



GAME 6 — DECEMBER 4, 1998
Furman Paladins (3-2, 0-0 SoCon) vs. Georgia Bulldogs (5-1, 0-0 SEC)
Athens, Georgia, Stegeman Coliseum (10,523)
7:30 P.M. EST



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins				<i>ppg</i>	<i>rpg</i>
G 15	Marcus Dilligard	6-4	195 So. La Belle, Mo.	7.6	2.2
G 24	Bubba Smith	6-4	190 Sr. Hendersonville, Tenn.	12.4	2.6
F 3	Anthony Thomas	6-4	185 Fr. Atlanta, Ga.	5.6	3.6
F 42	Stanislav Makshantsev	6-8	230 Jr. Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan	17.2	6.8
C 32	Daniel Quigley	6-7	210 Sr. Tipton, Ind.	10.8	7.6
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)					
12-22 (2nd Year at Furman), 12-22 (2nd Year Overall)					

Georgia Bulldogs				<i>ppg</i>	<i>rpg</i>
G 12	G.G. Smith	5-10	178 Sr. Tulsa, Okla.	12.7	2.2
G 32	D.A. Layne	6-0	172 Fr. Marietta, Ga.	10.3	2.3
F 24	Michael Chadwick	6-4	203 Sr. Phenix City, Ala.	12.7	6.2
F 20	Jumaine Jones	6-7	210 So. Camilla, Ga.	15.8	6.7
C 34	Robb Dryden	7-1	235 So. Jacksonville, Fla.	9.7	5.8
Ron Jirsa (Gettysburg '81)					
25-16 (2nd Year at Georgia), 25-16 (2nd Year Overall)					

FURMAN-GEORGIA SERIES INFORMATION

- ✓ Friday's Furman-Georgia game marks the 23rd meeting between the Paladins and Bulldogs. Georgia leads the series 18-4, and the Bulldogs won the last meeting, taking a 91-67 decision in Athens during the 1996-97 season.
- ✓ Furman and Georgia's clash two years ago was the first meeting between the two schools since the 1977-78 season when the Paladins downed the Bulldogs 92-83 in Athens.
- ✓ Georgia holds an 11-2 record versus Furman in Athens; in Greenville, the Bulldogs own a 6-2 mark against Furman. Friday night's game will mark Furman head coach Larry Davis' first encounter against Georgia. Bulldog mentor Ron Jirsa will be facing Furman for the first time in his young head coaching career.

NOTING THE PALADINS

✍ **FURMAN AND THE SEC...**Some of Furman's oldest basketball rivals are current members of the Southeastern Conference, including Georgia, which Furman faced for the first time during the 1919-20 season (49-26 loss in Athens). Furman has compiled a 64-115 record (35.7%) against current SEC member schools over the years, including a 4-18 mark against Georgia. Furman's series records versus Southeastern Conference schools: vs. Alabama (0-1), vs. Auburn (1-2), vs. Florida (4-4), vs. Georgia (4-18), vs. Kentucky (0-1), vs. LSU (1-0), vs. Mississippi (2-3), vs. Mississippi State (0-4), vs. South Carolina (52-69), vs. Tennessee (0-10), vs. Vanderbilt (0-3). The Paladins' last win over and SEC team was its 92-83 triumph over Georgia in Athens during the 1977-78 season. Furman defeated South Carolina 61-53 in Greenville during the 1979-80 campaign, but the Gamecocks were not yet a member of the SEC.

✍ **IMPROVEMENT EVIDENT...**Although Furman is only five games into the 1998-99 season, the Paladins are already showing noteworthy improvement over the 1997-98 campaign, as the comparisons below illustrate:

1997-98 (5 Games)	Category (1997-98 Season)	1998-99 (5 Games)
1-4	Record (9-20)	3-2
45.2%	Field Goal Percentage (42.8%)	47.2%
48.9%	Field Goal Percentage Defense (42.6%)	42.4%
69.5%	Free Throw Percentage (65.8%)	69.7%
31.9%	3-Point Field Goal Percentage (27.8%)	44.4%
38.0%	3-Point Field Goal Percentage Defense (33.1%)	25.8%
65.4	Scoring Offense (61.7)	69.4
75.8	Scoring Defense (67.4)	66.6

