



# Game 54 — Wednesday, May 21, 2003

## Southern Conference Tournament

### Furman Paladins (31-22, 17-13 SoCon) vs. UNC Greensboro Spartans (36-19, 17-13 SoCon)

Joseph P. Riley Park (5,000), Charleston, South Carolina, 10:00 a.m.

WCSZ-AM 1070 (Live)



#### THE GAME

The No. 5 seeded Furman Paladins (31-22, 17-13 SoCon) square off against the No. 4 seeded UNC Greensboro Spartans (36-19, 17-13 SoCon) on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the opening game of the 2003 Southern Conference Tournament at Joseph P. Riley Park.

UNC Greensboro, Furman, and College of Charleston finished the regular season with identical conference records, but the Spartans earned the fourth seed by virtue of their series sweep of league champion Western Carolina, which took two of three from both the Paladins and Cougars. Furman was seeded fifth due to its series win (two of three) over College of Charleston.

In its three-game series with UNC Greensboro in Greenville in March, the Paladins dropped game one, 14-4, but bounced back with a 2-1 victory in game two. The Spartans won game three, 6-5.

The winner of the Furman-UNC Greensboro game will take on the winner of the Western Carolina-Davidson game on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. The loser will play the loser of the Western Carolina-Davidson contest on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Expected to take to the mound for Furman against UNC Greensboro will be senior RHP Tom Mastny (10-2, 1.17 ERA).

#### THE SERIES

Furman owns a slim 13-12 advantage over UNC Greensboro in a series that began in 1993 with a 7-6 Paladin victory. Since joining the Southern Conference in 1998, the Spartans have posted a 12-10 mark versus Furman, including two wins in three games this year. The Paladins, however, have gone 3-1 against the Spartans in league tournament play, having knocked UNCG out of three of the last four tournaments, including last year with a 9-7 decision.

#### FURMAN PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

The following is Furman's probable starting lineup versus UNC Greensboro:

Pos	#	Player	B-T	Yr.	GP-S	Stats (Notes)
CF	15	Andrew Greene	R-R	Fr.	37-26	.311...333 (28x84) last 22 games as starting CF
LF	19	Craig Caudill	L-R	Jr.	48-36	.269...341 (14x41) last 11 games; 3 2Bs vs Clemson (5/8)
C	2	Derek Norman	R-R	Jr.	48-48	.318...368 (28x76) last 18 games; 16-game hit streak (4/20-5/14)
1B	27	Dominic Frankey	R-R	Jr.	52-51	.333...364 (35x96) last 24 games; leads six offensive categories
DH	22	Sam McLain	L-L	So.	49-35	.331...428 (15x35), 14 RBI last 13 games; slam vs. Ga. St.
3B	17	Matthew Betsill	R-R	Fr.	48-43	.263...Only one error last nine games
RF	7	Cole Hubka	R-R	Sr.	50-45	.247...195 (17x87) last 25 games
2B	24	Brandon Barrett	R-R	Sr.	25-7	.185...Started last three games at 2B for Clint Hill
SS	5	A.J. Davidiuk	R-R	Fr.	47-44	.277...137 (4x29) last 11 games
RHP	40	Tom Mastny		Sr.	15-14	10-2...2nd in NCAA in ERA (1.17), 115 IP, 73 H, 18 BB, 96 K

#### 2003 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	----- SoCon -----				----- Overall -----			
	W	L	T	.Pct	W	L	T	.Pct
Western Carolina	22	8	0	.733	37	18	0	.673
Georgia Southern	19	10	0	.655	35	19	0	.648
The Citadel	19	11	0	.633	32	23	0	.582
UNC Greensboro	17	13	0	.567	36	19	0	.655
<b>FURMAN</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.567</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.585</b>
College of Charleston	17	13	0	.567	30	25	0	.545
VMI	16	14	0	.533	22	26	0	.458
Davidson	12	17	0	.414	18	25	0	.419
East Tennessee State	9	20	0	.310	15	36	0	.294
Appalachian State	8	22	0	.267	14	36	0	.280
Wofford	7	22	0	.241	9	40	0	.184

