



GAME 24 — Monday, February 7, 2000
Furman Paladins (9-14, 2-7 SoCon South) vs. Western Carolina Catamounts (10-11, 3-7 SoCon North)
Cullowhee, North Carolina, Ramsey Center (7,826), 7:00 p.m.
WPEK-FM (98.1) Live, Broadcast.com (Live)



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins					ppg	rpm
G 11	Guilherme Da Luz	6-3	195	Fr. Sao Paulo, Brazil	9.3	3.3
G 3	Anthony Thomas	6-4	190	So. Atlanta, Ga.	9.2	3.3
F 15	Marcus Dilligard	6-5	200	Jr. LaBelle, Mo.	7.9	4.5
F 43	Karim Souchu	6-6	190	Fr. Paris, France	15.9	7.5
C 42	Stas Makshantsev	6-8	230	Sr. Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan	12.0	5.8
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)						
30-50 (3rd Year at Furman), 30-50 (3rd Year Overall), 1-1 vs. Western Carolina						

Western Carolina Catamounts					ppg	rpm
G 12	Casey Rogers	6-0	170	So. Morganton, N.C.	10.0	2.8
G 24	Jarvis Hayes	6-7	200	Fr. Atlanta, Ga.	16.2	5.4
F 33	Cory Largent	6-6	200	Sr. Morganton, N.C.	8.4	3.0
F 44	Leon Davis	6-6	200	Sr. West Helena, Ark.	9.3	4.5
C 41	Dondrell Whitmore	6-7	200	Sr. Fayetteville, N.C.	13.9	7.9
Phil Hopkins (Gardner-Webb '72)						
61-73 (5th Year at Western Carolina), 61-73 (5th Year Overall), Hopkins vs. Furman 4-2						

FURMAN-WESTERN CAROLINA SERIES INFORMATION
(Furman leads 27-17)

Monday's game between Furman and Western Carolina will mark the 45th meeting between the Paladins and Catamounts in a series that got its start with a 106-83 Furman win in Greenville during the 1976-77 season. Furman leads the series 27-17, but Western Carolina has won four of the last five meetings, including a 95-78 verdict two years ago in Cullowhee. The Paladins, however, captured last year's contest, earning a 79-68 win in Greenville. Furman's last win in Cullowhee was a 97-86 triumph during the 1995-96 season. Overall Furman is 15-7 versus Western Carolina in Greenville and 11-0 against the Catamounts in Cullowhee. The Paladins own a 1-0 neutral site record against Western Carolina.

1999-00 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

Division	Conference	Overall	Schedule
North Division			<u>Monday, February 7</u>
*Appalachian State	9 - 1 .900	16 - 6 .727	Furman @ Western Carolina, 7:00
Davidson	6 - 4 .600	11 - 10 .523	The Citadel @ College of Charleston, 7:00
UNC Greensboro	5 - 5 .500	11 - 10 .523	VMI @ Wofford, 7:00
East Tennessee State	5 - 5 .500	10 - 11 .476	Chattanooga @ Georgia Southern, 7:30
Western Carolina	3 - 7 .300	10 - 11 .476	<u>Tuesday, February 8</u>
VMI	0 - 10 .000	5 - 17 .227	East Tennessee State @ Davidson, 7:00
South Division			<u>Wednesday, February 9</u>
*College of Charleston	8 - 2 .800	17 - 4 .809	UNC Greensboro @ Appalachian State, 7:00
Georgia Southern	6 - 4 .667	12 - 9 .571	<u>Saturday, February 12</u>
Wofford	6 - 4 .600	10 - 11 .476	Wofford @ Appalachian State, 3:30
Chattanooga	5 - 5 .500	8 - 13 .381	Davidson @ Western Carolina, 7:00
The Citadel	4 - 5 .444	8 - 14 .363	UNC Greensboro @ Chattanooga, 7:00
Furman	2 - 7 .222	9 - 14 .391	College of Charleston @ Furman, 7:30
			VMI @ East Tennessee State, 7:30

* 1998-99 SoCon North Division Champion
 ^ 1998-99 SoCon South Division Champion
 \$ 1999 SoCon Tournament Champion (NCAA Qualifier)

1999-00 FURMAN PALADINS RESULTS/SCHEDULE
(9-14, 2-7 SoCon)

