



**Game 1 — September 2, 2000**  
**Furman Paladins (0-0; 0-0 SoCon) vs. Elon Phoenix (0-0)**  
**Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass**  
**7:00 P.M. Kickoff (EDT)**



**WCSZ-AM 1070 (Live), YahooBroadcast.com (Live), WPEK-FM 98.1 (Tape Delay)**

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**THE GAME**

Saturday's Furman-Elon game is the 2000 season opener for the Paladins and Phoenix. It will also mark the first of three straight home night games for Furman, which will also take on Newberry (Sept. 9) and William & Mary (Sept. 16) under the lights of Paladin Stadium.

**PROMOTION**

The first 1,500 fans to enter Paladin Stadium will receive Furman's 2000 Football Poster, and after the game fans will be treated to a fireworks show sponsored by Bi-Lo.

**THE SERIES**

Furman and Elon have met only three times in football, and the Paladins hold a 2-1 series advantage. Elon, however, captured the last meeting between the two schools, edging Furman 24-22 last year in the 1999 season opener for both schools. The Paladins knocked off the Phoenix 38-20 in 1997.

1920 W 33-0 GREENVILLE  
 1997 W 38-20 GREENVILLE  
 1998 L 22-24 GREENVILLE

In Greenville: Furman leads 2-1

**THE COACHES**

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)  
 39-30 (.565), 7th Year at Furman  
 39-30 (.565), 7th Year Overall  
 Johnson vs. Elon (1-1)

Elon: Al Seagraves (Shippensburg State '75)  
 25-19 (.568), 5th Year at Elon  
 25-19 (.568), 5th Year Overall  
 Seagraves vs. Furman (1-1)

**THE OFFENSES**

Furman: Multiple I  
 '99 Points/Game — 36.0  
 '99 Yards/Game — 424.3  
                                   284.2 Rushing  
                                   140.1 Passing

Elon: Wishbone  
 '99 Points/Game — 31.3  
 '99 Yards/Game — 363.3  
                                   298.0 Rushing  
                                   65.3 Passing

**THE DEFENSES**

Furman: 43  
 '99 Points/Game — 18.3  
 '99 Yards/Game — 385.3  
                                   205.3 Rushing  
                                   180.0 Passing

Elon: 43  
 '99 Points/Game — 17.5  
 '99 Yards/Game — 276.1  
                                   114.0 Rushing  
                                   162.1 Passing

**1999 RESULTS**

Furman (9-3, 7-1 SoCon, #12 TSN)  
 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 30, Furman 23 (ot)\*

**\*NCAA I-AA Playoffs**

Elon (9-2, #20 TSN)  
 Sept. 4 Elon 24, @ Furman 22  
 Sept. 11 Elon 51, @ Delaware State 28  
 Sept. 18 Elon 35, North Alabama 15  
 Sept. 25 Elon 40, North Carolina A&T 7  
 Oct. 2 Elon 20, New Haven 16  
 Oct. 9 @ Western Illinois 20, Elon 14  
 Oct. 16 @ Samford 34, Elon 31 (ot)  
 Oct. 23 Hofstra 21, Elon 9  
 Oct. 30 Elon 38, Charleston Southern 13  
 Nov. 6 Elon 38, @ Liberty 14  
 Nov. 13 Elon 41, Morehead State 6

**2000 SCHEDULE**

Furman (0-0, 0-0 SoCon, #9 TSN, #9 ESPN)  
 Sept. 2 ELON, 7:00  
 Sept. 9 NEWBERRY, 7:00  
 Sept. 16 WILLIAM & MARY, 7:00  
 Sept. 23 @ VMI, 1:00  
 Sept. 30 WESTERN CAROLINA, 2:00  
 Oct. 7 @ Appalachian State, Noon  
 Oct. 14 THE CITADEL, 2:00  
 Oct. 21 @ East Tennessee State, 7:00  
 Nov. 4 GEORGIA SOUTHERN, 2:00  
 Nov. 11 @ Wofford, 3:30  
 Nov. 18 CHATTANOOGA, 2:00

