



Game 12 -- November 25, 2000 (NCAA I-AA Playoffs, First Round)
Furman Paladins (9-2, 6-2 SoCon, No. 6) vs. Hofstra Pride (8-3, Independent, No. 11)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass
1:00 EST Kickoff

Fox Sports Net New York TV (Live), WCSZ-AM 1070 (Live), WPEK-FM 98.1 (Live), YahooBroadcast.com (Live)

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THE GAME

Southern Conference representative and No. 6 seed Furman makes its second straight playoff appearance — and 10th playoff appearance overall — when it hosts No. 11 seed Hofstra at Paladin Stadium this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in an NCAA I-AA first round playoff matchup.

The Furman-Hofstra winner will face the winner of Saturday's Georgia Southern-McNeese State game on Dec. 2 at a site and time to be announced.

TICKETS

Tickets to this Saturday's Furman-Hofstra NCAA I-AA playoff game are reserved and are \$15 for adults and \$7 for students, faculty, and staff, and children under 12. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Furman Ticket Office in Timmons Arena between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and on Friday. The ticket office will be closed Thanksgiving Day. All game day ticket sales will be conducted at the Paladin Stadium ticket office beginning at 10:00 a.m., three hours prior to kickoff. Cash, Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express will be honored for all advance ticket purchases. Game day ticket sales, however, are cash only. The Furman ticket office telephone number is (864) 294-3097.

THE SERIES

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

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 48-32 (.600), 7th Year at Furman
 48-32 (.600), 7th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Hofstra (0-0)

Hofstra: Joe Gardi (Maryland '60)
 89-32-2 (.731), 11th Year at Hofstra
 89-32-2 (.731), 11th Year Overall
 Gardi vs. Furman (0-0)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I		
'00 Points/Game —	32.3	
'00 Yards/Game —	424.9	
	307.5	Rushing
	117.5	Passing
Hofstra: Run 'n Shoot		
'00 Points/Game —	35.8	
'00 Yards/Game —	440.8	
	179.0	Rushing
	261.8	Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43	
'00 Points/Game —	16.2
'00 Yards/Game —	346.5

	136.2	Rushing
	210.4	Passing
Hofstra: 43		
'00 Points/Game —	28.4	
'00 Yards/Game —	428.0	
	182.3	Rushing
	245.7	Passing

2000 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

FURMAN (9-2, 6-2 SoCon)

Sept. 2	@ FURMAN 16, Elon 3
Sept. 9	@ FURMAN 44, Newberry 10
Sept. 16	@ FURMAN 34, William & Mary 10
Sept. 23	FURMAN 35, @ VMI 21
Sept. 30	@ FURMAN 38, Western Carolina 14
Oct. 7	@ Appalachian State 18, FURMAN 17
Oct. 14	@ FURMAN 33, The Citadel 7
Oct. 21	@ E. Tenn. St. 23, FURMAN 21
Nov. 4	@ FURMAN 45, Georgia Southern 10
Nov. 11	FURMAN 28, @ Wofford 18
Nov. 18	@ FURMAN 45, Chattanooga 44
Nov. 25	HOFSTRA, 1:00

HOFSTRA (8-3)

Sept. 2	HOFSTRA 10, @ Montana 9
Sept. 9	HOFSTRA 51, @ Maine 30
Sept. 16	Delaware 44, @ HOFSTRA 14
Sept. 23	HOFSTRA 30, Rhode Island 12
Sept. 30	HOFSTRA 51, @ Massachusetts 36
Oct. 7	@ Portland State 40, HOFSTRA 35
Oct. 13	@ HOFSTRA 42, Liberty 14
Oct. 21	@ HOFSTRA 38, Elon 27
Oct. 28	HOFSTRA 33, @ Cal Poly 30
Nov. 4	@ Youngstown State 42, HOFSTRA 35
Nov. 18	@ HOFSTRA 55, Albany 28

FURMAN LAST TIME OUT

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Nov. 18, 2000) -- Derek Russell's 14-yard touchdown run in overtime lifted the NCAA I-AA fourth-ranked Furman Paladins to a 45-44 win over the Chattanooga Mocs at Paladin Stadium.

Russell's scoring run put Furman ahead 45-38 on the first possession of overtime, but Chattanooga responded with a 40-yard touchdown pass from Chris Sanders to Cos DeMatteo to make it 45-44. But the Mocs' effort to win the game with a two-point pass play failed when Furman's Andre Stroman deflected a Sanders pass intended for Richmond Flowers at the goal line.

"I thought we were a little too banged up defensively to continue, and with (Louis) Ivory running from 25 yards and in, it was tough," said Chattanooga head coach Donnie Kirkpatrick. "We had the momentum and we were three yards from winning the game, but Furman is a good team. They didn't panic in the overtime period."

"That was either win it or lose it right there on the last play of the game, and Andre stepped up and made a great play," said Furman head coach Bobby Johnson. "We went man-to-man there and told our guys to stay with them and they did, and it worked out for us. We won the game and that's the most important thing."

Furman took a 38-31 lead when Louis Ivory

2000 SOCON STANDINGS

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

Last Week's Results

Tennessee Tech 37, Western Carolina 35
 Furman 45, Chattanooga 44 (OT)
 Appalachian State 35, Liberty 14
 Wofford 24, Louisiana-Monroe 6
 East Tennessee State 34, Charleston Southern 13

This Week's Schedule (NCAA I-AA Playoffs)

#11 Hofstra @ #6 Furman, 1:00
 #14 McNeese State @ #3 Georgia Southern, 1:00
 #13 Appalachian State @ #4 Troy State, 2:00

2000 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	C Chris Stewart
OG Marty Priore	TB Louis Ivory
TE Trent Sansbury	LB Will Bouton

NCAA I-AA Pre-Season Polls

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

2000 SEASON HONORS

Southern Conference Players-of-the-Week

TB Louis Ivory vs. Elon (Sept. 2-Off.)
 LB Will Bouton vs. Elon (Sept. 2-Def.)
 DE Brandon Poole vs. VMI (Sept. 23-Fr.)
 TB Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina (Sept. 30-Off.)
 FS Josh Cooper vs. The Citadel (Oct. 14-Def.)
 TB Louis Ivory vs. Georgia Southern (Nov. 4-Off.)
 LB Will Bouton vs. Georgia Southern (Nov. 4-Def.)
 LB Will Bouton vs. Wofford (Nov. 11-Def.)
 PK Danny Marshall vs. Wofford (Nov. 11-Fr.)
 TB Louis Ivory vs. Chattanooga (Nov. 18-Off.)

Sports Network National Player-of-the-Week

TB Louis Ivory vs. Georgia Southern (Nov. 4-Off.)
 LB Will Bouton vs. Wofford (Nov. 11-Def.)

ESPN/USA Today National Player-of-the-Week

CB Richie Jackson vs. Georgia Southern (Nov. 4-Def.)

reeled off a 45-yard touchdown run with 3:34 remaining in the game, but Chattanooga answered on its final possession in regulation, moving 65 yards in eight plays to tie the game when Sanders, on a fourth-and-one play, connected with Ronnie Strickland on a 9-yard touchdown pass with only 21 seconds left.

The game featured 1,029 yards in combined total offense and a pair of outstanding individual performances.

