



Game 5 — October 9, 1999
Furman Paladins (3-1; 2-0 SoCon) vs. Appalachian State Mountaineers (3-1; 2-0 SoCon)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass
2:00 P.M. Kickoff (EDT)
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THE GAME

Furman returns home to host Southern Conference rival Appalachian State in a battle of league unbeaten. The Paladins, fresh from a 27-19 win over Western Carolina in Cullowhee, head into Saturday's game riding a three-game winning streak. Appalachian State, meanwhile, is also on a roll, having claimed three consecutive wins, including a 23-19 triumph over East Tennessee State on Saturday in Boone.

ATTRACTION

Saturday's Furman-Appalachian State game will highlight Parents' Weekend at Furman University.

THE SERIES

Furman holds a 18-7-3 series advantage over Appalachian State and enters Saturday's game having claimed wins in two of the past three meetings between the two schools, including a 24-22 verdict two years ago in Greenville. The Mountaineers prevailed last year in Boone, 26-13. In all games played in Greenville, Furman has posted a 10-3-1 record versus Appalachian State. In Boone, the Paladins own an 8-4-2 ledger against the Mountaineers.

1971	T	0-0	GREENVILLE
1972	W	20-17	Boone
1973	W	17-0	GREENVILLE
1974	L	3-27	Boone
1975	W	30-23	GREENVILLE
1976	T	14-14	Boone
1977	W	28-20	GREENVILLE
1978	W	52-34	Boone
1979	W	31-17	GREENVILLE
1980	W	21-20	Boone
1981	W	22-18	GREENVILLE
1982	W	27-21	Boone
1983	W	49-0	GREENVILLE
1984	L	14-21	Boone
1985	W	21-7	GREENVILLE
1986	T	17-17	Boone
1987	L	8-16	GREENVILLE
1988	W	24-9	Boone
1989	W	31-6	GREENVILLE
1990	W	30-7	Boone
1991	L	23-26	GREENVILLE
1992	W	16-13	Boone
1993	W	27-21	GREENVILLE
1994	L	6-30	Boone
1995	L	28-41	GREENVILLE
1996	W	20-14	Boone
1997	W	24-22	GREENVILLE
1998	L	13-26	Boone

In Greenville: Furman leads 10-3-1
In Boone: Furman leads 8-4-2

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 33-28-0 (.541), 6th Year at Furman
 33-28-0 (.541), 6th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Appalachian State (2-3)

Appalachian State: Jerry Moore (Baylor '61)
 82-41-0 (.667), 11th Year at Appalachian State
 109-89-2 (.550), 18th Year Overall
 Moore vs. Furman (4-6)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 39.8
 '99 Yards/Game — 418.8
 306.8 Rushing
 112.0 Passing

Appalachian State: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 30.8
 '99 Yards/Game — 377.5
 216.0 Rushing
 161.5 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 12.3
 '99 Yards/Game — 300.3
 171.5 Rushing
 128.8 Passing

Appalachian State: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 15.3
 '99 Yards/Game — 300.3
 98.0 Rushing
 202.3 Passing

1999 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (3-1, 2-0 SoCon)
 Sept. 4 Elon 24, @ Furman 22
 Sept. 18 Furman 52, @ William & Mary 6
 Sept. 25 @ Furman 58, Elon 0
 Oct. 2 Furman 27, @ Western Carolina 19
 Oct. 9 APPALACHIAN STATE, 2:00
 Oct. 16 @ The Citadel, 2:00
 Oct. 23 E. TENNESSEE ST., 2:00
 Oct. 30 @ North Carolina, 1:30
 Nov. 6 @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Nov. 13 WOFFORD, 2:00
 Nov. 20 @ Chattanooga, 12:00

Appalachian State (3-1, 2-0 SoCon)
 Sept. 4 @ Auburn 21, Appalachian State 15
 Sept. 11 @ Appalachian State 34, E. Kentucky 20
 Sept. 25 Appalachian State 51, @ The Citadel 0
 Oct. 2 @ Appalachian State 23, E. Tenn. St. 19
 Oct. 9 @ Furman, 2:00
 Oct. 16 GEORGIA SOUTHERN

**1998 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
 FINAL STANDINGS**

Team	SoCon	Overall
Georgia Southern	8 0	14 1
Appalachian State	6 2	9 2
Western Carolina	5 3	6 5
Chattanooga	4 4	5 6
The Citadel	4 4	5 6
Furman	3 5	5 6
Wofford	3 5	4 7
East Tennessee State	3 5	4 7
VMI	0 8	1 10

**1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
 STANDINGS**

Team	SoCon	Overall
Georgia Southern	3 0	4 1
Appalachian State	2 0	3 1
Furman	2 0	3 1
East Tennessee State	3 1	4 1
Wofford	1 1	2 2
Chattanooga	0 2	2 3
Western Carolina	0 2	1 3
The Citadel	0 2	1 3
VMI	0 3	1 4

October 2

Georgia Southern 62 @ VMI 0
 @ Appalachian State 23, East Tennessee State 19
 @ The Citadel 20, South Carolina State 14
 Furman 27 @ Western Carolina 19
 Wofford 41 @ Chattanooga 34

October 9

Western Carolina @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 The Citadel @ Vanderbilt, 1:00
 VMI @ Wofford, 1:30
 Appalachian State @ Furman, 2:00

October 16

Georgia Southern @ Appalachian State, 12:30
 Chattanooga @ VMI, 1:00
 Furman @ The Citadel, 2:00
 Liberty @ East Tennessee State, 2:00
 Wofford @ Western Carolina, 6:00

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

Coaches All-Southern Conference
 OG Ben Hall (1st Team)
 FS John Keith (1st Team)
 LB Will Bouton (2nd Team)
 PK Jason Wells (2nd Team)

Southern Conference Polls
 Southern Conference SIDs (4th)
 Southern Conference Head Coaches (5th)
 Southern Conference Media (5th)

Oct. 23 @ Wofford
 Oct. 30 CHATTANOOGA
 Nov. 6 @ VMI
 Nov. 13 WESTERN CAROLINA
 Nov. 20 @ Liberty

FURMAN-APPALACHIAN STATE LAST MEETING

BOONE (Oct. 10, 1998) — Quarterback Daniel Jeremiah threw two touchdown passes and rushed for a game high 100 yards on 18 carries to propel Appalachian State to a 26-13 win over Furman in front of 15,883 fans at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

Jeremiah completed 6-of-15 passes, including a pair of touchdown passes to Daryl Skinner covering 36 and 59 yards, in helping the Mountaineers halt Furman's modest two-game series winning streak.

