



Game 12 — November 27, 1999 (NCAA I-AA Playoffs, First Round)
Furman Paladins (9-2; 7-1 SoCon, # 7) vs. Massachusetts Minutemen (8-3; 7-1 Atlantic 10, #10)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass
1:00 P.M. Kickoff (EST)



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THE GAME

Southern Conference co-champion and automatic qualifier Furman (9-2, 7-1 SoCon, No. 7 Tournament Seed) makes its ninth playoff appearance — and first playoff berth since 1996 — when it hosts defending national champion and 1999 Atlantic 10 co-champion Massachusetts (8-3, 7-1 Atlantic 10, No. 10 Tournament Seed) at Paladin Stadium this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in an NCAA I-AA first round playoff matchup.

The Furman-Massachusetts winner will face the winner of Saturday's Georgia Southern-Northern Arizona game on Dec. 4 at a site and time to be announced.

TICKETS

Tickets to this Saturday's Furman-Massachusetts NCAA I-AA first round playoff game are reserved and are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, Furman students, faculty, and staff. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Furman Ticket Office at Timmons Arena or through area Ticket Master locations. The Furman Ticket Office phone number is (864) 294-3099.

THE SERIES

Saturday's Furman-Massachusetts football clash will mark the first meeting between the Paladins and Minutemen on the gridiron.

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 39-29-0 (.573), 6th Year at Furman
 39-29-0 (.573), 6th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Massachusetts (0-0)

Massachusetts: Mark Whipple (Brown '79)
 20-6 (.769), 2nd Year at Massachusetts
 92-39 (.702), 12th Year Overall
 Whipple vs. Furman (0-0)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 37.1
 '99 Yards/Game — 424.4
 288.2 Rushing
 136.2 Passing

Massachusetts:
 '99 Points/Game — 33.1
 '99 Yards/Game — 435.2
 196.4 Rushing
 238.8 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 17.3

'99 Yards/Game — 375.8
 205.5 Rushing
 170.3 Passing

Massachusetts:
 '99 Points/Game — 16.6
 '99 Yards/Game — 298.4
 127.5 Rushing
 170.8 Passing

1999 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (9-2, 7-1 SoCon)
 Sept. 4 Elon 24, @ Furman 22
 Sept. 18 Furman 52, @ William & Mary 6
 Sept. 25 @ Furman 58, VMI 0
 Oct. 2 Furman 27, @ Western Carolina 19
 Oct. 9 @ Furman 35, Appalachian State 21
 Oct. 16 Furman 31, @ The Citadel 17
 Oct. 23 @ Furman 48, E. Tennessee St. 21
 Oct. 30 Furman 28, @ North Carolina 3
 Nov. 6 @ Ga. Southern 41, Furman 38
 Nov. 13 @ Furman 30, Wofford 3
 Nov. 20 Furman 40, @ Chattanooga 35
 Nov. 27 MASSACHUSETTS, 1:00

Massachusetts (8-3, 7-1 Atlantic 10)
 Sept. 11 @ UMass 34, New Hampshire 19
 Sept. 18 @ Villanova 26, UMass 31
 Sept. 25 @ Toledo 24, UMass 3
 Oct. 2 Hofstra 27, @ UMass 14
 Oct. 9 @ UMass 77, Northeastern 0
 Oct. 16 UMass 38, @ Maine 17
 Oct. 23 UMass 26, @ Delaware 19
 Oct. 30 @ UMass 31, Rhode Island 19
 Nov. 6 UMass 33, @ Richmond 6
 Nov. 13 UMass 25, @ William & Mary 16
 Nov. 20 @ UMass 62, Connecticut 20
 Nov. 27 @ Furman, 1:00

FURMAN LAST WEEK

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (Nov. 20, 1999) — Fullback Derek Russell's 44-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter propelled Furman to a 40-35 win over Chattanooga and gave the Paladins a share of the 1999 Southern Conference title.

Russell's game winning touchdown run with 4:21 left gave Furman a 40-28 lead, and the Paladins held off Chattanooga's upset bid when Trent Sansbury recovered a Mocs' onside kick at the UTC 44-yard line with 1:43 left after Chattanooga had scored to make it a 40-35 game. Furman sophomore cornerback Richie Jackson sealed the win with an interception at the UTC 26 with only 18 seconds remaining.

Furman's victory didn't come easy as the Paladins had to fend off the accurate arm of UTC quarterback Chris Sanders, who completed 41-of-67 passes for a Southern Conference single game record 532 yards and three touchdowns. Sanders' effective passing paced the Mocs to 618 yards in total offense.

1998 SOCON 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 SOCON STANDINGS

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

*Automatic Qualifier

November 20

Furman 40, @ Chattanooga 35
 Appalachian State 28, @ Liberty 12
 @ Southwest Louisiana 37, Wofford 34
 @ M. Tenn. St. 24, E. Tenn. St. 7

November 27 (NCAA I-AA Playoffs)

#10 Massachusetts @ #7 Furman, 1:00
 #13 Florida A&M @ #4 Appalachian State
 #15 Northern Arizona @ #2 Ga. Southern

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

Coaches Defensive Player-of-the-Year
 FS John Keith

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

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 REGULAR SEASON HONORS**

Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week
 LB Will Bouton (Def. vs. William & Mary)
 QB Billy Napier (Fr. vs. William & Mary)
 FS John Keith (Def. vs. Western Carolina)
 TB Louis Ivory (Off. vs. Appalachian State)
 SS Walter Booth (Def. vs. Appalachian State)
 TB Louis Ivory (Off. vs. East Tennessee State)
 QB Justin Hill (Off. vs. Western Carolina)
 QB Justin Hill (Off. vs. Wofford)
 FS John Keith (Def. vs. Wofford)
 CB Richie Jackson (Def. vs. Chattanooga)

ESPN/USA Today National Player-of-the-Week
 SS Walter Booth (Def. vs. Appalachian State)

Holding a tenuous 34-28 lead following a UTC pook put that pinned the Paladins at their 1-yard line with 11:17 left in the game, Furman worked out of the hole with a key first down before Lee Willis punted 32 yards to the UTC 45. From there the Mocs moved to the Furman 38, but the Paladins defense, aided by a pair of UTC penalties, halted the Mocs on downs.

The Paladins took over possession with 5:30 left and three plays later Russell bulled his way up the middle, bounced outside, and rambled 44 yards downfield and into the end zone for the game's decisive touchdown.

Russell finished the game with 101 yards and two touchdowns. His 44-yard scoring run was the second longest of his career.

Tailback Louis Ivory paced Furman's 296-yard rushing attack with 128 yards and a score for his seventh 100-yard game of the season.

Furman jumped out to an 21-7 early second quarter lead before Chattanooga sliced it to 21-14. After both teams traded scores, the Paladins' Des Kitchings delivered one of the game's crucial plays when he fielded a Mocs' kickoff at the 21-yard line and raced 79 yards untouched for a touchdown to give the Paladins a 34-21 advantage with only 16 seconds remaining in the first half.

The win, Furman's fourth straight over Chattanooga, improved the Paladins season record to 9-2. In clinching the Southern Conference crown, the Paladins tied former league member Duke for the most championships in league history with 10.

FURMAN	14	20	0	6	—	40
CHATTANOOGA	7	14	7	7	—	35

- F — Justin Hill 1 run
(Jason Wells kick) 9:33-1Q
- F — Derek Russell 7 run
(Jason Wells kick) 5:47-1Q
- C — Carlos Locklyn 2 run
Matt Vick kick 2:09-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 9 run
(Jason Wells kick) 10:15-2Q
- C — Cos DeMatteo 2 pass from Chris Sanders
(Matt Vick kick) 4:42-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 16 run
(Jason Wells kick) 3:39-2Q
- C — Chris Earl 9 pass from Chris Sanders
(Matt Vick kick) 0:28-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 79 kickoff return
(kick blocked) 0:16-2Q
- C — Jamal Randolph 27 pass from Chris Sanders
(Matt Vick kick) 11:36-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 44 run
(run failed) 5:21-4Q
- C — Charles McNeill 2 run
(Matt Vick kick) 1:47-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 22-128, Russell 15-101, Hill 12-52, Kitchings 1-10, Burton 1-5. C — McNeill 12-54, Locklyn 10-38, Sanders 5-(-6).

Passing: F — Hill 7-10-0-123. C — Sanders 41-66-1-532, DeMatteo 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 1-57, Smerdzinski 4-44, Rentz 2-22. C — Hawkins 12-117, Strickland 9-41, DeMatteo 8-120, McNeill 5-22, Randolph 4-68, Locklyn 1-38, Bandy 1-17, Earl 1-9.

	F	C
First Downs	17	29
Rushing	51-296	27-86
Passing	123	532
C/A/I	7-10-0	41-67-1
Total Offense	419	618

Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties	2-6	8-64
Punts	4-38.0	3-37.7
Possession Time	27:55	32:05
Third Down Conversions	2-10	10-18
Sacks By	2	3

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **NUMBER 10...**In topping Chattanooga 40-35 on Saturday in Chattanooga, Furman clinched a share of the 1999 Southern Conference championship with Georgia Southern and Appalachian State and, in the process, laid claim to the program's 10th league football championship. The 10 crowns represent the most conference titles by a current league school and tie Duke's mark for most football championships in Southern Conference history. Furman claimed outright league titles in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '85, '89, and '90 and shared conference crowns in 1978, '88 and '99.

