



Oct. 2 @ Western Carolina, 6:00  
 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

**VMI (1-2, 0-1 SoCon)**

Sept. 4 @ Richmond 42, VMI 6  
 Sept. 11 @ VMI 15, Concord 14  
 Sept. 18 East Tennessee State 26, @ VMI 17  
 Sept. 25 @ Furman, 7:00  
 Oct. 2 GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
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 Oct. 30 @ Western Carolina  
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**FURMAN-VMI LAST MEETING**

LEXINGTON (Sept. 26, 1998) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for 215 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including a career-best 87-yard strike to flanker Des Kitchings, to lead Furman to a 51-14 win over VMI and the Paladins' 17th straight win over the Keydets.

After helping Furman to a 17-0 first half lead with an 8-yard touchdown pass to Stuart Rentz, Hill connected with Kitchings on the 87-yard pass play — the third longest in school history — to give the Paladins a 24-0 lead early in the third period. A 20-yard touchdown run by Stuart Rentz a little over three minutes later increased Furman's cushion to 31-0.

Furman rolled up 500 yards in total offense on the afternoon, including 301 yards in the air. VMI, meanwhile, was held to 293 yards total offense.

Kitchings' five receptions for 102 yards paced the Paladin air assault, which also included split end Tyron Berrian's four catches for a game high 136 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown catch in the third period.

<b>FURMAN</b>	7	10	20	14	—	51
<b>VMI</b>	0	0	7	7	—	14

F — Adam Sanders 3 run  
 (Jason Wells kick) 2:26-1Q  
 F — Stuart Rentz 8 pass from Justin Hill  
 (Jason Wells kick) 13:28-2Q  
 F — Jason Wells 24 FG 0:02-2Q  
 F — Des Kitchings 87 pass from Justin Hill  
 (Jason Wells kick) 11:55-3Q  
 F — Stuart Rentz 20 run  
 (Jason Wells kick) 8:18-3Q  
 VMI — Jay Garrett 21 pass from Derrick Funches  
 (Mike Harris kick) 5:17-3Q  
 F — Tyron Berrian 60 pass from Brent Rickman  
 (Jason Wells kick) 4:25-3Q  
 F — Trent Sansbury 26 pass from Brent  
 Rickman (Jason Wells kick) 11:16-4Q  
 F — Quinton Burton 1 run  
 (Jason Wells kick) 8:37-4Q  
 VMI — Teray Frost 32 pass from Aaron Mitchell  
 (Mike Harris kick) 4:53-4Q

**Rushing:** F — Rentz 8-61, Sanders 8-39, Crosby 6-30, Russell 9-22, Burton 7-20, Rickman 2-12,

Hill 3-10, Kitchings 2-7, Addy 2-(-2). VMI — Hunt 6-32, Funches 10-25, Parker 7-18, Cauthen 9-18, Chenault 6-11, Mitchell 1-8.

**Passing:** F — Hill 11-17-0-215, Rickman 2-4-1-86. VMI — Chenault 10-20-1-118, Mitchell 2-2-0-42, Funches 1-1-0-21.

**Receiving:** F — Kitchings 5-102, Berrian 4-136, Stewart 2-29, Sansbury 1-26, Rentz 1-8. VMI — Frost 5-63, Garrett 2-39, Alley 2-22, Neely 1-46, Parker 1-12, Boyer 1-10, Funches 1-(-11).

**Defense:** F — Ruff 11, Bouton 11, Rogers 6.

	<b>F</b>	<b>VMI</b>
First Downs	23	16
Rushing	47-199	39-112
Passing	301	181
C/A/I	13-21-1	13-23-1
Total Offense	500	293
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-2
Penalties	9-64	3-26
Punts	1-42.0	6-36.5
Possession Time	30:34	29:26
Third Down Conversions	7-13	6-15
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	0-0

**FURMAN LAST WEEK**

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 in front of 6,531 stunned spectators at Walter J. 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.

<b>FURMAN</b>	21	3	7	21	—	52
<b>WILLIAM &amp; MARY</b>	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

**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](http://www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/furman/football) or through the university's web site at [www.furman.edu/athletics/football](http://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>.

- 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	WM
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

#### NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **FURMAN 17-2 IN SOCON SEASON OPENERS SINCE 1980...**Furman, which begins its 1999 Southern Conference schedule this Saturday against VMI, has posted a 17-2 record (.895) in league season openers since 1980 and an 8-1 mark (.889) in conference openers since 1990. Under head coach Bobby Johnson, Furman has gone 4-1 in league inaugurals (.800). VMI has been the victim in eight of the Paladins' 17 conference season opening wins, including last year's 51-14 decision in Lexington. Western Carolina is the only school to record wins over Furman in conference season inaugurals since 1980, having claimed victories over the Paladins in 1987 (20-14) and 1994 (35-24). Furman's 1994 loss to Western Carolina in Greenville was the last time the Paladins dropped a league season opener in Greenville.

