



GAME 9 — Thursday, December 21, 2000
Furman Paladins (5-3, 0-0 SoCon) vs. New Mexico Lobos (5-1, 0-0 Mountain West)
Albuquerque, New Mexico, The Pit (18,018), 7:00 p.m. (MST)
WPEK-FM 98.1 (Live), Yahoobroadcast.com (Live)



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins		ppg	rpg
G 11	Guilherme Da Luz 6-3 ... 205 . So. . Sao Paulo, Brazil	11.4	4.3
G 03	Anthony Thomas 6-4 ... 200 . Jr. . Atlanta, Ga.	12.4	1.9
F 15	Marcus Dilligard 6-5 ... 200 . Sr. . LaBelle, Mo.	6.1	6.0
F 43	Karim Souchu 6-7 ... 210 . So. . Paris, France	21.3	6.9
C 01	Kenny Zeigler 6-5 ... 210 . So. . Lithonia, Ga.	11.0	5.9
Larry Davis (Asbury '78)			
39-57 (4th Year at Furman), 39-57 (4th Year Overall), 0-0 vs. New Mexico			

New Mexico Lobos		ppg	rpg
G 02	Marlon Parmer 6-2 .. 180 . So. Los Angeles, Calif.....	11.7	4.2
G 42	Eric Chatfield 6-3 .. 215 . Jr. . Queens, N.Y.	19.7	4.8
G 10	Tim Lightfoot 6-3 .. 195 . Jr. . Fort Worth, Texas	14.2	3.5
F 04	Wayland White 6-6 .. 225 . Sr. . Milwaukee, Wisc....	9.7	8.0
C 21	Brian Smith 6-8 .. 245 . Sr. . Tuscon, Ariz.	2.8	3.2
Fran Frascilla (Brooklyn College '80)			
23-15 (2nd Year at New Mexico), 143-74 (8th Year Overall), 0-0 vs. Furman			

**FURMAN-NEW MEXICO
 SERIES INFORMATION
 (First Meeting)**

Thursday's game will mark the first meeting between Furman and New Mexico in men's basketball.

2000-01 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

North Division	Conference	Overall	Thursday, December 21
Appalachian State	0 - 0 .000	3 - 8 .272	Richmond at Appalachian State, 7:00
Davidson	0 - 0 .000	4 - 6 .400	Washington & Jefferson at Davidson, 7:30
East Tennessee State	0 - 0 .000	3 - 6 .375	Ferrum at East Tennessee State, 7:30
UNC Greensboro	0 - 0 .000	3 - 4 .429	College of Charleston in State Farm Classic, TBA
VMI	0 - 0 .000	3 - 6 .333	Wofford at Vanderbilt, 7:00
Western Carolina	0 - 0 .000	2 - 9 .181	Furman at New Mexico, 7:00
South Division	Conference	Overall	Friday, December 22
College of Charleston	1 - 0 .000	7 - 1 .875	The Citadel at Coastal Carolina, 7:00
The Citadel	0 - 0 .000	5 - 3 .625	Winthrop at UNC Greensboro, 7:00
Furman	0 - 0 .000	5 - 3 .625	
Georgia Southern	0 - 0 .000	4 - 6 .400	
Wofford	0 - 0 .000	5 - 5 .500	
Chattanooga	0 - 1 .000	2 - 5 .286	Saturday, December 23 Virginia Tech at Chattanooga, 2:00

**2000-01 FURMAN PALADINS
 RESULTS/SCHEDULE
 (5-3, 0-0 SoCon)**

Date	Opponent	Score/Time
Nov. 18	ATLANTA CHRISTIAN	115-68 W
Nov. 21	@ Belmont	61-68 L
Nov. 25	@ Coastal Carolina	81-67 W
Nov. 29	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	69-59 W
Dec. 2	@ Bethune-Cookman	56-63 L
Dec. 4	@ Florida State	(ot) 79-74 W
Dec. 9	STETSON	85-66 W
Dec. 21	@ New Mexico	64-78 L
Dec. 30	Exhibition (TBA)	7:30
Jan. 3	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON ...	5:30
Jan. 6	@ Wofford	7:00
Jan. 10	VMI	7:30
Jan. 13	UNC GREENSBORO	7:30
Jan. 15	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7:30
Jan. 20	@ East Tennessee State	3:00
Jan. 22	@ Chattanooga	7:00
Jan. 27	WOFFORD	7:30
Jan. 29	WESTERN CAROLINA	7:30
Feb. 3	@ Davidson	Noon
Feb. 5	CHATTANOOGA	7:30
Feb. 10	@ College of Charleston	4:00
Feb. 12	@ Appalachian State	7:30
Feb. 17	THE CITADEL	7:30
Feb. 19	@ Georgia Southern	7:30
Feb. 25	@ The Citadel	6:30
Mar. 1-4	Southern Conference Tourney ...	TBA (Greenville, S.C.)