FURMAN SOCON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Overall Record	SoCon Record
1978	8-3-0	4-1-0
1980	9-1-1	7-0-0
1981	8-3-0	5-2-0
1982	9-3-0	6-1-0
1983	10-2-1	6-0-1
1985	12-2-0	6-0-0
1988	13-2-0	6-1-0
1989	12-2-0	7-0-0
1990	9-4-0	6-1-0
1999	9-2-0	7-1-0

✓ **BOOKEND CHAMPIONSHIPS...**Furman captured the first and last Southern Conference titles of the decade, winning championships in 1990 and 1999. The Paladins posted a 46-31 Southern Conference mark (59.9%) during the 1990s and currently own a 66-47-1 overall record (58.3%) this decade. In the 1980s Furman dominated the Southern Conference, winning seven league titles, including the first (1980) and the last (1989) crowns of that decade.

✓ **PLAYOFF BOUND PALADINS...**In downing Chattanooga 40-35 on Saturday, Furman secured its second NCAA I-AA playoff bid under head coach Bobby Johnson and third post-season invitation of the decade. Johnson directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff finish in 1996. Furman began the 1990s by earning a I-AA playoff bid en route to a 9-4 record and quarterfinal playoff finish. This season's playoff run marks the ninth time the Paladins have qualified for the playoffs (1982, '83, '85, '86, '88, '89, '90, '96, and '99). Massachusetts is making its fifth I-AA playoff appearance (1978, '88, '98, and '99).

FURMAN NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY (11-7)

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1982	South Carolina State	0-17	L
1983	Boston University	35-16	W
	Western Carolina	7-14	L
1985	Rhode Island	59-15	W
	Nevada	35-12	W
	N1-Georgia Southern	42-44	L
1986	Eastern Kentucky	10-23	L
1988	Delaware	21-7	W
	@ Marshall	13-9	W
	Idaho	38-7	W
	N2-Georgia Southern	17-12	W

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

Furman football broadcasts can now be accessed live and on-demand by fans around the world over the internet through broadcast.com., Furman University's official Internet Broadcast Partner and leading aggregator and broadcaster of streaming media programming on the Web.

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

Furman football radio broadcasts will again be available to fans on the TEAMLINE telephone service. Fans can access Furman games by dialing 1-800-846-4700 and entering Furman's four-digit access code (1109).

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>.

1989	William & Mary	24-10	W
	Youngstown State	42-23	W
	Stephen F. Austin	19-21	L
1990	@ Eastern Kentucky	45-17	W
	@ Nevada (3ot)	35-42	L
1996	@ Northern Arizona	42-31	W
	@ Marshall	0-54	L

N1-Tacoma, Wash.
N2-Pocatello, Idaho

UMASS NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY (5-3)

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1978	@ Nevada	44-21	W
	N1-Florida A&M	28-35	L
1988	@ E. Kentucky	17-28	L
1990	@ William & Mary	0-38	L
1998	@ McNeese State	21-19	W
	Lehigh	27-21	W
	@ Northwestern State	41-31	W
	N2-Ga. Southern	55-43	W

N1-Wichita Falls, Texas
N2-Chattanooga, Tenn

✓ **INSIDE THE PLAYOFF NUMBERS...**Furman sports an 11-7 record in NCAA I-AA playoff action. The Paladins are 7-4 in home playoff games and 3-2 in five away playoff contests. Furman is 1-1 in a pair of neutral site playoff clashes against Georgia Southern (national championships). Furman's last four playoff games have been road contests (2-2). Saturday's clash against Massachusetts in Greenville will mark Furman's first home playoff game since the 1989 season when the Paladins dropped a 21-19 verdict to Stephen F. Austin State in the NCAA semi-finals. The Lumberjacks fell to Georgia Southern in the national championship the following week and were later forced to vacate the title of runner-up due to NCAA violations.

✓ **DID YOU KNOW?...**Furman and Massachusetts are the only two teams to defeat Georgia Southern in NCAA I-AA national championship games. The Paladins bested the Eagles 17-12 in Pocatello, Idaho, to claim the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship, and the Minutemen turned the trick on the Eagles last year in Chattanooga, taking a 55-43 decision.

✓ **FURMAN OWNS SECOND BEST PLAYOFF MARK AMONG SOCON TEAMS...**Eight Southern Conference teams have combined to post a 49-31 record in NCAA I-AA playoff competition since the league was reclassified to I-AA in 1982, and Furman ranks second on the list in wins with an 11-7 record (.611%).

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF RECORDS

School	Record	Pct.
Marshall	22-6	.787
FURMAN	11-7	.611
Georgia Southern	6-4	.600
Appalachian State	5-8	.385
Western Carolina	3-1	.750
The Citadel	1-3	.333
East Tennessee State	1-1	.500
Chattanooga	0-1	.000

✓ **FURMAN VERSUS THE ATLANTIC 10...**Furman and Massachusetts shared only one common opponent this season: William & Mary. The Paladins routed the Tribe 52-6 in Williamsburg on

Sept. 18, and the Minutemen topped William & Mary 25-16 in Williamsburg on Nov. 13. Furman owns a 3-0 playoff record against teams that now comprise the Atlantic 10 Conference:

FURMAN PLAYOFF RECORD VERSUS CURRENT ATLANTIC 10 SCHOOLS

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1985	Rhode Island	59-15	W
	(Greenville, S.C. — Quarterfinals)		
1988	Delaware	21-7	W
	(Greenville, S.C. — First Round)		
1989	William & Mary	24-10	W
	(Greenville, S.C. — First Round)		

✓ **IT'S BEEN AWHILE...**Furman's nine wins tie the high water win mark for Bobby Johnson-coached Paladin squad. In 1996, Furman went 8-3 in the regular season and finished with a 9-4 record. The nine regular season wins (9-2) are the most by a Furman team since 1989 when the Paladins posted a 10-1 regular season mark on the way to a 12-2 record. Only nine teams in Furman football history (94 seasons) have won nine games in a regular season, and current head coach Bobby Johnson has had a hand in seven of those squads in the capacities of defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator.

WINNIGEST FURMAN REGULAR SEASONS

Year	Record	Coach
1920	9-1-0	W.L. Laval
1923	9-2-0	W.L. Laval
1927	10-1-0	W.L. Laval
1980	9-1-1	Dick Sheridan
1982	9-2-0	Dick Sheridan
1983	9-1-1	Dick Sheridan
1985	10-1-0	Dick Sheridan
1988	9-2-0	Jimmy Satterfield
1989	10-1-0	Jimmy Satterfield
1999	9-2-0	Bobby Johnson

✓ **TWO TEAMS ON A ROLL...**Furman has now won nine of its last 10 games and 10 of its last 12 contests when including its 31-28 win over Chattanooga in the 1998 season finale. Furman's 41-38 loss to Georgia Southern on Nov. 6 snapped the Paladins' seven-game winning streak. A narrow 24-22 loss to Elon in the season opener is Furman's only other loss in its last 11 games. Massachusetts, meanwhile, is also on a nice run of its own. After starting the season 1-3, the Minutemen bring a seven-game winning streak into Saturday's NCAA I-AA first round playoff game in Paladin Stadium.

✓ **CLIMBING THE LADDER...**A year ago Furman finished 5-6 overall and 3-5 in Southern Conference play, tied for fifth. This year the Paladins fashioned a remarkable turnaround with a 9-2 overall record and 7-1 league mark on the way to earning a share of the 1999 Southern Conference title. The turnaround is even more impressive when considering the Paladins were a pre-season fifth place pick in two polls (coaches and media) and a fourth place pick in the other poll (SIDs).

✓ **BIGGEST TURNAROUND SINCE 1988...**In upping its win total by four over last year (5-6 to 9-2), Furman achieved its biggest turnaround since the 1987 and '88 campaigns when the Paladins went from 7-4 in 1987 to 13-2 in 1988 on the way to the NCAA I-AA national championship.

✓ **HEAVIN' IT...**Chattanooga quarterback Chris

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



Sanders' 532 passing yards in Furman's 40-35 win over the Mocs on Saturday marked the most passing yards ever yielded by Furman to an opposing quarterback. Sanders' mark, which also set a new Southern Conference record, broke the previous standard of 494 yards the Paladins gave up to Rhode Island's Tom Ehrhardt in a 59-15 Paladin win over the Rams in the 1985 NCAA I-AA playoffs. UTC's 532 passing yards tied the 532 total passing yards Furman surrendered to Rhode Island in 1985. Sanders' 41 completions (on 66 attempts) also set a new Furman opponent individual game completions record. Chattanooga's 94 offensive plays against Furman were the most snaps by a Paladin foe this season.

✓ **HOME ATTENDANCE UP 22 PERCENT**...Furman averaged 11,633 fans/game in its five regular season home games this year. That works out to a 22 percent increase over last year's six-game home attendance average of 9,540. The 11,633 season home game average is the highest since 1994, when Furman averaged 12,463 fans in six home games.

✓ **BIGGEST CROWD SINCE 1994 OPENER**...The 14,177 fans who turned out for the Furman-Wofford game on Nov. 13 represented the largest home crowd since Furman's 1994 season opener against South Carolina State, when 15,673 onlookers witnessed a 26-21 Paladin win.

✓ **TAKING DOWN ANOTHER BIG BOY**...Furman represented the Southern Conference in solid fashion last month by thumping North Carolina in decisive fashion, 28-3. The win over North Carolina, which has since lost to Wake Forest (19-3) and defeated N.C. State (10-6) and Duke (38-0), marked Furman's first victory over an NCAA I-A foe since 1985 when the Paladins routed North Carolina State (42-20), only a year after beating the Wolfpack 34-30. In addition to tallying wins over North Carolina and North Carolina State, Furman has also racked up a win (17-14, 1983) and a tie (17-17, 1986) over Georgia Tech and a victory over South Carolina (28-23, 1982) since being reclassified (along with the rest of the Southern Conference) from NCAA I-A to I-AA in 1982. Furman went 4-6-1 against NCAA I-A competition in the 1980s. In the 1990s, the Paladins posted a 1-8 record against I-A opposition.