Appalachian State grabbed a 13-0 first half lead on a pair of Stuart Jones field goals and Jeremiah's 36-yard touchdown strike to Skinner, but Furman answered with just 0:40 left in the half when quarterback Justin Hill streaked down the sideline on a 39-yard scoring run to cut the Mountaineer margin to 13-7.

Appalachian State regained its two touchdown advantage in the third quarter following a 2-yard touchdown plunge by Neil Cornatzer, and the Mountaineers salted the game away early in the fourth quarter when Jeremiah hooked up with Skinner again on a 59-yard touchdown pass to make it a 26-7.

Furman's final points came on 5-yard touchdown run by Quinton Burton with 1:46 left in the game.

The Mountaineers posted a 377-287 advantage in total offense and recorded five sacks in the contest.

FURMAN	0	7	0	6	—	13
APPALACHIAN ST.	10	3	6	7	—	26

- A — Stuart Jones 31 FG 5:45-1Q
- A — Daryl Skinner 36 pass from Daniel Jeremiah (Stuart Jones kick) 3:11-1Q
- A — Stuart Jones 22 FG 2:02-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 39 run (Jason Wells kick) 0:40-2Q
- A — Neil Cornatzer 2 run (pass failed) 7:24-3Q
- A — Daryl Skinner 59 pass from Daniel Jeremiah (Stuart Jones kick) 9:32-4Q
- F — Quinton Burton 5 run (run failed) 1:46-4Q

Rushing: F — Hill 17-97, Crosby 11-62, Burton 2-14, Kitchings 2-9, Russell 2-5, Rentz 1-4, Ivory 2-2, Berrian 1-(-1). A — Jeremiah 18-100, McCall 12-60, Abrille 16-42, Cornatzer 6-27, Young 2-3.
Passing: F — Hill 7-16-0-95. A — Jeremiah 6-15-0-145.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-62, Berrian 2-13, Burton 1-20. A — Skinner 4-120, Gibson 1-13, Leatherwood 1-12.

Defense: F — Ruff 13, Booth 10, Jackson 9, Redmond 9, Adrian 9.

	F	A
First Downs	13	20
Rushing	38-192	54-232
Passing	95	145
C/A/I	7-16-0	6-15-0
Total Offense	287	377

Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties	5-58	5-54
Punts	9-32.8	4-45.5
Possession Time	27:32	32:28
Third Down Conversions	4-13	7-15
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	5-35

FURMAN LAST WEEK

CULLOWHEE (Oct. 2, 1999) — Sophomore tailback Louis Ivory rushed for a game high 150 yards and sparked a second half Paladin comeback with a pair of touchdowns to lead Furman to a 27-19 Southern Conference win over Western Carolina in front of 11,818 fans at E.J. Whitmire Stadium.

Limited to just 42 first half yards and with the Paladins trailing 13-7, Ivory spiced a 108-yard second half effort with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to give Furman a 14-13 lead. With the Paladins holding a tenuous 20-19 fourth quarter advantage, the Fort Valley, Ga., product registered the game's biggest play when, on a third-and-17 play, he bolted up the middle on the way to a 43-yard touchdown run with 2:28 left.

Furman's defense then choked off Western Carolina's last possession when senior strong safety Walter Booth stepped in front of Western Carolina pass, which he returned 17 yards to the Catamount 25.

Held to only 115 total yards in the first half, Furman's offense put together a pair of second half scoring drives covering 75 and 76 yards to seize control of the contest, which also featured a pair of scores by senior wide receiver Des Kitchings, whose performance included a 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Justin Hill and a 12-yard scoring run, his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.

Western Carolina was paced by Brad Hoover's 132 rushing yards, but the Catamount quarterback Shawn Snyder was picked off four times, including two by Paladin senior free safety John Keith, the Southern Conference pre-season defensive player-of-the-year.

FURMAN	7	0	7	13	—	27
W. CAROLINA	0	13	6	0	—	19

- F — Des Kitchings 39 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:13-1Q
- W — Josh Jones 21 FG 10:59-2Q
- W — Michael Banks 38 blocked punt return (David Hill kick) 5:22-2Q
- W — Josh Jones 44 FG 0:09-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-3Q
- W — Brad Hoover 1 run (pass failed) 5:02-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 12 run (pass failed) 5:43-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 43 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-150, Kitchings 4-27, Rentz 1-10, Sanders 3-8, Russell 2-4, Hill 17-(-6). W — Hoover 25-132, Hooks 4-22, Gary 2-5, Snyder 4-(-1), Hill 1-(-9).

Passing: F — Hill 13-20-0-134. W — Snyder 17-34-4-240.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 6-97, Smerdzinski 4-29, Ivory 2-2, Hunter 1-6. W — Williams 7-92,

FURMAN RADIO

Furman football can be heard over the Paladins' radio network, headed up by Greenville flagship station WPEK-FM (98.1).

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", will call the play-by-play, and joining him with color commentary will be John Ingles.

David Hubbard joins Furman's broadcast team this fall as host of the tailgate, halftime, and post-game shows, and working alongside Hubbard as co-host of the tailgate show will be Ron Smith, Furman's head baseball coach. Gordon Higgins returns as sideline reporter, and Robbie Ross will serve as spotter and scoreboard reporter for the Furman broadcast team. Jimmy Fellers is the executive producer of all Furman football broadcasts.



FURMAN ON BROADCAST.COM

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Fans can access live game play-by-play broadcasts of Furman football directly through broadcast.com at www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/furman/football or through the university's web site at www.furman.edu/athletics/football.

To listen to live action, users will need streaming software, which is available to download free-of-charge through broadcast.com. Specific instructions on how to download and install the software on a personal computer are also available through broadcast.com.



FURMAN ON TEAMLINE

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FURMAN FOOTBALL WEB SITE

The Furman sports information office maintains an athletics home page on the Internet. Furman's football web site includes program quick facts, schedule, coaches' biographies, season outlook, current roster and two-deep, game statistics, cumulative statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as information on Paladin Stadium, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA. Furman's athletics home page address: <http://www.furman.edu/athletics>.

Hoover 4-31, Carter 1-34, Tegeder 1-9, Hooks 1-6.

