 3:41	31	
ARK TD 9:25		
Tyson Morris 11 Yd pass from Ty Storey (Connor Limpert Kick)		24
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:06	31	
VAN TD 4:40		
Ke'Shawn Vaughn 3 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)		24
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:45	38	
VAN TD 1:20		
Khari Blasingame 5 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)		24
7 plays, 29 yards, 2:34	45	
ARK TD 0:14		
Cheyenne O'Grady 12 Yd pass from Ty Storey (Connor Limpert Kick)		31
7 plays, 75 yards, 1:06	45	

	VAN	ARK
Team Stats		
First Downs	25	21
Total Yards	442	447
Total Plays	68	65
Avg Gain Per Play	6.5	6.9
Net Yards Rushing	250	207
Rushes	49	29
Yards Per Rush	5.1	7.1
Net Yards Passing	192	240
Comp-Att	13-19	23-36
Yards Per Pass	10.1	6.7
Times Sacked	3	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-24	-8
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	6
Penalty Yards	60	46
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	35:32	24:28

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
VAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	26	172	6.6	3	63
Khari Blasingame	10	46	4.6	1	10
Ja'Veon Marlow	2	22	11.0	0	18
Jamauri Wakefield	3	22	7.3	0	20
Mo Hasan	2	11	5.5	0	6
Kaliya Lipscomb	1	1	1.0	0	1
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Kyle Shurmur	4	-22	-5.5	0	2
ARK					
Rakeem Boyd	19	113	5.9	1	27
Chase Hayden	5	70	14.0	1	38
Ty Storey	5	24	4.8	0	16

PASSING							
VAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyle Shurmur	13	19	192	10.1	2	0	73.7
ARK							
Ty Storey	23	36	240	6.7	2	2	40.1

RECEIVING					
VAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jared Pinkney	5	93	18.6	2	40
Kaliya Lipscomb	4	44	11.0	0	17
Khari Blasingame	2	42	21.0	0	23
C.J. Bolar	1	8	8.0	0	8
Chris Pierce	1	5	5.0	0	5

ARK					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cheyenne O'Grady	6	83	13.8	1	25
La'Michael Pettway	2	51	25.5	0	40
Michael Woods	3	33	11.0	0	28
Deon Stewart	2	23	11.5	0	17
Tyson Morris	3	19	6.3	1	11
Chase Hayden	5	17	3.4	0	7
Jordan Jones	1	8	8.0	0	8
Austin Cantrell	1	6	6.0	0	6