FURMAN WINS VS. NCAA I-A SINCE 1982

1982	Furman 28, South Carolina 23
1983	Furman 17, Georgia Tech 14
1984	Furman 34, North Carolina State 30
1985	Furman 42, North Carolina State 20
1999	Furman 28, North Carolina 3

✓ **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED SINCE 1952**...The three points Furman surrendered to North Carolina in the 28-3 pasting of the Tar Heels marked the fewest points the Paladins have allowed to a traditional NCAA I-A foe since 1952, when Furman shut out Florida State, 9-0. Traditional I-A is defined as a school that has always been NCAA I-A and was not once a I-A program that was reclassified to NCAA I-AA such as happened to Southern Conference schools in 1982.

✓ **STRONG STARTERS**...In outscoring Chattanooga 14-7 in the first quarter on the way to a 40-35 win on Saturday, Furman continued its season

long first quarter productiveness. Heading into Saturday's first round playoff game against Massachusetts, Furman has outscored the opposition 118-34 in the opening stanza this season. A year ago, Furman barely edged the opposition 76-75 in first quarter scoring.

✓ **PALADINS WINNING SECOND HALF, FOURTH QUARTER BATTLES, TOO**...When Appalachian State scored a meaningless touchdown with 0:13 left in the game in the Paladins' 35-21 triumph over the Mountaineers on Oct. 9, it marked the first fourth quarter score against the Paladins this year. Although Chattanooga edged Furman 7-6 in the fourth quarter of Saturday's game, Furman has outscored the opposition 109-35 in the final stanza and 193-74 in the second half this season

✓ **WINNING ON THE ROAD**...In downing Chattanooga 40-35 in Chattanooga on Saturday, Furman improved its season road record to 5-1. Last year Furman posted a 1-4 road mark.

✓ **PALADINS LEAD GTE DISTRICT III ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM**...Furman senior taiback Stuart Rentz (Pickens, S.C.), junior linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.), and sophomore cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.) were recently named to the GTE District III Academic All-America squad and will now contend for national team honors. Furman's three honorees topped the 18-member squad that was selected from NCAA I-A and I-AA football schools representing Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. To qualify, student-athletes must be a starter or important reserve and must possess a minimum 3.20 grade point average. Rentz, who has rushed for 301 yards and two touchdowns this year, sports a 3.90 GPA in Spanish and business administration. Martin, a starting linebacker, has registered 57 tackles and four tackles-for-loss this year and carries a 3.89 GPA in chemistry. Johnson, meanwhile, owns a 3.21 GPA in health and exercise science and has tallied 51 tackles and an interception in 10 starts this season

✓ **OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT EVIDENT**...One of the keys to Furman's turnaround this year has been the work of the Paladin offense, which heads into Saturday's NCAA I-AA first round playoff game against Massachusetts averaging 37.1 points and 424.4 yards/game. Last year Furman averaged 24.3 points and only 311.1 yards total offense per game. Furman scored 142 more points (409) in the regular season this year than it did (267) a year ago.

FURMAN OFFENSE COMPARISON

Category	1999	1998	Differential
Scoring Offense	37.2	24.3	+12.9
Rushing Offense	288.2	185.0	+103.2
Rushing TDs	42	24	+18
Passing Offense	136.2	126.1	+10.1
Passing TDs	11	8	+3
Passing Efficiency	159.58	118.97	+40.61
Quarterback Sacks All.	9	25	-16
Total Offense	424.4	311.1	+113.3
Yards Per Play	6.6	5.1	+1.5
Third Down Conv.	45.8%	34.8%	+11.0%
Fourth Down Conv.	71.4%	50.0%	+21.4%

✓ **PUTTING UP SOME NEW NUMBERS**...The 1999 campaign has witnessed some new offensive high water marks for Furman, which has

posted three 500-yard total offense performances this season. In grinding up East Tennessee State's defense for 553 yards and 358 rushing yards in a 48-21 win on Oct. 23, Furman added a couple of more offensive statistical superlatives to a list that has expanded noticeably this year beginning with a 509-yard rushing performance in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary on Sept. 18.

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

vs. William & Mary (1999)	509
vs. Wofford (1999)	369
vs. VMI (1997)	365
vs. East Tennessee State (1999)	358
vs. South Carolina State (1996)	355
vs. Wofford (1997)	320
vs. Western Carolina (1996)	318
vs. South Carolina State (1998)	311
vs. Appalachian State (1999)	300

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME TOTAL OFFENSE PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

vs. Western Carolina (1996)	573
vs. East Tennessee State (1999)	553
vs. VMI (1999)	546
vs. William & Mary (1999)	542
vs. VMI (1995)	538
vs. Chattanooga (1996)	516
vs. VMI (1997)	505
vs. VMI (1998)	500

✓ **THE "OTHER" HILL**...While another Southern Conference quarterback by the same last name has garnered his share of headlines this year, Furman's impressive rebound and 9-2 record this year has been fueled, in large part, by the consistent, oftentimes brilliant play of junior quarterback Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.), who is now in his second season as the Paladins' starting signal caller. Hill's play this fall has been excellent, but his record setting performance in the Paladins' 28-3 handling of North Carolina on Oct. 30 may have been his best as a Paladin. Against the Tar Heels, Hill completed 10-of-12 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns covering 60 and 49 yards. He also rushed the football 12 times for 30 yards and another touchdown on a 4-yard run en route to earning Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Perhaps more impressive, but less visible, was Hill's play selection at the line of scrimmage, where he directed Furman to 461 yards in total offense. Somewhat overshadowed by his team's success against North Carolina was Hill's record setting 19 straight pass completions that extended over three games. In completing his first seven attempts the Tar Heels, Hill shattered the Furman mark of 12 straight completions formerly held by Bobby Lamb, his current position coach.

In Furman's 30-3 win over Wofford on Nov. 13, Hill overcame two first half fumbles to post another solid performance, rushing for a career high 134 yards and two touchdowns and passing for 106 yards and a third score on the way to earning his second league offensive player-of-the-week honor of the season. Hill's touchdown runs covered 49 and 10 yards, and his 45-yard touchdown pass to Des Kitchings with nine seconds left in the first half capped a brilliantly executed, 3-play, 71-yard drive that gave Furman a 7-3 halftime lead over the Terriers.

Hill, who has completed 62.9% of his passes this year (88x140), sports an excellent 157.09

passing efficiency rating heading into this Saturday's NCAA I-AA playoff game against Massachusetts. Due in large measure to his play, Furman sports the most efficient passing attack in the Southern Conference through 11 games (159.58 rating).

✓ **TOPPING THE CENTURY MARK...**In rushing for 134 yards and two touchdowns in Furman's 30-3 win over Wofford on Nov. 13, quarterback Justin Hill posted the second 100-yard rushing performance of his career, eclipsing the previous best mark of 107 yards he posted in Furman's 28-7 win over Wofford in 1997. Hill's 134-yard outing against the Terriers marked the fourth best rushing performance by a Paladin quarterback.

TOP FURMAN QB RUSHING PERFORMANCES

Year	Player (Opponent)	Yards
1986	Keith Moore (Western Carolina)	153
1979	Tim Sorrells (Davidson)	142
1985	Bobby Lamb (Marshall)	138
1999	Justin Hill (Wofford)	134
1989	Patrick Baynes (Youngstown St.)	131

✓ **FURMAN 17-7 WITH JUSTIN HILL IN STARTING LINEUP...**Furman is now 17-7 with quarterback Justin Hill in the starting lineup. As a freshman, Hill paced the Paladins to a 3-0 record in three late season starts. A year ago Furman went 5-5 with Hill under center (missed one start due to injury), and this year the Paladins have forged a 9-2 mark with their veteran quarterback at the controls.

✓ **HILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS...**Although his impressive passing numbers (187 yards, 2 TDs) and record setting 19 consecutive completions were the main objects of focus in the Paladins' 28-3 win over North Carolina on Oct. 30, Justin Hill achieved another milestone against the Tar Heels by becoming only the second Furman quarterback in history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a career. In registering 30 rushing yards against North Carolina, Hill joined former Paladin and later Green Bay Packer signal caller David Whitehurst (1,270 yards) as the only Paladin quarterbacks to rush for 1,000 yards in a career. When adding the 52 rushing yards he gained in the Paladins' 40-35 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Hill now has 1,261 career rushing yards, leaving him only nine yards shy of Whitehurst's career rushing yardage standard among Paladin quarterbacks.

In a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Oct. 23, Hill became only the 13th quarterback in Furman history to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a career. Currently with 2,668 yards, the Paladin junior quarterback now ranks 10th on the school's Furman's career passing yards chart.

Hill's 175 yards in total offense against Chattanooga solidified his ninth place standing on Furman's career total offense ledger (3,929 yards). Hill's 17 career passing touchdowns rank ninth in Furman history, and he also stands ninth in career touchdown responsibilities with 31.