Elon (0-0)  
 Sept. 2 @ Furman, 7:00  
 Sept. 9 DELAWARE STATE  
 Sept. 16 WESTERN KENTUCKY  
 Sept. 23 @ North Carolina A&T  
 Sept. 30 NEW HAVEN  
 Oct. 7 GARDNER-WEBB  
 Oct. 14 SAMFORD  
 Oct. 21 @ Hofstra  
 Oct. 28 @ Charleston Southern  
 Nov. 4 LIBERTY  
 Nov. 11 @ Georgia Southern

**1999 SOCON FINAL STANDINGS**

Team	SoCon	Overall
Georgia Southern	7 1	13 2
Furman	7 1	9 3
Appalachian State	7 1	9 3
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

**2000 SOCON STANDINGS**

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

**August 31**

Samford @ Chattanooga, 7:00  
 Appalachian State @ Wake Forest, 7:30

**September 2**

Duquesne @ VMI, 1:00  
 Georgia Southern @ Georgia, 6:00  
 East Tennessee State @ Liberty, 7:00  
 Elon @ Furman, 7:00  
 The Citadel @ Clemson, 6:00  
 Western Carolina @ LSU, 8:00

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS  
 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

The Sports Network All-America  
 OT Josh Moore (1st Team)  
 TE Trent Sansbury (1st Team)  
 LB Will Bouton (1st Team)

All-Southern Conference (Coaches)

OT Josh Moore  
 OG Marty Priore  
 TE Trent Sansbury  
 C Chris Stewart  
 TB Louis Ivory  
 LB Will Bouton

NCAA I-AA Polls

The Sports Network (9th)  
 ESPN-USA Today (9th)

Southern Conference Polls

Southern Conference Coaches (1st)  
 Southern Conference Media (2nd)

**FURMAN-ELON LAST MEETING**

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 following a 22-yard field goal by the Fightin' Christians' Jim Willis midway through the third quarter, Furman sliced Elon's lead to 24-16 with 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 period when junior defensive end Hershhal Pleasant scooped up an Elon fumble and returned it 30 yards for a score, but the Paladins' failure to convert a two-point pass play allowed Elon to maintain a 24-22 lead.

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

Furman had two other chances to take command, but one opportunity 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, proved unsuccessful when Jason Wells missed a 36-yard field goal with only 38 seconds left in the game.

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

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

Rushing: F — Ivory 18-98, Russell 2-17, Hill 9-14, Kitchings 1-14, Rentz 2-11, Scoggins 1-(-10). E — Ferguson 11-82, Moore 13-74, Thomas 14-54, Bethea 13-50, Jones 2-9, Stevens 5-(-5).  
 Passing: F — Hill 9-15-2-116. E — Moore 2-4-0-13, Stevens 1-3-0-25, Gilchrist 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-105, Smerdzinski 1-6, Rentz 1-5. E — Johnson 1-25, Broadie 1-10, Whitaker 1-3.

	F	E
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-Yards .....	2-9	1-6

**FURMAN LAST TIME OUT**

GREENVILLE (Nov. 27, 1999) -- Massachusetts running back Marcel Shipp's 1-yard scoring run in the first overtime period lifted the defending NCAA I-AA national champion Minutemen to a 30-23 win over host Furman in first round playoff action at Paladin Stadium.

Shipp's game winning score, which highlighted a 170-yard rushing performance, was made possible after Furman's Jason Wells missed a 37-yard field goal with 0:12 left in regulation. The Paladins had used just 1:30 to drive 59 yards in 11 plays to set up Wells' game winning field goal try.

Making its first playoff appearance since 1996, Furman built a 14-10 halftime lead on the strength of a pair of Derek Russell touchdown runs.

Massachusetts retook the lead at 16-14 on Shipp's 13-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter, but Furman's Walter Booth blocked the extra point conversion. The Paladins answered with an 8-play, 82-yard scoring drive that ended on Derek Russell's third 1-yard touchdown plunge of the game at the 8:33 mark of the third period. Furman, however, could not extend its 20-16 lead when a two-point conversion pass went awry.

A 31-yard touchdown pass from Minutemen quarterback Todd Bankhead to Sean Higgins put UMass up 23-20 later in the quarter, but Furman tied the game with a Jason Wells 39-yard field goal early in the final period.