In rushing for 207 yards and a touchdown, Paladin tailback Louis Ivory, the leading rusher in NCAA I-AA football, became the first player in Southern Conference history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. Ivory's 200-yard performance, his fifth of the season, helped him eclipse the previous season standard of 1,932 yards set by Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson in 1998.

Chattanooga quarterback Chris Sanders, meanwhile, completed 32-of-47 passes for 437 yards and four touchdowns to finish his career as the Southern Conference's second all-time leading passer with 7,230 yards in only 22 games.

"Louis has been doing it for us all year, and he certainly came up big for us again today," said Johnson. "He seemed to get better as the game moved along, and he was certainly big for us in the fourth quarter. He made big play after big play when we had to have it. That's the mark of great player."

The win was Furman's first in five overtime clashes and sixth straight over Chattanooga.

Furman's ability to defeat Chattanooga looked slim in the early going as the Mocs scored on their first two possessions of the game to take a 14-0 lead following a 1-yard touchdown run by Jason Ball and a 54-yard touchdown pass from Sanders to Richmond Flowers.

The Paladins got on the board late in the first period when Bear Rinehart gathered in a pass from quarterback Justin Hill and sidestepped a pair of UTC defenders to complete a 37-yard touchdown pass.

Furman knotted the game at 14-14 when Derek Russell scored his first of three touchdowns in the contest on a 3-yard run at the 4:06 juncture of the second quarter.

UTC regained the lead, however, when Matt Vick booted a 37-yard field goal with just 23 seconds left before halftime.

In the third quarter an interception by cornerback Richie Jackson at the Furman 25 helped the Paladins take their first lead of the game. Three plays later quarterback Justin Hill broke free on a 61-yard touchdown run at the 11:38 mark.

A 37-yard field goal by Furman's Danny Marshall extended the Paladins' lead to 24-17 before Chattanooga tied it at 24-24 on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Sanders to DeMatteo with a little over two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Paladins and Mocs traded touchdowns, setting up the overtime period.

FURMAN	7	7	10	14	7	—	45
CHATTANOOGA	14	3	7	14	6	—	44

- C — Jason Ball 1 run (Matt Vick kick) 9:54-1Q
- C — Richmond Flowers 54 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 7:26-1Q
- F — Bear Rinehart 37 pass from Justin Hill (Danny Marshall kick) 5:29-1Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:06-2Q
- C — Matt Vick 37 FG 0:23-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 61 run (Danny Marshall kick) 11:38-3Q
- F — Danny Marshall 37 FG 6:58-3Q
- C — Cos DeMatteo 2 pass from Chris Sanders

- (Matt Vick kick) 2:38-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 4 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:58-4Q
- C — Jason Ball 1 run (Matt Vick kick) 5:48-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 45 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:34-4Q
- C — Ronnie Strickland 9 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 0:21-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 14 run (Danny Marshall kick) OT
- C — Cos DeMatteo 40 pass from Chris Sanders (Chris Sanders pass failed)

Rushing: F—Ivory 29-207, Hill 12-89, Russell 8-54, Thomas 1-7. C—Ball 12-40, Sanders 11-34, Flowers 1-12, McNeill 8-11.

Passing: F—7-16-0-138. C—Sanders 32-47-1-437.

Receiving: F—Rinehart 4-70, Smerdzinski 2-39, Sansbury 1-29. C—Flowers 11-186, DeMatteo 10-123, Strickland 5-67, Rankin 3-19, Bandy 2-37, Ball 1-5.

	FUR	UTC
First Downs	25	28
Rushing	50-357	32-97
Passing	138	437
C/A/I	7-16-0	32-47-1
Total Offense	495	534
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	1-0
Penalties	7-91	11-93
Punts	3-41.0	5-47.8
Possession Time	26:07	33:53
Third Down Conversions	2-9	7-15
Sacks By	2-15	1-0

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **FURMAN ASSISTANT LAMB STILL HOSPITALIZED...** While spirits are high in Furman's football camp in preparation for this Saturday's first round playoff game against Hofstra, the enthusiasm is tempered somewhat due the continued hospitalization of Paladin assistant coach Bobby Lamb '86, who last Wednesday sustained a fractured cervical (neck) vertebrae in a two-car accident on his way home from work. Following a number of tests, Lamb remained in Greenville Memorial Hospital and underwent surgery late Saturday night to fuse the vertebrae and relieve severe pain stemming from the fracture pressing against a nerve root. Lamb is now in his 14th year as a member of Furman's coaching staff, where he directs the Paladin quarterbacks and passing game.

✓ **PLAYOFF PALADINS...** In topping Chattanooga 45-44 on Saturday, Furman secured its second straight NCAA I-AA playoff bid (and third postseason appearance) under head coach Bobby Johnson. Johnson, now in his seventh year, directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff finish in 1996, and last year Furman returned to postseason play but dropped a first round overtime contest to defending national champion Massachusetts 30-23 in Greenville. This year's playoff run marks the 10th time the Paladins have qualified for NCAA I-AA Tournament play (1982, '83, '85, '86, '88, '89, '90, '96, '99, and '00). Furman won the 1988 national championship, defeating Georgia Southern 17-12 in Pocatello, Idaho. Hofstra, meanwhile, is making its fourth I-AA playoff appearance (1985, '97, '99, '00).

FURMAN NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY (11-8)

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1982	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	... 0-17	..... L
1983	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	..... 35-16	..... W

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.

FURMAN ON YAHOO BROADCAST.COM

Furman football broadcasts can 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 or through the university's web site at 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>.



1985	WESTERN CAROLINA	7-14	L
	RHODE ISLAND	59-15	W
	NEVADA	35-12	W
	Georgia Southern-N1	42-44	L
1986	EASTERN KENTUCKY	10-23	L
1988	DELAWARE	21-7	W
	@ Marshall	13-9	W
	IDAHO	38-7	W
	Georgia Southern-N2	17-12	W
1989	WILLIAM & MARY	24-10	W
	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	42-23	W
	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN	19-21	L
1990	@ Eastern Kentucky	45-17	W
	@ Nevada (3ot)	25-42	L
1996	@ Northern Arizona	42-31	W
	@ Marshall	0-54	L
1999	MASSACHUSETTS (ot)	23-30	L

N1 - Tacoma, Washington (national championship)
N2 - Pocatello, Idaho (national championship)

HOFSTRA NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF HISTORY (1-3)

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1995	@ Delaware	17-38	L
1997	@ Delaware	14-24	L
1999	LEHIGH	27-15	W
	ILLINOIS STATE	20-37	L

✓ **BREAKING DOWN FURMAN'S PLAYOFF NUMBERS**...Furman sports an 11-8 record in NCAA I-AA playoff action. The Paladins are 7-4 in home playoff games and 3-2 in five away contests. Furman sports a 1-1 record in a pair of neutral site playoff clashes against Georgia Southern (national championships). Four of the Paladins' last five playoff games have been road contests. Saturday's game against Hofstra will mark only Furman's second home playoff game since the 1989 season.