#### 2003 FURMAN RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Feb. 8	..... High Point	..... W 4-0
Feb. 8	..... High Point	..... W 1-0
Feb. 9	..... High Point	..... W 13-3
Feb. 19	..... Charlotte	..... L 3-7
Feb. 23	..... Niagara	..... W 8-6
Feb. 23	..... Niagara	..... W 9-7
Feb. 25	..... @ N.C. State	..... W 14-1
Feb. 28	..... Ohio	..... W 10-6
Ma 1	..... Ohio	..... L 5-6
Mar. 2	..... Ohio	..... L 1-2
Mar. 5	..... @ South Carolina	..... L 2-9
Mar. 8	..... @ Georgia Southern*	..... L 2-6
Mar. 8	..... @ Georgia Southern*	..... W 2-1 (11)
Mar. 9	..... @ Georgia Southern*	..... L 3-6
Mar. 12	..... Winthrop	..... L 8-11
Mar. 14	..... UNC Greensboro*	..... L 4-14
Mar. 15	..... UNC Greensboro*	..... W 2-1
Mar. 16	..... UNC Greensboro*	..... L 5-6
Mar. 22	..... @ VMI *	..... W 7-1
Mar. 22	..... @ VMI *	..... L 5-8
Mar. 23	..... @ VMI*	..... L 3-4 (11)
Mar. 26	..... South Carolina	..... W 7-5
Mar. 28	..... Western Carolina*	..... L 2-3
Mar. 29	..... Western Carolina*	..... L 5-6
Mar. 30	..... Western Carolina*	..... W 4-2
Apr. 2	..... @ High Point	..... W 8-7
Apr. 5	..... @ Wofford*	..... W 7-3
Apr. 5	..... @ Wofford*	..... W 9-3
Apr. 6	..... @ Wofford*	..... L 6-7
Apr. 11	..... Appalachian State*	..... W 5-2
Apr. 12	..... Appalachian State*	..... W 9-2
Apr. 13	..... Appalachian State*	..... W 15-1
Apr. 16	..... @ Charlotte	..... W 5-2
Apr. 18	..... @ College of Charleston*	..... W 7-1
Apr. 19	..... @ College of Charleston*	..... L 1-10
Apr. 20	..... @ College of Charleston*	..... W 5-4
Apr. 23	..... @ UNC Asheville	..... L 3-5
Apr. 25	..... The Citadel*	..... L 4-6
Apr. 26	..... The Citadel*	..... W 15-8
Apr. 27	..... The Citadel*	..... L 1-5
Apr. 30	..... @ Winthrop	..... L 5-15
May 2	..... @ Davidson*	..... W 4-3
May 3	..... @ Davidson*	..... W 6-0
May 4	..... @ Davidson*	..... L 5-6
May 7	..... UNC Asheville	..... L 2-5
May 8	..... Clemson	..... W 10-8
May 9	..... East Tennessee State*	..... W 3-2
May 10	..... East Tennessee State*	..... W 8-0
May 11	..... East Tennessee State*	..... W 9-4
May 13	..... @ Clemson	..... W 12-9
May 14	..... @ Georgia State	..... W 10-6
May 16	..... Charleston Southern	..... L 0-3
May 17	..... Charleston Southern	..... W 5-3
May 21	..... UNC Greensboro#	..... 10:00 a.m.

\* Southern Conference Game  
# Southern Conference Tournament  
Charleston, S.C. (Joseph P. Riley Park)

**NOTING THE PALADINS**

◆ **FURMAN MAKING EIGHTH STRAIGHT SOCON TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE**...Furman's berth in the 2003 Southern Conference Tournament represents the program's eighth consecutive tournament appearance. Furman has compiled a 22-20 record (.524) in tournament play over the years and owns one championship (1991). The Paladins failed to qualify for the tournament in 1993, '94, and '95 but have been in the field every year since, having posted a 16-14 record (.533) and a pair of runnerup finishes (1997 and '00) over the past seven seasons under head coach Ron Smith.

**FURMAN SOCON TOURNAMENT HISTORY  
(22-20)**

Year	Score	Result
<b>1989 (Asheville, N.C.)</b>		
Appalachian State	2-8	L
VMI	7-5	W
<b>1990 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
Marshall	2-5	L
VMI	10-9	W
East Tennessee State	2-5	L
<b>1991 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
Appalachian State	2-4	L
Marshall	10-4	W
VMI	8-3	W
Appalachian State	7-6	W
Western Carolina*	11-9	W
<b>1992 (Charleston S.C.)</b>		
The Citadel	4-6	L
VMI	3-5	L
<b>1996 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
East Tennessee State	7-10	L
Western Carolina	7-4	W
The Citadel	3-17	L
<b>1997 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
East Tennessee State	6-2	W
Western Carolina	1-7	L
Appalachian State	13-11	W
Georgia Southern	12-10	W
The Citadel	4-2	W
Western Carolina	9-10	L
<b>1998 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
Wofford	11-3	W
UNC Greensboro	2-14	L
Georgia Southern	6-5	W
Western Carolina	1-2	L
<b>1999 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
The Citadel	0-3	L
UNC Greensboro	3-0	W
Georgia Southern	10-2	W
Western Carolina *	1-2	L
<b>2000 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
East Tennessee State	3-2	W
Georgia Southern	3-5	L
UNC Greensboro	7-3	W
College of Charleston	15-3	W
The Citadel	11-1	W
Georgia Southern *	0-3	L
<b>2001 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
Appalachian State (10 innings)	2-4	L
East Tennessee State	2-8	L
<b>2002 (Charleston, S.C.)</b>		
College of Charleston	6-7	L
Wofford	7-5	W
The Citadel	6-0	W
UNC Greensboro	9-7	W
Georgia Southern	4-10	L

\* Championship Game

**HEAD COACH RON SMITH**

**Full Name:** Ronald Brant Smith  
**Born:** December 31, 1955, in South Bend, Ind.  
**Education:** Elkhart (Ind.) Memorial High School, 1974;  
 Furman University, B.S., 1979;  
 Miami (Ohio) University, M.A., 1982  
**Playing Career:** Elkhart Memorial High School, 1972-74;  
 Furman University, 1975-77;  
 Philadelphia Phillies Organization, 1977-81  
**Coaching Career:** Sarasota (Fla.) Phillies, 1982;  
 Helena (Mont.) Phillies, 1982;  
 Middletown (Ohio) High School, 1984-86;  
 Furman University, 1994-Present  
**Family:** Wife, Beth; daughter, Emily, 17; sons: Devin, 12;  
 Blake, 8; Peyton, 6.



