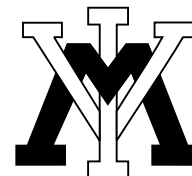




GAME 12 — Wednesday, January 10, 2000
Furman Paladins (6-5, 1-1 SoCon South) vs. VMI Keydets (4-8, 1-1 SoCon North)
Greenville, South Carolina, Timmons Arena (5,500), 7:30 p.m. (EST)
WPEK-FM 98.1 (Live), Yahoobroadcast.com (Live)



PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Furman Paladins		ppg	rpg
G 11	Guilherme Da Luz 6-3 ... 205 . So. . Sao Paulo, Brazil	11.6	4.7
G 03	Anthony Thomas 6-4 ... 200 . Jr. . Atlanta, Ga.	12.0	1.9
F 15	Marcus Dilligard 6-5 ... 200 . Sr. . LaBelle, Mo.	5.4	5.1
F 43	Karim Souchu 6-7 ... 210 . So. . Paris, France	20.0	6.5
C 01	Kenny Zeigler 6-5 ... 210 . So. . Lithonia, Ga.	10.5	6.9

Larry Davis (Asbury '78)
 40-59 (4th Year at Furman), 40-59 (4th Year Overall), 3-1 vs. VMI

VMI Keydets		ppg	rpg
G 10	Richard Little 5-10 160 . Fr. . Ft. Washington, Md.....	4.1	1.4
G 30	Richard Bruce 6-3 .. 180 . Sr. . Harrisonburg, Va.	8.8	2.8
F 34	Radee Skipworth 6-6 .. 195 . Fr. . Hershey, Pa.....	10.1	5.3
F 03	Nick Richardson 6-7 .. 220 . Sr. . Charlotte, N.C.....	11.9	6.0
C 32	Eric Mann 6-9 .. 220 . Sr. . Rock Hill, S.C.....	11.8	10.9

Bart Bellairs (Warren Wilson '79)
 76-102 (7th Year at VMI), 97-129 (9th Year Overall), 5-4 vs. Furman

**FURMAN-VMI
 SERIES INFORMATION
 (Furman leads 55-29)**

Wednesday's game will mark the 85th meeting between Furman and VMI, with the Paladins holding a commanding 55-29 series lead. Furman, which owns a three-game series winning streak, won last year's encounter, taking a 71-68 decision in Lexington for the Paladins' only road win (1-11) of the season. Furman downed VMI 84-51 two years ago in what still ranks as the Paladins' largest margin of victory over a league foe since moving into Timmons Arena in January of 1998. VMI's last win over Furman in Greenville came on Jan. 25, 1997 (62-60). In all games played in Greenville, the Paladins are 34-4 versus VMI. The Keydets own a 20-16 versus Furman in Lexington, and the two schools are 5-5 in 10 neutral site clashes over the years.

2000-01 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

North Division	Conference	Overall
UNC Greensboro	2 - 1 .667	7 - 6 .538
East Tennessee State	2 - 1 .667	7 - 7 .500
VMI	1 - 1 .500	4 - 8 .333
Davidson	1 - 2 .333	7 - 9 .438
Appalachian State	1 - 2 .333	4 - 12 .250
Western Carolina	0 - 3 .000	2 - 13 .133

South Division	Conference	Overall
College of Charleston	4 - 0 1.000	12 - 2 .857
Chattanooga	3 - 1 .750	8 - 5 .615
The Citadel	2 - 1 .667	9 - 5 .643
Furman	1 - 1 .500	6 - 5 .545
Wofford	1 - 2 .333	6 - 8 .429
Georgia Southern	0 - 3 .000	4 - 10 .286

Wednesday, January 10
 Belmont @ Western Carolina, 7:00
 VMI @ Furman, 7:00

Thursday, January 11
 Chattanooga @ Tennessee Tech, 8:00

Saturday, January 15
 College of Charleston @ Appalachian State, 1:00
 East Tennessee State @ Western Carolina, 7:00
 Wofford @ Chattanooga, 7:00
 VMI @ The Citadel, 7:15
 Davidson @ Georgia Southern, 7:30
 UNC Greensboro @ Furman, 7:30