✓ **FURMAN OWNS SECOND MOST PLAYOFF WINS AMONG SOCON TEAMS**...Eight Southern Conference teams have combined to post a 53-33 record (.616) in NCAA I-AA playoff competition since the league was reclassified to I-AA in 1982, and Furman ranks second on the list in wins with an 11.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NCAA I-AA PLAYOFF RECORDS

School	Record	Pct
Marshall	22-6	.787
FURMAN	11-8	.579
Georgia Southern	10-4	.714
Appalachian State	5-9	.357
Western Carolina	3-1	.750
The Citadel	1-3	.333
East Tennessee State	1-1	.500
Chattanooga	0-1	.000

✓ **EXCLUSIVE COMPANY**...In claiming a 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Furman completed its regular season with a 9-2 record and, in the process, became only the 11th squad in Furman's now 95-season football history to win at least nine regular season contests. It's worth noting that Bobby Johnson has had a hand in eight of those 11 squads in the capacities of defensive backs coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach. Furman's nine regular season wins in 1999 were the most by a Paladin team since 1989 when Furman posted a 10-1 regular season mark on the way to a 12-2 record.

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
2000	9-2-0	Bobby Johnson

✓ **DEFENDING THE HOME TURF**...Furman's 45-44 win over Chattanooga on Saturday improved the Paladins' home record this season to 7-0 and ledger against Southern Conference foes in Paladin Stadium to 9-0 dating back to the 1998 season. Furman is now 13-1 in its last 14 home games (.928). A win Saturday over Hofstra would give Furman only its second 8-0 home record in Paladin Stadium history. In 1988 Furman went 8-0 at home en route to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national championship.

WINNINGEST PALADIN STADIUM SEASON RECORDS (By Winning Percentage)

Year	Record	Pct
1988	8-0	1.000
2000	7-0	1.000
1996	6-0	1.000
1990	5-0	1.000
1989	8-1	.888
19883	5-0-1	.916
1985	7-1	.875
1983	6-1	.857
1982	5-1	.833
1984	5-1	.833

✓ **CLOSING IN ON 100**...Furman's 45-44 triumph over Chattanooga marked the Paladins' 98th victory in Paladin Stadium history. Now in its 20th season of play in the beautiful facility, Furman has compiled a 98-27-1 record (.782) since moving into Paladin Stadium in 1981.

✓ **ON A RUN VERSUS THE SOCON**...Furman is now 14-3 (.823) in its last 17 Southern Conference clashes.

✓ **LAST FIVE LOSSES OF THE "TOUGH" VARIETY**...Although Furman has posted a 19-5 record (.791) in its last 24 games, the five losses have been especially tough because they have been decided by two points (Elon, 24-22), three points (Georgia Southern, 41-38), seven points (Massachusetts, 30-23 OT), one point (Appalachian State, 18-17), and two points (East Tennessee State, 23-21), respectively.

✓ **FIRST OVERTIME WIN**...In edging Chattanooga 45-44 in overtime on Saturday, Furman claimed its first overtime victory in five extra period contests.

FURMAN IN OVERTIME GAMES

Year	Opponent	Score	Result
1990	.. Nevada (3OT)	35-42	L
1991	.. Appalachian State (3OT)*	23-26	L
1998	.. East Tennessee State (2OT)	19-22	L
1999	.. Massachusetts (OT)	23-30	L
2000	.. Chattanooga (OT)	45-44	W

* First overtime game in Southern Conference history.

✓ **45 POINTS AGAIN**...Furman's 45-point performance in Saturday's win over Chattanooga marked its second straight 45-point display at Paladin Stadium. On Nov. 4, the Paladins downed then top-ranked Georgia Southern 45-10.

✓ **ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS**...Furman's 45-44 win over Chattanooga on Saturday represented the most points surrendered by the Paladins in a home victory since the school began playing football in 1889 (95 seasons). The overall record for most points allowed by Furman in a Paladin victory is 55, which Furman surrendered to Davidson at Davidson in 1979 in a 63-55 Paladin win.

✓ **THE SECOND NO. 1 TO FALL**...Furman's 45-10 win of Georgia Southern on Nov. 4 marked the Paladins' second win over a top-ranked team. Prior to the win over Georgia Southern, the Paladins' lone victory over a No. 1 ranked team had been Idaho, which Furman defeated 38-7 in the semifinals of the 1988 NCAA I-AA playoffs. In addition to wins over the Eagles and the Vandals, other high ranked scalps the Paladins have earned include three No. 2s: Nevada (35-12, 1985); Georgia Southern (17-12, 1988); and Marshall (17-3, 1993). Summarized below are Furman wins against its highest ranked opponents:

FURMAN'S HIGHEST RANKED VICTIMS

Year	Opponent (Site)	Rank	Score
1988	.. Idaho-h	1	38-7
2000	.. Ga. Southern-h	1	45-10
1985	.. Nevada-h	2	35-12
1988	.. Georgia Southern-n	2	17-12
1993	.. Marshall-h	2	17-3
1988	.. Appalachian State-a	3	24-9
1999	.. Appalachian State-a	3	35-21

✓ **PALADIN DEFENSE BENDS BUT DOESN'T BREAK VERSUS UTC**...Fueling Furman's football engine in 2000 has been an improved defense, and the Paladin stop troops certainly needed every ounce of that improvement in Saturday's 45-44 win over Chattanooga. Although Furman yielded a season high 44 points and 534 yards to the Mocs, the Paladins still lead the Southern Conference in scoring defense (16.2 ppg) and rushing defense (136.2 ypg), and rank a solid third in total defense (346.5 ypg) heading into Saturday's first NCAA I-AA first round playoff game against Hofstra. Prior to Chattanooga's aerial assault, Furman's defense had put together impressive back-to-back performances in posting wins over Wofford (27-18) and Georgia Southern (45-10), limiting Wofford well below its season scoring and total offense averages and Georgia Southern to only 114 rushing yards and 250 yards in total offense. The Eagles entered the game averaging 359.2 ypg rushing and 469.2 ypg in total offense. In holding the Eagles to only 114 yards rushing, Furman (which rushed for 404 yards against the Eagles) became the first team since 1996 (a streak of 53 games) to outrush Georgia Southern. One impressive point to consider about Furman's solid defensive work this year is the fact that it has come from a unit comprised primarily of underclassmen as the Paladins count only two seniors on its starting defensive unit, linebacker **Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.)** and cornerback **Andre Stroman (Plantation, Fla.)**.

FURMAN DEFENSIVE COMPARISON (1999 vs. 2000)

Category	1999	2000	Margin
Scoring Defense	18.3 (3)	16.2 (1)	-2.1
Rushing Defense	205.3 (5)	136.2 (1)	-69.1
Passing Defense	180.0 (7)	210.4 (5)	+30.4
Total Defense	385.3 (6)	346.5 (3)	-38.8
Yards Per Play	5.4 (3)	5.1 (T1)	-0.3
Sacks/Game	1.0 (5)	2.2 (1)	+1.2

(#) - Southern Conference Rank

✓ **MORE ON FURMAN'S DEFENSE**...Furman has surrendered only 12 rushing touchdowns to the opposition in 11 games this season. When Wofford quarter-

back Travis Wilson rushed for 106 yards against Furman in the Paladins' 27-18 win over the Terriers on Nov. 11, it marked the first 100-yard individual rushing effort against the Paladins this season. The yardage, ironically, that carried Wilson over 100 rushing yards against the Paladins came on the Terrier quarterback's late fourth quarter fumble, which rolled downfield 11 yards before being recovered by Furman cornerback **Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio)** at the Paladin 26. Prior to Wilson's 106-yard effort, the last opponent to run for 100 yards against the Paladins was Marcel Shipp of Massachusetts, who rushed for 170 in the Paladins' 30-23 loss to the Minutemen in the first round of last year's NCAA I-AA playoffs. Counting its two sacks against Chattanooga on Saturday, Furman now leads the Southern Conference with 24 sacks, if ranked by sacks/game. That's 10 more than the 14 takedowns the Paladins recorded last year in 12 games. Furman's league leading 19 interceptions represent the most by a Paladin squad since 1990 when Furman collected 22 pickoffs in 13 games.