#### Furman Records Versus Opponents in SoCon Season Openers Since 1980 (17-2)

vs. VMI .....	8-0
vs. Western Carolina .....	3-2
vs. East Tennessee State .....	2-0
vs. Marshall .....	2-0
vs. Appalachian State .....	1-0
vs. Chattanooga .....	1-0

✓ **PALADINS LOOKING TO EXTEND WINNING STREAK OVER VMI...**The first 10 games in the Furman-VMI series yielded a decided advantage for the Keydets, who posted an 8-2 mark against the Paladins from 1946-79. Since 1980, however, it's been an entirely different story as Furman has claimed 17 straight wins over VMI, including last year's 51-14 verdict in Lexington, to

take a 19-8 series advantage. VMI's last win over Furman was a 21-20 decision in Lexington in 1979. The last time the Keydets downed the Paladins in Greenville was in 1977 by a 31-28 count. Furman's current 17-game series winning streak versus VMI is a school standard against league competition. The longest Furman series winning streak versus an opponent is 19, which the Paladins rolled up against Wofford from 1917-47. Furman has outscored VMI 636-202, and has averaged 37.4 ppg to the Keydets' 11.8 ppg over the last 17 games.

✓ **FURMAN 6-1 VERSUS VIRGINIA TEAMS UNDER BOBBY JOHNSON...**Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary on Saturday improved the Paladins' record against Virginia teams to 6-1 under head coach Bobby Johnson. Johnson, who has posted a 5-0 mark against VMI in his tenure at Furman, is now 1-1 versus William & Mary, with the only loss, a 28-26 decision, coming in 1994, in his first season as head coach of the Paladins.

✓ **SWITCHING SIDELINES...**Saturday's Furman-VMI game will afford Paladin assistant coach Ted Cain '74 quite a different perspective. Cain, an Aiken native who earlier this year returned to his alma mater to head up the Paladin tight ends and wide receivers, served as VMI's head coach during the 1997 and '98 seasons prior to rejoining a Paladin program that he first served as an assistant coach from 1978-85. During his first stint as an assistant coach under Dick Sheridan, Cain helped guide the Paladins to six Southern Conference championships. Cain later worked 11 seasons as receivers coach and offensive coordinator at North Carolina State (1986-96) before going to VMI.

✓ **VMI'S MCCOMBS RETURNING TO NATIVE SOIL...**VMI head coach Cal McCombs will return to his native state this Saturday when VMI invades Paladin Stadium. A Belton native, McCombs has long ties to the state, having graduated from The Citadel in 1967 and later coached two seasons at South Carolina (1969-70) before serving as an assistant coach at The Citadel for 13 years (1971-83).

✓ **FURMAN OPTION ATTACK GRINDS UP TRIBE...**Employing an option attack with devastating effect, Furman ground up William & Mary with a near record 509 yards rushing in the Paladins' 52-6 dismantling of the Tribe on Saturday. The 509 rushing yards proved to be the second highest total in school history, trailing only the school standard of 521 yards rolled up against Davidson in a 55-7 win over the Wildcats in 1984. In averaging a heady 9.4 yards per rush against William & Mary, Furman's ground attack proved to be so efficient that the Paladins actually lost the time of possession battle 28:58-31:02, and only took 64 snaps to the Tribe's 76. Overall Furman outgained William & Mary 542-407 in total offense.

#### Furman Top Single Game Rushing Performances

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

#### 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



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

✓ **ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS...**Furman's 52-6 rout on Saturday represented William & Mary's worst loss and biggest home defeat since West Virginia bombed the Tribe 55-6 in 1958. It also marked the first time a Southern Conference team had posted a win in Williamsburg since 1980. Prior to Saturday's loss to Furman, William & Mary had claimed 14 straight wins against Southern Conference competition in Zable Stadium. William & Mary entered Saturday's contest against Furman sporting a 67-15-1 home record (.813) in 19 seasons under current Tribe head coach Jimmie Laycock.