FURMAN QB CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	1,270
2)	Justin Hill	1997-	1,261
3)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	875
4)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	716
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95	561

FURMAN CAREER PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	5,851
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	5,731
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	4,594
4)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68	3,993
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95	3,721
6)	David Charpia	1980-83	3,591
7)	David Henderson	1976-79	3,582
8)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	3,122
9)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	2,945
10)	Justin Hill	1997-	2,668
11)	Billy Canty	1958-61	2,460
12)	Billy Baker	1956-59	2,315
13)	Cleve Hightower	1968-70	1,866
14)	John DeLeo	1970-71	1,778
15)	Keith Moore	1984-87	1,743

FURMAN CAREER PASSING TD LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	TDs
1)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	47
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-95	42
3)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	38
4)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	31
5)	Billy Canty	1958-61	24
6)	Philly Jones	1991-95	23
7)	David Charpia	1980-83	22
	David Henderson	1976-79	22
	David Whitehurst	1973-76	22
8)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68	20
9)	Justin Hill	1997-	17
10)	Hugh Swilling	1989-92	16

FURMAN CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	6,726
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	5,671
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	5,328
4)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
5)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	4,392
6)	Philly Jones	1991-95	4,282
7)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,053
8)	David Charpia	1980-83	3,980
9)	Justin Hill	1997-	3,929
10)	David Henderson	1976-79	3,667
11)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	3,661
12)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68	3,434
13)	Robbie Gardner	1982-85	3,213
14)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038

FURMAN CAREER TD RESPONSIBILITY LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	TDRs
1)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	58
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	55
3)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	48
4)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-95	46
5)	Robbie Gardner	1982-85	43
6)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	41
7)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	40
	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	40
8)	Billy Canty	1958-61	32
9)	Justin Hill	1997-	31
10)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29
11)	Philly Jones	1991-95	27
12)	David Henderson	1976-79	26
	John Bagwell	1984-88	26
13)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	25
	David Charpia	1980-83	25

✓ **IVORY HEADLINES IMPROVED RUSHING ATTACK...**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 the Paladins' lackluster ground game, which finished a disappointing sixth in the Southern Conference last year (185.0

yards/game). The results through 11 games have been more than conclusive as the Paladins are averaging a solid 288.2 yards rushing per game and 5.8 yards per rush thanks, in large measure, to Ivory's team leading 1,376 rushing yards (125.1 ypg) and 14 rushing touchdowns (6.0 ypc).

In rushing for 128 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 40-35 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Ivory posted his seventh 100-yard rushing performance of the season, which also includes a career high 203-yard, two-touchdown worksheet in the Paladins' 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Oct. 23. Furman is 8-0 in games that Ivory has rushed for 100 yards or more.

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING PERFORMANCES

Yards	TD	Opponent	Year
202	2	East Tennessee State	1999
177	1	@ North Carolina	1999
161	2	South Carolina State	1998
151	1	@ William & Mary	1999
150	2	@ Western Carolina	1999
135	2	Appalachian State	1999
128	1	@ Chattanooga	1999
107	1	Wofford	1999

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Opponent	Yards
William Gressette	h-Erskine (1916)	228
Mike Glenn	h-Presbyterian (1980)	261
Ernest Crosby	h-S.C. State (1996)	243
Steve Crislip	a-Carson-Newman (1971)	229
Carl Tremble	a-Chattanooga (1992)	228
William Gressette	a-Presbyterian (1916)	217
John Bagwell	h-Marshall (1987)	213
Louis Ivory	h-E. Tenn. St. (1999)	203
Pat Carroll	a-Carson-Newman (1970)	202
Carl Tremble	h-The Citadel (1990)	202

✓ **IVORY BECOMES FIRST 1,000-YARD RUSHER SINCE 1992...**In rushing 34 times for 177 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 28-3 dismantling of North Carolina on Oct. 30, Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.) became the 10th player in Furman football history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and the first Paladin 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).

FURMAN SEASON 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

Rank	Player	Year	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1992	1,555
2)	Stanford Jennings	1983	1,390
3)	Louis Ivory	1999	1,376
4)	Carl Tremble	1990	1,277
5)	Robbie Gardner	1984	1,232
6)	Stanford Jennings	1981	1,168
7)	Robbie Gardner	1986	1,113
8)	Brian Jager	1985	1,045
9)	Stanford Jennings	1982	1,025
10)	Steve Crislip	1971	1,002

✓ **MORE ON IVORY...**Louis Ivory's 34 rushing attempts against North Carolina represented the fourth most single game rushing attempts in Furman history, and his 177 yards against the Tar Heels marked the first 100-yard performance by a Furman player against an NCAA I-A opponent since Dwight Sterling ran for 126 yards in a 41-10 loss to Florida State in 1987. In rushing 22 times

for 128 yards and a touchdown in Saturday's 40-35 win over Chattanooga, Ivory eclipsed by one attempt Carl Tremble's previous season rushing attempts record of 229 rushes set in 1992 (13 games). Ivory's current 1,376 rushing yards represents the third highest season total in school history and is 179 yards shy of Carl Tremble's school record 1,555 yards (1992, 11 games). Ivory's 14 rushing touchdowns this season is the second highest tally in school history and is only one touchdowns shy of the standard of 15 currently held by Robbie Gardner (1986).

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: MR. VERSATILE...** While there are many talented running backs, receivers, and kick return specialists in the Southern Conference, there is probably no player in the league more versatile than Furman flanker Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.), who put on another impressive display in Saturday's 40-35 win over Chattanooga.

Although he caught only one pass for 57 yards against the Mocs, the one reception set up a Furman touchdown. More importantly, though, Kitchings turned it one of the game's most decisive plays when he returned a kickoff 79 yard for a touchdown just before intermission to give the Paladins a 34-21 lead. The touchdown return was his third of the season on only 12 attempts (SoCon leading 36.8 avg.) and fourth of his career.

Kitchings' solid work Chattanooga followed a strong performance the week before in a 30-3 win over Wofford when he caught three passes for 80 yards and a touchdown (45 yards), rushed six times for 83 yards, and had one kickoff return for 16 yards for 179 all-purpose yards.

In the Paladins' 28-3 win over North Carolina on Oct. 30 Kitchings collected seven receptions for a career high 169 yards and two touchdowns covering 60 and 49 yards. His 60-yard scoring catch put the Paladins ahead 7-0, and the 49-yarder stretched Furman's margin to 21-0 in the second quarter.

Kitchings' work versus North Carolina came after a brilliant outing in Furman's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Oct. 23 when he rushed two times for 25 yards and grabbed four catches for 89 yards and a touchdown covering 63 yards. The 63-yard touchdown catch came on a third-and-eight play and saw him outrun three East Tennessee State defenders to the goal line.

In Furman's 31-17 win over The Citadel on Oct. 16, Kitchings caught three of Furman's eight pass completions and returned a kickoff a career long 95 yards for a touchdown.

Counting his kickoff return for a touchdown against Chattanooga, Des Kitchings has now scored 12 touchdowns on the year — an impressive total that takes on even more significance when considering that four have come via the rush, five as a receiver, and three on kickoff returns.

Kitchings' effectiveness as a ballcarrier has been well documented this year, and he heads into the Massachusetts game with 335 yards rushing on 28 carries (12.0 ypc) and four touchdowns. He is also Furman's leading receiver with 43 catches for 828 yards and five scores, and ranks first in all-purpose yardage (1,604 yards, 145.8 ypg).

✓ **KITCHINGS ON THE CHARTS...** 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 now has 113 receptions for 1,878 yards in his career. The 113 catches places him in a tie for third on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,878 yards in receptions ranks third in school history. Kitchings' 12 career touchdown catches ranks fifth all-time. As a return specialist, Kitchings' 29.3 yards/return average (968 yards, 33 returns, 3 TDs) is well ahead of the current school standard of 27.1 yards/return currently held by Josh Cole (1993-96) and also on pace to eclipse the Southern Conference career standard (28.3 avg.) currently held by Marshall's Troy Brown.

FURMAN CAREER RECEPTIONS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Rec.
1)	Luther Broughton ...	1993-96	135
2)	Josh Cole	1993-96	119
3)	Des Kitchings	1996-	113
	Chas Fox	1982-85	113
5)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	111
6)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	103
7)	Byron Trotter	1968-70	98
8)	Donald Lipscomb ...	1988-91	95
9)	Billy Risher	1979-83	87
10)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	85

FURMAN CAREER RECEIVING YARDS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Chas Fox	1982-85	2,158
2)	Donald Lipscomb ...	1988-91	2,148
3)	Des Kitchings	1996-	1,878
4)	Luther Broughton ...	1993-96	1,659
5)	Josh Cole	1993-96	1,606
6)	Billy Risher	1979-83	1,561
7)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	1,443
8)	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	1,396
9)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	1,375
10)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	1,342

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)	Des Kitchings	1996-	12
6)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	11
	Josh Cole	1993-96	11
7)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	10
8)	Donald Lipscomb ...	1988-91	9
9)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	8
	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	8

✓ **WELLS ADDING TO KICK SCORING STANDARD...** In Furman's 31-17 win over The Citadel on Oct. 16, senior placekicker Jason Wells (Lawton, Okla.) became Furman's all-time kick scoring leader, surpassing former great Mike Wood (1986-89). In addition to setting a new school career standard, Wells, who now has 254 career points following four PATs in Furman's 40-35 win over Chattanooga, delivered a knockout blow to The Citadel when he scooped up a botched Furman field goal snap and lobbed a pass toward the goal line, where it bounced off two Citadel players into the hands of Furman's Patrick Garner (Greenville, S.C.) for a touchdown play that earned Compaq's "Most Unusual" Play-of-the-Week. Wells' career numbers heading into Saturday's game against Massachusetts include 35x58 FGs (.603) and 149x157 PATs (.949).

FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Jason Wells	1996-	254
1)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
3)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
4)	Glen Connally	1988-90	188
5)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177

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)	Jason Wells	1996-	254
5)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
6)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richer	1992-95	214
7)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
8)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192
9)	Glenn Connally	1988-90	188
10)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177

✓ **FURMAN OL POWERING THE WAY...** Paced by senior guard Ben Hall (Royston, S.C.), a pre-season All-Southern Conference selection, Furman's offensive line has delivered very consistent play thus far in helping the Paladins to a 9-2 record. Hall, the most veteran of Furman's offensive linemen, has now started in 34 consecutive games and has earned winning grades in 31 of those starts, including a 92% blocking performance in Saturday's 40-35 win over Chattanooga.

One encouraging aspect of Furman's offensive line work is it includes only one senior (Hall), and features several very experienced underclassmen, including sophomore left guard Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio), who has now started in 19 straight games after registering eight starts as a freshman a year ago. At left tackle, sophomore Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.) has now started in 20 consecutive games following a freshman campaign in 1998 that included nine starts. Junior right tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), meanwhile, now counts 17 starts in his career. The youngest member of Furman's offensive line and team's strongest player (480 bench press, 650 squat, 352 power clean), sophomore center Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.) earned the 12th start of his still young career in Saturday's win over Chattanooga.

In addition to paving the way for some impressive offensive numbers this season, Furman's offensive front has surrendered only nine sacks to opponents through 11 games. Last year, Paladin opponents racked up 25 sacks.

✓ **DEFENSE TURNING THE CORNER...** A year ago Furman's defense surrendered 25.7 points per game and faded noticeably down the stretch, yielding 31.0 points and 432.3 yards/game over the final six outings (1-5). This year, Furman appears to have turned the corner defensively. Through 11 games (9-2), the Paladins are surrendering 17.2 points per game, and Furman is doing it with some noticeable youth. Comprising the Paladins' two-deep defensive chart in Saturday's game against Chattanooga were four seniors, three juniors, 11 sophomores, and four freshmen.

✓ **BOUTON LEADING THE WAY...** One of the most experienced sophomore defensive players in the Southern Conference, Paladin middle line-backer Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.), a starter 22

straight games, currently ranks second among Paladin tacklers with 114 stops through 11 contests.

One of three starting sophomore linebackers in Furman's lineup, Bouton, who recorded 10 tackles and a sack in the Paladins' 40-35 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, already has 225 tackles and 18 tackles-for-loss in his young career. He appears to be well on his way to making good on his pre-season All-Southern Conference selection by the league head coaches.

✓ **JACKSON NABS EIGHTH CAREER PICKOFF**...Although only a sophomore, cornerback Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio) has already earned starts in 22 games and has posted nine interceptions in his career, with No. 9 coming on Saturday in the Paladins' 40-35 win over Chattanooga. In addition to the interception against the Mocs, Jackson totaled eight tackles, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery, which he returned 32 yards to set up a Furman score. His work against Mocs earned him Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week. In his last three games, Jackson has tallied three interceptions. As a freshman a year ago, Jackson ranked second in the Southern Conference with five interceptions.

✓ **JOHN KEITH AMONG 16 NOMINEES FOR BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD**...Furman senior free safety John Keith (Newnan, Ga.) has been named among 16 finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, which is given annually to the top defensive player in NCAA I-AA football. Furman's leading tackler through 11 games with 116 stops, Keith is a three-year starter and All-Southern Conference performer who was named pre-season league defensive player-of-the-year by conference head coaches.

✓ **KEITH PLAYING LIKE A "PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR"**...After an injury plagued 1998 season, senior All-Southern Conference free safety John Keith (Newnan, Ga.) assumed the much needed role of leader of Furman's defense in 1999, and his presence played a critical role in the Paladins' drive to the Southern Conference title.

That presence was in sharp display in the Paladins' convincing 30-3 win over Wofford on Nov. 13, with Keith racking up 17 tackles and making several outstanding plays to deny Wofford first downs on six fourth-and-short plays. For his work, he was named league defensive player-of-the-week for the second time this season.

Selected by Southern Conference head coaches as the league's pre-season defensive player-of-the-year, Keith, who tallied a career high 20 tackles and two tackles-for-loss two weeks ago in the Paladins' 41-38 loss to Georgia Southern, made a successful move from strong safety to free safety in the pre-season. In the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2, Keith earned league defensive player-of-the-week accolades after notching 12 tackles, a tackle-for-loss, and two interceptions — the 10th and 11th interceptions of his fine career.

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. Despite the injury plagued 1998 campaign, Keith has totaled 304 tackles and 11 interceptions in his career. One of his 11 pickoffs includes a school record 99-yard return in a 43-21 Furman win over Chattanooga in the 1997 season finale.

✓ **BEGINNING TO FIND THE QB**...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. In registering two sacks in its 40-35 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Furman upped its season sack total to 14.

✓ **FRESHMAN IMPACT ON DL**...A pair of true freshmen, rush end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) and tackle LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.) have made significant contributions along Furman's defensive front this year. At defensive end, Overdyke has registered three starts and has garnered 26 tackles, four tackles-for-loss, and two sacks. Sperling, meanwhile, has posted starts in six games this year and his numbers include 26 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, a pair of sacks, and a forced fumble.

✓ **DEREK RUSSELL: TD MAN**...Junior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) ranks as Furman's fourth leading rusher (324 yards) through 11 games, but his 12 rushing touchdowns trails only tailback Louis Ivory's team leading 14 rushing scores. A go-to man for the Paladins near the goal line, Russell enjoyed his best rushing performance of the season in the Paladins' 40-35 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, tallying 101 yards and two scores, including what proved to be the game winning 44-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

✓ **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 11 starts, Martin has tallied 57 tackles, four tackles-for-loss, five pass deflections, and an interception. A chemistry major and strong GTE Academic All-America candidate, 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."

✓ **REMARKABLE STUART RENTZ**...In rushing for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI on Sept. 25, 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 1,334 yards and 10 touchdowns in his career and has averaged 6.2 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, FRIERSON OUT FOR SEASON**...Nose guard/defensive tackle Ryan Bussard (Marietta, Ga.) and linebacker Sterling Frierson (Woodrow, S.C.), both redshirt freshmen, will miss the remainder of the 1999 season due to injuries. The culprit in Bussard's case is slow rehabilitation associated with a posterior cartilage tear in his left shoulder, a problem that will likely require surgery. Frierson, meanwhile, underwent surgery in late October to repair a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament sustained in the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2.

✓ **ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS**...Furman's 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 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.

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

✎ 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.

✓ **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).

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL**...Furman currently has two players in the National Football League. Tight end Luther Broughton '97 of the Philadelphia Eagles is now in his third year of professional football after being traded by the Carolina Panthers to the Eagles prior to the start of the 1999 season. Broughton was originally drafted by the Eagles in the fifth round but was signed by Carolina off Philadelphia's practice squad following the 1997 campaign. Linebacker Orlando Ruff '99 is Furman's other football alumnus in the NFL and is now in his first season with the San Diego Chargers.

FURMAN PALADINS VS. MASSACHUSETTS 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 SANSBURY	(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	55	BOBBY HUBBARD	(6-3, 229, Sr.)
	47	Eddie Overdyke	(6-2, 224, Fr.)
ST	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	(6-3, 252, Fr.)
	64	Steve DeBeer	(6-5, 281, So.)
NG	78	RYAN SPENCER	(6-3, 291, So.)
	64	Steve DeBeer	(6-5, 281, So.)
WT	97	STEVE KUPCHINSKY	(6-4, 269, Jr.)
	48	Brian Conner	(6-2, 245, Sr.)
SLB	9	JOHN THRIFT	(6-0, 214, So.)
	41	Andrew Knight	(6-0, 211, Fr.)
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.)

MASSACHUSETTS OFFENSE (Multiple)

WR	22	Steve Ley	(6-2, 200, Jr.)
	26	Jimmie Howard	(5-11, 170, Fr.)
LT	79	Corey Mitchell	(6-4, 300, So.)
	75	Joe Frawley	(6-4, 280, Jr.)
LG	67	Mike Wynne	(6-2, 285, Sr.)
	65	Jamil Thomas	(6-2, 278, Sr.)
C	70	Maikel Miret	(6-3, 275, Fr.)
	53	Ryan Woods	(6-1, 270, Jr.)
RG	68	Tyler Lauback	(6-3, 290, Jr.)
	55	Scott Shearer	(6-0, 236, Sr.)
RT	78	Cliff Bolden	(6-4, 300, Sr.)
	77	Bryah Gifford	(6-3, 255, So.)
TE	17	Sean Higgins	(6-2, 219, Sr.)
	89	Greg Ward	(6-3, 230, Fr.)
WR	2	Adrian Zullo	(5-7, 151, So.)
	15	Eric Bross	(6-3, 200, So.)
QB	10	Todd Bankhead	(6-3, 219, Sr.)
	7	Kelly Seibert	(6-2, 213, Fr.)
FB	44	Pete Cariello	(6-1, 233, So.)
	43	Brian Kozikowski	(6-2, 232, So.)
TB	5	Marcel Shipp	(6-0, 212, Jr.)
	8	Kevin Quinlan	(5-10, 170, So.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEFENSE (43)

DE	93	Dan Schneider	(6-4, 255, Jr.)
	59	Joe Abasciano	6-1, 230, Sr.)
DT	99	Paul Bolden	(6-4, 270, Jr.)
	92	Mike Cirullo	(6-3, 245, Jr.)
DT	98	Aaron Parker	(6-3, 272, Sr.)
	90	Khalil Blakey	(6-3, 252, Fr.)
DE	54	Chris Price	6-3, 232, Sr.)
	97	Pierre Royer	(6-3, 221, So.)
LB	42	Dan Healey	(6-1, 214, Sr.)
	6	Corey Potter	(5-11, 200, Fr.)
LB	50	Kole Ayi	(6-0, 226, Jr.)
	52	Compton Webster	(5-11, 230, Jr.)
LB	56	Matt Dawson	(6-0, 225, Sr.)
	6	Corey Potter	(5-11, 210, Fr.)
CB	3	Jerard White	(6-1, 208, Sr.)
	31	Nelson Ovalles	(5-11, 177, So.)
CB	19	Willie Hemmer	(5-9, 188, Sr.)
	23	Shawn Murray	(5-11, 185, Fr.)
SS	20	Brian Smith	(6-1, 195, Jr.)
	21	Bryan King	(6-0, 184, Jr.)
FS	1	Jeremy Robinson	(6-2, 194, So.)
	4	Lance Overby	(6-1, 194, Jr.)