**Playing/Coaching Career Notes of Interest:**

- ◆ Starting shortstop on last Furman Southern Conference regular season championship baseball team (1976) that defeated Virginia Tech and South Carolina in NCAA Atlantic Regional (Columbia, S.C.)
- ◆ Four-year starter at point guard at Furman; member of two Southern Conference Tournament championship and NCAA Tournament basketball teams (1975 & 78)
- ◆ Captain of 1978 basketball team that defeated North Carolina and North Carolina State in successive nights in North-South Doubleheader (Charlotte, N.C.)
- ◆ Graduated from Furman as career assists (446) and steals (172) leader; currently ranks third and fourth, respectively, in both categories
- ◆ Currently ranks second in wins in Furman baseball history (237)
- ◆ Coached 2003 Furman team to most wins in school history (31-22), surpassing 2000 squad that was first team in Furman baseball history to win 30 games (30-25)
- ◆ Named by Indiana Sports Hall-of-Fame to its 1998 25th Anniversary Team (along with Larry Bird)

**RON SMITH'S FURMAN COACHING RECORD**

Year	Overall	.Pct	SoCon	.Pct	Finish
1994	9-35	.257	4-19	.174	9th
1995	16-32	.333	9-15	.375	9th
1996	26-29	.473	15-9	.625	3rd
1997	29-23	.557	13-11	.542	4th
1998	21-27	.438	12-12	.500	4th
1999	22-35	.386	13-17	.433	8th
2000	27-31	.466	15-13	.536	4th
2001	30-25	.545	18-11	.621	3rd
2002	26-34	.433	14-16	.467	6th
2003	31-22	.571	17-13	.567	T4th
<b>Totals</b>	<b>237-293</b>	<b>.447</b>	<b>130-136</b>	<b>.489</b>	

**RON SMITH VS. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Opponent	Regular Season	Tournament	Total	.Pct
Wofford	14-3	2-0	16-3	.842
Marshall*	9-3	0-0	9-3	.750
Appalachian State	18-10	1-1	19-11	.633
VMI	17-10	0-0	17-10	.630
East Tennessee State	17-13	2-2	19-15	.559
Davidson	14-16	0-0	14-16	.467
UNC Greensboro	7-11	3-1	10-12	.454
The Citadel	11-19	3-2	14-21	.400
Georgia Southern	11-19	3-3	14-22	.389
College of Charleston	4-10	1-1	5-11	.313
Western Carolina	8-22	1-4	9-26	.257
<b>Totals</b>	<b>130-136</b>	<b>16-14</b>	<b>146-150</b>	<b>.493</b>

\*No longer in SoCon

◆ **FURMAN SOCON SERIES RECORDS**...The following are Furman Southern Conference Tournament records versus all opponents:

Opponent	Series	Pct	Last Meeting
College of Charleston	1-1	.500	6-7, L (2002)
Wofford	2-0	1.000	7-5, W (2002)
VMI	3-1	.750	3-5, L (1992)
UNC Greensboro	3-1	.750	9-7, W (2002)
Georgia Southern	3-3	.500	4-10, L (2002)
Appalachian State	2-3	.400	2-4, L (2002)
East Tennessee State	2-3	.400	2-8, L (2001)
Marshall	1-1	.500	10-4, W (1991)
The Citadel	3-3	.500	6-0, W (2002)
Western Carolina	2-4	.333	4-11, L (1999)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-20</b>	<b>.524</b>	

◆ **STRONG FINISH IN SOCON**...After a 3-8 start in league play, Furman went 14-5 in conference over the final six weeks of the regular season to finish with a 17-13 league record, good enough for a fourth place tie in the standings with UNC Greensboro and College of Charleston. A preseason sixth place pick by league head coaches, the Paladins' fourth place finish marks the third top five league showing in the last four years for Furman, whose only finish out of the top five in that span was last year's sixth place finish. This year's strong stretch run mirrored last year's effort, when the Paladins went 3-9 in league play over their first 12 games before rallying for an 11-7 mark over the final 18 games.

◆ **WINNINGEST SEASON IN FURMAN HISTORY**...In beating Charleston Southern 5-3 on Saturday in the regular season finale, Furman won for the seventh time in its last eight games and, in the process, recorded its 31st win of the season — the most in program history dating back to 1891. The 31 victories topped the previous high water mark of 30 wins recorded in 2000, when the Paladins went 30-25. The 2000 and 2003 seasons mark the only time Furman has won 30 games in a season.

**WINNINGEST FURMAN BASEBALL SEASONS**  
(Wins)

Year	Coach	Record	.Pct
2003	Ron Smith	31-22	.585
2001	Ron Smith	30-25	.545
1997	Ron Smith	29-23	.557
2000	Ron Smith	27-31	.465
1991	Tom Wall	26-26	.500

◆ **SUCCESSFUL SENIOR CLASS**...Furman's current nine-member senior class has helped the program to more wins in a four-year span than any other class in program history. In posting a 112-114 record over the last four years, this year's group of seniors has averaged 28 wins per season and continued an impressive trend of improvement that has been evidenced in every senior class over the past five seasons.

**WINNINGEST FURMAN SENIOR CLASSES**  
(Wins)

Years	Record	.Pct	Avg. Season Wins
2000-03	112-114	.496	28.0
1999-02	103-127	.448	25.8
1998-01	100-118	.459	25.0
1997-00	99-116	.460	24.8
1996-99	98-114	.462	24.5
1995-98	92-111	.453	23.0

◆ **SUCCESS VERSUS THE SOCON**...Mirroring Furman's overall record over the past four years has been the Paladins' work versus Southern Conference opposition. In going 17-13 in the league this year, the Paladins posted their second most league wins in a season and, in the process, improved the program's four-year conference record to 64-53 (.547) — the winningest four-year league tally in Furman history.