The game's next five possessions ended in four punts and a turnover before Furman moved to the Massachusetts 19 where Wells' game winning field goal try slid just wide of the left upright.

FURMAN	7	7	6	3	0	—	23
UMASS	7	3	13	0	7	—	30

- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 8:53-1Q
- M — Adrian Zullo 15 pass from Todd Bankhead (Jason Cherry kick) 5:00-1Q
- M — Jason Cherry 34 FG 14:21-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:57-2Q
- M — Marcel Shipp 13 run (kick blocked) 11:05-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (pass failed) 8:33-3Q
- M — Sean Higgins 31 pass from Todd Bankhead (Jason Cherry kick) 5:01-3Q
- F — Jason Wells 39 FG 11:12-4Q
- M — Marcel Shipp 1 run (Doug White kick) 0:00-1OT

Rushing: F — Ivory 19-143, Hill 19-40, Kitchings 7-26, Russell 9-13, Burton 3-13, Rentz 1-5. M — Shipp 36-170, Quinlan 6-16, Zullo 1-10, Bankhead 4-6.  
 Passing: F — Hill 15-25-1-183. M — Bankhead 28-41-0-287.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 5-83, Smerdzinski 4-40, Huguley 3-29, Thomas 2-16, Sansbury 1-15. M — Zullo 10-121, Higgins 5-87, Cariello 4-27, Shipp 4-15, Quinlan 3-22, Shearer 1-8, Howard 1-7.

	F	M
First Downs .....	25	28
Rushing .....	58-240	47-202
Passing .....	183	287
C/A/I .....	15-25-1	28-41-0
Total Offense .....	423	489
Fumbles-Lost .....	1-1	2-1
Penalties .....	6-36	4-21
Punts .....	4-34.3	4-39.8
Possession Time .....	30:10	29:50
Third Down Conversions ..	10-17	8-17
Sacks By .....	0-0	2-12

**FURMAN RADIO**

All Furman football games this season can be heard live over Greenville radio station WCSZ-AM (1070).

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 returns to 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. Gordon Higgins returns as sideline reporter, and Robbie Ross will again serve as spotter and scoreboard reporter for the Furman broadcast team. Jimmy Fellers is the executive producer of all Furman football broadcasts.

**FURMAN ON YAHOO BROADCAST.COM**

Furman football broadcasts can again be accessed live and on-demand by fans around the world over the internet through Yahoo Broadcast.com.

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).

**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>.

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE**

The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly coaches' teleconference throughout the 2000 season. The weekly teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday (August 29 - November 14) 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 (712) 271-3576. The password is SoCon.

**2000 SoCon Teleconference Schedule**

10:00 a.m. —	Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07 a.m. —	Don Powers, The Citadel
10:14 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. —	Donnie Kirkpatrick, UTC
10:42 a.m. —	Cal McCombs, VMI
10:49 a.m. —	Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
10:56 a.m. —	Mike Ayers, Wofford

**NOTING THE PALADINS**

✓ **FURMAN TO OPEN 95TH SEASON...**The 2000 season opener against Elon will mark the start of the 95th season of football at Furman. The first school in South Carolina (along with Wofford) to begin playing football, Furman since 1889 has rolled up a 479-381-38 record. A member of the Southern Conference since 1936, Furman has now captured 10 league championships (1978, '80, '81, '82 '83, 85, '88, '89, '90, '99). The Paladins' 10 conference championships match former league member Duke's league high 10 crowns. Furman claimed outright championships in 1980, '81, '82, '83, '85, '89, and '90 and shared conference titles in 1978, '88, and '99.

✓ **FU FOOTBALL NOW SPANS THREE CENTURIES...**When Furman takes the field Saturday against Elon, the Paladins will try to do something no Furman squad has done before: win a century opener. The Paladins dropped a 5-1 verdict to Wofford on Dec. 14, 1889, in its inaugural gridiron contest, and Furman tied Wofford 0-0 in the first game of the 20th century (Oct. 26, 1900).