	F	W
First Downs	21	25
Rushing	54-193	36-149
Passing	134	240
C/A/I	13-20-0	17-34-4
Total Offense	327	389
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	3-27	9-92
Punts	4-33.8	2-35.0
Possession Time	33:01	25:47
Third Down Conversions	8-17	7-12
Sacks By	1	1

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **PALADINS LOOKING TO GO 4-1...**Riding a three-game winning streak that includes blowouts of William & Mary (52-6) and VMI (58-0), and a victory over Western Carolina (27-19), Furman returns home this Saturday with a chance to improve to 4-1 on the season and 3-0 in Southern Conference play, but standing in the way will be league power and nationally third-ranked Appalachian State, which also enters the contest with a 3-1 overall record and 2-0 conference mark. If Furman wins Saturday against the Mountaineers, it will mark the second best start to a season for a Bobby Johnson-coached team. Last year the Paladins posted a 4-1 mark through five games, but stumbled to a 5-6 finish. In 1996, the Paladins dropped the season opener to Clemson, but then reeled off six straight wins en route to a 9-4, NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff finish.

✓ **FURMAN 6-3 VERSUS APPALACHIAN STATE IN PALADIN STADIUM...**Furman heads into Saturday's game against Appalachian State sporting a 6-3 record against the Mountaineers in Paladin Stadium. Furman, which posted wins over the Mountaineers in the first three clashes at Paladin Stadium (1981, '83, and '85), has, however, only gone 3-3 against Appalachian State in the past six encounters in Paladin Stadium, dropping decisions in 1987 (16-8) and 1991 (26-23 ot), and, most recently, in 1995 (41-28). The Paladins edged the Mountaineers 24-22 two years ago in Greenville. Overall, Furman is 10-3-1 versus Appalachian State in Greenville and 88-26-1 (.770) in Paladin Stadium in 18-plus seasons.

✓ **A LITTLE SERIES HISTORY...**Appalachian State's 26-23 overtime win over Furman in Greenville in 1991 was the first overtime game in Southern Conference history.

✓ **REVENGE...**Furman's 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Saturday provided the Paladins a measure of revenge from two years ago when Jason Wells missed a 47-yard field goal in the game's final minute in a 17-16 Paladin loss to the Catamounts in Cullowhee.

✓ **LEARNING HOW TO WIN AGAIN...**After dropping five of its last six games a year ago, Furman has now won four of its last five contests and appears to be regaining confidence. That confidence, which was reclaimed with routs of William & Mary (52-6) and VMI (58-0), received a boost on Saturday when the Paladins erased two deficits to post a 27-19 Southern Conference road

win over Western Carolina. Trailing 19-14 in the fourth quarter, Furman drove 76 yards in 10 plays for the go-ahead touchdown, and later, after the Paladin defense halted Western Carolina on downs at the Catamount 36, Furman's offense executed a third-and-17 play to perfection, springing tailback Louis Ivory on a 43-yard touchdown run for a game clinching score with 2:28 left.

✓ **QUICK STARTS...**In its last three games, Furman has scored on eight of its 11 first quarter possessions and has outscored the opposition 55-3 in the first period. Through four games Furman has outscored its opponents 55-10 in the first quarter. A year ago, Furman was outscored 33-21 in the first quarter in its first four contests.

✓ **PALADINS WINNING SECOND HALF BATTLE, TOO...**As impressive as Furman has been in the first quarter this year, the Paladins have been even better in the second half, outscoring its four opponents 81-9 over the final two stanzas and an impressive 48-0 in the fourth quarter. Western Carolina's third quarter touchdown in Saturday's game is the only second half touchdown Furman's defense has surrendered this year.

✓ **OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT...**In claiming a decisive advantage in time of possession (33:01 to 25:47) and edging Western Carolina in total plays (74-70), Furman posted its second straight "statistical win" in these two important categories. Prior to registering decisive margins in both categories two weeks ago in a 58-0 win over VMI, Furman had lost the time of possession-total plays battle in five straight games. Last year Furman recorded fewer offensive snaps (665) than any other Southern Conference team and finished last in the league in average time of possession (29:26).

✓ **ONLY TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN LAST 14 QUARTERS...**Furman has surrendered only two touchdowns and four field goals to the opposition in the last 14 quarters. Although Western Carolina snapped Furman's streak of not yielding a touchdown at 11 quarters, only one of the Catamounts' scores came against Furman's defense. The other was registered against Paladin special teams on a blocked punt return.

✓ **FOUR PICKS MOST SINCE 1997 SEASON...**In roughing up Western Carolina quarterback Shawn Snyder for four interceptions in Saturday's 27-19 win over the Catamounts, Furman posted its first four-interception game since the 1997 season, when the Paladins recorded four pickoffs in a 35-14 win over VMI in Greenville. Two of the Paladins' four interceptions against Western Carolina were by senior free safety John Keith (Newnan, Ga.), the coaches' Southern Conference pre-season defensive player-of-the-year selection.

✓ **JOHN KEITH COMING UP BIG...**After an injury plagued 1998 season, senior All-Southern Conference free safety John Keith (Newnan, Ga.) has assumed the much needed role of leader of Furman's defense in 1999, and judging by Furman's defensive success thus far, Keith's presence has been huge.

Selected by Southern Conference head

FURMAN ON INFO CONNECTION

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly teleconference throughout the 1999 season featuring the league's nine football coaches. The weekly teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday (August 31 - November 24) from 10:00 a.m. — 11:03 a.m. EST. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions. The number to call is (312) 470-7265. The password is SoCon.

1999 SoCon Teleconference Schedule

10:00 a.m. —	Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07 a.m. —	Don Powers, The Citadel
10:15 a.m. —	Paul Hamilton, E. Tenn. St.
10:21 a.m. —	Bobby Johnson, Furman
10:28 a.m. —	Paul Johnson, Ga. Southern
10:35 a.m. —	Buddy Green, Chattanooga
10:42 a.m. —	Cal McCombs, VMI
10:49 a.m. —	Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
10:56 a.m. —	Mike Ayers, Wofford



coaches and the league's pre-season defensive player-of-the-year, Keith fashioned a solid pre-season, making a successful move from strong safety to free safety. In the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary on Sept. 18, Keith tallied five tackles and an interception. In limited action in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI two weeks ago, Keith notched three tackles and tackle-for-loss. In Saturday's 27-19 win over Western Carolina, Keith was superb, notching eight tackles, a tackle-for-loss, and two interceptions, the 10th and 11th interceptions of his fine career. Keith's first pickoff halted a Western Carolina scoring threat the Furman 26, and his second pickoff, at the Cata-mount 44, set up Furman's first touchdown of the game.

