



Game 4 — October 2, 1999
Furman Paladins (2-1; 1-0 SoCon) vs. Western Carolina Catamounts (1-2; 0-1 SoCon)
Cullowhee, North Carolina, E.J. Whitmire Stadium (12,000) — Artificial Surface
6:00 P.M. Kickoff (EDT)
WPEK-FM 98.1 (Live), Broadcast.com (Live)



Furman Football SID: Hunter Reid (864) 294-2061
Furman Web Site: www.furman.edu/athletics

W. Carolina Football SID: Jody Jones (828) 227-7171
Western Carolina Web Site: www.wcu.edu/athletics

THE GAME

Furman travels to Cullowhee, N.C., this Saturday to take on Western Carolina in a key Southern Conference matchup for both teams. The Paladins head into the clash against the Catamounts riding a two-game winning streak, including a 58-0 rout of league rival VMI last Saturday in Greenville. Western Carolina, meanwhile, will be gunning for its first conference win of the season following a 38-10 loss to East Tennessee State in Johnson City last Saturday. Western Carolina's 1999 Southern Conference season opener against The Citadel on Sept. 18 in Cullowhee was postponed due to Hurricane Floyd.

ATTRACTION

Saturday's Furman-Western Carolina game will highlight Parents' Day at Western Carolina University.

THE SERIES

Furman holds a 15-9-2 series advantage over Western Carolina and enters Saturday's game having claimed wins in three of the past four clashes between the two schools, including a 31-7 victory last year in Greenville. Western Carolina knocked off Furman 17-16 two years ago in Cullowhee. In all games played in Cullowhee, Furman has posted a 7-4-1 record versus Western Carolina. In Greenville, the Paladins own an 8-5-1 ledger against the Catamounts.

1971	W	21-14	GREENVILLE
1972	L	15-20	Cullowhee
1975	W	34-0	GREENVILLE
1977	T	24-24	GREENVILLE
1978	W	24-7	Cullowhee
1979	W	23-14	GREENVILLE
1980	W	28-14	Cullowhee
1981	W	31-27	Cullowhee
1982	W	12-6	GREENVILLE
1983	T	17-17	Cullowhee
1983	L	7-14	GREENVILLE
1984	L	19-20	GREENVILLE
1985	W	31-27	Cullowhee
1986	L	13-19	GREENVILLE
1987	L	14-20	Cullowhee
1988	W	31-0	GREENVILLE
1989	W	17-3	Cullowhee
1990	W	42-9	GREENVILLE
1991	W	42-14	Cullowhee
1992	L	27-29	GREENVILLE
1993	L	20-23	Cullowhee
1994	L	24-35	GREENVILLE
1995	W	31-21	Cullowhee
1996	W	45-30	GREENVILLE
1997	L	16-17	Cullowhee
1998	W	31-7	GREENVILLE

In Greenville: Furman leads 8-5-1
 In Cullowhee: Furman leads 7-4-1

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 32-28-0 (.533), 6th Year at Furman
 32-28-0 (.533), 6th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Western Carolina (3-2)

Western Carolina: Bill Bleil (Northwestern College '81)
 10-15 (.400), 3rd Year at Western Carolina
 10-15 (.400), 3rd Year Overall
 Bleil vs. Furman (1-1)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 44.0
 '99 Yards/Game — 449.3
 344.7 Rushing
 104.7 Passing

Western Carolina: Pro Style
 '99 Points/Game — 26.3
 '99 Yards/Game — 298.3
 88.7 Rushing
 209.7 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 10.0
 '99 Yards/Game — 270.7
 179.0 Rushing
 91.7 Passing

Western Carolina: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 29.7
 '99 Yards/Game — 372.3
 214.7 Rushing
 157.7 Passing

1999 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (2-1, 0-0 Southern)
 Sept. 4 Elon 24, @ Furman 22
 Sept. 18 Furman 52, @ William & Mary 6
 Sept. 25 @ Furman 58, Elon 0
 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