✍ **PAYBACK No. 3...**Furman's 88-85 triumph over Charleston Southern on Wednesday night represented "payback" against an opponent that last year had downed the Paladins 72-62 in Charleston. The win over the Buccaneers marked the third opponent the Paladins have turned the tables on this year. Furman's decisive 79-67 win over William & Mary in Williamsburg on Nov. 17 gave the Paladins revenge against the Tribe, which had routed Furman 80-57 last year in Greenville. Furman's 66-59 season opening win over Stetson on Nov. 14 provided the Paladins a measure of revenge against the Hatters, who last season claimed a 75-73 overtime win in Deland, Fla. Needless to say, with Furman carrying the burden of six straight losing seasons, the Paladins have opportunities for revenge this season against many Southern Conference and non-conference foes.

✍ **FREE THROW EXHIBITION...**Furman's 88-85 win over Charleston Southern on Wednesday night featured a lot of scoring — from the free throw line. In a game that featured 58 fouls, Furman went to the line 50 times and converted 35 (70.0%). Charleston Southern, meanwhile, cashed in on 16x27 free throws (59.3%). In fact, 11 of Furman's final 13 points, including the last eight, came from the free throw line. The 50 free throw attempts were the most by Furman since the 1989-90 season when the Paladins canned 35x51 FTs in 97-76 rout of Davidson in Greenville. Furman has now attempted 36 more free throws than its opposition through five games (142-106).

✍ **MAKSHANTSEV COMES UP BIG...**After scoring Furman's first points on a three-pointer in Wednesday night's game against Charleston Southern but later being benched after picking up his third foul at the 13:17 mark of the first half, hardly anyone could have predicted junior Stanislav Makshantsev's second half explosion. Playing 18 minutes and not committing a foul in the second period, Makshantsev scored 27 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and picked up a steal to ignite Furman's successful second half on the way to the 88-85 win. Makshantsev's 30-point

1998-99 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North Division	Conference	Overall
Appalachian State	0 - 0 .000	4 - 2 .667
Davidson	0 - 0 .000	1 - 3 .250
East Tennessee State	0 - 0 .000	4 - 1 .800
North Carolina Greensboro	0 - 0 .000	1 - 4 .200
VMI	0 - 0 .000	0 - 5 .000
Western Carolina	0 - 0 .000	1 - 5 .167
South Division	Conference	Overall
Georgia Southern	1 - 0 1.000	4 - 3 .571
The Citadel	0 - 0 .000	3 - 2 .600
College of Charleston	0 - 0 .000	3 - 1 .750
Furman	0 - 0 .000	3 - 2 .600
Wofford	0 - 0 .000	3 - 3 .500
Chattanooga	0 - 1 .000	1 - 4 .200

Wednesday

Furman 88, Charleston Southern 85
Wofford 72, Army 64
Appalachian State 83, USC Spartanburg 53
The Citadel 62, William & Mary 59 (ot)
Elon 70, VMI 69

Thursday

Clemson 82, East Tennessee State 54
Georgia Southern 72, Chattanooga 55

Friday

College of Charleston vs. South Carolina @ Charlotte, N.C., 7:00
Furman at Georgia, 7:30
Davidson vs. Colgate @ Lincoln, Neb., 8:30 CST

NEXT FURMAN GAME

Wednesday, Dec. 9, MERCER, 7:30 p.m.

performance was the first 30-point effort by a Paladins since Chuck Vincent tallied 30 in an 87-81 overtime loss to VMI last year. His performance against Charleston Southern included 10x13 FGs, 3x3 3PFGs, and 7x10 FTs. A very strong low post player, Makshantsev is also forcing the opposition to respect his perimeter game, as he is 6x8 from three-point range (75.0%) this year.