An outstanding tackler, Keith recorded a career high 19 tackles in Furman's 1998 season opener against Clemson, but late in the Paladins' third game (34-24 win over Samford), he sustained a deep sprain in his right foot, which effectively sidelined him for the next three games and limited his effectiveness the rest of the season. Still, he tallied 56 tackles and earned Furman's Best Defensive Back Award.

Forced to sit out spring practice after undergoing post-season surgery, Keith serves as a team co-captain this season along with strong safety Walter Booth, offensive guard Ben Hall, and tailback Stuart Rentz. Despite the injury plagued 1998 campaign, Keith has totaled 214 tackles and 11 interceptions in his career. One of his nine pickoffs includes a school record 99-yard return in a 43-21 Furman win over Chattanooga during the 1997 season.

✓ GROUND GAME FUELING FURMAN OFFENSIVE RESURGENCE... Although ground yardage (193 yards) proved to be a little harder to come by in Saturday's 27-19 win over Western Carolina, Furman's option-based attack still proved to be a deciding factor in the critical fourth quarter against the Catamounts, as the Paladins tallied twice on scoring runs by Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.) and Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.).

The fine work turned in by Furman's ground attack against Western Carolina followed a pair of brilliant performances registered in blowouts of William & Mary (52-6) and VMI (58-0). In its last three games, Furman has totaled 1,083 yards (361.0 yards/game) and 18 touchdowns via the rush. In the win over William & Mary on Sept. 18, Furman rolled up 509 yards rushing, only 12 yards shy of the school's single game rushing record. In the thrashing of VMI two weeks ago, nine Paladin ball carriers combined to rush for 381 yards, the second most productive rushing day for Furman football in Bobby Johnson's five-plus seasons as head coach of the Paladins.

Through four games Furman has combined to score 19 touchdowns via the rush, and the Paladins are averaging 306.8 rushing yards/game heading into this Saturday's game against Appalachian State. Last year Furman scored 24 rushing touchdowns all season and averaged 185.0 yards/game via its ground attack.

Furman Top Single Game Rushing Performances

vs. Davidson (1984)	521
vs. William & Mary (1999)	509
vs. Davidson (1953)	504

vs. Davidson (1978)	491
vs. Davidson (1979)	491
vs. Presbyterian (1980)	476
vs. Davidson (1982)	466

Furman Top Single Game Rushing Performances (Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

vs. William & Mary (1999)	509
vs. VMI (1999)	381
vs. Elon (1997)	365
vs. South Carolina State (1996)	355
vs. Wofford (1997)	320

✓ LOUIS IVORY ON A ROLL... When Furman's coaching staff decided to move sophomore Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.) from fullback to tailback this fall, the aim was to help jump start Furman's lackluster ground game, which finished a disappointing sixth in the Southern Conference last year (185.0 yards/game). The results through four games have been conclusive as the Paladins are averaging a heady 306.8 yards rushing per game and 6.2 yards per rush thanks, in large measure, to Ivory's team leading 484 rushing yards (121.0 ypg) and six rushing touchdowns (7.1 ypc). While Western Carolina did a fine job in slowing Ivory down in the first half, limiting him to only 42 yards on 14 carries, two of Ivory's strength's, durability and tackle-breaking ability, proved to be a big difference in the second half when he ran for 108 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a game clinching 43-yard sprint with 2:28 left in the game. Ivory finished the game with a game high 150 yards on a career high 27 carries and, in the process, bettered Western Carolina all-conference running back Brad Hoover (25 carries, 132 yards, 1 TD). Ivory's work against Western Carolina followed limited action in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI two weeks ago, when he rushed for 85 yards and scored three touchdowns in only one quarter of work. Ivory rushed for a game high 151 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary on Sept. 18.

Ivory appears to be a prime candidate to become Furman's first 1,000-yard rusher since the 1992 season when Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards as a senior. A year ago Ivory began the season in fine fashion, working at fullback and rushing for 202 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' first two games before ankle injuries slowed his production. He finished the year with 406 yards and four touchdowns (5.1 ypa). He posted a career-best 161-yard, two-touchdown outing as a fullback in the Paladins' 27-19 win over South Carolina State in 1998.

✓ DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION VIA THE RUSH... For the third straight game, Furman senior wide receiver Des Kitchings again showcased why is one of the most versatile players in NCAA I-AA football. In addition to catching six passes for 97 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 27-19 win over Western Carolina, Kitchings once again burned the opposition on the ground, rushing four times for 27 yards and what proved to be the game winning touchdown, a 12-yard burst around left end, in the fourth quarter after lining up as a tailback in the Paladin backfield. Counting his work against Western Carolina, Kitchings has now rushed 171 yards and four touchdowns this season. That work includes an 11-yard touch-

down run against VMI (58-0 win), in a game in which he saw only one quarter of action, and a pair of touchdown runs off reverses covering 51 and 34 yards against William & Mary (52-6 win). In the William & Mary game, Kitchings became the first wide receiver in Furman history to rush for over 100 yards when he ran for 117 yards. Counting a 65-yard scoring run on a reverse last year against The Citadel, Kitchings now has five career rushing touchdowns. In his career Kitchings has rushed 30 times for 376 yards (12.5 ypc).

✓ DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION THROUGH THE AIR... In registering a career high seven receptions for 105 yards in the Paladins' season opener against Elon on Sept. 4, senior flanker Des Kitchings placed his name on Furman's career receptions and receiving yards charts. The squad's fastest player (4.36 40-yard dash), Kitchings, who caught six passes for 97 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown reception, in Furman's 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Saturday, now has 87 receptions for 1,292 yards in his career. The 87 catches places him in a tie for eighth place on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,292 yards in receptions ranks 10th in school history. Kitchings' eight career touchdown catches ranks eighth all-time.