Western Carolina (1-2, 0-1 SoCon)
 Sept. 2 @ Western Carolina 59, Mars Hill 0
 Sept. 11 @ Maryland 51, Western Carolina 10
 Sept. 18 The Citadel, ppd. (Hurricane Floyd)
 Sept. 25 @ E. Tenn. St. 38, Western Carolina 10

**1998 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
 FINAL STANDINGS**

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

**1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
 STANDINGS**

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

September 25

@ Georgia Southern 49, Chattanooga 10
 @ Wofford 35, Charleston Southern 13
 @ East Tennessee State 38, Western Carolina 10
 @ Furman 58, VMI 0
 Appalachian State 51, @ The Citadel 0

October 2

Georgia Southern @ VMI, 1:00
 East Tennessee State @ Appalachian State, 2:00
 South Carolina State @The Citadel, 4:00
 Furman @ Western Carolina, 6:00
 Wofford @ Chattanooga, 7:00

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

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

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

Oct. 2	FURMAN, 6:00
Oct. 9	@ Georgia Southern
Oct. 16	WOFFORD
Oct. 23	@ Chattanooga
Oct. 30	VMI
Nov. 6	SAMFORD
Nov. 13	@ Appalachian State

Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	4-30	9-75
Punts	7-36.7	8-46.6
Possession Time	32:33	27:27
Third Down Conversions	7-15	3-13
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	2-10

FURMAN-WESTERN CAROLINA LAST MEETING

GREENVILLE (Oct. 3, 1998) — Defensive backs John Keith and Richie Jackson, and linebacker Will Bouton combined for three interceptions to headline a Furman defensive effort in throttling Western Carolina 31-7 in front of 9,620 fans at Paladin Stadium.

In a struggle that saw Furman total only 263 yards and Western Carolina only 235, it was Furman's defense that came up with the game's decisive plays.

Leading 3-0 following an early 36-yard Jason Wells field goal, Furman used a Richie Jackson interception at the Western Carolina 42 to set up its first touchdown of the game, which came on a 17-yard run by fullback Louis Ivory with 2:38 remaining in the first quarter.

Then, on the Catamounts' next possession, John Keith stepped in front of a Justin Cella pass at the Western Carolina 23. Three plays later, the Paladins upped the margin to 17-0 on a 4-yard touchdown run by Ernest Crosby with 0:37 left in the opening period.

After Western Carolina cut the lead to 17-7 in the second period and a scoreless third quarter, Furman put the game away in the fourth period with Crosby's second touchdown run, a 3-yard plunge, and a 24-yard interception return for a score by Will Bouton with 6:10 left in the game.

FURMAN	17	0	0	14	—	31
W. CAROLINA	0	7	0	0	—	7

- F — Jason Wells 36 FG 9:01-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 17 run
(Jason Wells kick) 2:38-1Q
- F — Ernest Crosby 4 run
(Jason Wells kick) 0:37-1Q
- W — Tracy Biggs 1 run
(Ken Hinsley kick) 2:05-2Q
- F — Ernest Crosby 3 run
(Jason Wells kick) 6:39-4Q
- F — Will Bouton 24 interception return
(Jason Wells kick) 6:10-4Q

Rushing: F — Hill 15-62, Ivory 10-53, Crosby 12-41, Rentz 5-32, Russell 4-13, Kitchings 2-12, Rickman 1-5, Sanders 1-2, Burton 3-1. WC — Hooks 10-65, Hoover 17-57, Biggs 5-55, Cella 1-3, Miller 2-2, Gary 1-0, Runner 3-(-1).

Passing: F — Hill 5-8-0-42. WC — Miller 2-17-1-24, Cella 2-5-2-17, Hunter 1-1-0-13.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-41, Burton 1-1. WC — Miller 2-16, Wright 1-6, Biggs 1-13, Williams 1-9.

Defense: F — Roberson 6, Jackson 6, Thrift 6, Ruff 6.

	F	WC
First Downs	13	12
Rushing	53-221	39-181
Passing	42	54
C/A/I	5-8-0	5-23-3
Total Offense	263	235

FURMAN LAST WEEK

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. Two weeks ago the Paladins downed William & Mary 52-6.

