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FURMAN'S ORLANDO RUFF TO PLAY IN BLUE-GRAY ALL-STAR CLASSIC

GREENVILLE — Furman University senior linebacker Orlando Ruff has received an invitation to play in the 61st Annual Kelly Tires Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic in Montgomery, Ala., on Dec. 25, it was learned today.

Ruff, a three-time All-Southern Conference selection, registered 97 tackles, seven tackles--for-loss, and two sacks in nine games this year before being sidelined for the Paladins' final two games with a sprained knee. He completed his career as Furman's fourth all-time leading tackler with 488 stops.

Ruff's invitation to play in the Blue-Gray All-Star Game marks the first by a Furman player since 1983 when tailback Stanford Jennings and defensive back Ernest Gibson represented the Paladins in the annual classic. Ruff, who earlier received an invitation to play in the Hula Bowl on Jan. 24, is the sixth Paladin overall to receive an invitation to play in the Blue-Gray Game, which showcases some of the nation's top collegiate football talent.

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