FURMAN CAREER RECEPTIONS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Rec.
1)	Luther Broughton	1993-96	135
2)	Josh Cole	1993-96	119
3)	Chas Fox	1982-85	113
4)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	111
5)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	103
6)	Byron Trotter	1968-70	98
7)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	95
8)	Billy Risher	1979-83	87
	Des Kitchings	1996-	87
9)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	85
10)	Brette Simmons	1974-78	82
	Damon Bradley	1989-93	82
11)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	79
12)	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	77
	Stanford Jennings	1989-93	77
	Paul Siffri	1988-91	77
13)	Mike Bartik	1971-73	73

FURMAN CAREER RECEIVING YARDS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Chas Fox	1982-85	2,158
2)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	2,148
3)	Luther Broughton	1993-96	1,659
4)	Josh Cole	1993-96	1,606
5)	Billy Risher	1979-83	1,561
6)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	1,443
7)	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	1,396
8)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	1,375
9)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	1,342
10)	Des Kitchings	1996-	1,292
11)	Damon Bradley	1989-93	1,204
12)	Brette Simmons	1974-78	1,197
13)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	1,188
14)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	1,160
15)	Jody Wade	1988-91	1,124
16)	Byron Trotter	1968-70	1,112

FURMAN CAREER TD RECEPTION LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	TDs.
1)	Chas Fox	1982-85	28
2)	Billy Risher	1979-83	19
3)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	16

4)	Jody Wade	1994-97	13
5)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	11
	Josh Cole	1993-96	11
6)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	10
7)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	9
8)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	8
	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	8
	Des Kitchings	1996-	8

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION ON KICK RETURNS...** After returning a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the Paladins' season opener against Elon, senior Des Kitchings has only been allowed to touch the ball once on kickoff returns, and that came Saturday on a line drive bounce. In 11 kickoffs since Kitchings' 93-yard sprint, Furman opponents Elon, William & Mary, VMI, and Western Carolina have pooch kicked or employed line drive grounded kickoffs, leaving Kitchings with only two returns on the year. Kitchings sports a career 27.9 yards per return average on 23 kickoff returns, two of which he has returned for scores.

✓ **IMPROVEMENT...** Two years ago Furman paced the Southern Conference with 32 quarterback sacks, but last year, following the graduation of All-America defensive end Bryan Dailer (17.5 sacks in '97), the Paladins slipped all the way to eighth, with only nine takedowns. With seven sacks in the first four games, Furman is only two shy of matching last year's sack total.

✓ **WELLS ON THE CHARTS...** Furman senior placekicker Jason Wells (Lawton, Okla.), a pre-season All-Southern Conference selection, is poised to leave his mark on the school's kick scoring and overall scoring charts. Wells' career numbers heading into this Saturday's game against Appalachian State include 32x54 FGs (.592) and 117x122 PATs (.959). With 214 career points, he only needs 12 points to surpass Mike Wood as Furman's all-time kick scoring leader.

FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
2)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
	Jason Wells	1996-	214
3)	Glen Connally	1988-90	188
4)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177
5)	Andy Goss	1974-76	125

FURMAN CAREER SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	300
2)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	268
3)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	258
4)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
5)	Kevan Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richer	1992-95	214
	Jason Wells	1996-	214
6)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
7)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192
8)	Glenn Connally	1988-90	188
9)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177

✓ **HOLMES SET FOR RETURN** Sophomore nose guard Jarrod Holmes (Powder Springs, Ga.) is expected to rejoin the team this week after missing almost the entire pre-season and the

Paladins' first four games due to a hamstring tear sustained over the summer. A transfer from SMU, Holmes fashioned an impressive spring practice and had been penciled in as Furman's probable starting nose guard following spring practice.

✓ **MARION MARTIN: ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC STAR...** Starting weak side linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) is an outstanding student on Furman's football team who is contributing in a major way on the field. In four starts, Martin has tallied 22 tackles and three pass deflections, including one on a bone crushing hit on William & Mary wide receiver Chris Rosier. IN Saturday's 27-19 win over Western Carolina, Martin recorded five tackles and had two pass deflections. A chemistry major, Martin sports a 3.89 GPA and this summer teamed up with university professor Dr. Lon Knight in pioneer chemistry research known as "Mass Selected Matrix Isolation."

✓ **THIS'N THAT...** Junior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) heads into this Saturday's game against Appalachian State as Furman's sixth leading rusher (72 yards) but ranked second in rushing touchdowns with five. Furman has suffered only one turnover in its last three games (12 quarters). Furman is the least penalized team in the Southern Conference (19 penalties, 153 yards through three games). True freshman Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) gained his third straight start at defensive end Saturday in Furman's 27-19 win over Western Carolina. Overdyke has 12 tackles and a sack through four games. A week after making his collegiate debut by scoring a touchdown in Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary, redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) put together another impressive outing by completing 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards and rushing for 28 yards on nine carries in three quarters of play in the Paladins' 58-0 rout of VMI. For his play against VMI, Napier was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week. Sophomore cornerback Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio) recorded his first interception of the season — sixth career interception — Saturday in the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina. Senior strong safety Walter Booth (Gainesville, Fla.) registered his second career interception on Saturday against Western Carolina. Senior pre-season All-Southern Conference guard Ben Hall has now started in 26 straight games and counts 27 career starts.

✓ **ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS...** Furman's recent 58-0 win over VMI on Sept. 25 forced some research into the school's football record book, and the notable team milestones achieved by the Paladins include:

✎ The 58-0 victory over VMI marked the biggest Southern Conference win (margin of victory) in Furman football history. The previous biggest margin had been 49 points, which Furman posted in shutouts of VMI (49-0) and Appalachian State (49-0) in 1983.

✎ Furman scored on its first seven possessions of the game to take a 44-0 lead early in third period.

✎ Furman reached the 50-point plateau for a second straight game, a feat that had never before been accomplished in the history of Furman football (94 seasons, 889 games).

✎ The 58 points were the most ever scored by a Bobby Johnson-coached Furman team and the most by the Paladins since the 1989 season when Furman tallied 59 points in a 59-17 win over Presbyterian. The 58 points were the most scored against a Southern Conference opponent since 1987 when Furman defeated The Citadel 58-13 in Charleston.

✎ Furman's 110 points in wins over William & Mary and VMI marked the second highest consecutive games points total in program history, trailing only the 111 points Furman posted in back-to-back wins during the 1920 season (42-3 win over Oglethorpe and 69-0 win over Wofford).

✎ The shutout was the first by Furman since the Paladins blanked Wofford 38-0 during the 1995 season.

✎ Furman's 27-point first quarter was its biggest since the Paladins scored 33 points in the second quarter of a 33-3 win over Wofford in 1996.

✎ Furman's 546-yard offensive performance against VMI marked its second straight 500-yard outing (542 vs. William & Mary, Sept. 18). Prior to the William & Mary and VMI games, Furman had last posted back-to-back 500-yard offensive performances during the 1990 season when the Paladins rolled up 565 yards in a 30-17 win over The Citadel and 586 yards in a 45-17 thrashing of Eastern Kentucky.