✓ **PALADINS IN PRE-SEASON POLLS...**A pre-season pick by Southern Conference head coaches to win the league and second place selection in the league (behind Georgia Southern) by conference media, Furman emerged with a consensus No. 9 national ranking in both The Sports Network and ESPN-USA Today Top 25 Pre-Season Polls. The Paladins' ninth place pre-season poll put them behind Georgia Southern and, suprisingly, Appalachian State, which Furman outpolled at the conference level and defeated handily 35-21 a year ago in Greenville. Furman was unranked in last year's pre-season polls and finished the season ranked 12th in the Sports Network Poll and 9th in ESPN-USA Today's Poll.

✓ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR SEVEN...**The 2000 football season will mark Furman head coach Bobby Johnson's seventh year at the helm of the Paladin program and 23rd season of service to the university. After suffering through a 3-8 season in 1994 (the program's first losing season since 1979), 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, 5-6 in 1998, and 9-3 last year on the way to claiming the program's 10th league championship and second NCAA playoff appearance under Johnson. Johnson's six-year head coaching record is 39-30 (.565) and his last five teams have combined to post a 36-22 mark (.620). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 38-26 (.594). 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 171-83-7 (.669).

✓ **JOHNSON=SUCCESS...**Furman's nine wins last year as part of its 9-3 season tied 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 a year ago were 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 at least nine games in a regular season, and Bobby Johnson has had a hand in seven of those squads in the capacities of defensive backs coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach.

**WINNINGEST 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

✓ **PALADINS LOOKING TO IMPROVE RECORD IN SEASON OPENERS...**Furman hasn't had much success in recent season openers, having posting a 1-5 mark in its last six season inaugurals. Furman's opponents, however, have had a lot to do with that lack of success, as four of the Paladins' last six season opening foes have included Clemson (1994, '96, & '98) and Georgia Tech (1995). The other two were Samford (1997) and Elon (1999). Saturday's game against Elon will mark only the second time Furman has played a season opener in Paladin Stadium since 1993. Overall, Furman was just 5-5 in season openers in the 1990s.

**FURMAN IN LAST SIX SEASON OPENERS (1-5)**

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1994	@ Clemson	6-27	L
1995	@ Georgia Tech	7-51	L
1996	@ Clemson	3-19	L
1997	@ Samford	29-10	W
1998	@ Clemson	0-33	L
1999	ELON	22-24	L

✓ **UNDER THE LIGHTS...**Furman's 2000 season opener against Elon will mark only the 10th night game in Paladin Stadium's 20-year, 119-game history. Opened in 1981, Paladin Stadium did not host a night game until the 1991 season when Furman knocked off Liberty 31-7 in the Paladins' home opener. In the nine games under the lights of Paladin Stadium, Furman has posted a solid 7-2 record (.778) and enters the Elon contest having captured four of the last five night games within its home confines, including a 58-0 verdict over VMI last year. The Paladins' only two losses at night in Paladin Stadium came to William & Mary in 1994 (28-26) and Elon last year (24-22). Since assuming the head coaching reins in 1994, Bobby Johnson has directed the Paladins to a 5-2 record (.714) in home night contests, and his first career win as the Paladins' head coach was a 26-21 night verdict over South Carolina State in 1994. Furman is 91-27-1 (.769) overall in Paladin Stadium.

**FURMAN IN PALADIN STADIUM NIGHT GAMES (7-2)**

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1991	Liberty	31-7	W
1992	Liberty	31-13	W
1994	South Carolina State	26-21	W

	William & Mary	26-28	L
1995	Wofford	38-0	W
	VMI	55-24	W
1998	Samford	34-24	W
1999	Elon	22-24	L
	VMI	58-0	W

✓ **FIRST OF SEVEN HOME GAMES...**Furman's season opening clash with Elon on Saturday will mark the first of seven regular season home games for the Paladins this season, and first of four home contests in September. Prior to this year, Furman has only played seven regular season home contests once since moving into Paladin Stadium, and that came in 1987 when the Paladins produced a 5-2 record. Furman played an all-time high nine home games in 1989 and went 8-1, but that run included three playoff contests.

✓ **GETTING OUT OF THE GATE...**With nine offensive starters returning off its 1999 Southern Conference championship squad, Furman will look to extend the first quarter efficiency it rang up last year when it outscored the opposition 125-41 in the opening stanza. Last year's numbers marked a notable improvement over 1998, when the Paladins barely edged the opposition 76-75 in first quarter scoring.