🔪 SLOW START TREND CONTINUES...Furman's string of poor starts in games continued Wednesday night against Charleston Southern, as the Paladins trailed the Buccaneers by as many as 12 points (18-6) nine minutes into the game. Although Furman rallied to forge a 35-35 deadlock by halftime and took the lead for good six minutes into the second half, the weak start extended the Paladins' streak of poor early offensive efforts to four games. Against Northwestern (62-55 loss) on Nov. 28, Furman fell behind 21-6 eight minutes into the game before mounting a solid comeback that saw the Paladins pull to within one point twice midway through the second half. In a 60-59 loss to Winthrop on Nov. 23, Furman suffered turnovers on its first seven possessions of the game before scoring its first basket at the 15:43 juncture. And against William & Mary (79-67 win) on Nov. 17, the Paladins turned the ball over several times and didn't score its first point until the 15:39 mark.

🔪 TURNOVERS STILL A PROBLEM...Although the bright spots are plentiful in Furman's 3-2 start, one troublesome area that appears to be a holdover from a year ago is turnovers. Through five games the Paladins have committed 103 turnovers (20.6/game) while forcing opponents into only 73 miscues (14.6/game). In the 88-85 win over Charleston Southern on Wednesday night, Furman suffered 21 turnovers, but the Paladins also helped force 21 Buccaneer miscues. After turning it over 13 times in the first half, Furman suffered only eight turnovers in the second period. A year ago Furman turned the ball over a league high 514 times (17.7/game).

🔪 PERIMETER "D" GETS BIG TEST...After playing excellent perimeter defense in its first three games, Furman's fine defensive guard tandem of Marcus Dilligard and Bubba Smith has been tagged hard in its last two outings against Northwestern (David Newman, 22 points) and Charleston Southern (Adam Larrick, 33 points). Unfortunately for Smith and Dilligard, perhaps the season's biggest challenge awaits Friday night when the Paladins face one of the best shooting backcourts in the country in Georgia, which is blistering the nets from three-point range (48.7%). If there is any consolation, Furman will avoid having to face an even more potent Bulldog backcourt that could have included senior Ray Harrison (11x23 3PFGs, 47.8%). Harrison sustained a separated shoulder in the Bulldogs' 75-63 win over West Virginia on Wednesday night and will be replaced in the lineup by freshman D.A. Layne (10x23 3PFGs, 43.5%). Georgia's other starter in the backcourt, senior point guard G.G. Smith, has knocked down 15x30 3PFGs (50.0%), and senior small forward Michael Chadwick is 9x15 from three-point range (60.0%). Georgia has attempted 111 three-pointers through six games (18.5 att./game).

🔪 OFFENSIVE HIGH WATER MARK...In scoring 88 points in the 88-85 win over Charleston Southern on Wednesday, Furman tallied the most points in a game under head coach Larry Davis. The Paladins, who ranked last in the Southern Conference in scoring offense last year, averaging 61.7 ppg, head into the Friday night's game against Georgia averaging 69.4 ppg, an improvement of +7.7 ppg over last season.

🔪 AHEAD OF SCHEDULE...Furman didn't record its fourth win of the 1997-98 season until Jan. 5, when the Paladins edged East Tennessee State 46-44 in Greenville...the Paladins' second road win last year came on Jan. 21 against The Citadel (59-57) in Charleston.

🔪 FURMAN IN PRE-SEASON POLLS...Furman was a consensus Southern Conference South Division third place pick in a pair of pre-season polls conducted by the league head coaches and media. College of Charleston, which begins Southern Conference play this year, was the consensus first place pick in the south division, and Davidson was the top pick in the Southern Conference North Division in both polls. Furman finished fourth in the league's south division last year with a 9-20 overall record and 5-9 league mark.

🔪 PALADINS GO 2-0 IN EXHIBITION CONTESTS...Furman claimed wins in its two pre-season exhibition games, taking a 90-70 decision over CSKA-Ukraine on Nov. 3 and an 87-73 verdict over Upstate AAU on Nov. 9. Senior guard Bubba Smith scored a game high 22 points and connected on 4-of-7 three-pointers in the Paladins' verdict of CSKA-Ukraine. Against Upstate AAU, the Paladins converted 10-of-21 three-point shots and got 25 points and 15 rebounds from senior forward Daniel Quigley. Freshman guard Anthony Thomas added 12 points and 15 boards in the Paladins' win over AAU.