✎ VMI's four first downs tied a Furman opponent record (shared by four other teams) for fewest first downs in a game. The Keydets didn't post their first first down until the third quarter.

✓ **INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES PLENTIFUL, TOO...** In addition to several team superlatives, several Paladins racked up outstanding individual performances in the 58-0 whitewash of VMI. Among the most outstanding:

✎ Sophomore tailback Louis Ivory's three first quarter touchdowns and 18 points represented the most touchdowns and points scored by a player in a quarter since quarterback Frankie DeBusk scored three TDs in the second quarter of Furman's 44-20 win over East Tennessee State in Greenville in 1989. Ivory, who rushed six times for 85 yards, played only the first quarter and Furman's first play of the second half.

✎ Senior tailback Stuart Rentz came off the bench to lead all rushers with 144 yards and two touchdowns, including a career best 55-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter. Rentz's 100-yard performance was the fifth of his career, and the 144 yards represented the second best performance of his career.

✓ **REMARKABLE STUART RENTZ...** In rushing for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI two weeks ago, senior tailback Stuart Rentz (Pickens, S.C.) posted the

fifth 100-yard rushing performance of his career, which now includes two 100-yard outings against VMI. Rentz's solid work against the Keydets featured a career long touchdown run covering 55 yards. Holder of a 3.90 GPA and a double major in Spanish and history, Rentz has now rushed for 1,241 yards and 10 touchdowns in his career and has averaged 6.3 yards per carry. As a freshman in 1996, Rentz, a walk-on and three-time member of the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll, posted two 100-yard rushing performances, including a 125-yard effort in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

✓ **BUSSARD OUT FOR SEASON.** Redshirt freshman nose guard/defensive tackle Ryan Bussard (Marietta, Ga.) will apparently miss the remainder of the 1999 season due to rehabilitation problems following surgery to repair a posterior cartilage tear in his left shoulder. Bussard had emerged from spring practice listed as a contender for a starting job on the Paladin defensive front, but a slow recovery from post-spring practice surgery sidelined him until last week. After taking part in one practice, it was determined his shoulder had not properly healed and that he would likely be sidelined for the remainder of the year, with a second surgical procedure a strong possibility.

✓ **FURMAN INDUCTS 10 INTO HALL-OF-FAME SEPT. 25...** Former football standouts Bruce Gheesling '82 of Covington, Ga., David Charpia '84 of Greenville, and Gene Reeder '86 of Woodruff were among 10 greats who were inducted into the Furman University Athletic Hall-of-Fame in ceremonies Sept. 25. Also inducted were Rushia Brown '94 (women's basketball), Bill Dimitrouleas '73 (track & field), Cathy Frohnheiser '94 (softball), Russ Hunt '73 (men's basketball), Janey Strause-McKenna '87 (women's tennis), and Forrest Wakefield '36 (honorary).

✓ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR SIX...** The 1999 season marks Furman head coach Bobby Johnson's sixth year at the helm of the Paladin program and 22nd season of service to the university. After suffering through a 3-8 season in 1994 (the program's first losing season since 1979 and worst record since 1972), Furman rebounded in 1995 to finish 6-5. A year later Johnson, a Columbia native and 1973 Clemson graduate, directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and into the NCAA I-AA playoffs — the program's first playoff appearance since 1990. Furman went 7-4 in 1997 and 5-6 a year ago. Johnson's four-year head coaching record is 33-28 (.541), and his last four teams have combined to post a 30-20 slate (.600). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 33-24 (.578). Johnson's 22-year tenure includes work as defensive backs coach, assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach. The Paladins' record during that span (1976-80; 82-92; 94-present) is 165-81-7 (.665).

INJURY REPORT FOR WESTERN CAROLINA

DT Ryan Bussard (shoulder) -- out for season
NG Jarrod Holmes (hamstring) -- probable
DE Eddie Overdyke (shoulder) -- probable

FURMAN PALADINS VS. APPALACHIAN STATE MOUNTAINEERS DEPTH CHART

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

FLK	4	DES KITCHINGS	(5-10, 177, Sr.)
	1	Bryant Huguley	(5-7, 151, Jr.)
LT	71	DONNIE LITTLEJOHN	(6-3, 266, So.)
	74	Steven Cain	(6-5, 278, R-Fr.)
LG	75	MARTY PRIORE	(6-1, 272, So.)
	56	Trevor Kruger	(6-2, 289, R-Fr.)
C	54	CHRIS STEWART	(5-11, 280, So.)
	65	Tye Crews	(6-2, 265, So.)
RG	59	BEN HALL	(6-4, 285, Sr.)
	62	Justin Price	(6-5, 275, R-Fr.)
RT	77	JOSH MOORE	(6-5, 293, Jr.)
	60	Ryan Kineard	(6-3, 265, Sr.)
TE	89	TRENT SANBURY	(6-2, 236, So.)
	84	Graham Hunter	(6-3, 252, So.)
SE	33	ZACH SMERDZINSKI	(5-9, 183, Jr.)
	3	James Thomas	(5-10, 180, R-Fr.)
QB	15	JUSTIN HILL	(5-11, 191, Jr.)
	19	Billy Napier	(6-3, 200, R-Fr.)
FB	23	DEREK RUSSELL	(5-11, 222, Jr.)
	40	Adam Sanders	(5-10, 212, Jr.)
TB	34	LOUIS IVORY	(5-8, 193, So.)
	21	Stuart Rentz	(5-8, 190, Sr.)

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

RUE	47	EDDIE OVERDYKE	(6-2, 224, Fr.)
	55	Bobby Hubbard	(6-3, 229, Sr.)
ST	48	BRIAN CONNER	(6-2, 245, Sr.)
	98	LeBryan Sperling	(6-3, 252, Fr.)
NG	78	RYAN SPENCER	(6-3, 291, So.)
	64	Steve DeBeer	(6-5, 281, So.)
WT	97	STEVE KUPCHINSKY	(6-4, 269, Jr.)
	91	Clay O'Daniel	(6-2, 275, So.)
SLB	9	JOHN THRIFT	(6-0, 214, So.)
	43	Sterling Frierson	(5-10, 186, So.)
MLB	20	WILL BOUTON	(6-2, 225, So.)
	46	Steve Wall	(5-10, 231, So.)
WLB	12	MARION MARTIN	(5-9, 217, Jr.)
	11	Brad Redmond	(6-0, 202, So.)
LCB	8	RICHIE JACKSON	(6-0, 178, So.)
	17	Chris Lowery	(5-9, 175, R-Fr.)
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON	(5-9, 170, So.)
	31	Andre Stroman	(5-8, 180, Jr.)
SS	24	WALTER BOOTH	(5-10, 190, Sr.)
	38	Shelvis Smith	(6-1, 202, So.)
FS	10	JOHN KEITH	(6-0, 204, Sr.)
	2	Josh Cooper	(5-11, 184, So.)