MASSACHUSETTS SPECIALISTS

PK	86	Jason Cherry	(6-0, 160, So.)
KO	39	Doug White	(5-11, 170, Fr.)
P	41	David Sanger	(6-2, 225, Fr.)
SSN	55	Scott Shearer	(6-0, 236, Sr.)
LSN	55	Scott Shearer	(6-0, 236, Sr.)
H	7	Kelly Seibert	(6-2, 213, Fr.)
KOR	8	Kevin Quinlan	(5-10, 170, So.)
PR	9	DeShon Hardy	(6-0, 205, So.)

1999 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUAL

Longest Run From Scrimmage	60,	Justin Hill vs. The Citadel	66,	Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern
Longest Pass Completion	63,	Justin Hill to Des Kitchings vs. East Tennessee State	64,	Greg Hill to Dedric Parham, Ga. Southern
Longest Punt Return	21,	Zach Smerdzinski vs. VMI	38,	Michael Banks, Western Carolina
Longest Kickoff Return	95,	Des Kitchings vs. The Citadel	80,	Earthwind Moreland, Ga. Southern
Longest Interception Return	59,	Josh Cooper vs. East Tennessee State	24,	Sam Ames, Elon
Longest Fumble Return	32,	Richie Jackson vs. Chattanooga	59,	Brian Reilly, Appalachian State
Longest Punt	54,	Lee Willis vs. Appalachian State	48.8,	Brian Schmitz, North Carolina
Best Punting Average	43.0	Lee Willis vs. Western Carolina	44,	Josh Jones, Western Carolina
Longest Field Goal	26,	Jason Wells vs. William & Mary	55,	Stuart Jones, Appalachian State
Longest Field Goal Attempt	48,	Jason Wells vs. VMI	28,	Greg Hill, Ga. Southern
Most Rushing Attempts	34,	Louis Ivory vs. North Carolina	219,	Greg Hill, Ga. Southern
Most Rushing Yards	203,	Louis Ivory vs. East Tennessee State	66,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Pass Attempts	20,	Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina	41,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Pass Completions	13,	Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina	532,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga (Opponent Record)
Most Passing Yards	187,	Justin Hill vs. North Carolina	3,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Touchdown Passes	2,	Justin Hill vs. East Tennessee State & North Carolina	71,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Total Offense Attempts	37,	Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina	526,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Total Offense Yards	289,	Justin Hill vs. Ga. Southern	12,	Stefpon Hawkins, Chattanooga
Most Passes Caught	7,	Des Kitchings vs. Elon & North Carolina	1,	seven players
Most Touchdown Passes Caught	2,	Des Kitchings vs. North Carolina	117,	Stefpon Hawkins, Chattanooga
Most Pass Reception Yardage	169,	Des Kitchings vs. North Carolina	18,	Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern
Most Points Scored	18,	Louis Ivory vs. VMI	3,	Adrian Peterson, Ga. Southern
Most Touchdown Responsibilities	3,	Louis Ivory vs. VMI	5,	Chris Chambers, Ga. Southern
Most Touchdowns Scored	3,	Justin Hill vs. North Carolina & Wofford	2,	three players
Most PATs	7,	Louis Ivory vs. VMI	2,	Jimmy Lindsey, Chattanooga
Most Field Goals	1,	Jason Wells vs. William & Mary & Elon		
Most Sacks	2,	Jason Wells vs. four opponents		
		Steve Kupchinsky vs. William & Mary		

TEAM

Offense

	Best	
Points Scored	58,	vs. VMI
Touchdowns Scored	9,	vs. VMI
First Downs	27,	vs. William & Mary
Rushing Attempts	63,	vs. Appalachian State
Rushing Yards	509,	vs. William & Mary
Rushing Touchdowns	8,	vs. VMI
Pass Attempts	25,	vs. Ga. Southern
Pass Completions	14,	vs. Ga. Southern
Passing Yards	240,	vs. Ga. Southern
Had Intercepted	0,	by seven opponents
Passing Touchdowns	3,	vs. East Tennessee State
Total Plays	75,	vs. Appalachian State
Total Offense	553,	vs. East Tennessee State
Average Gain Per Play	8.6,	vs. East Tennessee State
Fumbles Lost	0,	vs. William & Mary, VMI, and Appalachian State
Punts	1,	vs. VMI
Punt Return Yards	62,	vs. VMI
Kickoff Return Yards	145,	vs. Chattanooga
Possession Time	38:38,	vs. Appalachian State
Third Down Conversion%	72.7% (8-11),	vs. East Tennessee State
Quarterback Sacks	0,	by six opponents

Defense

	Best	
Points Scored	0,	by VMI
First Downs	4,	by VMI (tied school record)
Rushing Attempts	27,	by Chattanooga
Rushing Yards	80,	by VMI
Rushing Touchdowns	0,	by William & Mary, VMI, & Wofford
Pass Attempts	7,	by VMI
Pass Completions	3,	by Elon
Passing Yards	23,	by VMI
Interceptions	4,	vs. Western Carolina
Passing Touchdowns	0,	by five opponents
Total Plays	44,	by VMI
Total Offense	103,	by VMI
Average Gain Per Play	2.3,	by VMI
Fumbles Recovered	2,	vs. Elon, William & Mary, & VMI
Punts	8,	by VMI & North Carolina
Punt Return Yards	-2,	by Appalachian State
Kickoff Return Yards	62,	by Chattanooga
Possession Time	21:22,	by Appalachian State
Third Down Conversion%	20.0% (3-15),	by North Carolina
Quarterback Sacks	3,	vs. William & Mary

Worst

22,	vs. Elon
3,	vs. Elon
15,	vs. Elon
36,	vs. The Citadel
137,	vs. Ga. Southern
1,	vs. Elon
10,	vs. William & Mary, The Citadel, & Chattanooga
3,	vs. William & Mary
33,	vs. William & Mary
2,	by Elon & Ga. Southern
0,	vs. four opponents
54,	vs. Elon
260,	vs. Elon
4.8,	vs. Elon
4,	vs. Wofford
6,	vs. Appalachian State
0,	vs. William & Mary & The Citadel
8,	vs. VMI
22:58,	vs. The Citadel
18.1% (2-11),	vs. Elon
2,	by three opponents

Worst

41,	by Ga. Southern
29,	by Chattanooga
59,	by Ga. Southern
471,	by Ga. Southern
4,	by Ga. Southern
67,	by Chattanooga
41,	by Chattanooga
532,	by Chattanooga
0,	vs. Elon, VMI, and North Carolina
3,	by Chattanooga
94,	by Chattanooga
618,	by Chattanooga
9.1,	by Ga. Southern
0,	vs. four opponents
1,	by three opponents
42,	by Elon
225,	by William & Mary
37:02,	by The Citadel
58.3% (7-of-12),	by Western Carolina
0,	vs. Appalachian State & Ga. Southern

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 Hershale 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 — Hershale 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

- F — 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 35, APPALACHIAN ST. 21

GREENVILLE (Oct. 9, 1999) — Tailback Louis Ivory rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and strong safety Walter Booth tied a school record with three interceptions to lead Furman to a 35-21 upset win over nationally third-ranked Appalachian State in front of 13,052 fans at Paladin Stadium.

The victory, the Paladins' fourth straight, marked Furman's third win in its last four games against Appalachian State, the highest ranked opponent Furman has defeated since 1993, when the Paladins rolled up second-ranked Marshall 17-3 in Greenville.

With Furman holding a 7-0 lead, Ivory tallied his first score on a 16-yard run at the 5:48 mark of the first quarter to put the Paladins ahead 14-0. Later, in the second period, Ivory completed a 13-play, 79-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown plunge to put Furman ahead 21-7.

The Paladins took control of the contest in the third period with a pair of scores, including a 3-yard scoring run by fullback Derek Russell and a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Justin Hill to make it a 35-14 game. Appalachian State accounted for the game's final points with a touchdown with only 0:13 remaining.

Furman's offense proved to be too tough for the Mountaineers as the Paladins rolled up 300 yards on the ground while controlling the football for 38:28 against the Southern Conference's top rushing defense.

FURMAN	14	7	14	0	—	35
APPALACHIAN ST.	0	14	0	7	—	21

- F — Marty Priore 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:18-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 16 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:48-1Q
- A — Neil Cornatzer fumble recovery in end zone (Stuart Jones kick) 14:53-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:36-2Q
- A — Karim Razzak 3 run (Stuart Jones kick) 6:19-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:49-3Q
- F — Justin Hill 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:17-3Q
- A — Daryl Skinner 2 pass from Joe Burchette (Stuart Jones kick) 0:13-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-135, Hill 16-76, Russell 13-45, Kitchings 2-20, Rentz 4-18, Sanders 1-5, Priore 0-1. A — Jeremiah 11-82, Razzak 11-58, Cornatzer 3-11, Reaves 3-9, Albea 4-8, Burchette 1-2.