**WINNINGEST FURMAN SENIOR CLASSES**  
(SoCon Wins)

Years	Record	.Pct	Avg. Season Wins
2000-03	64-53	.547	16.0

1999-02	60-57	.512	15.0
1998-01	58-53	.522	14.5
1997-00	53-53	.500	13.3
1996-99	53-49	.520	13.3

◆ **BAGGING THE BIG GAME**...The 2003 season has yielded a list of impressive scalps for Furman baseball, which has recorded wins over North Carolina State (14-1), South Carolina (7-5), and two victories over Clemson (10-8 and 12-9). Although unranked at the time of its loss to the Paladins, N.C. State since midseason has been a highly ranked team (currently 12th). South Carolina, a College World Series (CWS) runnerup a year ago and ranked 17th at the time of its setback to Furman (its second in three years), this past weekend clinched the Southeastern Conference's East Division title. And Clemson, also a CWS participant in 2002, was ranked 13th at the time of its first loss (May 8) to the Paladins, who snapped a 29-game series losing streak to the Tigers' with their first win over Clemson since 1984. Furman's 12-9 win over the then 19th-ranked Tigers five days later (May 13) gave the Paladins their first win in Clemson since May 13, 1964, and first season sweep of one of their oldest rivals since 1960. Counting its 2-1 win over Greensboro (ranked No. 23 at the time), Furman owns wins over four nationally-ranked teams this year (six if including N.C. State and Western Carolina).

**TOP FURMAN WINS IN 2003**

Opponent	Score	Notes
N.C. State	14-1	N.C. State currently ranked No. 12
South Carolina	7-5	South Carolina ranked 17th
Clemson	10-8	Clemson ranked 13th
Clemson	12-9	Clemson ranked 19th; first season sweep since '60

◆ **DOING OUR PART (VS. THE ACC)**...In posting a perfect 3-0 record against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents this year, Furman claimed three of the Southern Conference's five wins over teams from the ACC. The rest of the SoCon went 2-32 versus the ACC in 2003.

◆ **LATE INNING HEROICS**...Punctuating the Paladins' two recent wins over Clemson and victory over Georgia State were impressive late inning performances. In the contest between the Paladins and Tigers in Greenville on May 8, Furman trailed 8-4 but rallied for six runs, highlighted by a three-run, two-out **Craig Caudill** double in the eighth inning, on the way to the 10-8 victory. Five days later in Clemson, Furman trailed 9-5 heading to the ninth inning before striking for seven runs on six hits in the final frame, including a two-run single by **Case Cassidy**, for a 12-9 victory. That comeback snapped Clemson's impressive 114-0 record (since 2000) when carrying a lead into the ninth inning. The very next night in Atlanta the Paladins trailed 4-3 heading to eighth inning before **Sam McLain** belted a grand slam and **Derek Norman** added an inside the park home run in the ninth to defeat Georgia State, 10-6.

◆ **PALADIN PITCHING STRONG**...After losing three of its four top hurlers to graduation last year, Furman's pitching staff was considered a huge question mark in 2003. Those fears, however, have pretty much been laid to rest as Furman's pitching staff has compiled a solid 4.03 earned run average this year — the third best mark in the Southern Conference. That's significantly better than last year's 5.58 team ERA and the lowest by a Furman squad since 1976, when the Paladins notched a 3.71 team ERA en route to a conference regular season championship. Pacing Furman's solid mound work this year has been senior RHP **Tom Mastny** (10-2, 1.17 ERA), the leading candidate for league pitcher-of-the-year honors. The Paladins have also gotten solid work from senior RHP **Jon Stallsmith** (4-5, 3.25 ERA), junior RHP **Kyle Funk** (7-2, 5.72 ERA), freshman RHP **David Mitchell** (3-3, 1.19 ERA, 7 saves), and junior RHP **Calvin Hurst** (0-1, 2.20 ERA) out of the bullpen. The Paladin primary starting trio of Mastny, Stallsmith, and Funk are a combined 21-9 with a 2.98 ERA.

◆ **DITTO FOR THE DEFENSE**...As much as Furman's pitching staff has delivered in a big way this year, the same can also be said for the Paladins' defense, especially when considering the fact that nearly a third of Furman's starting lineup this year has included freshmen. Heading into Southern Conference Tournament play, Furman is fielding at a solid .967 clip, good for third in the Southern Conference. That's significantly better than last year's .952 fielding percentage and on pace to eclipse the school season record of .962 recorded in 1991, when the Paladins won the Southern Conference Tournament and played in the NCAA East Regional. Heading up the solid glove work this year have been first baseman **Dominic Frankey** (.989, 6 errors), catcher **Derek Norman** (.987, 4 errors), and second baseman **Clint Hill** (.979, 5

errors). Also, true freshman shortstop **A.J. Davidiuk** has fielded at a .927 clip this year, (15 errors). A year ago senior shortstop/pitcher and four-year starter **Danny Rueckel**, a 12th round draft selection of the Montreal Expos, fielded at a .929 clip with 16 errors. Although he's been charged with a team high 19 errors on the season (.870), freshman third baseman **Matthew Betsill** has turned in some solid play and improved consistency of late, committing only one error in 28 chances over the last nine games, during which time Furman posted a 7-2 record.