✓ **PALADINS LOOK FOR CONTINUED 4TH QUARTER SUPREMACY, TOO...**As it attempts to match the first quarter efficiency it displayed a year ago, Furman will also try to extend the fourth quarter dominance it demonstrated in 1999 when the Paladins outscored the opposition 112-35 in the final stanza.

✓ **OFFENSIVE EXPECTATIONS...**One of the keys to Furman's outstanding 1999 season was an offense that registered an impressive turnaround from the 1998 season, and with nine starters and 23 lettermen returning this year, Furman's offense may be in position to post even better numbers this fall.

**FURMAN OFFENSE COMPARISON**

Category	1998	1999	Differential
Scoring Offense	24.3	36.0	+11.7
Rushing Offense	185.0	284.2	+99.2
Rushing TDs	24	45	+21
Passing Offense	126.1	140.1	+14.0
Passing TDs	8	11	+3
Passing Efficiency	118.97	153.28	+34.31
Quarterback Sacks All.	25	11	-14
Total Offense	311.1	424.3	+113.2
Yards Per Play	5.1	6.5	+1.5
Third Down Conv.	34.8%	47.3%	+12.1%
Fourth Down Conv.	50.0%	69.6%	+19.6%

✓ **IT'S JUSTIN TIME...**Much of the optimism surrounding Furman's veteran offense this fall is due to the return of senior quarterback and team co-captain Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.). A second team All-Southern Conference pick in 1999, Hill played a major role in leading Furman to a 9-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs a year ago, throwing for 1,519 yards and nine touchdowns while also rushing for 680 yards and eight scores. During one three-game stretch that included wins over The Citadel, East Tennessee State, and North Carolina, Hill completed a school record 19 straight pass attempts, and he finished the season with a 62.4 completion percentage, the second highest season rate in school history. Hill's

680 rushing yards improved his career rushing total to 1,301 yards — the most ever by a Paladin quarterback. Furman is now 17-8 with Hill in the starting lineup. As a freshman in 1997, he paced the Paladins to a 3-0 record in three late season starts. In 1998 Furman went 5-5 with Hill under center (missed one start due to injury), and last season the Paladins forged a 9-3 mark with their veteran quarterback at the controls. The maturity of Hill in 1999 was reflected in the prodigious jump in production by Furman's offense, as the Paladins averaged 36.0 points and 424.3 yards per game after totaling only 24.3 points and 311.1 yards per outing in 1998.

✓ **THE BEST OF HILL...**The following are Justin Hill's top single game rushing, passing, and total offense performances.

**JUSTIN HILL'S TOP RUSHING GAMES**

Yards	TD	Opponent (Year)	Result
134	2	h-Wofford (1999)	30-3 W
107	1	h-Wofford (1997)	28-7 W
97	1	a-Appalachian St. (1998)	13-26 L
94	1	a-William & Mary (1999)	52-6 W

**JUSTIN HILL'S TOP PASSING GAMES**

Yards	TD	Opponent (Year)	Result
240	2	a-Ga. Southern (1999)	38-41 W
215	2	a-VMI (1998)	51-14 W
187	2	a-North Carolina (1999)	28-3 W
183	0	h-Massachusetts (1999)	23-30 L

**JUSTIN HILL'S TOP TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES**

Yards	TDR	Opponent (Year)	Result
289	2	a-Ga. Southern (1999)	38-41 L
240	3	h-Wofford (1999)	30-3 W
225	2	a-VMI (1998)	51-14 W
223	0	h-Massachusetts (1999)	23-30 L
217	3	a-North Carolina (1999)	28-3 W

✓ **HILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS...**Heading into the 2000 season, quarterback Justin Hill is poised to leave his name on a number of school career statistical charts as indicated in the summaries below:

**FURMAN QB CAREER RUSHING LEADERS**

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Justin Hill	1997-	1,301
2)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	1,270
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-	2,851

**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)	Justin Hill	1997-	4,152
8)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,053
9)	David Charpia	1980-83	3,980
10)	David Henderson	1976-79	3,667