✓ **OFFENSIVE HEIGHTS...**The 542 yards in total offense and 52 points Furman produced on Saturday win over William & Mary rank among the most productive numbers ever posted by a Bobby Johnson-coached Furman squad. The 542 yards was the second highest total, trailing only the 573 yards Furman rolled up in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina in 1996. The 52 points, meanwhile, also ranks second behind the 55 points Furman tallied in a 55-23 win over VMI in 1995. Overall, Furman has posted six, 500-yard total offense efforts and three 50-point scoring performances in Bobby Johnson's five-plus seasons as head coach.

**Furman Top Single Game  
Total Offense Performances  
(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)**

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

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

vs. VMI (1995) .....	55-24 W
vs. William & Mary (1999) .....	52-6 W
vs. VMI (1998) .....	51-14 W
vs. Western Carolina (1998) .....	45-30 W
vs. The Citadel (1994) .....	44-52 L

✓ **QUITE A TURNAROUND...**Furman's 52-6 whitewash of William & Mary, while marking only the second win in the Paladins' last seven games, clearly ranked as Furman's most productive offensive performance of late. In the five games leading up to the William & Mary contest, Furman had been outgained by the opposition in all five contests and had averaged 272.6 yards per outing, while only once posting more than 300 yards in total offense (307 vs. Chattanooga, 31-28 win in '98).

✓ **IVORY LEADING THE WAY...**Heading up Furman's punishing ground attack Saturday against William & Mary was sophomore tailback Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.), who rushed 17 times for 151 yards and a touchdown, which

covered 35 yards. Judging by his performance in the Paladins' first two games (249 yards, 1 TD), it appears Ivory's move from fullback to tailback this fall has been a success. Ivory's switch is an attempt by Furman to jump start its option based ground game, which hasn't produced a 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards in 1992. A year ago Ivory began the season in fine fashion, 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). The 151-yard performance against William & Mary is the second 100-yard performance of his career. He posted a 161-yard, two-touchdown outing as a fullback in the Paladins' 27-19 win over South Carolina State in 1998.

✓ **OFFENSIVE LINE CHECK LIST...**In powering Furman's offensive attack to 542 total yards and 509 yards on the ground in Saturday's win over William & Mary, all five Paladin starting offensive linemen posted winning performances. Sophomore guard Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio) led the way with an "exceptional" grade of 2.02 (.904%) on 52 plays. Sophomore tackle Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.) and sophomore center Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.) were next winning grades of 1.98. Senior All-Southern Conference guard Ben Hall recorded a mark of 1.96 (.884%), and junior tackle Josh Moore posted a grade of 1.90 (.827%).

✓ **KITCHINGS MAULS WILLIAM & MARY, SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD...**Furman senior wide receiver Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.) set a Furman record for rushing yards by a wide receiver by totaling 117 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary on Saturday. Kitchings' work featured only five rushes (23.4 ypc), but it included touchdown runs off reverses covering 51 and 34 yards. He also caught one pass for 12 yards on a day that saw Furman attempt only 10 passes. Kitchings' two touchdown rushes give him three touchdown runs in his career, all of which have come off reverses. His first run covered 65 yards against The Citadel in 1998. In his career Kitchings has rushed 24 times for 336 yards (14.0 ypc).

✓ **KITCHINGS ON THE CHARTS...**In registering a career high seven receptions for 105 yards and a kickoff return for 93 yards and touchdown in the Paladins' season opener against Elon on Sept. 4, senior flanker Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.) placed his name on Furman's career receptions, receiving yards, and longest kickoff return charts. The squad's fastest player (4.36 40-yard dash), Kitchings, who caught one pass for 12 yards in the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary, now has 78 receptions for 1,167 yards in his career. The 78 catches places him all alone in 12th place on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,167 yards in receptions ranks 13th in school history. Kitchings' 93-yard kickoff return, the second of his career, is the seventh longest kickoff return in Furman history.

**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
9)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	85
10)	Brette Simmons	1974-78	82
	Damon Bradley	1989-93	82
11)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	79
12)	<b>Des Kitchings</b>	<b>1996-</b>	<b>78</b>
13)	Kirk Burnett	1983-86	77
	Stanford Jennings	1989-83	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)	Damon Bradley	1989-93	1,204
11)	Brette Simmons	1974-78	1,197
12)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	1,188
13)	<b>Des Kitchings</b>	<b>1996-</b>	<b>1,167</b>
14)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	1,160
15)	Jody Wade	1988-91	1,124
16)	Byron Trotter	1968-70	1,112

✓ **KICK IT DEEP...**After returning a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the Paladins' season opener against Elon, senior Des Kitchings hasn't been allowed to touch the football on kickoffs. In five kickoffs since Kitchings' 93-yard sprint, Furman opponents Elon and William & Mary have pooched kicked or employed line drive grounded kickoffs, leaving Kitchings with still only one return on the year. Kitchings sports a career 28.1 yards per return average on 22 kickoff returns, two of which he has returned for scores.

