



GAME 18 — JANUARY 30, 1999
Furman Paladins (8-9, 2-5 SoCon South) vs. VMI Keydets (9-10, 6-3 SoCon North)
Greenville, South Carolina, Timmons Arena (5,000)
7:30 p.m. (EST)

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins				ppg	rpg
G 15	Marcus Dilligard	6-4	195 So. La Belle, Mo.	8.5	3.2
G 24	Bubba Smith	6-4	190 Sr. Hendersonville, Tenn.	8.7	2.6
F 3	Anthony Thomas	6-4	185 Fr. Atlanta, Ga.	7.0	3.9
F 42	Stanislav Makshantsev	6-8	230 Jr. Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan	14.2	5.9
C 32	Daniel Quigley	6-7	210 Sr. Tipton, Ind.	11.2	8.1
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)					
17-29 (2nd Year at Furman), 17-29 (2nd Year Overall)					

VMI Keydets				ppg	rpg
G 24	Andre Quarles	5-11	170 Jr. Louisa, Va.	8.7	2.5
G 12	Jason Bell	6-1	180 Sr. Dale City, Va.	19.5	3.0
F 34	Aaron Demory	6-3	205 Jr. Woodbridge, Va.	9.9	6.4
F 22	Matt Matheny	6-4	190 Sr. Roanoke, Va.	10.6	4.5
C C	Nick Richardson	6-7	215 So. Charlotte, N.C.	8.5	5.3
Bart Bellairs (Warren Wilson '79)					
63-66 (5th Year at VMI), 84-93 (7th Year Overall)					

FURMAN-VMI SERIES INFORMATION

- ✓ Saturday's Furman-VMI game will mark the 82nd meeting between the Paladins and Keydets in a series that got its start with a 54-33 VMI win in Lexington during the 1938-39 season. Furman leads the series 52-29.
- ✓ VMI enters Saturday's contest riding a five-game series winning streak over Furman. The Keydets claimed last year's meeting in Lexington by an 87-81 score in overtime, and VMI knocked off Furman twice two years ago, taking a 62-20 verdict in Greenville, and later edging the Paladins 87-84 in overtime in Southern Conference Tournament action in Greensboro, N.C. The Keydets' win in Greenville two years ago snapped an 18-game losing skid to Furman in Greenville dating back to the 1975-76 season.
- ✓ Furman is 33-4 versus VMI in Greenville. In Lexington, the Keydets hold a 20-15 edge. VMI is 5-4 versus Furman in nine neutral site meetings over the years.
- ✓ Furman head coach Larry Davis is 0-1 versus VMI in his young coaching career. VMI mentor Bart Bellairs, meanwhile, is 5-1 against Furman in four seasons with the Keydets.

1998-99 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

North Division	Conference	Overall
Davidson	6 - 2 .750	11 - 7 .611
Appalachian State	7 - 3 .700	12 - 7 .632
VMI	6 - 3 .667	9 - 10 .473
East Tennessee State	4 - 4 .500	11 - 7 .611
North Carolina Greensboro	3 - 6 .333	5 - 14 .263
Western Carolina	2 - 7 .222	6 - 13 .316

South Division	Conference	Overall
College of Charleston	9 - 0 1.000	17 - 2 .895
Chattanooga	5 - 5 .500	11 - 9 .550
Georgia Southern	4 - 5 .444	8 - 11 .421
Wofford	3 - 4 .429	6 - 11 .353
Furman	2 - 5 .285	8 - 9 .471
The Citadel	1 - 8 .111	7 - 12 .368

Saturday

Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, 7:00
 East Tennessee State at Western Carolina, 7:00
 The Citadel at Wofford, 7:00
 VMI at Furman, 7:30
 College of Charleston at Davidson, 7:30
 Chattanooga at UNC Greensboro, 7:30