◆ **UNUSUAL COMBO**...While two-sport stars can still be found in collegiate athletics, Furman quite possibly has one of the most unique dual sport athletes of any school in the country in senior second baseman **Clint Hill**, who has split his talents between the baseball diamond and soccer field (yes, that's right, the soccer field). Not just a name on either roster, Hill played a major role in helping Furman's nationally renowned soccer program to four straight Southern Conference regular season and tournament titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. As a midfielder and forward, the Tulsa, Okla., product played in 91 matches (20 starts) and tallied six goals and 16 assists in helping Furman to a 74-14-3 record in his four-year career. In baseball, he's been a regular in the Paladin lineup for four years, first as a centerfielder and the last year and a half as a second baseman (not the easiest of transitions). A career .292 hitter, he garnered All-Southern Conference Tournament honors as a freshman in 2000 after batting .391 (9x23) in helping the Paladins to a runnerup finish. Although sidelined in the Paladins' last two games due to illness and questionable for Southern Conference Tournament action, he currently ranks third all-time at Furman in runs (150) and eighth in hits (211).

◆ **MASTNY IS NASTY**...Senior righthanded pitcher **Tom Mastny** has fashioned a brilliant 2003 campaign to position himself as Furman's first All-America baseball candidate. In 14 starts this year he has gone 10-2 and posted a Southern Conference low 1.17 earned run average — the second best mark in the nation. His 10 wins, meanwhile, rank seventh in the country. In hurling a league high 115.0 innings, he has surrendered only 73 hits and 18 walks while striking out 96. Opponents are only batting .179 against him. Mastny, who in his last start tossed a complete game, three-hit shutout in the Paladins' 8-0 win over East Tennessee State on May 11, is undefeated against league competition, having gone 8-0 with six complete games and two no decisions (1.29 ERA). The Zionsville, Indiana, product, who hasn't allowed a run in his last 19 1/3 innings, hasn't lost since Mar. 2, when two unearned runs proved decisive in a 2-1, complete game setback to Ohio. Included is his spectacular season was a seven-inning, three-hit performance in the Paladins' 14-1 rout of N.C. State on Feb. 25 and his first career save in Furman's 7-5 triumph over South Carolina on Mar. 25. Mastny also defeated UNC Greensboro 2-1 on March 15, pitching a complete game six-hitter and allowing only one run on a Jay Maule home run with two outs in the ninth inning.

**NCAA EARNED RUN AVERAGE LEADERS**  
(Through May 11, Minimum 50.0 IP)

Rk	Player, School	Cl	App	IP	R	ER	ERA
1)	Clay Meredith, VCU	So.	23	51.3	6	6	1.05
2)	<b>Tom Mastny, Furman</b>	Sr.	15	115.0	21	15	1.17
3)	Thomas Pauly, Princeton	Jr.	17	50.3	8	7	1.25
4)	Scott Lewis, Ohio State	So.	10	80.0	17	12	1.35
5)	Chuck Bechtel, Marist	Sr.	10	72.0	25	11	1.38

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EARNED RUN AVERAGE LEADERS**  
(Through May 20)

Rk	Player, School	Cl	App	IP	R	ER	ERA
1)	<b>Tom Mastny, Furman</b>	Sr.	15	115.0	21	15	1.17
2)	Matt Hamer, The Citadel	Sr.	26	69.0	26	20	2.61
3)	Matt Soale, College of Charleston	Jr.	16	77.0	36	27	3.16
4)	Jarrett Santos, UNC Greensboro	Jr.	37	92.2	39	33	3.21
5)	Scott Tolbert, Ga. Southern	Jr.	15	61.2	23	22	3.21

◆ **WHEN YOUR ERA IS LOWER THAN YOUR GPA**...Senior pitcher **Jon Stallsmith** has proven to be one of the team's biggest surprises this year, and that's been a nice touch to one of the best students on Furman's campus. A member of the Paladins' conference starting rotation, he is 4-5 on the year with a 3.25 earned run average, which is well below his grade point average of 3.93. In 83 innings of work this year he has surrendered 77 hits and 18 walks while recording 60 strikeouts. A double major in history and Spanish, the Fox Point, Wisc., product was recently named to the Verizon Academic All-District III University Division baseball squad, thus qualifying

him for national team consideration. On April 23 he was named TIAA-CREF Southern Conference Student Athlete-of-the-Week after hurling 7 2/3 innings and giving up only two earned runs in leading Furman to a 5-4 road win over College of Charleston, the leading hitting team in the league. Just as impressive as his work on the field has been his contribution in the community, where he tutors Latino immigrant elementary school children in English at Greenville's Parker Academy.

◆ **POWER OUTAGE**...While pitching and defense have been strong for Furman this year, the biggest disappointment has been the Paladins' offense, or lack of it. Heading into Southern Conference Tournament play, Furman is batting .278 and has pounded out only a paltry 17 home runs in 53 games, by far the lowest in the Southern Conference. A year ago the Paladins batted .311 and swatted a respectable 40 home runs in 60 games. The downturn in power has been across the board. In 2002 first baseman **Dominic Frankey** belted a team leading 12 home runs; this year he has four. Catcher **Derek Norman**, who homered in the Paladins' 5-3 regular season finale win over Charleston Southern, has hit only four roundtrippers this year after collecting nine home runs last year. Designated hitter **Sam McLain** (three) and right fielder **Cole Hubka** (two) are the only other Paladins with more than one home run this year.

