GAME 26 — February 20, 1999

Furman Paladins (11-14, 5-10 SoCon South) vs. College of Charelston Cougars (24-2, 15-0 SoCon South) Charleston, South Carolina, John Kresse Arena (3,500) Noon (EST) — Fox SportSouth TV (Live)



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins				ppg	rpg
G 15 Marcus Dilligard	6-4	195	So. LaBelle, Mo.	8.2	3.4
G 23 Kyle Julius	6-3	190	Fr. Thunder Bay, Ontario	8.4	1.4
F 24 Bubba Smith	6-4	190	Sr. Hendersonville, Tenn.	7.8	2.6
F 42 Stanisla Makshantsev	6-8	230	Jr. Alma Ata, Kazakhstan	14.6	6.2
C 32 Daniel Quigley	6-7	210	Sr. Tipton, Ind.	11.8	9.1
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)					
20-34 (2nd Year at Furman), 20-34 (2nd Year Overall)					

C	olleg	ge of Charleston Co	ugars				ppg	rpg
G	5	Shane McCravy	5-11	170	Sr.	Spartanburg, S.C.	4.9	3.0
G	20	Jermel President	5-11	170	Sr.	Charleston, S.C.	11.3	2.5
F	32	Danny Johnson	6-3	195	Sr.	Morganton, N.C.	11.8	4.3
F	23	Sedric Webber	6-6	200	Sr.	Columbia, S.C.	13.9	7.4
F	33	Jody Lumpkin	6-8	245	So.	Columbia, S.C.	10.1	6.5
			John K	resse	(St.	John's '64)		
489-120 (20th Year at College of Charelston), 489-120 (20th Year Overall)								

FURMAN-COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON SERIES INFORMATION

- ✓ Saturday's Furman-College of Charleston game will mark the 49th meeting between the Paladins and Cougars but only the second clash between the two schools since the 1971-72 season. Furman holds a 36-12 series advantage.
- ✓ The College of Charleston captured the season's first game, taking an 81-68 decision in Greenville on Jan. 11 behind Jermel President's 21 points. That clash was the first between the Paladins and Cougars since the 1971-72 season, when Furman captured a 94-74 verdict in Greenville.
- ✓ Furman is 17-7 versus the Cougars in Charleston, and in Greenville the Paladins own a 19-5 record against the College of Charleston. Saturday's contest will mark Furman's first game against the Cougars in Charleston since the 1952-53 season, when the Paladins' Nield Gordon scored a career high 52 points in leading Furman to a 114-67 win.
- ✓ Furman head coach Larry Davis is 0-1 versus the College of Charleston. Cougars head coach John Kresse is 1-0 versus Furman in his coaching career.

1998-99 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

North Division	Conference	Overall
Appalachian State	12 - 3 .800	18 - 7 .720
Davidson	11 - 4 .733	16 - 9 .640
East Tennessee State	9 - 6 .600	16 - 9 .640
VMI	8 - 7 .533	11 - 14 .440
North Carolina Greensboro	4 - 11 .267	6 - 19 .240
Western Carolina	2 - 13 .133	6 - 19 .240
South Division	Conference	Overall
College of Charleston	Conference 15 - 0 1.000	Overall 24 - 2 .923
College of Charleston	15 - 0 1.000	24 - 2 .923
College of Charleston Chattanooga	15 - 0 1.000 9 - 6 .600	24 - 2 .923 15 - 10 .600
College of Charleston Chattanooga Wofford	15 - 0 1.000 9 - 6 .600 7 - 8 .467	24 - 2 .923 15 - 10 .600 10 - 15 .400
College of Charleston Chattanooga Wofford Furman	15 - 0 1.000 9 - 6 .600 7 - 8 .467 5 - 10 .333	24 - 2 .923 15 - 10 .600 10 - 15 .400 11 - 14 .440

Monday

Appalachian State 68, Western Carolina 55 College of Charleston 74, East Tennessee State 55 Georgia Southern 79, The Citadel 63 Chattanooga 76, Furman 59 VMI 82, UNC Greensboro 67