✓ **FU LEADING TURNOVER MARGIN AGAIN...**After leading the Southern Conference in turnover margin in 1999 with a +0.75 difference, the Paladins are once again pacing the league with a +1.09 rating through 11 games in the all important category. Heading into Saturday's contest against Hofstra, the Paladins have been the beneficiary of 31 opponent misdeeds (12 fumbles, 19 interceptions) while committing only 19 turnovers (13 fumbles, 6 interceptions). In the 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Furman cashed in Chattanooga's lone turnover for a touchdown. Furman's defense, meanwhile, forced a UTC punt after the Paladins fumbled away the football at the Mocs 48-yard line.

✓ **BOUTON ON THE CHARTS...**In collecting a team leading 13 tackles in the Paladins' 45-44 win over Chattanooga on Saturday, Paladin All-Southern Conference and Walter Payton Award finalist linebacker **Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.)** moved within four tackles of cracking Furman's Top 10 career tackles chart. Bouton, a junior and who has started in 34 consecutive games, now has a team leading 126 tackles on the season and 360 tackles in his career. That's good enough for 11th on Furman's all-time tackles ledger.

FURMAN CAREER TACKLE LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Pts.
1)	... Jeff Blankenship	.....1985-88	..... 580
2)	... Kevin Kendrick	.....1987-90	..... 574
3)	... Kota Suttle	.....1989-92	..... 556
4)	... Orlando Ruff	.....1995-98	..... 488
5)	... Jay Thier	.....1994-97	..... 452
6)	... Bernard Scott	.....1993-97	..... 447
7)	... Milan Sterling	.....1990-93	..... 445
8)	... Steve O'Neill	.....1978-81	..... 389
9)	... Bruce Gheesling	.....1978-81	..... 387
10)	... Rock Hurst	.....1981-84	..... 364
11)	... Darryl Gardner	.....1984-87	..... 360
...	... Will Bouton	.....1998-	..... 360

✓ **ACTION JACKSON...**When junior cornerback **Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio)** picked off a pass by Chattanooga quarterback Chris Sanders in the third quarter, setting up a Paladin touchdown three plays later, it mark his third significant defensive play in as many weeks. Two weeks ago Jackson pounced on a Wofford fumble late in the fourth quarter to preserve the Paladins' 27-18 win over the Terriers, and three weeks ago, in the Paladins' 45-10 win over Georgia Southern, Jackson stepped in front of a pass by Georgia Southern quarterback J.R. Revere and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown, thereby helping open the flood gates for the

Paladins' 28-point third quarter en route to the of the then top-ranked Eagles. For Jackson, the interception against Chattanooga was his fourth of the season and 13th theft of his career.

✓ **KUDOS FOR KEITO...**Redshirt freshman linebacker **Keito Whetstone (Orangeburg, S.C.)** stepped up big in the Paladins' 27-18 win over Wofford on Nov. 11, recording three tackles and a forced fumble in 26 plays after starting linebacker John Thrift exited the game in the second half with a neck sprain. Whetstone's forced fumble on Wofford quarterback Travis Wilson was huge, because it ended the Terriers' chances of a comeback and gave Furman the football at its own 26-yard line with 6:18 to go and a nine-point lead. Whetstone has 19 tackles on the season.

✓ **COOPER IN THE RECORD BOOKS...**Paladin junior free safety **Josh Cooper (Cincinnati, Ohio)** currently ranks second in the Southern Conference with six interceptions, thanks in large measure to a school record tying three interception performance in the Paladins' 33-7 win over The Citadel on Oct. 14. Cooper's performance against the Bulldogs, which included a 35-yard return for a touchdown, tied a Furman single game interceptions record held by four other Paladins: Joe Watts vs. Presbyterian (1951), Mark Gordon vs. Presbyterian (1975), John Zemina vs. VMI (1982), and Walter Booth vs. Appalachian State (1999).

✓ **THE GOOD AND BAD...**Furman's special teams play proved to be either brilliant or poor in the Paladins' 27-18 win over Wofford on Nov. 11, but when the game was on the line, it was brilliant. After a blocked punt led to a Wofford touchdown that cut Furman's 24-9 halftime lead to 24-15, the Paladins' fumbled the ensuing kickoff at their own 20, but Furman's defense came to the rescue, holding Wofford scoreless with a missed field goal. After that the Furman special teams rallied with two big plays. The first came in fourth quarter on a career long 64-yard punt by junior **Lee Willis (Monticello, Ga.)** that denied Wofford favorable field position and pinned the Terriers back at their 15. And then, after a short Wofford punt to its 47, placekicker **Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.)** booted a game clinching 24-yard field goal with 6:18 left to give Furman a 27-18 lead. For Willis, his four punts for a 48.3 average against Wofford represented a career single game best. Marshall, meanwhile, contributed nine of the Paladins' 28 points in the win over the Terriers.

✓ **MARSHALL CONTINUING SOLID WORK...**No, he's not General George Marshall, but after his three field goal performance in Furman's season opening 16-3 win over Elon on Sept. 2 and continued good work through eight games, true freshman Danny Marshall has earned a few salutes from his teammates and coaching staff. Appearing in his first game as a Paladin, Marshall accounted for 10 of the Paladins' 16 points against the Phoenix by connecting on field goals covering 43, 29, and 34 yards, plus an extra point. Marshall, who converted field goals from 35 and 24 yards and three PATs in the Paladins' 27-18 win over Wofford on Nov. 11 on the way to earning Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors, and whose eight-game statistics include 13-of-17 FGs and 44-45 PATs, ranks second on the team in scoring with 83 points heading into this Saturday's game against Hofstra. Marshall's 83 points represent the fourth highest season kick scoring in Furman history. The only freshman among Furman's 24 position starters, 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.

FURMAN SEASON KICK SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Year	PAT	FG	Pts.
1)	... Glen Connally	.....1990	..53-54	..14-18	.. 95
2)	... Mike Wood	.....1986	..37-37	..19-30	.. 94
3)	... Keven Esval	.....1985	..63-64	...8-14	... 87
...	... Andrew Burr	.....1991	..45-46	..14-16	.. 87
4)	... Danny Marshall	..2000	..44-45	..13-17	.. 83
5)	... Jason Wells	.....1999	..51-55	...7-11	... 72

✓ **THE BEAR...**Sophomore wide receiver **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)**, has started to emerge as a solid member of Furman's receiving corps and offensive weapon over the last several games, and especially the last three weeks. In Saturday's 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga, Rinehart caught four passes for 60 yards, including a brilliant 37-yard catch and run for a touchdown that saw him sidestep two would-be Chattanooga tacklers. In Furman's 27-18 win over Wofford on Nov. 11, Rinehart hooked up with quarterback **Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.)** for a 55-yard reception to set up a big Paladin touchdown just before halftime that gave Furman a 24-9 lead. The player who scored the touchdown was, of course, Rinehart, who took a reverse handoff from Paladin tailback Louis Ivory at the Wofford 8-yard line and raced around right end untouched into the end zone. It was his second reverse touchdown run of the season. Rinehart currently leads Furman in receiving heading into Saturday's playoff clash with Hofstra, having totaled 19 catches for 385 yards (20.3 ypc) and two touchdowns this season.

