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**FURMAN'S MAKSHANTSEV NAMED
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK**

GREENVILLE -- Furman University forward Stanislav Makshantsev has been named Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week, it was announced today.

Makshantsev, a 6-foot-8, junior forward from Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, averaged 20.5 ppg and 7.0 rpg in leading the Paladins to wins over Mercer and Duquesne this past week.

In the Paladins' 68-67 win over Mercer, Makshantsev scored a game high 18 points, and on Saturday he scored 21 of his game high 23 points in the second half and in overtime to pace Furman to an 83-78 win over the Dukes. In the Duquesne game, Makshantsev tied a school record by converting 14-of-14 free throws, including three with less than three seconds to go in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Makshantsev leads Furman (5-3) in scoring (16.6 ppg) and field goal percentage (57.5%) through eight games.

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