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, Sollomou 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,

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>.

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

NOTING THE PALADINS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

✓ **INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES PLENTIFUL, TOO...**In addition to several team superlatives, several Paladins racked up outstanding individual performances. Among the most outstanding:

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

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

✎ Despite playing only one quarter, senior flanker Desmond Kitchings tallied his third rushing touchdown in two games when he scored on an 11-yard reverse play. Kitchings, who registered touchdowns runs covering 34 and 51 yards two weeks ago in a 52-6 win over William & Mary, has now scored four rushing touchdowns in his career off reverses.

✓ **QUICK STARTS...**In its last two games, Furman has tallied on all seven of its first quarter possessions and has outscored the opposition 48-3 in the first period. Through three games Furman has outscored its opponents 48-10 in the first quarter. A year ago, Furman was outscored 33-14 in the first quarter in its first three contests.

✓ **NO TOUCHDOWNS IN LAST 10 QUARTERS...**In pitching a shutout against VMI last Saturday, Furman's defense extended its streak of not surrendering a touchdown to 10 quarters. During that span, the Paladins have only yielded three field goals.

✓ **FURMAN NOW 18-2 IN SOCON SEASON OPENERS SINCE 1980...**In routing VMI 58-0 last Saturday, Furman improved its record in Southern Conference season openers since 1980 to 18-2 (.900) and 9-1 mark (.900) this decade. Under head coach Bobby Johnson, Furman has now gone 5-1 in league inaugurals (.833). VMI has now been the victim in nine of the Paladins' 18 conference season opening wins.

Furman Records Versus Opponents In SoCon Season Openers Since 1980 (18-2)

vs. VMI	9-0
vs. Western Carolina	3-2
vs. East Tennessee State	2-0
vs. Marshall	2-0
vs. Appalachian State	1-0
vs. Chattanooga	1-0

FURMAN ON INFO CONNECTION

Sport Systems Fax-On-Demand is an automated, 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week service that instantly sends the latest information and releases from the Southern Conference to your fax machine. To access Sports Systems Fax-On-Demand, call (201) 461-5726. You must call the system from the handset of your fax machine. Select the information you are interested in from the directory numbers listed below. Once you have made your selection(s), push the start button on your fax machine. Your information is on its way immediately. This service is for media only!

File	Furman	SoCon
Directory	2400	3000
Football Stats	2401	3001
Football Facts & Game Notes	2402	3002
Football Previous Game Stats	2403	3003
Football Roster(s)	2404	3004
Football Breaking News	2405	3005
SoCon Football Standings		3006
SoCon Player-of-the-Week		3007
NCAA I-AA Football Statistics		3008
NCAA I-AA Football Polls		3009

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



✓ **FURMAN 13-6 IN SOCON ROAD INAUGURALS SINCE 1980**...Overall Furman has proven to be rough on the opposition in Southern Conference road inaugurals since 1980, having posted a 13-6 record over the past 19 years. In the 1990s, however, the Paladins are only 5-4 (3-2 under Bobby Johnson) in their first conference road games of the season. Three of Furman's six losses in league road inaugural games have come at the hands of Saturday's opponent, Western Carolina, which posted decisions over Furman in 1987 (20-14), 1993 (23-20), and 1997 (17-16). Last year Furman trounced VMI 51-14 in the Paladins' first road conference game of the year.

Furman Records Versus Opponents In SoCon Road Season Openers Since 1980 (13-6)

vs. VMI	6-0
vs. Western Carolina	4-3
vs. Appalachian State	1-1
vs. Marshall	1-2
vs. Chattanooga	1-0

✓ **GROUND GAME FUELING FURMAN OFFENSIVE RESURGENCE**...Employing an option attack with devastating effect, Furman has ground up its last two opponents in impressive fashion, totaling 890 yards and 15 touchdowns via the rush in blowouts over William & Mary (52-6) and VMI (58-0). In the win over William & Mary, Furman rolled up 509 yards rushing, only 12 yards shy of the school's single game rushing record. In Saturday's thrashing of VMI, nine Paladin ball carriers combined to rush for 381 yards, the second most productive rushing day for Furman football in Bobby Johnson's five-plus seasons as head coach of the Paladins. Through three games Furman has combined to score 16 touchdowns via the rush, and the Paladins are averaging 344.7 rushing yards/game heading into this Saturday's game against Western Carolina. Last year Furman scored 24 rushing touchdowns all season and averaged 185.0 yards/game via its ground attack.