NOTING THE PALADINS

➤ NEXT UP, NEW MEXICO...Furman returns to action on Thursday, Dec. 21 when it takes on the New Mexico Lobos at Albuquerque's "The Pit" in a 7:00 p.m. game (9:00 EST). Thursday's clash, which represents the first meeting between the Paladins and Lobos, will also mark New Mexico's first game since Dec. 7 when the Lobos edged New Mexico State 68-65 in overtime at Las Cruces. Junior center Malcolm Battles led New Mexico, winners of four straight, with 17 points and 10 rebounds in the victory over New Mexico State. The Lobos have also defeated George Mason (79-68), Alcorn State (81-65), Eastern New Mexico (90-50), and Western Kentucky (75-57) this season. New Mexico's lone defeat came at Temple (61-49) on Nov. 15 in the Preseason NIT. Furman, meanwhile, is coming off a 78-64 loss to Vanderbilt in Nashville on Saturday.

➤ A LOOK BACK AT THE VANDERBILT GAME...It took Vanderbilt nearly 38 minutes to put Furman away in Saturday's 78-64 win over the Paladins Saturday in Nashville. Trailing 32-26 at intermission, Furman, despite poor shooting (37.3%), stayed within striking distance in the second half and used a 13-4 run late in the contest to cut a 64-51 Commodore lead to 68-64 following a three point play by Kenny Zeigler with 2:27 left. From that point, however, Furman missed its final seven field goal attempts and Vanderbilt reeled off the game's final 10 points to seal the decision. Kenny Zeigler (Lithonia, Ga.) and Karim Souchu (Paris, France) paced Furman with 17 points each, and the smaller Paladins outrebounded the Commodores 40-34. Vanderbilt, which got 17 points each from Matt Freije and Greg LaPointe, shot 52.7% from the field in the contest in claiming its ninth home victory in 10 games this season.

➤ ON THE ROAD AGAIN...Two of Furman's five wins this season have come on the road, and that's big news at Furman because it's double the number of road victories the Paladins totaled last year when Furman went 1-11 in 12 away contests. Counting last year's 81-68 win over VMI in Lexington, Va., in the regular season finale and road victories over Coastal Carolina (81-67) and Florida State (79-74 ot) this year, the Paladins have, in fact, gone 3-3 in their last six away contests. Thursday's road game against New Mexico will mark the Paladins' sixth away game of the young season.

➤ SOUCHU OFF TO SOLID START...Sophomore forward Karim Souchu (Paris, France), who in early October earned *The Basketball News'* Southern Conference Preseason Player-of-the-Year tab, has gotten off to a fast start in the Paladins' first eight games, averaging a Southern Conference leading 21.3 points per game. Souchu, who Dec. 5 was named Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week after averaging 23.0 ppg and 7.0 rpg in a pair of games, is shooting 51.5% from the field (68x132) and 35.3% from 3-point range (12x34) this year. A third team All-Southern Conference selection and first team all-tournament pick last year, he has paced Furman in scoring in seven of the Paladins' eight games, topping the 20-point plateau in five contests. Souchu's 15.8 ppg average a year ago was the highest by a Furman freshman since George Singleton averaged 16.1 ppg during the 1980-81 season. The last Furman player to average at least 20.0 ppg in a season was Mel Daniel, who poured in 22.0 ppg during the 1980-81 season.

🔪 **ZEIGLER UP TO THE TASK...**When a foot disorder recently ended 6-foot-7, 255-pound sophomore center Darrell Arbaugh's collegiate basketball career, the Paladins' lost two inches and 45 pounds at the starting center position. Fortunately, though, Furman has experienced no production cut on the court thus far as Arbaugh's replacement, sophomore Kenny Zeigler (Lithonia, Ga.) has stepped up by averaging 11.0 ppg and 5.9 rpg while shooting a team leading 63.2% from the field in eight starts at center. Zeigler, who stands 6-foot-5 and weighs 210 pounds, registered a solid performance in the Paladins' 78-64 loss at Vanderbilt on Saturday, scoring 17 points and claiming six rebounds and a block in 27 minutes of action. Zeigler also came through in a big way in the Paladins' 69-59 win over Charleston Southern on Nov. 29, scoring 22 points and claiming 10 rebounds. As a freshman a year ago Zeigler averaged 5.5 ppg and 4.4 rpg.

🔪 **TAKING CARE OF THE BALL...**A telling statistic behind Furman's improvement over the last couple of years has been a noteworthy decrease in its turnover ratio and corresponding increase in assist, assist/turnover, and steal ratios. In 1998-99 the Paladins averaged 18.3 turnovers/game and finished 12-16. Last year Furman averaged 15.1 turnovers/game on the way to a 14-18 slate. Through eight games this year the Paladins are averaging 12.6 turnovers/game.

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Record	12-16	14-18	5-3
Assists/Game	12.9	14.0	15.3
Turnovers/Game	18.3	15.1	12.6
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.70	0.92	1.21
Steals/Game	6.4	7.6	9.0

🔪 **THOMAS FINDING THE MARK...**In converting 8x21 3-pointers (38.1%) in Furman's last three games, junior guard Anthony Thomas (Atlanta, Ga.) continued to display an improved shooting touch from long range. As a freshman two years ago Thomas converted only 21.7% of his 3-point attempts (13x60). Last year he bumped that figure to 36.2% (38x105), and through eight games this year he is knocking down 36.% of his 3-point shots (18x50). Paralleling Thomas' improved 3-point shooting is his scoring average: 6.5 ppg (1998-99), 9.5 ppg (1999-00), and 12.4 ppg (2000-01).

