



**GAME 21 — FEBRUARY 6, 1999**  
**Furman Paladins (10-10, 4-6 SoCon South) vs. Western Carolina (6-15, 2-9 SoCon North)**  
**Greenville, South Carolina, Timmons Arena (5,000)**  
**7:30 p.m. (EST)**



**PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS**

<b>Furman Paladins</b>				<b>ppg</b>	<b>rpg</b>
G 15	Marcus Dilligard	6-4	195 So. La Belle, Mo.	8.3	3.3
G 24	Bubba Smith	6-4	190 Sr. Hendersonville, Tenn.	8.3	2.8
F 3	Anthony Thomas	6-4	185 Fr. Atlanta, Ga.	6.9	3.8
F 42	Stanislav Makshantsev	6-8	230 Jr. Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan	14.6	6.0
C 32	Daniel Quigley	6-7	210 Sr. Tipton, Ind.	11.3	8.4
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)					
19-30 (2nd Year at Furman), 19-30 (2nd Year Overall)					

<b>Western Carolina Catamounts</b>				<b>ppg</b>	<b>rpg</b>
G 10	Michael Plavich	6-0	175 Jr. Dalton, Ga.	9.2	1.6
G 33	Cory Largent	6-6	200 Fr. Morganton, N.C.	8.1	3.2
F 34	Joey Bryson	6-5	200 Jr. Horse Shoe, N.C.	5.9	4.7
F 41	Dondrell Whitmore	6-6	200 Sr. Fayetteville, N.C.	13.2	6.8
C 50	Michael Green	6-9	220 Jr. Dalton, Ga.	8.9	6.0
Phil Hopkins (Gardner-Webb '72)					
48-56 (4th Year at Western Carolina), 48-56 (4th Year Overall)					

**FURMAN-WESTERN CAROLINA SERIES INFORMATION**

- ✓ Saturday's Furman-Western Carolina game will mark the 44th meeting between the Paladins and Catamounts in a series that Furman leads 26-17.
- ✓ Western Carolina enters Saturday's contest riding a four-game winning streak over Furman dating back to the 1995-96 season. Western Carolina claimed last year's meeting, taking a 95-78 verdict in Cullowhee. Two years ago the Catamounts swept the Paladins, taking a 68-61 decision in Greenville and an 85-76 verdict in Cullowhee. Furman's last win over Western Carolina came in Cullowhee during the 1995-96 season by a 97-86 score. The last time Furman defeated Western Carolina in Greenville was an 83-72 decision during the 1994-95 campaign.
- ✓ Furman is 14-7 versus Western Carolina in Greenville. In Cullowhee the Paladins are 13-8 against the Catamounts. Western Carolina is 1-0 versus Furman in one neutral site encounter.
- ✓ Furman head coach Larry Davis is 0-1 versus Western Carolina in his young coaching career. Western Carolina mentor Phil Hopkins, meanwhile, owns a 4-1 career coaching mark against Furman.

**1998-99 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE**

<b>North Division</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Appalachian State	9 - 3 .750	15 - 7 .682
Davidson	8 - 3 .727	13 - 8 .619
VMI	7 - 4 .636	10 - 11 .476
East Tennessee State	6 - 5 .545	13 - 8 .619
North Carolina Greensboro	3 - 8 .273	5 - 16 .238
Western Carolina	2 - 9 .182	6 - 15 .286
<b>South Division</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Overall</b>
College of Charleston	11 - 0 1.000	19 - 2 .905
Chattanooga	7 - 5 .583	13 - 9 .591
Furman	4 - 6 .400	10 - 10 .500
Georgia Southern	4 - 7 .364	8 - 13 .381
Wofford	3 - 7 .300	6 - 14 .300
The Citadel	2 - 9 .182	8 - 13 .381

**Wednesday**

Appalachian State 55, Wisconsin-Green Bay 53  
 College of Charleston 75, Coastal Carolina 65  
 Davidson 92, Furman 70

**Thursday**

East Tennessee State 75, Wofford 73

**Saturday**

Georgia Southern at Wofford, Noon  
 East Tennessee State at VMI, 1:00  
 College of Charleston at The Citadel, 7:15  
 Western Carolina at Furman, 7:30  
 UNC Greensboro at Davidson, 7:30