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

PK	16	JASON WELLS	(6-2, 210, Sr.)
KO	16	JASON WELLS	(6-2, 210, Sr.)
P	80	LEE WILLIS	(5-11, 157, So.)
SSN	61	BRAD BYARS	(6-1, 247, R-Fr.)
LSN	65	TYE CREWS	(6-2, 265, So.)
H	13	BRENT SCOGGINS	(6-0, 201, So.)
KOR	4	DESMOND KITCHINGS	(5-10, 177, Sr.)
PR	33	ZACH SMERDZINSKI	(5-9, 183, Jr.)

ELON 24, FURMAN 22

GREENVILLE (Sept. 4, 1999) — The NCAA I-AA independent Elon Fightin' Christians built a two-touchdown lead and held off a second half Furman rally to post a 24-22 upset win over the Paladins in the 1999 season opener for both teams.

Trailing 24-10, Furman sliced Elon's lead to 24-16 following a 1-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Derek Russell with 1:38 left in the third quarter.

Furman struck for another touchdown on the final play of the third quarter when junior defensive end Hershhal Pleasant scooped up an Elon fumble and returned it 30 yards for a score, but the Paladins' failure to convert a two-point pass play allowed Elon to maintain a 24-22 lead.

The Fightin' Christians' margin appeared to be in jeopardy in the fourth quarter when Furman drove 62 yards in six plays, but the scoring opportunity slipped away when Jerome Nelson pounced on a fumbled Paladin handoff at the Elon 11.

Furman had two other chances to grab a fourth quarter lead, but one ended with a punt from the Elon 38, and the other one, which followed a second Fightin' Christian fumble at its own 29-yard line, ended when Jason Wells missed a 36-yard field goal with only 38 seconds left in the game.

FURMAN	0	10	12	0	—	22
ELON	7	14	3	0	—	24

- E — Travis Whitaker 3 pass from Derrick Moore (Jim Willis kick) 4:40-1Q
- F — Jason Wells 22 FG 14:57-2Q
- E — Derrick Moore 2 run (Jim Willis kick) 5:33-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 93 kickoff return (Jason Wells kick) 5:15-2Q
- E — Steven Ferguson 22 run (Jim Willis kick) 0:13-2Q
- E — Jim Willis 22 FG 5:14-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 1:38-3Q
- F — Hershhal Pleasant 30 fumble return (pass failed) 0:00-3Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 18-98, Russell 2-17, Hill 9-14, Kitchings 1-14, Rentz 2-11, Scoggins 1-(-10). E — Ferguson 11-82, Moore 13-74, Thomas 14-54, Bethea 13-50, Jones 2-9, Stevens 5-(-5).

Passing: F — Hill 9-15-2-116. E — Moore 2-4-0-13, Stevens 1-3-0-25, Gilchrist 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-105, Smerdzinski 1-6, Rentz 1-5. E — Johnson 1-25, Broadie 1-10, Whitaker 1-3.

	F	ELON
First Downs	15	18
Rushing	39-144	58-264
Passing	116	38
C/A/I	9-15-2	3-8-0
Total Offense	260	302
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties	4-40	5-42
Punts	2-29.5	5-38.0
Possession Time	27:40	32:20
Third Down Conversions	2-11	8-16
Sacks By	2	1

FURMAN 52, WILLIAM & MARY 6

WILLIAMSBURG (Sept. 18, 1999) — Turning to an old friend, the triple option, Furman rolled up 509 yards rushing and scored on its first four possessions of the game on the way to a 52-6 rout of William & Mary at Zable Stadium.

In claiming the first win by a Southern Conference team in Williamsburg since 1980 and handing William & Mary its worst home loss since 1958, Furman posted the second best single game rushing mark in school history, trailing only the 521 rushing yards the Paladins rolled up in a 55-7 win over Davidson in 1984.

Tailback Louis Ivory spearheaded Furman's potent ground game, rushing for 151 yards and a touchdown, and flanker Des Kitchings added 117 yards and two touchdowns — both on reverses — to become the first Furman wide receiver in history to rush for over 100 yards in a game. Quarterback Justin Hill added 94 yards on the ground and a touchdown run covering 11 yards.

Furman, which built a 24-6 halftime lead, put the game away with a 35-yard touchdown run by Ivory in the third period, and added three more scores in the fourth quarter, including one by redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier, who registered his first collegiate action.

The loss was the worst home defeat suffered by William & Mary since the Tribe's 55-6 loss to West Virginia during the 1958 season.

FURMAN	21	3	7	21	—	52
WILLIAM & MARY	3	3	0	0	—	6

- E — Derek Russell 14 run (Jason Wells kick) 12:05-1Q
- F — Justin Hill 11 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-1Q
- WM — Brett Sterba 40 FG 2:05-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 51 run (Jason Wells kick) 1:42-1Q
- F — Jason Wells 26 FG 9:38-2Q
- WM — Brett Sterba 23 FG 0:00-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 35 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:23-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 34 run (Jason Wells kick) 13:43-4Q
- F — Billy Napier 15 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:52-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 4:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 17-151, Kitchings 5-117, Hill 13-94, Sanders 3-57, Rentz 7-43, Russell 6-28, Napier 3-19. WM — Corley 6-53, Ali 12-46, Lonergan 10-45, Nesmith 6-27, Pope 5-17, Kushin 1-4, Carty 2-1.

Passing: F — Hill 2-9-0-24, Napier 1-1-0-9. WM — Corley 16-29-1-176, Pope 2-3-0-15, Carty 2-2-0-23.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 1-12, Kitchings 1-12, Rinehart 1-9. WM — Conklin 6-73, Leach 3-46, Rosier 3-45, DiNunzio 2-22, Osborne 2-15, Lonergan 2-4, Cameron 1-9, Ali 1-0.

	F	W&M
First Downs	27	21
Rushing	54-509	42-193
Passing	33	214
C/A/I	3-10-0	20-34-1
Total Offense	542	407
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties	7-45	7-89
Punts	2-35.5	3-35.7
Possession Time	28:58	31:02
Third Down Conversions	5-10	6-15
Sacks By	3	0

FURMAN 58, VMI 0

GREENVILLE (Sept. 25, 1999) — Posting its second straight 50-point, 500-yard offensive performance, Furman scorched the scoreboard for 27 first quarter points and played virtually everybody in uniform on the way to a 58-0 rout of VMI in front of 11,212 fans at Paladin Stadium.