◆ **PITCHER-OF-THE-WEEK PARADE**...A byproduct of Furman's outstanding mound work this year has been four Southern Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week citations by Paladin hurlers. The latest honoree is freshman RHP **David Mitchell**, who on Monday was named league pitcher-of-the-week after recording a win and two saves in three appearances. Mitchell's win came in the Paladins' 12-9 decision over Clemson, and the two saves were registered in Furman's 10-6 victory over Georgia State and 5-3 triumph over Charleston Southern in the season finale. In his three appearances he registered a 0.00 ERA in 4.0 innings and surrendered no hits and only two walks while recording five strikeouts. Junior LPH **Patrick Griffin** began the season by earning pitcher-of-the-week honors on Feb. 26, and senior RHP **Tom Mastny** followed with a pair of scrolls on April 1 and May 13.

◆ **MORE ON MITCHELL**...The emergence of freshman RHP **David Mitchell** as a quality closer for the Paladins this year is evidenced in his dominant work in his last 10 appearances. During that stretch he posted a 1-1 record and four saves with an 0.69 ERA. His statistics during that stretch include 13.0 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 4 BB, 8 K. Mitchell, who sports a 3-3 record with seven saves, posted a 1.19 ERA in 30.1 innings of work this year on the way to tying Rob Purvis' school saves record set during the 2000 campaign.

◆ **QUICK HITS**...In compiling a 12-10 road record, including four wins in its last five away games, Furman was one of only two Southern Conference teams to be on the plus side of .500 away from home this year. Furman hasn't produced a single first team All-Southern Conference performer in baseball since the 1991 season — that from a program that has averaged 28 wins over the past four seasons and finished in the top five in three of those campaigns. **Will Ertel**, who was named league pitcher-of-the-year in 1991, was the last Paladin to make first team all-conference. Ironically, the Paladins' could snap the hard-to-explain first team all-conference drought if **Tom Mastny** is named pitcher-of-the-year, as expected. Based on recent history, however, we'll believe it when we see it. Junior catcher **Derek Norman**, who had a 16-game hitting streak snapped in a 3-0 loss to Charleston Southern on May 16, has hit .422 (19x45) over the last 10 conference games (1 HR, 4 2B, 10 RBI). Sophomore designated hitter **Sam McLain**, meanwhile, has batted .387 (12x31) in that same 10-game span (2 HR, 4 2B, 10 RBI). Furman averaged 5.16 runs per game in its first 25 games; over the last 28 games the Paladins have averaged 6.39 runs per game.s

◆ **REMEMBERING '91**...Furman's appearance in the 2002 Southern Conference Tournament will mark the 12th year anniversary of the program's 1991 Southern Conference Tournament championship and arguably one of the greatest individual tournament performances in league history. What made the '91 title so remarkable was that it was so unexpected. Furman, the tournament's No. 5 seed, hardly looked like the tournament favorite after dropping a 4-2 decision to Appalachian State in the first round. Bouncing back with a 10-4 win over Marshall and 8-3 triumph over VMI, the Paladins faced Appalachian State for a second time and got a mammoth 10th-inning home run from catcher **Brent Williams** to down the Mountaineers, 7-6, and advance into the championship game against heavily favored Western Carolina later that evening. After falling behind early to the Catamounts and trailing 8-5 heading into the bottom of the ninth, Furman rallied for six runs, highlighted by a dramatic three-run home run by Williams over the right field fence, to secure the championship. For Williams, the tournament MVP, the three run-run blast at Charleston's old College Park completed an incredible

tournament performance that saw him bat .550 (11x20) with three doubles, three home runs (including two game winners in the same day), and 15 RBI in five games.

◆ **MASTNY, HILL, FRANKEY, NORMAN ON THE CHARTS**...Furman senior righthanded pitcher **Tom Mastny** has firmly established himself among the finest pitchers in Furman history, having already set several new career standards, including innings pitched (395.1) and decisions (46). Two other significant career standards that appear to be within reach include wins and strikeouts. Both records are currently held by John Katona (29 wins and 302 strikeouts; Mastny has 27 victories and 293 strikeouts). In addition to Mastny, four other Paladin veterans — Clint Hill, Dominic Frankey, and Derek Norman — have also moved onto Furman's top season and career charts as detailed below.

**SEASON EARNED RUN AVERAGE**

Rank	Player	Year	ERA
1)	John Katona	1970	1.14
2)	Marion Goodyear	1974	1.22
3)	Terry Deaver	1969	1.27
4)	Richard Godsey	1964	1.42
5)	Jeff Stovall	2002	1.46
6)	Jerry Fadem	1975	1.54
7)	Todd Brenizer	1973	1.67
8)	Ray Martin	1972	1.76
9)	John Katona	1971	1.84
10)	John McCormick	1965	2.11
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1.17</b>

**SEASON STARTS**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Corey Etheridge	2000	18
	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>18</b>
3)	Chip Bates	1999	16
	Corey Etheridge	2002	16
5)	Kirk Burnett	1985	15
	Will Ertel	1991	15
	Toby David	1999	15
	Toby David	2001	15
	Tom Mastny	2001	15
10)	Jim Jordan	1995	14
	Andrew Banks	1996	14
	Jim Jordan	1996	14
	David Noyce	1997	14
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>14</b>

**SEASON COMPLETE GAMES**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Will Ertel	1991	11
2)	John Katona	1970	10
	John Katona	1971	10
4)	Charlie Moore	1956	9
	Jeff Roberts	1976	9
	Kirk Burnett	1985	9
	Charles Braswell	1992	9
8)	Chris Mensing	1976	8
	Shane Spears	1992	8
10)	Jeff Fagan	1982	7
	Mike Clark	1989	7
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>7</b>