**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

✓ **IVORY TO HEADLINE POTENT RUSHING ATTACK...**While Furman's passing attack netted notable improvement in 1999, the biggest turnaround was achieved in the Paladin rushing game, which averaged 284.2 yards per game a year ago after totaling only 185.0 yards per outing in 1998. Expected to again headline the Paladin ground game is junior All-Southern Conference tailback Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.), who last year made the switch from fullback to tailback on the way to becoming the first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble topped the plateau in 1992. In rolling up 1,519 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1999, Ivory posted the second highest season rushing total in Furman history and tallied 100-yard rushing performances in eight games, including a career high 203-yard outing against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). In addition, his 14 rushing touchdowns in 1999 were the second highest season total ever by a Paladin. In a 28-3 victory over North Carolina, Ivory garnered a career high 34 carries for 177 yards — the most yards ever by a Paladin player against an NCAA I-A opponent. Overall Furman is 8-1 in Ivory's nine career 100-yard rushing performances.

✓ **THE BEST OF IVORY...**The following are Louis Ivory's top career single game rushing performances:

**LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING GAMES**

Yards	TD	Opponent (Year)	Result
202	2	h-E. Tenn. St. (1999)	48-21 W
177	1	a-North Carolina (1999)	28-3 W
161	2	h-S.C. State (1998)	27-19 W
151	1	a-William & Mary (1999)	52-6 W
150	2	a-W. Carolina (1999)	27-19 W
143	0	h-Massachusetts (1999)	23-30 L
135	2	h-Appalachian St. (1999)	35-21 W
128	1	a-Chattanooga (1999)	40-35 W
107	1	h-Wofford (1999)	30-3 W

✓ **CHARTING LOUIS IVORY...**Heading into the 2000 season, Louis Ivory is on the verge of making major moves up the school's career rushing charts. The Paladin tailback needs 75 yards against Elon to become only the ninth player in Furman history to rush for over 2,000 yards.

**FURMAN CAREER RUSHING LEADERS**

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
2)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,016
3)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	3,213
4)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038
5)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	2,446
6)	John Bagwell	1984-88	2,183
7)	Dinky Williams	1981-84	2,110
8)	Mark Moore	1994-97	2,061
9)	Dwight Sterling	1986-90	1,983
10)	Steve Crislip	1969-71	1,938
11)	Louis Ivory	1998-	1,925

**FURMAN CAREER RUSHING TD LEADERS**

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	48
2)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	43
3)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	40
4)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29
5)	John Bagwell	1984-88	26
6)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	25
7)	Derek Russell	1997-	24
8)	Dwight Sterling	1986-89	20
9)	Louis Ivory	1998-	18
	David Whitehurst	1973-76	18
10)	Brothel Cole	1978-81	17
	Billy Stockdale	1987-90	17
	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	17

✓ **DEREK RUSSELL: TD MAN...**Returning senior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) proved during the 1999 season that he had a nose for the end zone as he led Furman in scoring with 90 points on 15 touchdowns despite finishing only fourth in rushing with 337 yards. Russell's 15 rushing TDs tied the school season rushing touchdowns standard first set by Robbie Gardner in 1986 and later matched by Carl Tremble in 1990. Three of Russell's scores, all 1-yard dives, came in the Paladins' 30-23 loss to Massachusetts in NCAA I-AA playoff action. While he is a proven performer as a blocker and runner in short yardage situations, Russell does have a pair of 100-yard rushing performances to his credit, and both have come against Chattanooga. In the Paladins' 40-35, Southern Conference title-clinching win over the Mocs last year, Russell ran for 101 yards on 15 carries, including a decisive 44-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

✓ **PALADIN OFFENSIVE LINE LOOKING STRONG...**Although Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award winning guard Ben Hall has graduated, Furman's offensive line should be a team strength this year with the return of four starters. Heading the list are three pre-season All-Southern Conference selections: senior tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), junior guard Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio), and junior center Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.). Moore, a consensus 1999 all-conference first team pick, was recently named to the 2000 Sports Network Pre-Season All-America team and, at 6-foot-5, 306 pounds, is one of the biggest players to ever wear a Paladin uniform. He owns 18 career starts. Prior, meanwhile, has started in 20 consecutive games since moving into the lineup early in 1998 campaign. And Stewart, the team's strongest player (500-

pound bench press, 675- pound squat, 357- pound power clean), tallied the highest season blocking grade (89.6%) and winning grades in all 12 games a year ago in helping the Paladins to a 9-3 record and league championship. Furman's other returning starter, junior tackle Donnie Littlejohn, actually boasts more starting experience (21 games) and play participations (1,308) than all Paladin linemen. Expected to fill Ben Hall's vacated starting slot at right guard is sophomore Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.).