In earning its 18th-straight win over VMI and claiming the shutout, the program's first since a 38-0 blanking of Wofford in 1995, Furman posted back-to-back 50-point performances for the first time in school history and scored more points in two games than any other Furman team since 1920. The Paladins downed William & Mary 52-6 on Sept. 18.

Leading the offensive barrage was sophomore tailback Louis Ivory, who rushed six times for 85 yards and scored three touchdowns covering 25, 42, and 6 yards in the game's first quarter. Ivory, whose night included only one quarter of work, gave way to senior Stuart Rentz, who led all rushers with 144 yards on 17 carries. Rentz also scored two touchdowns, including a career best 55-yarder, to further spark a Paladin ground game that posted 381 yards and eight touchdowns. Redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier also benefitted from Furman's early outburst, as he directed the Paladin offense over the final three quarters, completing 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards while adding 28 more on the ground.

Furman limited VMI to only four first downs and 103 total yards.

FURMAN	27	10	7	14	—	58
VMI	0	0	0	0	—	0

- F — Louis Ivory 25 run (Jason Wells kick) 10:13-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 42 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:40-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 11 run (Jason Wells kick) 6:12-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 6 run (run failed) 1:40-1Q
- F — Stuart Rentz 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:41-2Q
- F — Jason Wells 23 FG 0:00-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:46-3Q
- F — Stuart Rentz 55 run (Jason Wells kick) 6:41-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 6 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:02-4Q

Rushing: F — Rentz 17-144, Ivory 6-85, Hill 6-55, Napier 9-28, Russell 6-27, Burton 2-22, Kitchings 2-13, Sanders 3-12, Huguley 1-(-5). VMI — Parker 11-23, Gibson 11-17, Ratchford 3-15, Frost 6-13, White 2-10, Jackson 1-4, Chenault 2-3, Sollomon 1-(-5).

Passing: F — Napier 8-13-0-108, Hill 5-9-0-57. VMI Gibson 4-7-0-23.

Receiving: F — Smerdzinski 4-60, Kitchings 3-28, Thomas 2-31, Huguley 2-21, Rinehart 1-14, Rucker 1-11. VMI — Parker 2-10, Yarbough 1-10, Alley 1-3.

	F	VMI
First Downs	25	4
Rushing	52-381	37-80
Passing	165	23
C/A/I	13-22-0	4-7-0
Total Offense	546	103
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties	5-41	6-54
Punts	1-33.0	8-40.9
Possession Time	33:49	26:11
Third Down Conversions	7-14	4-15
Sacks By	1	0

FURMAN 27, W. CAROLINA 19

CULLOWHEE (Oct. 2, 1999)—Sophomore tailback Louis Ivory rushed for a game high 150 yards and sparked a second half Paladin comeback with a pair of touchdowns to lead Furman to a 27-19 Southern Conference win over Western Carolina in front of 11,818 fans at E.J. Whitmire Stadium.

Limited to just 42 first half yards and with the Paladins trailing 13-7, Ivory spiced a 108-yard second half effort with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to give Furman a 14-13 lead. With the Paladins holding a tenuous 20-19 fourth quarter advantage, the Fort Valley, Ga., product registered the game's biggest play when, on a third-and-17 play, he bolted up the middle on the way to a 43-yard touchdown run with 2:28 left.

Furman's defense then choked off Western Carolina's last possession when senior strong safety Walter Booth stepped in front of Western Carolina pass, which he returned 17 yards to the Catamount 25.

Held to only 115 total yards in the first half, Furman's offense put together a pair of second half scoring drives covering 75 and 76 yards to seize control of the contest, which also featured a pair of scores by senior wide receiver Des Kitchings, whose performance included a 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Justin Hill and a 12-yard scoring run, his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.

Western Carolina was paced by Brad Hoover's 132 rushing yards, but the Catamount quarterback Shawn Snyder was picked off four times, including two by Paladin senior free safety John Keith, the Southern Conference pre-season defensive player-of-the-year.

FURMAN	7	0	7	13	—	27
W. CAROLINA	0	13	6	0	—	19

- F — Des Kitchings 39 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:13-1Q
- W — Josh Jones 21 FG 10:59-2Q
- W — Michael Banks 38 blocked punt return (David Hill kick) 5:22-2Q
- W — Josh Jones 44 FG 0:09-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-3Q
- W — Brad Hoover 1 run (pass failed) 5:02-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 12 run (pass failed) 5:43-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 43 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-150, Kitchings 4-27, Rentz 1-10, Sanders 3-8, Russell 2-4, Hill 17-(-6). W — Hoover 25-132, Hooks 4-22, Gary 2-5, Snyder 4-(-1), Hill 1-(-9).

Passing: F — Hill 13-20-0-134. W — Snyder 17-34-4-240.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 6-97, Smerdzinski 4-29, Ivory 2-2, Hunter 1-6. W — Williams 7-92, Hoover 4-31, Carter 1-34, Tegeder 1-9, Hooks 1-6.

	F	W
First Downs	21	25
Rushing	54-193	36-149
Passing	134	240
C/A/I	13-20-0	17-34-4
Total Offense	327	389
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	3-27	9-92
Punts	4-33.8	2-35.0
Possession Time	33:01	25:47
Third Down Conversions	8-17	7-12
Sacks By	1	1

FURMAN PALADINS
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK NOMINEES

OFFENSE

TB Stuart Rentz, 5-8, 185, Senior, Pickens, S.C.

Headlined a 58-point, 546-yard Furman offensive effort by rushing 117 times for 144 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Paladins to a 58-0 win over VMI — the biggest Southern Conference win (margin wise) in Furman football history...touchdown runs covered 3 and 55 yards...55-yard touchdown run was a career best...144-yard effort marked the fifth 100-yard rushing performance of his career.

DEFENSE

No Nominee

FRESHMAN

QB Billy Napier, 6-3, 200, Freshman, Chatsworth, Ga.

Appearing in the second college game of his career, completed 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards and rushed nine times for 28 yards in helping direct Furman to a 58-0 Southern Conference win over VMI — the most decisive Southern Conference win (margin-wise) in Furman football history and first shutout since the 1996 season.