✓ **HEADY STUFF...**Starting Paladin linebacker **Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.)**, a two-year starter and 1999 GTE Academic All-America selection, garnered another prestigious honor recently when he was named a National Football Foundation And College Hall Of Fame Scholar-Athlete. In being named one of 16 national scholar-athletes, Martin will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship and will be honored at a banquet at New York's Waldorf-Astoria on Dec. 12, alongside this year's College Football Hall Of Fame inductees. A member of Phi Beta Kappa who graduated Summa Cum Laude in May with a 3.90 grade point average in chemistry, he is currently pursuing a master's degree in chemistry from Furman and plans to seek his doctoral degree in physical chemistry after that. In the Paladins' 16-3 season opening win over Elon on Sept. 2, he tallied four tackles and a forced fumble in the game's waning seconds that helped the Paladins preserve the victory. On the year Martin has 69 tackles, four tackles-for-loss, two forced fumbles, one and a half sacks, and three pass deflections. A year ago he racked up 75 tackles in helping Furman to a 9-3 record and Southern Conference championship.

✓ **KEEP THAT FLAG IN YOUR POCKET...**Furman heads into this Saturday's game against Hofstra as the least penalized team in the Southern Conference. Through 11 games the Paladins have been flagged only 49 times for infractions totaling a league low 442 yards.

✓ **LARGEST CROWD SINCE 1994...**The 15,127 fans in attendance at the Furman-Georgia Southern game on Nov. 4 represented the Paladins' biggest home crowd since the 1994 season when 15,673 fans witnessed Furman's 26-21 win over South Carolina State in Bobby Johnson's Paladin head coaching debut. Furman has averaged 11,010 fans in seven home games this season. Last year Furman averaged 10,897 fans in six home dates, including one playoff game.

✓ **FU OFFENSIVE LINE GETTING IT DONE...**With four starters returning off last year's offensive line, Furman, as expected, has gotten solid line play in its 11 games as evidenced by junior tailback Louis Ivory's

Southern Conference single season rushing record 2,079 yards. And if there were any doubts remaining about which team in the league has the best offensive line, they were more than likely erased in the Paladins' dominating performance the Paladins' triumph over Georgia Southern on Nov. 4. Furman's 404 rushing yards represented the highest rushing total by a NCAA I-AA opponent against Georgia Southern and highlighted the Paladins' 523-yard total offense effort against the Eagle defense, which came into the game yielding only 15.6 points per game, 133.0 rushing yards per game, and 306.4 total yards per outing. In Saturday's 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga, the strong work of Furman's offensive line, which cleared the way for 357 rushing yards against the Mocs, may have helped alter the strategy of UTC head coach Donnie Kirkpatrick, whose decision to go for two following a touchdown in the overtime period was later explained as necessary, in his opinion, based on Furman's overpowering ground game that physically drained UTC's defense.

Heading Furman's strong offensive front 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 named to the 2000 Sports Network Pre-Season All-America team. He owns 29 career starts. Priore, meanwhile, has started in 31 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) who counts 24 consecutive starts, 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 (Gaffney, S.C.)**, actually boasts more starting experience (32 games) than all Paladin linemen.

✓ **EXPERIENCE, EXPERIENCE**...Furman's veteran offensive line, which includes only one senior in right tackle Josh Moore, has combined to post 122 starts in their collective careers.

FURMAN'S OFFENSIVE LINE (Career Games Played-Starts)

Player	Games	Starts
C Chris Stewart (Jr.)	30	23
OG Marty Priore (Jr.)	32	30
OG Trevor Kruger, (So.)	21	10
OT Donnie Littlejohn (Jr.)	32	31
OT Josh Moore (Sr.)	39	28
Totals	154	122

✓ **EYEING THE RECORD BOOK**...Through 11 games Furman is averaging 307.5 yards per game rushing. If that clip continues, the Paladins will establish a new team season rushing yardage average standard as the chart below indicates:

SEASON TEAM RUSHING YARDAGE AVERAGE

Rank	Year	G	Att.	Yds.	YPC	Avg.
1)	2000	11	575	3,382	5.9	307.5
2)	1985	14	714	4,034	5.6	288.1
3)	1999	12	606	3,410	5.6	284.2
4)	1984	11	569	3,100	5.4	281.8
5)	1980	11	595	3,021	5.1	274.6

✓ **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.

✓ **FURMAN SPORTS NCAA I-AA'S LEADING RUSHER**...Furman junior tailback **Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.)**, a finalist for the 2000 Walter Payton Award, completed the regular season as the leading rusher in NCAA I-AA. Listed below are his season and career highlights.

✍ In rushing for 207 yards and a touchdown in Saturday's 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga, Ivory became the first player in the Southern Conference history (79 years) to rush for 2,000 yards in a regular season. Currently with 2,079 yards, he shattered the old league regular season mark of 1,932 yards held by Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson (1998).

✍ Ivory's 2,079 rushing yards this season are the sixth most in NCAA I-AA history.

✍ Ivory is the first 2,000-yard rusher in South Carolina football history.

✍ Ivory's 45-yard touchdown run against Chattanooga on Saturday was his 16th rushing touchdown of the season, a new Furman single season record.

✍ Ivory's 301-yard rushing performance in Furman's 45-10 win over Georgia Southern on Nov. 4 established a new Furman modern era single game rushing record. The previous standard was held by Mike Glenn, who rushed for 261 yards in a 28-7 win over Presbyterian in 1980.

✍ Ivory's 301 rushing yards against Georgia Southern were the most in a regular season game in Southern Conference history. The previous record was 286 set by The Citadel's Gene Brown vs. VMI in 1988.

✍ Ivory's three touchdowns against Georgia Southern covered 7, 73, and 37 yards. His 73-yard run broke Furman's single season rushing record of 1,555 yards set by Carl Tremble in 1992.

✍ Ivory's 73-yard touchdown run versus Georgia Southern was his third longest run of the season. He had a career long 88-yard run in a 34-10 win over William & Mary and a 75-yard sprint in a 16-3 victory over Elon. His 88-yard scoring run against William & Mary is the second longest in Furman football history.

✍ Ivory's 207-yard performance against Chattanooga represented his fifth 200-plus yard outing of the season and fourth in Furman's past five games. Other 200-yard outings this season include 301 (vs. Georgia Southern), 232 (vs. William & Mary), 227 (vs. East Tennessee State), and 214 (vs. The Citadel). He currently owns the first, fourth, sixth, eighth, 10th, and 11th best modern era single game rushing performances in Furman football history.

✍ Ivory currently leads Georgia Southern fullback Adrian Peterson in all season rushing statistical categories, including 7.3 ypc and 189.0 ypg to Peterson's 5.9 ypc and 151.2 ypg.