**Monday**

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

**PALADIN POINTERS**

✦ **FURMAN TO HONOR COACHING GREAT LYLES ALLEY...** Furman will unfurl a permanent banner honoring late Paladin head coach Lyles Alley prior to Saturday's tipoff against Western Carolina. Furman's all-time winningest coach with 247 wins, Alley served as the Paladins' mentor for 20 years (1946-49; 1951-66) before retiring as the school's director of athletics in 1975. His coaching tenure featured some of the greatest teams and players in Furman basketball history, including All-Americans Frank Selvy and Darrell Floyd, who combined to lead the nation in scoring for an NCAA Division I record four straight years (1953-56) while helping the Paladins to a 70-41 record during that span. A four-sport star athlete at Furman in the early 1930s, Alley graduated in 1933. He was inducted into South Carolina's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1967 and was a charter inductee into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1981. Known to his players as "Little Caesar", the Spartanburg, S.C., native once said he preferred to be known and remembered as "Lucky Lyles...because of the people I was associated with and what they did for me."

✦ **NOTING THE PALADINS...** Furman had its two-game winning streak snapped Wednesday night when Davidson downed the Paladins 92-70 in Davidson. The loss, Furman's seventh straight to Davidson, followed impressive wins over East Tennessee State (58-55) and VMI (84-51), which had lifted the Paladins into third place in the Southern Conference South Division. Furman's win over East Tennessee State on Monday gave the Paladins their 10th win of the year — one more than last year's total (9-20). The victory was also Furman's first Southern Conference road win of the year. If the Paladins defeat Western Carolina Saturday, it will match last year's conference victory total with five games remaining. Freshman guard Anthony Thomas, who was knocked unconscious and suffered a mild concussion on the last play of the game against East Tennessee State, did not play on Wednesday against Davidson and is probable for the Western Carolina game. Thomas had tallied double figures in five of his last seven games prior to the injury, and had averaged 9.1 ppg and shot 80.9% from the free throw line (17x21) during that span. Freshman Kyle Julius gained his first career start in place of Thomas against Davidson and responded with a career high 21 points, including 5x10 3-pointers against the Wildcats. Julius' five 3-pointers matched a season high he first set in the Paladins' 62-55 loss at Northwestern (Nov. 28). Julius is Furman's top scoring freshman (7.4 ppg) and is shooting 36.8% (35x95) from 3-point range. Furman continues to lead the Southern Conference in 3-point field goal percentage defense (30.3%). Senior center Daniel Quigley, this week's Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week, registered his league leading eighth double-double in the win over East Tennessee State, totaling 12 points and 13 rebounds in 36 minutes. Quigley, who averaged 17.5 ppg and 11.5 rpg in Furman wins over VMI (84-51) and East Tennessee State (58-55), scored a career high 23 points and claimed 11 rebounds in the win over VMI. Quigley heads into the Western Carolina game ranked 16th on Furman's career rebounding chart with 637. With six rebounds against Davidson, Quigley moved ahead of former Paladin Joey Brooks (1986-89, 632 rebounds). Currently ranked second in the Southern Conference in rebounding (8.5 rpg), Quigley has averaged 13.4 ppg and a league best 9.7 rpg over the past 10 games — all against conference competition. Senior guard Bubba Smith moved all alone into ninth place on Furman's career assists ledger with two assists in the Paladins' 84-51 win over VMI last Saturday. Smith, who picked up one assist in the 92-70 loss to Davidson on Wednesday, now has 242 career dishes. Dale Crowe (1978-80) is currently eighth with 257. Smith also ranks fifth on Furman's all-time steals chart with 140 heading into the Western Carolina game, just four behind a pair of Paladins, Mel Daniel (1979-82) and Noel Gilliard (1982-85). The Paladins lead the Southern Conference in free throws made (345) and attempted (508). Furman ranks as the second most improved team in the Southern Conference heading into the Western Carolina game. Currently 10-10, Furman was 7-13 at this time a year ago, making the Paladins +3 over last year. Only Chattanooga (+4) and East Tennessee State (+4) have registered more improvement in the win-loss column at this point of the campaign. Western Carolina starting center Michael Green spent one semester at Furman and played in seven games during 1996-97 season before leaving school for Aquinas Junior College in Nashville, Tenn.