✓ **GOING FOR A RARE TRIPLE...**If tackle Josh Moore, guard Marty Priore, and Chris Stewart make good on their pre-season All-Southern Conference tabs by league head coaches, it will indeed be a rarity. Only twice before, in 1981 and 1990, have three Furman offensive linemen earned first team All-Southern Conference honors in the same year.

✓ **SANSBURY BACK AT TIGHT END...**Although he caught only eight passes for 87 yards and two touchdowns in 1999, junior tight end Trent Sansbury earned consensus All-Southern Conference honors and was recently named to the 2000 Sports Network Pre-Season All-America Team. A solid blocker, Sansbury will be expected to anchor the tight end slot for Furman this fall along with junior Graham Hunter (Knoxville, Tenn.), who has been limited in the pre-season with a strained hamstring.

✓ **RECEIVING CORPS BY COMMITTEE...**The departure of Des Kitchings, Furman's All-American return specialist, receiver (48 catches, 911 yards, 5 TDs in 1999), and seventh round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, has left a huge void in the Paladin receiving corps, and it appears it will be filled by a number of players. Senior Bryant Huguley (Valley, Ala.) is expected to take over for Kitchings at flanker after catching six passes for 84 yards and one score in 1999. Also slated to see plenty of action at flanker is sophomore Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.). At split end the Paladins welcome the return of senior Zach Smerdzinski (Vienna, Va.). Last year, in his first season as a starter, Smerdzinski caught 30 passes for 367 yards and a touchdown. He will be backed up by sophomore James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.), who nabbed six catches in 1999 for 109 yards and a touchdown. With the exception of Smerdzinski, virtually the entire Furman receiving corps, including Huguley, Thomas, and Rinehart, was slowed in the pre-season due to hamstring strains.

✓ **JUNIORS RULE...**A quick check of Furman's probable two-deep reveals the Paladins will likely start only five seniors in this Saturday's season opener against Elon. The remainder of Furman's starting cast is likely to include 13 juniors and four sophomores. Four of the five seniors are on offense, and the one lone senior defensive starter will be linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.).

✓ **SPENCER, SPERLING, DEBEER HEAD-ING UP DEFENSIVE FRONT...**Furman's defensive line will be looking for improved play this year, and expected to lead the way are tackles Ryan Spencer (Clover, S.C.), LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.), and end Steve DeBeer (Atlanta, Ga.). Spencer, a junior with eight career starts, and Sperling, a sophomore who started in six games as a true freshman in 1999, have looked solid in the pre-season, and DeBeer, a junior who

earned starts in the final three games last season, made the switch from interior line to end after missing over a week of pre-season practice with a concussion.

✓ **WILL BOUTON: PRE-SEASON ALL-AMERICAN...**One of the most experienced junior defensive players in the Southern Conference, Paladin middle linebacker Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.), a starter 23 straight games, heads into the 2000 season regarded as one of the best linebackers in NCAA I-AA. Named to the Sports Network Pre-Season All-America squad, Bouton, who earned consensus all-conference honors after totaling 130 tackles a year ago, already counts 241 tackles in his career.

✓ **MARION MARTIN: ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC STAR...**Projected starting weak side linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) is an outstanding student on Furman's football team who contributes in a major way on the field. A year ago Martin racked up 66 tackles in helping Furman to a 9-3 record and Southern Conference championship. After the season he was named to the prestigious GTE Academic All-America second team, joining fellow teammate Stuart Rentz, who earned first team honors, in giving Furman two representatives on the prestigious squad. In May of this year, Martin graduated summa cum laude with a 3.90 grade point average in chemistry. Already closing in on master's degree in chemistry from Furman, Martin opted to return for his final season of eligibility prior to seeking his doctoral degree.