Furman Top Single Game Rushing Performances

vs. Davidson (1984)	521
vs. William & Mary (1999)	509
vs. Davidson (1953)	504
vs. Davidson (1978)	491
vs. Davidson (1979)	491
vs. Presbyterian (1980)	476
vs. Davidson (1982)	466

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

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

✓ **OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES**...Barely a week after rolling 52 points and 542 yards in total offense in a 52-6 win over William & Mary on Sept. 18, Furman posted a 58-point, 546-yard perfor-

mance in a 58-0 win over VMI. The 58 points are a single game high for Furman under Bobby Johnson, and the 546 yards are the second most ever produced by the Paladins in the Johnson era, trailing only the 573 yards Furman rolled up in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina in 1996. Furman has now posted seven, 500-yard total offense efforts and four 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. VMI (1999)	546
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 (1999)	58-0 W
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

✓ **PALADINS EXTEND WINNING STREAK OVER VMI**...Counting Saturday's 58-0 victory over VMI, Furman has now claimed 18 straight wins over VMI and now owns a 20-8 series advantage over the Keydets. The longest Furman series winning streak versus an opponent is 19, which the Paladins rolled up against Wofford from 1917-47. Furman has now outscored VMI 694-202, and has averaged 38.5 ppg to the Keydets' 11.2 ppg over the last 18 games.

✓ **FURMAN NOW 7-1 VERSUS VIRGINIA TEAMS UNDER BOBBY JOHNSON**...Furman's 58-0 win over VMI last Saturday improved the Paladins' record against Virginia teams to 7-1 under head coach Bobby Johnson. Johnson, who has posted a 6-0 mark against VMI in his tenure at Furman, is 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.

✓ **A LITTLE REDEMPTION**...Saturday's 58-0 blanking of VMI was certainly a pleasurable experience for Furman tight ends and wide receivers coach Ted Cain, who joined the Paladin program as an assistant after being forced out as head coach at VMI prior to the end of the 1998 campaign. Cain, an Aiken native, 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.

✓ **QUITE A TURNAROUND**...Furman's 52-6 whitewash of William & Mary on Sept. 18 and 58-

0 rout of VMI last Saturday, while marking only the second and third wins in the Paladins' last eight games, clearly rank as two of Furman's most productive offensive performances 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). In the last two games, Furman has averaged 544.0 yards and 55.0 points per game.

✓ **PALADINS FINALLY WIN TIME OF POSSESSION, TOTAL PLAYS BATTLE**...In claiming a decisive advantage in time of possession (33:49 to 26:11) and total plays (74-44) in Saturday's 58-0 rout of VMI, Furman snapped a string of five straight games in which it had controlled the football less than the opposition and six games in which opponents had posted more offensive plays than the Paladins. Last year Furman recorded fewer offensive snaps (665) than any other Southern Conference team and finished last in the league in average time of possession (29:26).

✓ **LOUISIVORY MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN FURMAN GROUND 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 Furman's lackluster ground game, which finished a disappointing sixth in the Southern Conference last year (185.0 yards/game). The results through three games have been conclusive as the Paladins are averaging a heady 344.7 yards rushing per game and 7.1 yards per rush thanks, in part, to Ivory's team leading 334 rushing yards (111.3 ypg) and four rushing touchdowns (8.1 ypc). Just how effective Ivory has been was probably best summarized in the first quarter of Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI on Saturday when he scored three touchdowns on runs covering 25, 42, and 6 yards to spark the Paladins to an 27-0 lead. Ivory, who played only one quarter before giving way to reserves, finished the game with 85 yards on six carries. Ivory appears to be a prime candidate to become Furman's first 1,000-yard rusher since the 1992 season when Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards as a senior. A year ago Ivory began the season in fine fashion, working at fullback and rushing for 202 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' first two games before ankle injuries slowed his production. He finished the year with 406 yards and four touchdowns (5.1 ypa). The 151-yard performance against William & Mary two weeks ago was 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 PAVING THE WAY**...Making Furman's offensive exploits possible over the past two weeks has been a Paladin offensive front that has featured several outstanding individual performances. In the 58-0 whitewash of VMI on Saturday, all 13 Paladin offensive linemen in uniform saw action, and three starters recorded "exceptional" grades (2.00 or better). Leading the way was sophomore center Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.), who graded out a 2.00 (92.8%) on