**SEASON INNINGS PITCHED**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Will Ertel	1991	132.1
2)	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>115.0</b>
3)	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>110.0</b>
4)	Kirk Burnett	1985	103.2
5)	Toby David	2001	103.0
6)	Corey Etheridge	2000	97.1
7)	Charles Braswell	1992	96.1

8)	John Katona	1971	93.0
9)	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>89.0</b>
10)	Andrew Banks	1996	88.0

**SEASON STRIKEOUTS**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	John Katona	1971	109
2)	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>96</b>
	Will Ertel	1991	96
4)	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>95</b>
5)	Chip Bates	1999	85
6)	Todd Brenizer	1974	78
7)	Kirk Burnett	1985	76
8)	Tom Harrison	1969	74
	John Katona	1970	74
10)	Todd Brenizer	1973	73

**SEASON SHUTOUTS**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	John Katona	1970	3
	John Katona	1971	3
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>3</b>
4)	Tom Harrison	1969	2
	Bob Miller	1975	2
	Todd Brenizer	1973	2
	Ed Doubleday	1984	2
	Tom Mastny	2002	2
	Jeff Stovall	2002	2

**SEASON DECISIONS**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Will Ertel	1991	18
2)	Kirk Burnett	1985	14
	Corey Etheridge	2000	14
4)	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>13</b>
5)	John Katona	1971	12
	Jim Jordan	1995	12
	Toby David	2001	12
	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>12</b>

**SEASON WINS**

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Will Ertel	1991	12
2)	John Katona	1971	10
	<b>Tom Mastny (active)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>10</b>
4)	Charlie Moore	1956	8
	John Katona	1970	8
	John Katona	1972	8
	Toby David	2001	8
	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>8</b>
9)	Richard Godsey	1964	7
	Todd Brenizer	1973	7
	Chris Mensing	1976	7
	Charles Braswell	1991	7
	Seth Rhine	1997	7
	Corey Etheridge	2000	7
	Jeff Stovall	2002	7

**CAREER APPEARANCES**

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Rob Purvis	1999-01	118
2)	William Rowland	1996-99	75
3)	Matt Dickson	1993-97	74
4)	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	73
5)	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>71</b>
6)	Chuck Bland	1992-95	67
7)	Seth Rhine	1995-98	64
8)	Jim Jordan	1993-96	57

Chip Bates	1996-99	57
Brian Corcoran	1999-02	57

### CAREER STARTS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	58
<b>2)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>57</b>
3)	Toby David	1998-01	48
4)	Jim Jordan	1993-96	45
5)	Charles Braswell	1991-94	43
6)	John Katona	1969-72	42
	Andrew Banks	1993-96	42
	Chip Bates	1996-99	42
9)	Kirk Burnett	1984-87	39
10)	David Hartley	1988-91	34

### CAREER INNINGS PITCHED

Rank	Player	Years	No.
<b>1)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>395.1</b>
2)	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	330.1
3)	John Katona	1969-72	316.2
4)	Charles Braswell	1991-94	303.0
5)	Toby David	1998-01	294.1
6)	Andrew Banks	1993-96	266.1
7)	Jim Jordan	1993-96	264.1
8)	Kirk Burnett	1984-87	262.1
9)	Will Ertel	1989-93	260.0
10)	Chip Bates	1996-99	245.1

### CAREER STRIKEOUTS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	John Katona	1969-72	302
<b>2)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>293</b>
3)	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	233
4)	Chip Bates	1996-99	230
5)	Todd Brenizer	1971-74	206
6)	Charles Braswell	1991-94	197
7)	Toby David	1998-01	193
8)	Will Ertel	1989-93	187
9)	Kirk Burnett	1984-87	180
10)	Corey Etheridge	1998-01	179

### CAREER SHUTOUTS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	John Katona	1969-72	7
<b>2)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>6</b>
3)	Richard Godsey	1966-67	4
4)	Doug Turner	1960-61	3
	Tom Harrison	1969-71	3
	Todd Brenizer	1971-74	3
	Artie Dowd	1976-79	3
	Jeff Fagan	1982-84	3

### CAREER DECISIONS

Rank	Player	Years	No. (W-L)
<b>1)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>46 (27-19)</b>
2)	John Katona	1969-72	41 (29-12)
	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	41 (16-25)
4)	Charles Braswell	1991-94	40 (16-24)
5)	Kirk Burnett	1984-87	39 (13-26)
6)	Jim Jordan	1993-96	38 (16-22)
	Toby David	1998-01	38 (18-20)
8)	Will Ertel	1989-93	36 (20-16)
9)	Scott Schlenk	1981-84	34 (15-19)

### CAREER WINS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	John Katona	1969-72	29
<b>2)</b>	<b>Tom Mastny</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>27</b>

3)	Will Ertel	1989-93	20
4)	Todd Brenizer	1971-74	18
	Toby David	1998-01	18
6)	Charlie Moore	1956-59	17
7)	Charles Braswell	1991-94	16
	Jim Jordan	1993-96	16
	Seth Rhine	1995-98	16
	Corey Etheridge	1999-02	16

### CAREER AT BATS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	796
	Danny Rueckel	1999-02	796
3)	Jody Wade	1996-99	770
4)	Ryan Presnell	1999-02	760
5)	Dan Martz	1995-98	744
6)	Jim Morrill	1995-98	723
<b>7)</b>	<b>Clint Hill</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>722</b>
8)	James Bright	1997-00	679
9)	Rob Goecker	1989-92	659
10)	Adam Etherington	1998-01	656