✓ **WELLS TAKING AIM...**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. For Wells, who initially came to Furman to play soccer, the 1999 campaign should afford him an opportunity to bounce back from a 1998 season that saw him hampered with a bone spur in his left (plant) foot. Despite the injury, he still converted 11x18 FGs and 30x30 PATs, led Furman in scoring (63 points) for a second straight season and, in the process, moved onto the school's career kick scoring and scoring ledgers. Wells' career numbers heading into this Saturday's game against VMI include 31x52 FGs (.596) and 108x113 PATs (.955).

**FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS**

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
2)	Keven Esva	1982-85	214
	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
3)	<b>Jason Wells</b>	<b>1996-</b>	<b>201</b>
4)	Glen Connally	1988-90	188

5)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177
6)	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 Esva	1982-85	214
	Jim Richer	1992-95	214
6)	<b>Jason Wells</b>	<b>1996-</b>	<b>201</b>
7)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
8)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192
9)	Glenn Connally	1988-90	188
10)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177

✓ **HALFWAY THERE...**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 five sacks in the first two games, including three in the 52-6 win over William & Mary on Saturday, Furman is already halfway to matching (and bettering) last year's numbers.

✓ **OVERDYKE GAINS FIRST START...**True freshman Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) gained his first career start at defensive end Saturday in Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary. Stepping in for banged up veterans Bobby Hubbard (Charlotte, N.C.) and Hershhal Pleasant (North Augusta, S.C.), Overdyke played well, tallying five tackles and a quarterback sack in his first start. Overdyke now has eight tackles in two games.

✓ **NAPIER SEES FIRST ACTION...**Redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) registered the first action of his career Saturday in Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary, rushing three times for 19 yards and a touchdown and also completing his only pass attempt for nine yards.

✓ **PLEASANT COMPANY...**One of very few Paladins who did not see action in Saturday's win over William & Mary due to injury (sprained ankle), Furman junior defensive end Hershhal Pleasant (North Augusta, S.C.) got his 1999 season off to a solid start by almost singlehandedly helping Furman post a comeback win in the Paladins' season opener against Elon. In the fourth quarter, Pleasant picked up a Fightin' Christian fumble and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown that cut Elon's lead to 24-22. Then, with 3:50 to go in the game, Pleasant recovered another Elon fumble at the Fightin' Christian 29-yard line, but the Paladins missed what likely would have been a game winning 36-yard field goal in the game's final minute. For Pleasant, who three tackles in the game, including one for loss, the two fumble recoveries were the second and third of his career. His fumble return for a score was the first by a Furman player since Leroy Davies-Venn returned a VMI fumble five yards for a score in a 35-14 Paladin win on Sept. 27, 1997.

✓ **HOLMES RETURN TWO WEEKS AWAY...**Sophomore nose guard Jarrod Holmes (Powder

Springs, Ga.) is likely to be sidelined at least two more weeks due to a hamstring tear sustained over the summer. Holmes, a transfer from SMU who fashioned an impressive spring practice, had been penciled in as Furman's probable starting nose guard heading into pre-season practice, but a slow recovery has sidelined him since the start of pre-season drills. If his rehabilitation continues on schedule, Holmes is expected to return to the practice field the week of the Appalachian State game (Oct. 9).

✓ **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.

✓ **KEITH BACK AND HEALTHY...**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. Selected by Southern Conference head coaches and the league's pre-season defensive player-of-the-year, Keith fashioned a solid pre-season, making what appears to be a successful move from strong safety to free safety, where Furman's coaching staff believes he will be more effective in disrupting opposing offenses. In the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary on Saturday, Keith tallied five tackles and an interception — the ninth of his career. An outstanding tackler, Keith began the 1998 campaign by recording a career high 19 tackles in a loss to 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 will serve as a team co-captain this fall along with strong safety Walter Booth, offensive guard Ben Hall, and tailback Stuart Rentz. Despite the injury plagued 1998 campaign, Keith has totaled 204 tackles and nine interceptions in his career. One of those eight pickoffs was returned a school record 99 yards in a 43-21 Furman win over Chattanooga during the 1997 season.

✓ **FURMAN TO INDUCT 10 INTO HALL-OF-FAME SEPT. 25...**Former football standouts Bruce Gheesling '82 of Covington, Ga., David Charpia '84 of Greenville, Gene Reeder '86 of Woodruff, and Jerome Norris '87 of Anderson will be among 10 greats who will be inducted into the Furman University Athletic Hall-of-Fame in ceremonies prior to this Saturday's football game against VMI. Also set for induction are 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 31-28 (.525), and his last four teams have combined to post a 28-20 slate (.583). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 31-24 (.563). 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 163-81-7 (.664).

