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**FURMAN'S ORLANDO RUFF NAMED GREENVILLE  
TOUCHDOWN CLUB STATE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR**

GREENVILLE — Furman University senior linebacker Orlando Ruff will be honored by the Greenville Touchdown Club as its state college football player-of-the-year at the organization's annual banquet on Feb. 15 at the Greenville's Embassy Suites Hotel, it was announced today.

Ruff, a four-year starter and 1998 first team All-America selection, totaled 97 tackles this past season and finished his career as Furman's fourth all-time leading tackler with 488 stops. The Winnsboro, S.C., native competed in the annual Blue/Gray All-Star Game in Montgomery, Ala., in December, and last week started for the winning south squad in the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii. He is scheduled to attend the NFL Invitational Camp in Indianapolis, Ind., from Feb. 18-22.

Ruff is the second Furman player to garner the Greenville Touchdown Club's Banks McFadden South Carolina Player-of-the-Year Trophy. Paladin tailback Carl Tremble captured the inaugural award in 1992.

Tickets to this year's banquet are \$20 in advance and can be purchased by calling Joel Shaw with the Greenville Touchdown Club at 292-3366.

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