### CAREER RUNS SCORED

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Jim Morrill	1995-98	159
	Jody Wade	1996-99	159
<b>3)</b>	<b>Clint Hill</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>4)</b>	<b>Derek Norman</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>146</b>
5)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	138
6)	Dan Martz	1995-98	130
7)	James Bright	1997-00	129
8)	Adam Etherington	1998-01	125
9)	D. J. Bissinger	1995-98	119
10)	Danny Rueckel	1999-01	118

### CAREER HITS

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Jim Morrill	1995-98	245
2)	Jody Wade	1996-99	235
3)	Ryan Presnell	1999-02	229
4)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	228
<b>5)</b>	<b>Derek Norman</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>225</b>
6)	Danny Rueckel	1999-02	223
7)	Dan Martz	1995-98	219
<b>8)</b>	<b>Clint Hill</b>	<b>2000-Present</b>	<b>211</b>
9)	James Bright	1997-00	205
10)	Rob Goecker	1989-92	191

### CAREER DOUBLES

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Danny Rueckel	1999-02	50
2)	Adam Etherington	1998-01	49
3)	Dan Martz	1995-98	48
4)	Jim Morrill	1995-98	47
5)	Ryan Presnell	1999-02	42
<b>6)</b>	<b>Dominic Frankey</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>39</b>
7)	Rob Goecker	1989-92	37
	<b>Derek Norman</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>37</b>
9)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	36
10)	James Bright	1997-00	35

### CAREER TRIPLES

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Jody Wade	1996-99	14
2)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	10
3)	Randy Howell	1975-77	9
	Ronnie Wagner	1990-93	9
	Jim Morrill	1995-98	9
6)	Ryan Presnell	1999-02	8
	<b>Derek Norman</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>8</b>

**CAREER HOME RUNS**

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Brent Williams	1988-91	35
2)	Craig McLaughlin	1988-91	34
3)	Rock Hurst	1982-85	31
	Jim Morrill	1995-98	31
5)	Bob Thomas	1985-88	30
6)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	25
	Paul McBride	1983-86	21
	Chris Valdes	1998-00	21
9)	<b>Dominic Frankey</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>21</b>
10)	Randy Howell	1975-77	20
	Jody Wade	1996-99	20

**CAREER RUNS BATTED IN**

Rank	Player	Years	No.
1)	Jim Morrill	1995-98	166
2)	Chris Valdes	1998-01	145
3)	<b>Dominic Frankey</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>136</b>
4)	<b>Derek Norman</b>	<b>2001-Present</b>	<b>124</b>
5)	Brent Williams	1988-91	123
6)	Danny Rueckel	1999-02	118
7)	Rock Hurst	1982-85	116
8)	Jody Wade	1996-99	112
9)	Dan Martz	1995-98	108
10)	Adam Etherington	1998-01	107
	Ryan Presnell	1999-02	107

**2003 FURMAN PALADINS BASEBALL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous
1	Richie Dean	OF	S/R	5-11	190	Sr.	Vienna, Va./James Madison
2	Derek Norman	INF/C	R/R	6-0	190	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville West H.S.
4	Kyle Funk	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain H.S.
5	A.J. Davidiuk	SS	R/R	6-2	175	Fr.	Indian Trail, N.C./Sun Valley H.S.
6	Stephen Hildreth	OF	R/R	6-3	195	Fr.	Dalton, Ga./Dalton H.S.
7	Cole Hubka	INF	R/R	5-10	180	Sr.	Ormond Beach, Fla./Seabreeze H.S.
8	Patrick Griffin	LHP	L/L	6-1	195	So.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel H.S.
9	Drew Latora	C	R/R	6-3	210	Sr.	Rosewall, Ga./Middle Georgia J.C.
12	Sam Perry	RHP	R/R	6-0	170	So.	Dublin, Ga./Trinity Christian
14	Ryan Hudson	LHP	L/L	6-2	180	Fr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
15	Andrew Greene	OF	R/R	6-0	160	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview H.S.
16	Clint Hill	OF	R/R	6-0	165	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla./East Central H.S.
17	Matthew Betsill	INF	S/R	6-5	185	Fr.	Griffin, Ga./Homeschool
18	Dan Washmuth	RHP	R/R	5-10	175	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota H.S.
19	Craig Caudill	OF	L/R	6-0	175	Jr.	Greenville, S.C./Wade Hampton
20	David Mitchell	RHP	R/R	6-1	180	Fr.	Houston, Texas/Stratford H.S.
21	Coogie Freedman	RHP/DH	L/R	6-0	200	Sr.	Toronto, ONT/Brookhaven College
22	Sam McLain	OF/LHP	L/L	6-1	185	So.	Inverness, Fla./Santa Fe C.C.
24	Brandon Barrett	C/INF	R/R	5-10	181	Sr.	Newnan, Ga./Newnan H.S.
25	Calvin Hurst	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	Jr.	Banner Elk, N.C./Witaua H.S.
27	Dominic Frankey	INF	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio/Badin H.S.
29	Ryan Hodinka	LHP	L/L	6-1	170	Fr.	Springfield, Penn./Springfield H.S.
31	Jon Stallsmith	RHP	R/R	6-3	180	Sr.	Fox Point, Wis./Nicolet H.S.
33	Case Cassedy	3B/RHP	L/R	6-2	195	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Maclay H.S.
40	Tom Mastny	RHP/1B	R/R	6-5	210	Sr.	Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville Community H.S.
10	Ron Smith, Head Coach (Furman '79)						
42	Jeff Young, Assistant Coach (Morehead State '92)						
35	Jon Placko, Assistant Coach (Furman '96)						