LOUIS IVORY VS. ADRIAN PETERSON 2000 SEASON COMPARISON

Ivory	Category	Peterson
11	Games	9
286	Rushing Attempts	230
2,079	Rushing Yards	1,361
7.3	Yards Per Carry	5.9
189.0	Yards Per Game	151.2
16	Rushing Touchdowns	13
3	SoCon Player-of-the-Week Honors	1
1	Sports Network Player-of-the-Week Honors	0

✍ In his last five games, Louis Ivory has averaged 222.8 ypg, rushing 156 times for 1,114 yards and seven touchdowns.

✍ Ivory established a new Furman single game rushing attempts standard with 41 carries (227 yards) against East Tennessee State on Oct. 21, breaking the previous standard of 39 set by Carl Tremble (vs. Chattanooga, 1992).

✍ In rushing for 214 yards in the Paladins' 33-7 win over The Citadel on Oct. 14, Ivory became the fastest player in Furman history reach 1,000 rushing yards. Ivory, who topped the plateau in seven games, accomplished a feat that previously had taken the best Paladin runners eight games to accomplish. Interestingly, one of those two runners was Ivory himself, who need eight games in 1999 to surpass 1,000 yards en route to a 1,519-yard campaign.

✍ Ivory has now rushed for at least 100 yards in 13 of his last 14 games and 19 games in his career. Furman's career record for 100-yard games is 25, currently held by Carl Tremble (1989-92).

✍ In 23 starts at tailback since the beginning of the 1999 season, Ivory has rushed for 3,598 yards and 30 touchdowns. That's an average of 156.4 ypg and 6.7 ypc. Furman is 18-5 in that span.

✍ Ivory heads into Saturday's game against Hofstra currently ranked third on Furman's career rushing chart with 4,004 yards.

✍ Ivory's 34 career rushing touchdowns rank fifth on Furman's all-time list.

✓ **CHARTING LOUIS IVORY**...If you like lists and charts, immerse yourself in the following:

LOUIS IVORY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
1998	9-5	80	406	5.1	4	54
1999	12-12	249	1519	6.1	14	59
2000	11-11	286	2079	7.3	16	88
Totals	32-28	615	4004	6.5	34	88

LOUIS IVORY IN 2000

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Elon	20 att./182 yds./1 TD	16-3 W
Newberry	19 att./171 yds./2 TD	44-10 W
William & Mary	27 att./232 yds./2 TD	34-10 W
VMI	28 att./135 yds./1 TD	35-21 W
W. Carolina	17 att./187 yds./3 TD	38-14 W
Appalachian St.	19 att./58 yds./0 TD	17-18 L
The Citadel	25 att./214 yds./1 TD	33-7 W
E. Tenn. St.	41 att./227 yds./2 TD	21-23 L
Ga. Southern	33 att./301 yds./3 TD	45-10 W
Wofford	28 att./165 yds./0 TD	27-18 W
Chattanooga	29 att./207 yds./1 TD	45-44 W
Totals	286 att./2079 yds./16 TD	9-2
	(7.3 ypc, 189.0 ypg)	

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Ga. Southern ('00)	33 att./301 yds./3 TD	45-10 W
William & Mary ('00)	27 att./232 yds./2 TD	34-10 W
E. Tenn. St. ('00)	41 att./227 yds./2 TD	21-23 L
The Citadel ('00)	25 att./214 yds./1 TD	33-7 W
Chattanooga ('00)	29 att./207 yds./1 TD	45-44 W
E. Tenn. St. ('99)	22 att./203 yds./2 TD	48-21 W
W. Carolina ('00)	17 att./187 yds./3 TD	38-14 W
Elon ('00)	20 att./182 yds./1 TD	16-3 W
N. Carolina ('99)	34 att./177 yds./1 TD	28-3 W
Newberry ('00)	19 att./171 yds./2 TD	44-10 W
Wofford ('00)	28 att./165 yds./0 TD	27-18 W

S.C. State ('98).....	23 att./161 yds./2 TD ..	27-19 W
William & Mary ('99) ..	17 att./151 yds./1 TD	52-6 W
W. Carolina ('99)	27 att./150 yds./2 TD ..	27-19 W
UMass ('99)	19 att./143 yds./0 TD ..	23-30 L
VMI ('00)	28 att./135 yds./1 TD ..	35-21 W
Appalachian St. ('99) ..	27 att./135 yds./2 TD ..	35-21 W
Chattanooga ('99) ..	22 att./128 yds./1 TD ..	40-35 W
Wofford ('99)	20 att./107 yds./1 TD ..	30-3 W

LOUIS IVORY AS A STARTING TAILBACK

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Elon ('99)	18 att./98 yds./0 TD	22-24 L
William & Mary ('99) ..	17 att./151 yds./1 TD	52-6 W
VMI ('99)	6 att./85 yds./3 TD	58-0 W
W. Carolina ('99) ..	27 att./150 yds./2 TD	27-19 W
Appalachian St. ('99)	27 att./135 yds./2 TD	35-21 W
The Citadel ('99) ..	21 att./98 yds./0 TD	31-17 W
E. Tenn. St. ('99) ..	22 att./203 yds./2 TD	48-21 W
N. Carolina ('99) ..	34 att./177 yds./1 TD	28-3 W
Ga. Southern ('99) ..	16 att./44 yds./1 TD	38-41 L
Wofford ('99)	20 att./107 yds./1 TD	30-3 W
Chattanooga ('99) ..	22 att./128 yds./1 TD	40-35 W
UMass ('99)	19 att./143 yds./0 TD	23-30 L
Elon ('00)	20 att./182 yds./1 TD	16-3 W
Newberry ('00)	19 att./171 yds./2 TD	44-10 W
William & Mary ('00)	27 att./232 yds./2 TD	34-10 W
VMI ('00)	28 att./135 yds./1 TD	35-21 W
W. Carolina ('00) ..	17 att./187 yds./3 TD	38-14 W
App. St. ('00)	19 att./58 yds./0 TD	17-18 L
The Citadel ('00) ..	25 att./214 yds./1 TD	33-7 W
E. Tenn. St. ('00) ..	41 att./227 yds./2 TD	21-23 L
Ga. Southern ('00) ..	33 att./301 yds./3 TD	45-10 W
Wofford ('00)	28 att./165 yds./0 TD	28-17 W
Chattanooga ('00) ..	29 att./207 yds./1TD	45-44 W
Totals	535 att./3598 yds./30 TD ...	18-5

(6.7 ypc, 156.4 ypg)

LOUIS IVORY VERSUS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (As A Tailback)

Opponent	G	Statistics
E. Tenn. St.	2	63 att./430 yds./4TD
.....	.....	6.8 ypc/215.0 ypg
Georgia Southern	2	47 att./350 yds./4TD
.....	.....	7.4 ypc/175.0 ypg
W. Carolina	2	44 att./337 yds./5TD
.....	.....	6.1 ypc/168.6 ypg
Chattanooga	2	51 att./335 yds./2TD
.....	.....	6.6 ypc/167.5 ypg
The Citadel	2	46 att./312 yds./1TD
.....	.....	6.8 ypc/156.0 ypg
Wofford	2	48 att./272 yds./1TD
.....	.....	5.7 ypc/136.0 ypg
VMI	2	34 att./220 yds./4TD
.....	.....	6.5 ypc/110.0 ypg
Appalachian St.	2	46 att./193 yds./2TD
.....	.....	4.2 ypc/96.5 ypg
Totals	16	379 att./2449 yds./23TD
.....	.....	6.5 ypc/153.1 ypg