✓ **EXPERIENCED CORNERS...**Next to its linebacking corps, the most experienced part of Furman's defensive unit is cornerback, where juniors Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio) and Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.) return following solid 1999 campaigns. Rated by head coach Bobby Johnson as two of the better cornerbacks in the Southern Conference, Jackson and Johnson count 36 starts and 2,477 career snaps between them. Jackson leads the way with 23 starts, nine interceptions, and 17 pass deflections in his career. Last year he tallied 67 tackles, four pickoffs, 12 pass deflections, four forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries. In the Paladins' 40-35 conference title clinching win over Chattanooga, Jackson added to his big game, big play reputation by registering eight tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery that led directly to a score. Johnson, meanwhile, has more quietly assumed a position as perhaps the Paladins' best cover corner, thanks in part to his 4.45 second speed in the 40-yard dash. Last year in his first full season as a starter, he totaled 59 tackles, an interception, and six pass deflections.

✓ **NEW SAFETIES...**Furman will lean heavily on returning cornerbacks Richie Jackson and Rodney Jackson this fall due, in part, to the fact that at the Paladins graduated consensus All-American free safety John Keith, a fourth round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers, and All-Southern Conference strong safety Walter Booth. Expected to step in at free safety is junior Josh Cooper (Cincinnati, Ohio), and at strong safety Shelvis Smith (College Park, Ga.) appears ready to take over. While Cooper and Smith are both two-year lettermen, the duo has no starting experience and only 268 total play participations between them.

✓ **FOLLOWING IN FOOTSTEPS...**It appears freshman Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.) has won the battle for squad placekicking duties. The only freshman to capture a starting role among Furman's 24 positions this year, Marshall is the son of former Paladin defensive end Tommy Marshall (1974-76), who later served as an assistant coach on the Furman staff for eight years (1986-93), during which time the Paladins captured three Southern Conference titles and the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship. The younger Marshall tallied 148 points in a solid career at Marist High School.

✓ **FRESHMAN IMPACT...**Due to the large number of returning veterans on this year's squad, few true freshmen, other than perhaps placekicker Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.), will be counted on for serious playing time, at least in the early going. In addition to Marshall, five other true freshmen are expected to dress for Saturday's season opener against Elon, and they include wide receiver Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.), center Craig Morgan (Morgantown, W.Va.), free safety Cam Newton (Bennettsville, S.C.), defensive tackle Michael Burant (Lexington, Va.), and linebacker Cedrick Ritter (Fairfax, S.C.).

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL...**Furman football sports three graduates on active NFL rosters following recent squad cuts.

Tight end Luther Broughton '97 (Cainhoy, S.C.) is now in his second season with the Philadelphia Eagles after catching 26 passes for 295 yards and three touchdowns last season. A fifth-round pick of the Eagles in the 1997 draft, Broughton spent the 1997 campaign with the Eagles before signing the Carolina Panthers, with whom he played the entire 1998 season before being traded back to the Eagles prior to the start of the 1999 campaign.

Linebacker Orlando Ruff '99 (Winnsboro, S.C.) is entering his second season with the San Diego Chargers and first as the Chargers' starting middle linebacker. Last year, after signing with San Diego as a free agent, Ruff garnered team special teams MVP honors.

John Keith '00 (Newnan, Ga.), a fourth round pick of the San Francisco 49ers in this year's draft, has earned a spot on the 49ers roster following a strong pre-season as nickel back and member of special teams.

Wide receiver Des Kitchings '00 (Wagener, S.C.), a seventh round choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in this year's draft, was waived by the Chiefs on Sunday. Slowed in pre-season camp with a strained hamstring, Kitchings, according to team sources, has a solid chance to make the Chiefs' practice squad.

✓ **FURMAN TO INDUCT SIX INTO HALL-OF-FAME SEPT. 16...**Former football All-American and current Paladin assistant coach Allen Edwards '92 is among six greats who will be inducted into the Furman University Athletic Hall-of-Fame in ceremonies Sept. 16. Also slated for induction are Carolina Peek Blaylock '95 (golf), Scott Broderick '88 (soccer), Mel Daniel '82 (basketball), Jack Kay '86 (golf), and Brent Williams '91 (baseball).