Monday

Davidson at Western Carolina, 7:00
 Wofford at Chattanooga, 7:00
 VMI at The Citadel, 7:15
 Georgia Southern at College of Charleston, 7:15
 Furman at East Tennessee State, 7:30
 Appalachian State at UNC Greensboro, 7:30

PALADIN POINTERS

✍ **NOTING THE PALADINS AND KEYDETS...**Furman will attempt to snap a three-game losing streak when it entertains VMI on Saturday. The Paladins' recent slide includes a 51-49 home loss to Georgia Southern (Jan. 18), an 83-73 overtime loss to The Citadel in Charleston (Jan. 23), and a 70-60 defeat to Chattanooga in Chattanooga (Jan. 25). In addition to the three-game losing skid, the Paladins have now lost five of their last six games, with the lone win being a 69-61 decision over UNC Greensboro in Greenville on Jan. 16. Three of Furman's last four games against VMI have been decided in overtime, including last year's 87-81 extra period loss to the Keydets in Lexington. VMI edged the Paladins 87-84 in overtime in the 1997 Southern Conference Tournament, and 91-89 in overtime in the 1996 league tournament. The only game decided in regulation in the last four games was a 62-60 VMI win registered in Greenville during the 1996-97 season. That Keydet victory snapped an 18-game VMI losing streak in Greenville. Furman has converted only 23.6% of its 3-point attempts (18x76) over the past four games. On the season the Paladins are currently shooting 34.8% from 3-point range and now rank eighth in the Southern Conference in 3-point shooting after leading the league as late as two weeks ago. Furman ranked last in the league in 3-point shooting last year (27.8%). VMI is currently last, having converted only 29.2% from 3-point range heading into Saturday's game. VMI senior guard Jason Bell currently leads the Southern Conference in scoring (19.5 ppg) and is averaging 22.4 ppg versus league competition. Bell, who last year tallied 26 points and a Furman opponent record 10 steals in the 87-81 win over Furman, registered a season high 36 points earlier this year in an 85-64 loss to Davidson in Lexington. Bell scored 33 points in last Saturday's 85-73 win over Western Carolina in Lexington. The Keydets are coming off an 85-67 victory over Southern Virginia College on Wednesday. Junior forward Aaron Demory is expected to return to the VMI lineup against Furman after serving a mandatory one-game suspension for a flagrant foul in the closing seconds of VMI's 76-66 loss to Davidson on Monday night. Senior center Daniel Quigley heads into the VMI game ranked 19th on Furman's career rebounding chart with 607. Currently ranked second in the Southern Conference in rebounding (8.1 rpg), Quigley became only the 20th player in school history to register 600 rebounds in a career with a 21-point, 15-rebound performance in the Paladins' 83-73 overtime loss to The Citadel last Saturday in Charleston. Next up in 18th position in Byron Pinson (1957-60) with 620 rebounds. Senior guard Bubba Smith moved into a tie with Jonathan Moore (1977-80) for eighth place on Furman's career assists ledger with two assists in the Paladins' 70-60 loss to Chattanooga on Monday. Smith now has 237 career dishes. Dale Crowe (1978-80) is currently eighth with 257. Smith also ranks fifth on Furman's all-time steals chart with 138 heading into the VMI game. Senior center Will Coles currently ranks fifth on Furman's career blocked shots ledger with 80. Coles has 12 blocks in the Paladins' last six games. Freshman forward Anthony Thomas has averaged 10.2 ppg and has shot 85.0% from the free throw line (17x20) over the past five games. Four of Thomas' five double figure scoring performances this season have come in the past five games. Sophomore guard Marcus Dilligard is shooting 32.0% from 3-point range (8x25) this year after shooting 21.1% (4x19) from long distance as a freshman. Dilligard has averaged 9.6 ppg over the last 10 games. Furman ranks second in the Southern Conference in free throw attempts with 440, trailing only VMI, which has attempted 441 free throws this year. The Keydets, however, have registered their free throws in 19 games, while Furman's total is for only 17 games. Furman's next win will match last year's entire season win total (9-20).