42 plays, sophomore tackle Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.), who also posted a grade of 2.00 (88.1%) on 42 snaps, and junior tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), who garnered a mark of 2.00 (93.1%) on 29 plays. In all, eight Paladin offensive linemen recorded winning grades in the win over VMI (20 plays minimum required to qualify for winning grade).

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION VIA THE RUSH...** Although he played in only one quarter of Furman's 58-0 whitewash of VMI on Saturday, Furman senior wide receiver Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.) continued his string of big plays by scoring his third rushing touchdown in the last two games with an 11-yard run. Two weeks ago, in a 52-6 win over William & Mary, Kitchings became the first wide receiver in Furman history to rush for over 100 yards when he ran for 117 yards and a pair of scores on reverses covering 51 and 34 yards. Counting a 65-yard scoring run on a reverse last year against The Citadel, Kitchings now has four career rushing touchdowns. In his career Kitchings has rushed 26 times for 349 yards (13.4 ypc).

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION THROUGH THE AIR...** In registering a career high seven receptions for 105 yards in the Paladins' season opener against Elon on Sept. 4, senior flanker Des Kitchings placed his name on Furman's career receptions and receiving yards charts. The squad's fastest player (4.36 40-yard dash), Kitchings, who caught three passes for 28 yards in the Paladins' 58-0 win over VMI, now has 81 receptions for 1,195 yards in his career. The 81 catches places him all alone in 11th place on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,195 yards in receptions ranks 12th in school 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)	Des Kitchings	1996-	81
12)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	79
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)	Des Kitchings	1996-	1,195
13)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	1,188
14)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	1,160
15)	Jody Wade	1988-91	1,124
16)	Byron Trotter	1968-70	1,112

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: PRODUCTION ON KICK RETURNS...** After returning a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the Paladins' season opener against Elon, senior Des Kitchings hasn't been allowed to touch the football on kickoffs. In six kickoffs since Kitchings' 93-yard sprint, Furman opponents Elon, William & Mary, and VMI have pooch 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 ON THE CHARTS...** Furman senior placekicker Jason Wells (Lawton, Okla.), a pre-season All-Southern Conference selection, is poised to leave his mark on the school's kick scoring and overall scoring charts. For Wells, who initially came to Furman to play soccer, the 1999 campaign is affording 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 Western Carolina include 32x53 FGs (.604) and 115x120 PATs (.958). With 211 career points, he only needs 15 points to surpass Mike Wood as Furman's all-time kick scoring leader

FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
2)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
3)	Jason Wells	1996-	211
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)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richer	1992-95	214
6)	Jason Wells	1996-	211
7)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
8)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192
9)	Glenn Connally	1988-90	188
10)	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177

✓ **OVER 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 six sacks in the first three games, Furman is already more than halfway to matching (and

bettering) last year's numbers.

✓ **OVERDYKE GAINS SECOND START...** True freshman Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) gained his second career start at defensive end Saturday in Furman's 58-0 win over VMI, and for the second straight week the Paladin newcomer played well, tallying four tackles. He now has 12 tackles and a sack in three games.

✓ **NAPIER IMPRESSIVE, AGAIN...** A week after making his collegiate debut by scoring a touchdown in Furman's 52-6 win over William & Mary, redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) put together another impressive outing by completing 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards and rushing for 28 yards on nine carries in three quarters of play in the Paladins' 58-0 rout of VMI. For his play against VMI, Napier was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week.