> Tuesday Davidson 67, Wofford 66

Saturday Furman at College of Charleston, Noon Chattanooga at VMI, 1:00 Davdison at Appalachian State, 3:00 UNC Greensboro at Western Carolina, 7:00 East Tennessee State at Georgia Southern, 7:00 Wofford at The Citadel, 7:15

PALADIN POINTERS

TIP OFF TID BITS...Saturday's Furman-College of Charleston game will mark the regular season finale for the Paladins and Cougars. A College of Charleston win over Furman will give the Cougars a perfect 16-0 Southern Conference mark — the first by a league team since Davidson went 14-0 during the 1995-96 season. Prior to Davidson's perfect league record, the last conference team to go undefeated in a season was Furman, which went 12-0 on the way to a 22-7 record during the 1974-75 campaign. Furman enters Saturday's contest on a four-game losing skid after having dropped a 76-59 decision to Chattanooga in Greenville on Monday.

 ★ BEEN THERE...Although Furman hasn't faced the College of Charleston in Charleston since the 1952-53 season, the Paladins have played one game on the control of the college of Cougars' home court in the interim. That contest was against cross town rival The Citadel on Feb. 10, 1988, when The Citadel was rebuilding McAlister Fieldhouse, its home court. Furman won the game 81-68 behind a school record 7x8 3-pointers by guard Shawn Reid.

JULIUS STEPPING UP...Freshman guard Kyle Julius is expected to earn his sixth start the Paladins' last seven games this Saturday against the College of Charleston. Julius' recent rise has been due to injuries to Anthony Thomas, who was first sidelined with a mild concussion and later with a sprained knee. Julius paced Furman with 14 points in the Paladins' 76-59 loss to Chattanooga on Monday and has been the Paladins' leading scorer in four of the last six games. In the last six games Julius has averaged 14.0 ppg and has shot 41.8% from the field, including 37.8% from 3-point range (17x45). Thomas returned to action against Wofford last Saturday and in 12 minutes claimed four rebounds and two assists (no points). He scored five points and pulled down three rebounds in Monday's 76-59 loss to Chattanooga. Thomas had averaged 9.1 ppg and had tallied double figures in five of the seven games prior to suffering a concussion on the final play of the game in Furman's 58-55 win over East Tennessee State on Feb. 1.

MOST WINS SINCE 1992-93...Furman's 11 wins are two more than last season

and the most by a Furman squad since the 1992-93 season, when then head coach Butch Estes' Paladins finished 11-17.

FU SENIORS TO PLAY LAST REGULAR SEASON GAME...Saturday's contest against College of Charleston will mark the last regular season game for Furman seniors Will Coles, Terry McGann, Daniel Quigley, and Bubba Smith. Coles heads into the regular season finale ranked fifth on Furman's career blocked shots list with 84. McGann, who started at point guard as a freshman, ranks seventh on the Paladins' career assist chart with 270. Quigley, meanwhile, has moved up to 14th on Furman's all-time rebounding list with 696 boards and currently leads the Southern Conference in both rebounding (9.1 rpg) and double-doubles (11). Quigley just missed notching his 12th double-double in the loss to Chattanooga, scoring 12 points and adding nine rebounds. Bubba Smith, a four-year starter, has moved into eighth place on the school's assist ledger with 263. Smith also ranks fifth on the Paladins' career steals chart with 143.

GETTING TO THE LINE..The Paladins lead the Southern Conference in free

throws made (439) and attempted (655). Stanislav Makshantsev's 30-point performance in the Paladins' recent 90-83 overtime loss to Wofford was his second of the season. The Paladin junior forward first hit the 30-point plateau (30) in an 88-85 win

over Charleston Southern on Dec. 2.

FURMAN, THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE, AND THE NCAAS...Furman and the Southern Conference will join Greenville's Bi-Lo Center in hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament in 2002.

PALADINS SIGN TWO...Furman signed two high school standouts to national letters of intent in November. Darrell Arbaugh, a 6-foot-7 forward from Ashland, Ky., signed with the Paladins first, and two days later Furman inked 6-foot-5 forward Kenny Ziegler from Lithonia, Ga. Ziegler is rated among the nation's top 200 players by Prep Stars Magazine, and recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons called him "the most highly rated player headed to a Southern Conference school -- a player with the talent and work ethic to be the premier newcomer in the league next year."