🔪 **DA LUZ RUNNING THE SHOW...**A big factor in Furman's improvement over the past year and solid start this season has been the development of point guard Guilherme Da Luz, who heads into the New Mexico contest averaging a solid 11.4 ppg and 5.5 apg. More importantly, though, Da Luz has committed only 23 turnovers through eight games. In Furman's 85-66 win over Stetson on Dec. 9, Da Luz played an extremely solid game, scoring 16 points and collecting 10 assists, two rebounds, and two steals (only two turnovers) in 31 minutes of action. The 10 assists marked

the second highest single game total of his career and fifth highest in school history. His display against Stetson followed a brilliant performance in the Paladins' 79-74 overtime victory over Florida State in Tallahassee on Dec. 4 when he registered 17 points, six rebounds, seven assists, and five steals (three turnovers) in 40 minutes of playing time. As a freshman a year ago Da Luz tied Furman's single season assist standard (159) and set a new school single game assist record with 14 dishes in a 97-75 triumph over Coastal Carolina. He also averaged a solid 8.8 ppg.

🔪 **SOUCHU, NDOYE FASTING DURING RAMADAN...**Furman sophomore forward Karim Souchu (Paris, France) and freshman forward Maleye Ndoeye (Dakar, Senegal) are Muslim and, therefore, are in the midst of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan, which runs through Dec. 27. In accordance with tenets of their faith, Souchu and Ndoeye fast (refusing food and water) from sunrise to sunset during Ramadan, regardless of whether the Paladins practice or play during the day.

🔪 **NERVE DISORDER ENDS ARBAUGH'S CAREER...**Furman head coach Larry Davis announced on Monday, Nov. 27 that sophomore center Darrell Arbaugh's collegiate basketball career has been cut short due to a progressive neurological foot disorder known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT). Arbaugh, a 6-foot-7, 255-pound product of Ashland, Ky., who earned starts in 21 of Furman's 28 games a year ago, and who averaged 5.8 ppg and 3.0 rpg, was diagnosed as suffering from CMT this past spring by doctors at Duke University Medical Center. Upon returning to school in August, Arbaugh began experiencing more severe symptoms of the disorder and, following another evaluation, was advised to retire to eliminate an increasing risk of leg and knee injuries. The inherited disorder, which affects 150,000 Americans, causes patients to slowly lose normal use of their feet/legs, and hands/arms as nerves to the extremities degenerate.

🔪 **FURMAN INKS PAIR IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD...**Furman head coach Larry Davis announced the signing of two recruits in November. Nick Sanders, a 6-foot-7 forward from Leavenworth, Kansas, and 6-foot-4 forward Jason Patterson from Lithonia, Ga., signed national letters of intent with the Paladins. Sanders, a three-year starter, all-conference, and all-state selection at Leavenworth High School, averaged 11.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg as a junior a year ago while helping his squad to a 23-2 record and 6A state championship -- the highest classification in Kansas. He scored a team high 16 points in Leavenworth's 59-56 win over Junction City in the state championship game. Working as his squad's sixth man as a junior, Patterson averaged 7.8 points and 5.8 rebounds per game as on a Lithonia High School team that posted a 24-7 record and finished as state AAA runner-up. This past summer he averaged 16.0 points in 12 AAU games with Team Carolina and the Atlanta Celtics. He was a high school teammate of Paladin sophomore center Kenny Zeigler at Lithonia.

2000-01 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	Last School
0	Willie Brown	G	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Greenville, S.C.	Berea HS
1	Kenny Zeigler	F	6-5	210	So.	Lithonia, Ga.	Lithonia HS
3	Anthony Thomas	G/F	6-4	200	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Woodward Academy
5	Maleye Ndoeye	F	6-8	190	Fr.	Dakar, Senegal	Washington (Tenn.) Academy
10	Marijan Pojatina	C	6-10	200	Fr.	Zagreb, Croatia	XI School
11	Guilherme Da Luz	G	6-3	205	So.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	Colegio Objetivo School
13	Paul Foster	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Teachey, N.C.	Wallace-Rose Hill HS
14	P.J. Brown	G	6-1	190	Sr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Senior HS
15	Marcus Dilligard	G/F	6-5	200	Sr.	LaBelle, Mo.	Highland HS
21	Matt Sides	G	6-2	175	Fr.	Concord, N.C.	Mount Pleasant HS
24	Evan Aldrich	G	6-1	180	Fr.	Savannah, Ga.	St. Andrews School
41	Jorge Seraphim	G/F	6-5	180	Fr.	Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	Colegio ADN
43	Karim Souchu	F	6-7	210	So.	Paris, France	Dijon School
45	Darrell Arbaugh	C	6-7	255	So.	Ashland, Ky.	Blazer HS

Head Coach: Larry Davis

Assistant Coaches: Ken Potosnak, Chris Keeling, Niko Medved

Administrative Assistant: Al Slindee

