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## FURMAN NABS VACANT SLOT ON '99 TAR HEEL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

GREENVILLE -- Furman University vice president for intercollegiate athletics Dr. John Block announced today that Furman and the University of North Carolina have reached an agreement for a football game between the two schools during the upcoming season.

The Paladins and Tar Heels will square off on Oct. 30 in Chapel Hill in what will mark the fifth football meeting between the two schools. North Carolina defeated Furman 28-0 in 1992 in the last meeting between the two programs, and the Tar Heels own a 4-0 series record against Furman.

The game was made possible after Kent State, a member of the Mid America Conference, opted out its game with the North Carolina for the coming season. Furman, which did not have a NCAA I-A opponent on its 1999 schedule and whose open date was Oct. 30, took advantage of the UNC schedule vacancy by agreeing with South Carolina State University to postpone this year's Furman-South Carolina State game, originally scheduled for Sept. 11 in Orangeburg, until next year.

"We are pleased to help the University of North Carolina, a school we've had a great relationship with in the past," Block said Thursday morning. "In the process, we recognize and appreciate the opportunity to showcase our team to a much broader audience in addition to gaining financial benefits.

"In addition, Dr. Tim Autry and South Carolina State have been very helpful in helping make this move possible, and our only disappointment is we will have to delay our trip to Orangeburg to the 2000 season."

In negotiating the schedule change with South Carolina State, Block stated the two schools had further agreed to extend the popular intrastate rivalry for two more years through the year 2002. Furman and South Carolina State have played 14 times since the series began in 1982.

Furman, which finished 5-6 a year ago, returns 18 starters and opens its 1999 season at home on Sept. 4 against NCAA I-AA independent Elon College.

### 1999 FURMAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Series
Sept. 4	ELON	GREENVILLE	TBA	2-0
Sept. 18	@ William & Mary	Williamsburg, Va.	TBA	6-7
Sept. 25	VMI *	GREENVILLE	TBA	19-8
Oct. 2	@ Western Carolina *	Cullowhee, N.C.	TBA	15-9-2
Oct. 9	APPALACHIAN STATE *	GREENVILLE	TBA	18-7-3
Oct. 16	@ The Citadel *	Charleston, S.C.	TBA	47-28-3
Oct. 23	EAST TENNESSEE STATE * (Homecoming)	GREENVILLE	TBA	19-6
Oct. 30	@ North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	TBA	0-4
Nov. 6	@ Georgia Southern *	Statesboro, Ga.	TBA	2-7
Nov. 13	WOFFORD *	GREENVILLE	TBA	42-23-7
Nov. 20	@ Chattanooga *	Chattanooga, Tenn.	TBA	15-13

\* Southern Conference Game

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