**2000-01 FURMAN PALADINS
 RESULTS/SCHEDULE
 (6-5, 1-1 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. 16	@ Vanderbilt	64-78 L
Dec. 21	@ New Mexico	56-68 L
Jan. 3	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON .	51-54 L
Jan. 6	@ Wofford	70-62 W
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, VMI...Furman returns to action on Wednesday when it takes on the VMI at Timmons Arena in a 7:30 p.m. game. VMI comes into town sporting a 4-8 overall record and 1-1 Southern Conference North Division mark. The Keydets edged Western Carolina 70-69 in Lexington on Saturday to snap a modest two-game losing skid that included an 82-62 loss at South Carolina (Dec. 28) and an 81-72 defeat at Appalachian State (Jan. 3). Eric Mann and Daron Pressley led VMI with 12 points each in the win over Western Carolina, and Mann, the conference's leading rebounder, claimed 11 boards in the victory.

FURMAN THE LAST TIME OUT...Karim Souchu scored a game high 21 points and center Kenny Zeigler added 15 points and a season high 12 rebounds to lead Furman to a 70-62 win in front of 3,431 fans at Wofford's Benjamin Johnson Arena Saturday night. In snapping Wofford's 11-game home winning streak, Furman held the Terriers' Ian Chadwick, the Southern Conference's leading scorer to a season low seven points on 2-of-10 shooting. With the game tied 26-26 at intermission, Furman used a 7-2 spurt over the first two-plus minutes of the second half to grab a 33-28 advantage following a layup by Marcus Dilligard with 17:48 left. After Wofford battled back to take a 41-40 lead, Furman went ahead for good at 45-44 on a layup by Karim Souchu at the 9:03 juncture, starting another 7-2 run that saw the Paladin advantage grow to 50-44 following a three-pointer by Paul Foster with 8:05 left. The two teams then traded three-pointers, with Guilherme Da Luz's bomb at the 7:28 mark stretching the Furman margin to six points at 53-47. The Terriers never got closer than four points the rest of the way. Da Luz added 15 points and Anthony Thomas 12 for Furman, which shot 41.4 percent from the field (24x58) and a solid 70.8 percent from the free throw line (17x24), including 14-of-19 in the second half. The Paladins' tenacious defense forced 17 Wofford turnovers and limited the Terriers to 21.1 shooting from three-point range (4x19).

ROAD WARRIORS...In knocking off Wofford 70-62 in Spartanburg on Saturday night, Furman improved its road record this season to 3-4. The three road wins thus far might not seem that impressive, but it takes on new meaning when considering the Paladins went 1-11 in 12 away contests a year ago. In addition to the victory at Wofford, Furman has thumped Coastal Carolina (81-67) and Florida State (79-74 OT) on the road this year. Counting last year's 71-68 win at VMI, the Paladins are now 4-4 in their last eight road games. That's noteworthy improvement over the 4-31 road record (11.4%) Furman registered in Larry Davis' first 35 road contests spanning almost three seasons.

LONGEST HOME STAND OF SEASON...Furman clash against VMI Wednesday night at Timmons Arena opens a three-game home stand, the Paladins' longest home stretch of the season. In addition to the Keydets, Furman will entertain UNC Greensboro (Jan. 13) and Georgia Southern (Jan. 15) before hitting the road again against East Tennessee State on Jan. 20. Currently 3-1 at home this season, Furman has compiled a 28-17 home record (.622) in a little more than three seasons under head coach Larry Davis.

SOUCHU LEADING THE WAY...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 solid start in the Paladins' first 11 games, averaging a strong 20.0 points per game (second in league). Souchu, who on Dec. 5 was named Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week, also paces Furman and ranks eighth in the league in rebounding (6.5 rpg). A third team All-Southern Conference selection and first team all-tournament pick last year, he has topped Furman in scoring in 10 of the Paladins' 11 games, including a game high 21-point effort in Saturday's 70-62 win at Wofford. 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.