Passing: F — Hill 7-12-1-97. A — Reaves 7-19-2-93, Jeremiah 10-17-1-85.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-67, Smerdzinski 2-25, Sansbury 1-5. A — Razzak 5-53, Skinner 5-50, Albea 3-16, Wilcox 2-35, Slade 2-23, Jeremiah 1-5, Cornatzer 1-3.

	F	A
First Downs	22	22
Rushing	63-300	33-170
Passing	97	185
C/A/I	7-12-1	19-38-3
Total Offense	397	355
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties	7-49	1-5
Punts	6-37.3	4-40.8
Possession Time	38:28	21:22
Third Down Conversions	9-17	6-12
Sacks By	0	2

FURMAN 31, THE CITADEL 17

CHARLESTON (Oct. 16, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead Furman to a fifth straight win with 31-17 Southern Conference triumph over arch-rival The Citadel before 14,629 fans at Johnson Hagood Stadium.

Hill connected with tight end Trent Sansbury on a 4-yard scoring strike to put the Paladins ahead 7-0 in the first quarter, and the Greer, S.C., junior later scored on a 2-yard run in the second period to increase Furman's lead to 21-7.

After the Paladins upped the lead to 24-7 on a 23-yard field goal by Jason Wells, The Citadel closed the margin to 24-14 with a 2-yard touchdown run by freshman quarterback Drew Johnson with 2:24 left in the third period.

Furman then caught a huge break when, after moving 54 yards in seven plays, Jason Wells scooped up a botched field goal snap and lobbed a pass that bounced off two Citadel defenders into the hands of 6-foot-9 Paladin senior Patrick Garner for a touchdown at the 14:11 mark of the fourth quarter.

Furman preserved the victory — the fourth in its last five meetings with The Citadel — with a pair of fourth quarter interceptions by cornerback Rodney Johnson and linebacker Will Bouton.

Louis Ivory led all Furman rushers with 98 yards on 21 carries. Justin Hill's afternoon included a season high 88 yards rushing and 96 passing yards. Des Kitchings caught three of Hill's passes for 54 yards and also returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown in the first half to put the Paladins ahead 14-7.

FURMAN	14	7	3	7	—	31
THE CITADEL	7	0	7	3	—	17

- F — Trent Sansburg 4 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 8:45-1Q
- C — Drew Johnson 1 run (Nick Hass kick) 0:07-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 95 kickoff return (Jason Wells kick) 0:00-1Q
- F — Justin Hill 2 run (Jason Wells kick) 4:57-2Q
- F — Jason Wells 23 FG 6:17-3Q
- C — Drew Johnson 2 run (Nick Hass kick) 2:24-3Q
- F — Patrick Garner 6 pass from Jason Wells (Jason Wells kick) 14:11-4Q
- C — Nick Hass 25 FG 6:45-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 21-98, Hill 6-88, Rentz 3-17, Russell 5-7, Napier 1-(-1). C — Johnson 26-138, Murphy 14-62, Jackson 18-55, Hall 2-2.

Passing: F — Hill 7-8-0-96, Wells 1-1-0-6, Rentz 0-1-0-0. C — Johnson 4-9-1-41, Eckert 0-2-1-0, McGill 0-1-0-0, Team 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 3-54, Smerdzinski 2-35, Garner 1-6, Sansbury 1-4, Ivory 1-3. C — Frank 2-8, Jackson 1-27, Barley 1-6.

	F	C
First Downs	13	21
Rushing	36-209	60-257
Passing	102	41
C/A/I	8-10-0	4-13-2
Total Offense	311	298
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	5-60	2-21
Punts	2-36.0	2-30.5
Possession Time	22:58	37:02
Third Down Conversions	4-9	8-17
Sacks By	2	0

FURMAN 48, E. TENN. ST. 21

GREENVILLE (Oct. 23, 1999) — Louis Ivory rushed for a career high 203 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Justin Hill completed all nine pass attempts for 156 yards and a pair of scores to lead 14th-ranked Furman to a 48-21 win over 13th-ranked East Tennessee State in front of 12,572 fans at Paladin Stadium.

Furman, which rolled up a career high 553 yards in total offense on the way to its sixth straight win, wasted little time in taking control, scoring on four of its five first half possessions to take a 27-0 lead on the strength of a 1-yard touchdown run by Derek Russell, a 22-yard touchdown pass from Justin Hill to Zach Smerdzinski, and a pair of Louis Ivory scoring runs covering 8 and 12 yards.

A 3-yard Derek Russell touchdown run on Furman's first possession of the second half put the Paladins up 34-0 and effectively put the game out of reach for the Buccaneers.

Ivory's 202 rushing yards, the tenth 200-yard rushing performance in school history, eclipsed his previous high mark of 161 yards set last year in a 27-19 win over South Carolina State. Hill, meanwhile, tied a school record for consecutive completions (13) first set by his position coach, Bobby Lamb, in 1985.

FURMAN	14	13	14	7	—	48
E. TENN. ST.	0	0	13	8	—	21

- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:11-1Q
- F — Zach Smerdzinski 22 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 3:13-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 8 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:41-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 12 run (Jason Wells kick) 0:38-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (kick failed) 13:24-3Q
- ET — Brandon Walker 4 run (Brian Fuchs kick) 8:57-3Q
- ET — Terrance Sims 1 run (Brian Fuchs kick) 2:54-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 63 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:24-3Q
- F — James Thomas 33 pass from Billy Napier (Jason Wells kick) 11:59-4Q
- ET — Charvin Clark 35 pass from Jamey Chadwell (Scott Carter pass) 4:01-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 22-203, Hill 6-54, Kitchings 2-25, Rentz 4-25, Huguley 1-20, Russell 9-20, Burton 5-13, Napier 4(-2). ET — Walker 19-92, Miller 7-25, Carter 4-14, Wells 3-12, Sims 5-10, Chadwell 1(-5).

Passing: F — Hill 9-9-0-156, Napier 2-2-0-39. ET — Wells 14-24-0-138, Chadwell 8-12-1-120.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-89, Smerdzinski 4-62, Thomas 1-33, Hunter 1-6, Sansbury 1-5. ET — Cooper 5-37, Clark 4-78, Edison 4-47, Rader 3-35, Miller 3-28, Martin 1-14, Walker 1-12, Carter 1-7.

	F	ET
First Downs	26	25
Rushing	53-358	39-148
Passing	195	258
C/A/I	11-11-0	22-36-1
Total Offense	553	406
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties	4-29	5-46
Punts	2-41.5	5-33.6
Possession Time	27:23	32:37
Third Down Conversions	8-11	5-12
Sacks By	1	0

FURMAN 28, NORTH CAROLINA 3

CHAPEL HILL (Oct. 30, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for 187 yards and a pair of touchdowns and rushed for another score to pace Furman to a stunningly decisive 28-3 win over North Carolina at Kenan Stadium.

The win, Furman's seventh straight, marked the Paladins' first victory over an NCAA I-A opponent since a 42-20 verdict over North Carolina State in 1985 and biggest win, margin-wise, over a I-A foe since the Southern Conference was reclassified from I-A to I-AA in 1982.

Hill's touchdown strikes covered 60 and 49 yards to flanker Des Kitchings, who grabbed seven receptions for a career high 169 yards on the afternoon. Tailback Louis Ivory also contributed significantly in the win, rushing a career high 34 times for 177 yards and a score on the way to becoming the first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards in 1992.

The Paladins, who rolled up 461 total yards while limiting the Tar Heels to only 261, jumped on top early with a 60-yard touchdown pass from Hill to Kitchings at the 4:06 mark of the first quarter.

The Paladins made it 14-0 early in the second period when Louis Ivory capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run at the 9:20 juncture.

Hill and Kitchings hooked up on a 49-yard touchdown pass with 5:14 to go in the half to make it 21-0 before North Carolina registered its only score with a field goal following a fumble recovery and return to the Paladin 25.

Headed up by linebacker Will Bouton's 12 tackles and four tackles-for-loss, Furman shutout the Tar Heels in the second half and finished off its masterpiece performance when Justin Hill scored on a 4-yard run off an option keeper to complete an 11-play, 70-yard march with 8:32 left in game.

Hill's work against North Carolina featured a three-game record setting consecutive completion string that ran to 19 straight before being snapped in the second half.

FURMAN	7	14	0	7	—	28
NORTH CAROLINA	0	3	0	0	—	3

- F — Des Kitchings 60 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 4:06-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 4 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:20-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 49 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 5:14-2Q
- UNC — Josh McGee 36 FG 0:58-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 4 run (Jason Wells kick) 8:32-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 34-177, Huguley 1-38, Hill 12-30, Russell 5-26, Burton 2-4, Kitchings 2-2, Team 2(-3). UNC — Brown 18-94, Saunders 3-31, Williams 13-26, Dyer 5-14, Huard 5-8, Team 1-3, Davis 1-1, Robinson 1(-2).

Passing: F — Hill 10-12-0-187. UNC — Williams 4-10-0-60, Huard 2-5-0-11.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-169, Ivory 2-13, Smerdzinski 1-5. UNC — Bailey 3-59, Finger 2-13.

	F	UNC
First Downs	19	11
Rushing	58-274	47-175
Passing	187	71
C/A/I	10-12-0	6-15-0
Total Offense	461	246
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties	7-61	2-15
Punts	6-35.2	8-48.8
Possession Time	35:19	24:41
Third Down Conversions	6-13	3-15
Sacks By	1	0

GA. SOUTHERN 41, FURMAN 38

STATESBORO, GA. (Nov. 6, 1999) — Chris Chambers kicked a 28-yard field goal as time expired to lift nationally fourth-ranked Georgia Southern to a 41-38 win over the seventh-ranked Paladins in front of 18,636 fans at Paulson Stadium.