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	W/L
Nov. 20	SOUTHEASTERN	125-53	W
Nov. 22	@ Stetson	60-63	L
Nov. 24	OGLETHORPE	76-59	W
Nov. 26	Mississippi (Bi-Lo Tourney)	61-76	L
Nov. 27	S.C. State (Bi-Lo Tourney)	77-58	W
Nov. 28	Old Dominion (Bi-Lo Tourney)	68-65	W
Dec. 4	@ South Carolina	68-75	L
Dec. 6	GEORGIA	(ot) 82-86	L
Dec. 8	@ Charleston Southern	(ot) 58-59	L
Dec. 11	RANDOLPH-MACON	65-56	W
Dec. 16	COASTAL CAROLINA	97-75	W
Dec. 20	BETHUNE COOKMAN	71-59	W
Dec. 23	@ Minnesota	56-71	L
Dec. 29	Clemson (Bi-Lo Center)	70-74	L
Jan. 3	@ Georgia Southern	77-89	L
Jan. 8	@ The Citadel	63-78	L
Jan. 10	DAVIDSON	63-74	L
Jan. 15	@ Chattanooga	63-72	L
Jan. 17	WOFFORD	73-55	W
Jan. 22	APPALACHIAN STATE	63-73	L
Jan. 24	@ College of Charleston	50-77	L
Jan. 31	@ UNC Greensboro	69-79	L
Feb. 5	CHATTANOOGA	67-60	W
Feb. 7	@ Western Carolina	7:00	
Feb. 12	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	7:30	
Feb. 14	@ Wofford	7:00	
Feb. 18	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7:30	
Feb. 22	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	7:30	
Feb. 26	@ VMI	1:00	
Mar. 2-5	SoCon Tournament	TBA	
	(Greenville, S.C.)		

NOTING THE PALADINS

PALADIN POINTERS...Furman returns to action Monday when it takes on Southern Conference North Division member Western Carolina at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramsey Center. Western Carolina snapped a five-game losing streak on Saturday by knocking off VMI, 85-82, in Lexington. Senior forward Dondrell Whitmore and freshman guard Jarvis Hayes led the Catamounts with 19 points each as the Catamounts shot 52.4% from the floor against the Keydets. Western Carolina enters Monday night's game with only two wins in its last nine games. Jarvis Hayes has consistently ranked among the league's scoring leaders this season and enters the Furman contest averaging 17.3 ppg. Point guard Casey Rogers, last year's league freshman-of-the-year, paces the Southern Conference with 163 assists through 21 games. Furman's 67-60 win over Chattanooga on Saturday snapped a three game season losing streak and eight-game series losing skid to the Mocs dating back to the 1995-96 season. Furman is only 2-9 in its last 11 games, and the Paladins have dropped 13 straight road games, including all nine away contests this year. Furman's last road win was a 58-55 triumph over East Tennessee State on Feb. 1, 1999. Paladin freshman Darrell Arbaugh did not play in Saturday's win over Chattanooga due to a sprained ankle. A starter a center in the Paladins' first 21 games, Arbaugh is also expected to miss the Western Carolina game, as is sophomore guard Kyle Julius, who is suffering from a lumbar strain. Julius, a starter in the Paladins' last five games, played only seven minutes and did not score in Saturday's win over Chattanooga. He will be replaced in the lineup by sophomore Anthony Thomas. Thomas earned starts at second guard in the Paladins' first 17 games before giving way to Julius. Senior center Stanislav Makshantsev gained his second start of the season and scored a season high 16 points with eight rebounds in Saturday's 67-60 win over Chattanooga. Stepping in for freshman Darrell Arbaugh, Makshantsev scored 14 points and claimed three rebounds in 28 minutes of action in last Monday's 79-69 loss at UNC Greensboro. Makshantsev missed the Paladins' first 18 games after initially losing his athletic eligibility due to grades and later due to an eight-game suspension for violation of team rules. Freshman forward Karim Souchu, the Paladins' leading scorer, has tallied double figures in 19 of his 20 games this season, including 19 points in Saturday's win over Chattanooga. Souchu keyed Furman's decisive second half run, scoring eight straight points, including a pair 3-pointers, to help the Paladins erase a 51-44 deficit. Souchu's 15.9 ppg average is the highest by a Paladin freshman since George Singleton averaged 16.1 ppg as a freshman for the 1980-81 season. Furman was forced to cancel its recent home game against The Citadel as a result of the Paladins' recently discovered scheduling error that determined Furman had 29 games on its season slate, one more than the NCAA 28-game limit. The cancelled game will not be a forfeit loss for Furman or a win for The Citadel but will be only used for seeding purposes. Furman's top two point guards, freshman Guilherme Da Luz and sophomore Paul Foster, have combined to tally 153 assists against 105 turnovers (+1.46 assist/turnover ratio), signifying noteworthy improvement when compared to the +0.86 assist/turnover ratio (104 assists/120 turnovers) registered by the Paladins' top two point guards a year ago. Da Luz's play this season includes a school single game record 14 assists he tallied in the Paladins' 97-75 win over Coastal Carolina (Dec. 16) and a team leading 38 steals through 23 games. His 113 assists rank eighth on the school's single season assist chart.