✓ **OTHER NEWCOMERS SHINE...** In addition to the performances turned in by Billy Napier and Eddie Overdyke, several other young players made the first significant career contributions in Saturday's win over VMI. In the receiving corps redshirt freshman split James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.) caught the first passes of his career (2 rec., 31 yds.), as did junior split end Bryant Huguley (Valley, Ala.), who had two catches for 21 yards. On defense, true freshman defensive tackle LeBryan Spering (Dacatur, Ga.) recorded the first sack of his career and Furman's only sack of the game, and sophomore linebacker Sterling Frierson (Woodrow, S.C.) tallied a career high nine tackles, a tackle-for-loss, and a forced fumble.

✓ **REMARKABLE STUART RENTZ...** In rushing for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Saturday's 58-0 rout of VMI, 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 1,231 yards and 10 touchdowns in his career and has averaged 6.3 yards per carry. As a freshman in 1996, Rentz, a walk-on and three-time member of the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll, posted two 100-yard rushing performances, including a 125-yard effort in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

✓ **ANOTHER ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC STAR...** Starting weak side inebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) is another outstanding student on Furman's football team who is contributing in a major way on the field. In three starts, Martin has tallied 17 tackles and a pass deflection, the latter of which he earned on a bone crushing hit on William & Mary wide receiver Chris Rosier. A chemistry major, Martin sports a 3.89 GPA and this summer teamed up with university professor Dr. Lon Knight in pioneer chemistry research known as "Mass Selected Matrix Isolation."

✓ **TD MAN (AND OTHER STATISICAL NOTES OF INTEREST)...** Junior fullback Derek Russell

(Austell, Ga.) heads into this Saturday's game against Western Carolina as Furman's fifth leading rusher (72 yards) but leader in touchdowns scored (5) and scoring (30). Furman hasn't suffered a turnover in its last two games (eight quarters). Furman is the least penalized team in the Southern Conference (16 penalties, 126 yards through three games).

✓ **HOLMES SET FOR RETURN AGAINST ASU** Sophomore nose guard Jarrod Holmes (Powder Springs, Ga.) is likely to be sidelined at least another week 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 HELPING PACE FURMAN DEFENSIVE RESURGENCE...** 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. In the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary two weeks ago, Keith tallied five tackles and an interception — the ninth of his career. In limited action in Saturday's 58-0 rout of VMI, Keith notched three tackles and tackle-for-loss. 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 serves as a team co-captain this season along with strong safety Walter Booth, offensive guard Ben Hall, and tailback Stuart Rentz. Despite the injury plagued 1998 campaign, Keith has totaled 204 tackles and nine interceptions in his career. One of his nine pickoffs includes a school record 99-yard return in a 43-21 Furman win over Chattanooga during the 1997 season.

✓ **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 prior to Saturday's win over VMI. Also inducted were Rushia Brown '94 (women's basketball), Bill Dimitrouleas '73 (track & field), Cathy Frohnheiser '94 (softball), Russ Hunt '73 (men's basketball), Janey Strause-McKenna '87 (women's tennis), and Forrest Wakefield '36 (honorary).

✓ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR SIX...** The 1999 season marks Furman head coach Bobby Johnson's sixth year at the helm of the Paladin program and 22nd season of service to the university. After suffering through a 3-8 season in 1994 (the program's first losing season since 1979 and worst record since 1972), Furman rebounded in 1995 to finish 6-5. A year later Johnson, a Columbia native and 1973 Clemson graduate, directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and into the NCAA I-AA playoffs — the program's first playoff appearance since 1990. Furman went 7-4 in 1997 and 5-6 a year ago. Johnson's four-year head coaching record is 32-28 (.533), and his last four teams have combined to post a 29-20 slate (.592). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 32-24 (.571). 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 164-81-7 (.664).

INJURY REPORT FOR WESTERN CAROLINA

DT Ryan Bussard (shoulder) -- out for season
NG Jarrod Holmes (hamstring) -- out

FURMAN PALADINS VS. WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS DEPTH CHART

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

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

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

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

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

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