Chambers' game winning kick, came after Furman quarterback Justin Hill connected with Bryant Huguley on a 34-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 38-38 with 1:43 left. The Eagles' moved into field goal range behind the fleet feet of quarterback Greg Hill, who ran seven times for 65 yards to set up Chambers' decisive field goal.

Trailing 31-7 midway through the third quarter, Furman appeared to be on the verge of a blowout loss, but the Paladins rallied in impressive fashion by taking advantage of a pair of Eagle turnovers.

A 1-yard scoring run by Derek Russell and 40-yard Jason Wells field goal that was set up by a 51-yard Richie Jackson interception return cut Georgia Southern's lead to 31-17 by the end of third quarter.

A 6-yard touchdown run by Adrian Peterson on the first play of the fourth period increased the Eagles' lead to 38-17, but the Paladins struck back with a Derek Russell 28-yard scoring plunge with 12:38 left to make it 38-24.

Furman then converted an interception by linebacker Marion Martin into a quick score, slicing the Eagles' lead to 38-31 following a 5-yard touchdown run by Louis Ivory with 8:47 left.

After forcing a punt and watching Georgia Southern miss a 50-yard field goal try, Furman took just five plays to move 67 yards for the game tying score when Justin Hill found Bryant Huguley behind the Eagle secondary for a 34-yard strike.

Greg Hill paced GSU's attack with 219 yards and two touchdowns while also throwing for 142 yards and a third score. The Eagles also got 197 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Adrian Peterson. Furman was led by Justin Hill, who threw for 240 yards and two touchdowns.

FURMAN	0	7	10	21	—	38
GA. SOUTHERN	7	21	3	10	—	41

- GS — Adrian Peterson 66 run (Chris Chambers kick) 10:24-1Q
- F — Trent Sansbury 7 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 14:00-2Q
- GS — Adrian Peterson 4 run (Chris Chambers kick) 12:45-2Q
- GS — Dedric Parham 30 pass from Greg Hill (Chris Chambers kick) 4:16-2Q
- GS — Greg Hill 41 run (Chris Chambers kick) 0:50-2Q
- GS — Chris Chambers 26 FG 8:02-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 4:45-3Q
- F — Jason Wells 40 FG 0:24-3Q
- GS — Adrian Peterson 6 run (Chris Chambers kick) 14:57-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 2 run (Jason Wells kick) 12:38-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 5 run (Jason Wells kick) 8:47-4Q
- F — Bryant Huguley 34 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 1:43-4Q
- GS — Chris Chambers 28 FG 0:00-4Q

Rushing: F — Hill 14-49, Ivory 16-44, Kitchings 3-24, Russell 6-16, Rentz 2-4. GS — Hill 28-219, Peterson 24-197, Freeman 4-44, Cunningham 3-11.

Passing: F — Hill 14-25-2-240. GS — Hill 6-8-2-142. **Receiving:** F — Kitchings 4-70, Smerdzinski 4-61, nsbury 3-46, Huguley 1-34, Thomas 1-29, Ivory 1-0. GS — Parham 2-29, Freeman 1-18, Cunningham 1-12, Johnson 1-8, Peterson 1-5.

	F	GS
First Downs	22	24
Rushing	41-137	59-471
Passing	240	142
C/A/I	14-25-2	6-8-2
Total Offense	377	613
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	4-37	15-134
Punts	2-27.5	1-48.0
Possession Time	28:16	31:44
Third Down Conversions	3-10	5-11
Sacks By	1	2

FURMAN 30, WOFFORD 3

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Nov. 3, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill rushed for a career high 134 yards and two touchdowns and threw for a third score to lead Furman to a 30-3 victory over Wofford in front of 14,177 onlookers at Paladin Stadium.

Hill connected with flanker Des Kitchings on a 45-yard touchdown pass just seconds before halftime to put Furman ahead 7-3, thereby helping to erase the frustration of four first half Paladin fumbles.

The second half was a different story, however, as Furman tallied twice in the third period on a 22-yard Jason Wells field goal and on a 49-yard Hill touchdown run to take a 17-3 lead.

The Paladins salted the game away with two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter on a 29-yard run by tailback Louis Ivory and Hill's second scoring run of the day, a 10-yard burst with 1:49 left in the contest.

In rolling up 475 yards on offense and limiting the Terriers to a season low three points, Furman all but locked up a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs and, in the process, positioned itself for a share of the 1999 Southern Conference title with a victory in its final game of the season at Chattanooga.

Leading Furman's solid defensive performance against Wofford were free safety John Keith with 17 tackles and linebacker John Thrift, who registered 12 tackles and a caused fumble. The Paladins' strong work against the Terriers on fourth down (0-for-6) enabled Furman to limit Wofford to a season low three points.

FURMAN	0	7	10	13	—	30
WOFFORD	3	0	0	0	—	3

- W — Matt Martin 22 FG 6:31-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 45 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:09-2Q
- F — Jason Wells 22 FG 8:35-3Q
- F — Justin Hill 49 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:23-3Q
- F — Louis Ivory 29 run (Jason Wells kick) 12:03-4Q
- F — Justin Hill 10 run (Jason Wells kick failed) 1:49-4Q

Rushing: F—Hill 11-134, Ivory 20-107, Kitchings 6-83, Russell 5-33, Rentz 5-29, Huguley 1-(-17). W—Wilson 22-99, Hudson 15-63, Hunter 7-43, Foster 5-25, Jones 4-24, McCoy 6-9, Thompson 1-5.

Passing: F—Hill 5-11-0-106. W—Wilson 13-20-1-129.

Receiving: F—Kitchings 3-80, Rinehart 1-15, Rentz 1-11. W—Scott 5-62, Hagood 3-29, Gilmore 2-23, Hunter 1-7, Gaillard 1-7, McCoy 1-1.

	F	W
First Downs	23	22
Rushing	48-369	60-268
Passing	106	129
C/A/I	5-11-0	13-20-1
Total Offense	475	397
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	3-2
Penalties	2-14	6-38
Punts	2-36.0	2-42.0
Possession Time	24:37	35:23
Third Down Conversions	7-11	8-17
Sacks By	1	0

FURMAN 40, CHATTANOOGA 35

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (Nov. 20, 1999) — Fullback Derek Russell's 44-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter propelled Furman to a 40-35 win over Chattanooga and gave the Paladins a share of the 1999 Southern Conference title.

Russell's game winning touchdown run with 4:21 left gave Furman a 40-28 lead, and the Paladins held off Chattanooga's upset bid when Trent Sansbury recovered a Mocs' onside kick at the UTC 44-yard line with 1:43 left after Chattanooga had scored to make it a 40-35 game. Furman sophomore cornerback Richie Jackson sealed the win with an interception at the UTC 26 with only 18 seconds remaining.

Furman's victory didn't come easy as the Paladins had to fend off the accurate arm of UTC quarterback Chris Sanders, who completed 41-of-67 passes for a Southern Conference single game record 532 yards and three touchdowns.

Russell finished the game with 101 yards and two touchdowns. His 44-yard scoring run was the second longest of his career.

Tailback Louis Ivory paced Furman's 296-yard rushing attack with 128 yards and a score for his seventh 100-yard game of the season.

Furman jumped out to an 21-7 early second quarter lead before Chattanooga sliced it to 21-14. After both teams traded scores, the Paladins' Des Kitchings delivered one of the game's crucial plays when he fielded a Mocs' kickoff at the 21-yard line and raced 79 yards untouched for a touchdown to give the Paladins a 34-21 advantage with only 16 seconds remaining in the first half.

The win, Furman's fourth straight over Chattanooga, improved the Paladins season record to 9-2. In clinching the Southern Conference crown, the Paladins tied former league member Duke for the most championships in league history (10).

FURMAN	14	20	0	6	—	40
CHATTANOOGA	7	14	7	7	—	35

- F — Justin Hill 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:33-1Q
- F — Derek Russell 7 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:47-1Q
- C — Carlos Locklyn 2 run (Matt Vick kick) 2:09-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 9 run (Jason Wells kick) 10:15-2Q
- C — Cos DeMatteo 2 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 4:42-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 16 run (Jason Wells kick) 3:39-2Q
- C — Chris Earl 9 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 0:28-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 79 kickoff return (kick blocked) 0:16-2Q
- C — Jamal Randolph 27 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 11:36-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 44 run (run failed) 5:21-4Q
- C — Charles McNeill 2 run (Matt Vick kick) 1:47-4Q

Rushing: F—Ivory 22-128, Russell 15-101, Hill 12-52, Kitchings 1-10, Burton 1-5. C—McNeill 12-54, Locklyn 10-38, Sanders 5-(-6).

Passing: F—Hill 7-10-0-123. C—Sanders 41-66-1-532, DeMatteo 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F—Kitchings 1-57, Smerdzinski 4-44, Rentz 2-22. C—Hawkins 12-117, Strickland 9-41, DeMatteo 8-120, McNeill 5-22, Randolph 4-68, Locklyn 1-38, Bandy 1-17, Earl 1-9.

	F	C
First Downs	17	29
Rushing	51-296	27-86
Passing	123	532
C/A/I	7-10-0	41-67-1
Total Offense	419	618
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties	2-6	8-64
Punts	4-38.0	3-37.7
Possession Time	27:55	32:05
Third Down Conversions	2-10	10-18
Sacks By	2	3