🔪 PALADINS SIGN TWO...Furman got its recruiting season off to a fast start by signing two high school standouts to national letters of intent. Darrell Arbaugh, a 6-foot-8 forward from Ashland, Ky., signed with the Paladins first, and two days later Furman inked 6-foot-6 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."

🔪 GARNER OUT...Junior forward Patrick Garner, who was expected to rejoin the Furman basketball team last week after playing tight end on the Paladins football team this fall, sustained a fractured thumb in Furman's 31-28, season ending win over Chattanooga on Nov. 21 and is out indefinitely.

PLAYER UPDATES

#24 BUBBA SMITH, 6-4, G, Sr. Hendersonville, Tenn.

Heads into the Georgia game having started at second guard in four of Furman's five games...was held out of the lineup against Winthrop due to sprained ankle sustained in practice four days prior...did, however, play 31 minutes and score 14 points in the 60-59 loss in Rock Hill...excellent defensive player...is Furman's second leading scorer (12.4 ppg) and top shooter from three-point range (10x20, 50.0%)...converted 7x8 FTs over the final 40 seconds to help preserve Furman's 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...scored all 11 of his points (11x13) against Charleston Southern at the line...has tallied double figures in four of Furman's five games, including a season high 16 points in a 79-67 win over William & Mary in Williamsburg...ranks second on the team in assists (11)...is Furman's most experienced player, having played in 88 games and started in 83 contests...ranks eighth on Furman's all-time steals ledger with 122...has converted 114x314 3PFGs (36.3%)...current percentage would place him seventh all-time at Furman...has the best chance of any current Paladins to become the 30th player in school history to score 1,000 points...currently has 759 points...joins Daniel Quigley to give Furman two left-handers in the starting five.

FURMAN CAREER STEALS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Games	Steals	Avg.
1)	Hal Henderson	1988-92	117	194	1.7
2)	Ron Smith	1975-78	113	172	1.5
3)	Steve Harris	1991-	109	148	1.4
4)	Mel Daniel	1979-82	110	144	1.3
	Noel Gilliard	1982-85	110	144	1.3
5)	Pat Marshall	1991-95	110	136	1.2
6)	David Brown	1986-89	110	128	1.2
	Derek Waugh	1989-93	114	128	1.1
7)	Shawn Reid	1984-88	117	126	1.1
8)	Bubba Smith	1995-	88	122	1.4
9)	John Castile	1985-88	109	119	1.1

FURMAN CAREER 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE LEADERS (Minimum 200 Attempts)

Rank	Player	Seasons	Games	FG-FGA	.Pct
1)	Shawn Reid	1983-88	*86	146-324	.450
2)	Chris Bass	1988-91	98	123-313	.393
3)	David Brown	1986-89	*83	161-418	.385
4)	Sammie Liberatore	1989-94	93	130-351	.370
5)	Hal Henderson	1989-92	117	185-504	.367
6)	Bubba Smith	1995-	88	114-314	.363
7)	Anthony Smith	1992-96	80	101-297	.340
8)	Tracy Garrick	1988-91	105	73-217	.336
9)	Matt Schrecengost	1994-97	90	69-207	.333
10)	Jason Stewart	1995-97	51	126-379	.332

#32 DANIEL QUIGLEY, 6-7, C, Sr., Tipton, Ind.

Has earned starts at center in each of Furman's five games...leads the team in rebounding (7.6 rpg) and is the Paladins' third leading scorer (10.8 ppg)...registered a season low 22 minutes and scored nine points in the 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...three rebounds vs. Buccaneers was also a season low...has been very strong from the free throw line (15x18, 83.3%) this year...was a perfect 7x7 from the line as part of a season-high 15-point performance against William & Mary (79-67 win) in Williamsburg...had a double-double (13 points, 10 rebounds) in Furman's season opening 66-59 win over Stetson in Greenville...has converted 3x7 three pointers (42.9%) this year and is a career 31.1% shooter from three-point range

(42x135)...averaged a Southern Conference leading 8.5 rpg in 14 league games last year...is on pace to become only the 20th player in Furman history to claim 600 rebounds...has 507 boards heading into the Georgia game...is one of two left-handers in Furman's starting lineup (Bubba Smith).