RAMADAN OVER FOR SOUCHU, NDOYE...Furman sophomore forward Karim Souchu (Paris, France) and freshman forward Maleye Ndoye (Dakar, Senegal) are Muslim and, therefore, observed the holy month of Ramadan, which ran through Dec. 27. In accordance with tenets of their faith, Souchu and Ndoye fasted (refusing food and water) from sunrise to sunset during Ramadan, regardless of whether the Paladins practiced or played during the day.

ZEIGLER STEPPING UP...When a foot disorder ended 6-foot-7, 255-pound sophomore center Darrell Arbaugh's collegiate basketball career prior to the start of the season, 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 a solid 10.5 ppg and 6.9 rpg (fifth in SoCon) while shooting a team leading 53.7 percent from the field in 11 starts at center. Zeigler, who stands 6-foot-5 and weighs 210 pounds (up from 190 his freshman year), has registered several strong performances in his new role this year, including a 15-point, season high 12-rebound effort in Furman's 70-62 win over Wofford in Spartanburg on Saturday, and a 22-point, 10-rebound outing in an 81-67 win at Coastal Carolina. 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 11 games this year the Paladins are averaging 12.6 turnovers/game and rank second in the Southern Conference in assist/turnover ratio (1.05).

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Record	12-16	14-18	6-5
Assists/Game	12.9	14.0	13.3
Turnovers/Game	18.3	15.1	12.6
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.70	0.92	1.05
Steals/Game	6.4	7.6	8.0

DEFENDING THE "3", ETC...Furman has been successful in limiting the effectiveness of opponents' perimeter attacks as evidenced by the fact the Paladins lead the Southern Conference in three-point percentage defense (25.1 percent). In Saturday's 70-62 win over Wofford, solid perimeter defense held the Terriers to 4-of-19 shooting from three-point range (21.1 percent). Furman has shot 71.3 percent from the line in its seven away games and 61.3 percent from the line in its four home contests.

THOMAS FINDING THE MARK...In converting 13-of-34 three-pointers (38.2 percent) in Furman's last six 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 percent of his three-point attempts (13x60). Last year he bumped that figure to 36.2 percent (38x105), and through 11 games this year he is knocking down 36.5 percent of his three-point shots (23x63). Paralleling Thomas' improved three-point shooting is his scoring average: 6.5 ppg (1998-99), 9.5 ppg (1999-00), and 12.0 ppg (2000-01).

DA LUZ RUNNING THE SHOW...A big factor in Furman's improvement over the past year and good start this season has been the development of point guard Guilherme Da Luz, who heads into the VMI contest averaging a solid 11.6 ppg, 4.7 rpg, and 5.3 apg (fourth in SoCon). 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. In last Wednesday's 54-51 loss to College of Charleston, Da Luz scored 13 points and tallied a career high 11 rebounds, breaking his previous career high of 10 rebounds set in a 73-55 Paladin win over Wofford last year. And in Saturday's victory at Wofford, he tallied 15 points, converting 3-of-5 three-pointers, and registered three assists and a steal in 34 minutes. 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.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT FURMAN...The following are selected quotes from opposing coaches about Furman:

"I think Furman is very, very good, and they're going to win many more regular-season games than they did last year. And I hope no more playoff games than one or two, because they're a candidate to maybe go all the way."

College of Charleston Head Coach John Kresse
(following his team's 54-51 win at Furman, January 3)

"I've been saying for quite some time, and nobody wanted to listen to me, that Furman is one of the best teams in the Southern Conference. They really got after it tonight. They played with a lot more energy and enthusiasm than us. Furman is also very athletic and they cause a lot of matchup problems."

Wofford Head Coach Richard Johnson
(following Furman's 70-62 at Wofford, January 6)

NERVE DISORDER ENDS ARBAUGH'S CAREER...Furman head coach Larry Davis announced on 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 (3.85 GPA), a 6-foot-7 forward from Leavenworth, Kansas, and 6-foot-4 forward Jason Patterson (3.95 GPA) 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. 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 the former teammate of Paladin sophomore Kenny Zeigler averaged 16.0 points in 12 AAU games with Team Carolina and the Atlanta Celtics.

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 Ndoye	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)

Head Coach: Larry Davis
Assistant Coaches: Ken Potosnak, Chris Keeling, Niko Medved
Administrative Assistant: Al Slindee