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Player	Opponent	Att.
Louis Ivory	E. Tenn. St. (2000)	41
Carl Tremble	Chattanooga (1992)	39
Mark Stowers	W. Carolina (1978)	35
Louis Ivory	N. Carolina (1999)	34
Steve Crislip	Carson-Newman (1971)	33
Louis Ivory	Ga. Southern (2000)	33

FURMAN LONGEST RUSHING PLAYS

Player	Opponent	Yards
Russ Sutton	Presbyterian (1951)	93
Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	88
Mike Glenn	Appalachian St. (1980)	88
Robbie Gardner	Marshall (1984)	88
Robbie Gardner	Central Florida (1984)	88

Paul Gwinn Wofford (1937) 85

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Opponent	Yards
William Gressette	Erskine (1916)	318
Louis Ivory	Ga. Southern (2000)	301
Mike Glenn	Presbyterian (1980)	261
Ernest Crosby	S.C. State (1996)	243
Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	232
Carl Tremble	Chattanooga (1992)	228
Louis Ivory	E. Tenn. St. (2000)	227
William Gressette	Prebsyterian (1916)	217
Louis Ivory	The Citadel (2000)	214
John Bagwell	Marshall (1987)	213
Louis Ivory	Chattanooga (2000)	207
Louis Ivory	E. Tenn. St. (1999)	203
Pat Carroll	Carson-Newman (1970) ...	202
Carl Tremble	The Citadel (1990)	202

FURMAN'S QUICKEST TO 1,000 YARDS

Player	Year	Reached	Game	Season
Louis Ivory	2000	7th	.....	??
Carl Tremble	1992	8th	.....	1,555
Louis Ivory	1999	8th	.....	1,519
Stanford Jennings	1983	9th	.....	1,390
Stanford Jennings	1981	9th	.....	1,168
Carl Tremble	1990	11th	.....	1,277
Robbie Gardner	1984	10th	.....	1,232
Robbie Gardner	1986	11th	.....	1,113

FURMAN SINGLE SEASON RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Year	Yds.
1)	Louis Ivory	2000	2,079
2)	Carl Tremble	1992	1,555
3)	Louis Ivory	1999	1,519
4)	Stanford Jennings	1983	1,390
5)	Carl Tremble	1990	1,277
6)	Robbie Gardner	1984	1,232
7)	Stanford Jennings	1981	1,168
8)	Robbie Gardner	1986	1,113
9)	Brian Jager	1985	1,045
10)	Stanford Jennings	1982	1,025

SOCON SINGLE SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (Regular Season Games Only)

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1) ..	Louis Ivory, Furman	11	2000	2,079
2) ..	Adrian Peterson, Ga. So. ..	11	1998	1,932
3) ..	Adrian Peterson, Ga. So. ..	11	1999	1,807
4) ..	Thomas Haskins, VMI	11	1996	1,698
5) ..	Brad Hoover, W. Carolina ..	11	1998	1,663

SOCON SINGLE SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (All Games)

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1) ..	Adrian Peterson, Ga. So. ..	15	1999	2,725
2) ..	Adrian Peterson, Ga. So. ..	15	1998	2,606
3) ..	Louis Ivory, Furman	10	2000	2,079
4) ..	John Settle, App. St.	12	1986	1,897
5) ..	Chris Parker, Marshall	15	1995	1,833
6) ..	Chris Parker, Marshall	15	1993	1,750
7) ..	Chris Parker, Marshall	14	1994	1,728
8) ..	Thomas Haskins, VMI	11	1996	1,698
9) ..	Brad Hoover, W. Carolina ..	11	1998	1,663
10) ..	Stump Mitchell, Citadel ..	11	1980	1,647

NCAA SEASON RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1) ..	Charles Roberts, Cal St. ..	11	1998	2,260
2) ..	Arnold Mickens, Butler	10	1994	2,255
3) ..	Jerry Azumah, New Hamp. ..	11	1998	2,195
4) ..	Charles Roberts, Cal. St. ..	11	1999	2,082
5) ..	Louis Ivory, Furman	11	2000	2,079

.. Archie Amerson, N. Ariz. ... 11 ... 1996 . 2,079
6) .. Tony Vinson, Towson

SOUTH CAROLINA SEASON RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1) ..	Louis Ivory, Furman	11	2000	2,079
2) ..	George Rogers, USC	11	1980	1,894
3) ..	Kenny Bynum, S.C. St.	11	1996	1,648
4) ..	Stump Mitchell, Citadel	11	1980	1,647
5) ..	Shawn Graves, Wofford ...	11	1989	1,483

FURMAN SINGLE SEASON RUSHING TD LEADERS

Rank	Player	Year	TDs
1)	Louis Ivory	2000	16
2)	Robbie Gardner	1986	15
.....	Carl Tremble	1990	15
.....	Derek Russell	1999	15
3)	Louis Ivory	1999	14
.....	Stanford Jennings	1983	14
.....	Robbie Gardner	1984	14
4)	Derek Russell	2000	13
.....	John Bagwell	1985	13
.....	Carl Tremble	1992	13
5)	Mike Glenn	1980	11
.....	Stanford Jennings	1981	11
.....	Stanford Jennings	1982	11
.....	Dwight Sterling	1988	11
.....	Carl Tremble	1991	11

FURMAN CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
2)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,016
3)	Louis Ivory	1998-	4,004
4)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	3,213
5)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038
6)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	2,446
7)	John Bagwell	1984-88	2,183
8)	Dinky Williams	1981-84	2,110
9)	Mark Moore	1994-97	2,061
10)	Dwight Sterling	1986-90	1,983

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)	Derek Russell	1997-	37
5)	Louis Ivory	1998-	34
6)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29
7)	John Bagwell	1984-88	26
8)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	25
9)	Dwight Sterling	1986-89	20
9)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	18

FURMAN CAREER SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Pts.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	300
2)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	268
3)	Jason Wells	1996-99	259
4)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	258
5)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
6)	Derek Russell	1987-	222
7)	Keven Esva	1982-85	214
7)	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
8)	Louis Ivory	1998-	204
9)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
10)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192

✓ **BLOCKER, SCORER SUPREME**...Senior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.), considered by many to be the best blocking back in the Southern Conference, is again proving to be a valuable scoring weapon for the Paladins as well, as he has tallied 13 touchdowns despite having rushed for only 372 yards this year. In Saturday's 45-44 win over Chattanooga, Russell was

outstanding. Besides delivering several crushing blocks to help spring tailback Louis Ivory for 207 yards, Russell rushed for 53 yards and three touchdowns himself, including what proved to be the game winner, a 14-yard run in overtime. On the 14-yard scoring run, Russell broke four tackles and literally ran over two would be Chattanooga tacklers on the way to end zone. His other runs covered 3 and 4 yards. A year ago Russell led Furman in scoring with 90 points on a school single season tying 15 touchdowns despite finishing only fourth in rushing with 337 yards. Heading into Saturday's clash with Hofstra, Russell has run for 37 touchdowns in a career that includes only 1,165 rushing yards. 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.