#42 STANISLAV MAKSHANTSEV, 6-8, Jr., F, Alma-Ata, Kasakhstan

Has started a power forward in all five games...is Furman's first junior college transfer (N.E. Nebraska Community College) since 1979...leads Furman in scoring (17.2 ppg), field goal percentage (70.7%), and is second on the squad in rebounding (6.8 rpg) through five games...has converted 6x8 (75.0%) three-point field goal attempts...hit on 3x3 3PGs and scored 30 points (in 25 minutes), including 27 in the second half, in Furman's 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...scored only three points and was benched with three fouls seven minutes into the Charleston Southern game...30-point performance was the first by a Paladin since Chuck Vincent went for 30 in an 87-81 overtime loss at VMI last year...sparked Furman to a 79-67 win over William & Mary in Williamsburg by scoring 25 points and claiming four rebounds...physical player.

#15 MARCUS DILLIGARD, 6-4, So., G, La Belle, Mo.

Furman's starting point guard in all five games...is averaging 7.6 ppg and 2.2 rpg...shooting a solid 53.8% from the field, up from 29.1% as a freshman a year ago...tallied 13 points in Furman's season opening 66-59 win over Stetson...fouled out with 10 points in the Paladins' 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...excellent defensive player...turned a brilliant defensive performance against William & Mary All-CAA guard Randy Bracy in the Paladins' 79-67 win in Williamsburg, fouling Bracy out after 25 minutes with only 10 points on 3x10 FGs...has started in every game (34) since coming to Furman...will look to post-up his defender due to prep experience as a small forward.

#3 ANTHONY THOMAS, 6-4, Fr., G/F, Atlanta, Ga.

Has earned starts at small forward in all five games...heads into the Georgia contest averaging 5.6 ppg and 3.6 rpg...registered nine points and had a season high six rebounds in Furman's 79-67 win over William & Mary in Williamsburg...also tallied nine points and had four boards in a season high 34 minutes in a 60-59 loss to Winthrop in Rock Hill...hit on 1x5 three-pointers and scored eight points in the Paladins' 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...has connected on 8x8 FTs this year...playing time has been enhanced due to the departure of returning starting small forward Andre Kerr prior to the start of the season...registered 12 points and 15 rebounds in Furman's 87-73 exhibition win over Upstate AAU...starred at Atlanta's Woodward Academy, where he was a two-time all-state performer and state AAA player-of-the-year as a junior.

#13 PAUL FOSTER, 6-0, Fr., G, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Furman's first substitute at the point guard slot behind Marcus Dilligard...has averaged 24.4 mpg and 5.0 ppg in five games...leads Furman in assists with 16, and his +1.0 assist/turnover ratio leads the squad...recorded the first double figure scoring performance (11 points) in Furman's 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...went 8x13 at the free throw line and hit his only field goal attempt (three-pointer) in the win...is 3x5 (60.0%) from three-point range this season...had a team high five assists in a 62-55 loss to Northwestern in Evanston...starting point guard on North Carolina's state AA championship Wallace-Rose High School team that went 31-0.

#4 WILL COLES, 6-8, Sr., C, Nashville, Tenn.

Furman's first substitute inside at both center and power forward...is averaging 20.5 mpg, 4.2 ppg, and 5.6 rpg...leads the team with four blocked shots...had seven points (7-10 FTs) and eight rebounds in 25 minutes in Furman's 88-85 win over Charleston Southern...missed virtually all of the pre-season with an ankle sprain but came back to contribute significantly in the Paladins' season opening, 66-59 win over Stetson, scoring eight points, pulling down seven rebounds, and blocking two shots in 24 minutes of action...has paced Furman in blocked shots each of the past two seasons...ranks seventh on the school's career blocked shots list with 64.