#### INJURY REPORT FOR VMI

DT Ryan Bussard (shoulder) -- out for season  
 NG Jarrod Holmes (hamstring) -- out  
 DT Peter Kamm (sprained foot) -- doubtful  
 DE Hershhal Pleasant (sprained ankle) -- probable

## FURMAN PALADINS VS. VMI KEYDETS 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.)
	99	Hershal Pleasant .....	(6-2, 234, Jr.)
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.)

### VMI OFFENSE (Flexbone)

SE	1	AARON YARBOUGH .....	(5-10, 165, Jr.)
	80	Will Alley .....	(6-3, 190, So.)
LT	57	GREG FEDOR .....	(6-4, 275, Jr.)
	75	Bryan Rodriguez .....	(6-4, 255, Fr.)
LG	66	SKIP CARLETON .....	(6-4, 275, Fr.)
	78	Brian Langvasky .....	(6-3, 270, Jr.)
C	50	CABELL BROCKMAN .....	(6-2, 260, Jr.)
	52	Keith Graham .....	(6-3, 255, Jr.)
OG	68	ED WEBB .....	(6-3, 275, So.)
	56	Craig Howard .....	(6-2, 270, Fr.)
RT	69	TIM FRIECE .....	(6-4, 260, So.)
	72	Stephen Brown .....	(6-3, 240, So.)
TE	88	TOM BOYER .....	(6-3, 230, Sr.)
	84	Jay Garrett .....	(6-5, 230, So.)
QB	9	JOEY GIBSON .....	(6-3, 205, Fr.)
	15	Robbie Chenault .....	(6-1, 205, Jr.)
SB	23	P.J. JACKSON .....	(5-7, 175, So.)
	31	Ken White .....	(5-10, 170, So.)
FB	42	DARIUS PARKER .....	(6-0, 230, Sr.)
	20	Gene Cauthen .....	(5-10, 180, So.)
SB	19	TERAY FROST .....	(6-2, 205, Jr.)
	21	Pedro Garcia .....	(6-2, 195, So.)

### DEFENSE (50)

OLB	24	TY WILLIAMS .....	(6-4, 230, Fr.)
	38	Craig Grainger .....	(6-2, 220, Fr.)
LT	71	MATTHEW KLUK .....	(6-2, 245, Fr.)
	70	Matt Prokop .....	(6-6, 240, So.)
NT	53	RYAN CATES .....	(6-2, 240, So.)
	93	Tony Browne .....	(6-2, 280, So.)
RT	41	DARIAN LAFFERTY .....	(6-4, 240, Fr.)
	99	Marcus Stiltner .....	(6-4, 220, Fr.)
OLB	95	LESLIE APEDOE .....	(6-2, 240, Sr.)
	7	Mike Bradley .....	(6-2, 235, Fr.)
ILB	39	CHRIS MORRIS .....	(6-3, 225, Jr.)
	32	Jason Armstead .....	(5-11, 220, So.)
ILB	58	CHRIS WALSH .....	(6-3, 215, Fr.)
	30	Anthony Sturgill .....	(6-1, 255, Fr.)
CB	11	RICHARD HOLLAND .....	(6-0, 175, Jr.)
	49	Deangelo Plather .....	(6-0, 175, Fr.)
SS	2	DEFFY MUBANGU .....	(6-2, 185, Jr.)
	13	Billy Dee Washington .....	(6-2, 190, So.)
FS	4	STILLMAN CLARK .....	(6-0, 185, So.)
	28	Gabe Hensley .....	(5-10, 175, Fr.)
CB	29	QUESUAN WIGFALL .....	(6-0, 190, Jr.)
	47	Ron Vaughns .....	(5-10, 160, Fr.)

### SPECIALISTS

PK	6	MATT MAXEY .....	(5-8, 170, Fr.)
P	12	BRENT BARTH .....	(6-1, 190, Fr.)
KO	6	MATT MAXEY .....	(6-1, 190, Fr.)
LS	98	ROSS BOOTH .....	(6-2, 215, So.)
H	15	ROBBIE CHENAULT .....	(6-1, 205, Jr.)
KOR	11	RICHARD HOLLAND .....	(6-0, 175, Jr.)
	21	Pedro Garcia .....	(6-2, 195, So.)
PR	19	TERAY FROST .....	(6-2, 205, Jr.)