#23 KYLE JULIUS, 6-3, Fr., G, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Comes off the bench in relief of Bubba Smith at second guard...is averaging 9.8 mpg and 4.8 ppg...excellent long range shooter...led Furman with a 17-point performance in the Paladins' 62-55 loss to Northwestern in Evanston...performance against the Wildcats included 5x8 3PGs...is 6x14 from three-point range (42.9%) this season...scored five points in Furman's season opening, 66-59 win over Stetson in Greenville...helped Cathedral High School go 33-0 and claim the Ontario Provincial Championship his senior year.

PALADINS ON FM... The Furman University athletic department announced on Monday that 12 of the Paladins' remaining 21 regular season games will be broadcast live over upstate radio station WPEK-FM 98.1, with the other nine games scheduled to be carried on a tape delay basis following previously scheduled station programming. Furman's radio network will still include Greenville flagship station WPCI-AM (1490), WKDY-AM (1400) of Spartanburg, and WHYZ-AM (1070) of Greenville as full-time, live broadcast affiliates.

FURMAN RADIO BROADCAST LINEUP

Date	Opponent	WPCI	WKDY	WHYZ	WPEK
Dec. 2	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	L	L	L	L
Dec. 4	@ Georgia	L	L	L	TD
Dec. 9	MERCER	L	L	L	L
Dec. 12	Duquesne (Albany, N.Y.)	L	L	L	L
Dec. 19	GREENSBORO	L	L	L	TD
Dec. 26	Clemson	L	L	L	L
Jan. 2	WOFFORD	L	L	L	TD
Jan. 4	THE CITADEL	L	L	L	L
Jan. 9	@ Georgia Southern	L	L	L	TD
Jan. 11	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	L	L	L	L
Jan. 16	UNC GREENSBORO	L	L	L	TD
Jan. 18	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	L	L	L
Jan. 23	@ The Citadel	L	L	L	TD
Jan. 25	@ Chattanooga	L	L	L	L
Jan. 30	VMI	L	L	L	TD
Feb. 1	@ East Tennessee State	L	L	L	L
Feb. 3	@ Davidson	L	L	L	TD
Feb. 6	WESTERN CAROLINA	L	L	L	TD
Feb. 8	@ Appalachian State	L	L	L	L
Feb. 13	@ Wofford	L	L	L	TD
Feb. 15	CHATTANOOGA	L	L	L	L
Feb. 20	@ College of Charleston	L	L	L	L
Feb.25-28	Southern Conference Tournament	L	L	L	TBA

L — Live; TD — Tape Delay

**1998-99 FURMAN PALADINS
RESULTS/SCHEDULE
(3-2 Overall; 0-0 Southern Conference)**

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Nov. 14	STETSON	W 66-59
Nov. 17	@ William & Mary	W 79-67
Nov. 23	@ Winthrop	L 59-60
Nov. 28	@ Northwestern	L 55-62
Dec. 2	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	W 88-85
Dec. 4	@ Georgia	7:30
Dec. 9	MERCER	7:30
Dec. 12	Duquesne (Albany, N.Y.)	Noon
Dec. 19	GREENSBORO	7:30
Dec. 26	Clemson	1:30
Jan. 2	WOFFORD *	7:30
Jan. 4	THE CITADEL *	7:30
Jan. 9	@ Georgia Southern *	7:00
Jan. 11	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON *	7:30
Jan. 16	UNC GREENSBORO *	7:30
Jan. 18	GEORGIA SOUTHERN *	7:30
Jan. 23	@ The Citadel *	7:15
Jan. 25	@ Chattanooga *	7:00
Jan. 30	VMI *	7:30
Feb. 1	@ East Tennessee State *	7:30
Feb. 3	@ Davidson *	7:30
Feb. 6	WESTERN CAROLINA *	7:30
Feb. 8	@ Appalachian State *	7:00
Feb. 13	@ Wofford *	7:00
Feb. 15	CHATTANOOGA *	7:30
Feb. 20	@ College of Charleston * (TV - Live)	Noon
Feb. 25-28	Southern Conference Tournament Greensboro, N.C.	TBA

*Southern Conference Game
All Times Eastern (unless otherwise noted)