✓ **MR. YOUNGBLOOD, MEET MR. RUSSELL...**On junior tailback Louis Ivory's recording setting 73-yard touchdown run against Georgia Southern on November 4, Georgia Southern outside linebacker Michael Youngblood met Furman senior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.), and for Youngblood it wasn't pretty. Blocking ahead of Ivory on the left side on the play, Russell "blew up" Youngblood by literally knocking his helmet off five yards downfield to help spring Ivory on his 73-yard run. Later, on a 20-yard scoring run in the third quarter that put the Paladins ahead 38-10, Russell punished would-be Eagle senior free safety Ryan Hadden at Georgia Southern 10-yard line on the way into the end zone. Russell totaled 59 yards and a score against the Eagles.

✓ **VERSUS THE SOCON...**The following is a breakdown of Furman's home, road, and overall series records versus current Southern Conference opposition

FURMAN HOME RECORDS VERSUS CURRENT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

Opponent	Home Record	Pct
East Tennessee State	12-2	.857
VMI	12-3	.800
Appalachian State	11-3-1	.767
Wofford	28-8-5	.744
The Citadel	27-12	.692
Western Carolina	9-5-1	.633
Chattanooga	8-6	.571
Georgia Southern	2-3	.400
Totals	109-40-7	.721

FURMAN ROAD RECORDS VERSUS CURRENT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

Opponent	Road Record	Pct
Western Carolina	8-4-1	.654
VMI	9-5	.643
East Tennessee State	8-5	.615
Appalachian State	8-5-2	.600
Chattanooga	9-6	.600
The Citadel	20-16-1	.554
Wofford	16-15-2	.515
Georgia Southern	0-4	.000
Totals	78-59-6	.566

FURMAN OVERALL RECORDS VERSUS CURRENT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

Opponent	Road Record	Pct
East Tennessee State	20-7	.741
VMI	21-8	.724
Appalachian State	19-8-3	.683
Western Carolina	17-9-2	.643

Wofford	44-23-7	.642
The Citadel	49-28-3	.631
Chattanooga	17-12	.586
Georgia Southern	3-8	.272
Totals	190-102-15	.643

✓ **FINDING THE TIGHT END...**Five games into the 2000 season many Furman football observers were beginning to wonder if the Paladins knew they even had a Sports Network Pre-Season All-America tight end on the squad. With only three receptions through five games, junior All-Southern Conference performer **Trent Sansbury (Lilburn, Ga.)** obviously had had very little contact with the pigskin. Shortly thereafter that began to change when Sansbury caught three passes for 94 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown pass in the Paladins' 18-17 loss to Appalachian State. In the Paladins' 33-7 win over The Citadel on Oct. 14, it was more Sansbury as he hooked up with quarterback Billy Napier for five receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown, which came on a beautiful 26-yard strike between two Bulldog defenders to put the Paladins ahead 10-7 in the third quarter. Sansbury now has 14 catches for 276 yards (19.7 ypc) and two touchdowns. Furman's "other" tight end, junior **Graham Hunter (Knoxville, Tenn.)**, meanwhile has two catches for 15 yards this year.

✓ **OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES...**Through 11 games this year Furman has added a couple of more offensive statistical superlatives to an expanding list of top performances under head coach Bobby Johnson. The Paladins' 404 rushing yards in the 45-10 win over Georgia Southern on Nov. 4 marked the second highest rushing total by a Bobby Johnson-coached Furman squad, and is only exceeded by 1999's 509-yard rushing effort in Furman's 52-6 dismantling of the Tribe in Williamsburg.

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME SCORING PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

Opponent	Result
VMI (1999)	58-0 W
VMI (1995)	55-24 W
William & Mary (1999)	52-6 W
VMI (1998)	51-14 W
East Tennessee State (1999)	48-21 W
Western Carolina (1996)	45-30 W
Chattanooga (2000)	45-44 W
Georgia Southern (2000)	45-10 W
Newberry (2000)	44-10 W
The Citadel (1994)	44-52 L
Chattanooga (1997)	43-21 W
Chattanooga (1996)	42-21 W
Northern Arizona (1996)	42-31 W

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

Opponent	Yards	Result
William & Mary (1999)	509	52-6 W
Georgia Southern (200)	404	45-10 W
Western Carolina (2000)	400	38-14 W
William & Mary (2000)	389	34-10 W
Newberry (2000)	385	44-10 W
VMI (1999)	381	58-0 W
Wofford (1999)	369	30-3 W
VMI (1997)	365	35-14 W
East Tennessee State (1999)	358	48-21 W
Chattanooga (2000)	357	45-44 W
South Carolina State (1996)	355	27-13 W
Wofford (1997)	320	28-7 W
Western Carolina (1996)	318	45-30 W
South Carolina State (1998)	311	27-17 W
Appalachian State (1999)	300	35-21 W

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME TOTAL OFFENSE PERFORMANCES (Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

Opponent	Yards	Result
Western Carolina (1996)	573	45-30 W
East Tennessee State (1999)	553	48-21 W
VMI (1999)	546	58-0 W
William & Mary (1999)	542	52-6 W
VMI (1995)	538	55-24 W
Georgia Southern (2000)	523	45-10 W
Newberry (2000)	520	44-10 W
Western Carolina (2000)	518	38-14 W
Chattanooga (1996)	516	42-21 W
VMI (1997)	505	35-14 W
VMI (1998)	500	51-14 W

✓ **HILL RETURNS IN SOLID FASHION...**Furman senior quarterback **Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.)**, who sat out Furman's 23-21 loss to East Tennessee State on Oct. 21 after sustaining a strained rotator cuff in his right shoulder on the first series of the Paladins' 33-7 win over The Citadel on Oct. 14, played a solid game in the Paladins' 45-10 win over Georgia Southern on Nov. 4, passing for 119 yards and a touchdown. More impressively, though, was Hill's execution of Furman's offense, which piled up 523 total yards against the Eagles. In the Paladins' 27-18 Paladin victory over Wofford on Nov. 11, Hill was equally effective, especially through the air, where he completed 7-of-10 passes for 163 yards and a touchdown. And in Saturday's 45-44 win over Chattanooga, the Paladin senior signal caller was solid as a rock at the controls of the Paladin offense, passing for 138 yards and a touchdown and running for 89 yards and another score for 227 yards in total offense and two touchdown responsibilities, including a 61-yard scoring run in the third quarter that gave Furman its first lead of the game. In three games since returning from injury, Hill is 19-of-38 (50.0%) for 420 yards and three touchdowns (no interceptions). That works out to a strong 168.89 passing efficiency rating in the three games.

✓ **NOTING QB JUSTIN HILL...**Furman quarterback Justin Hill, a second team All-Southern Conference pick in 1999 and accomplished guitar player/singer/songwriter, 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 has now totaled 1,781 career rushing yards — the most ever by a Paladin quarterback — and 5,571 yards in total offense, thus becoming one of only five players in school history to top 5,000 yards in total offense. Furman is 26-9 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 BEST OF HILL...**The following are Justin Hill's top single game rushing, passing, and total offense performances.

JUSTIN HILL'S TOP RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Wofford ('99)	11 att./134 yds./2TD	30-3 W
App. St. ('00)	21 att./115 yds./1TD	17-18 L
Wofford ('97)	9 att./107 yds./1TD	28-7 W
Appalachian St. ('98)	17 att./97 yds./1TD	13-26 L

William & Mary ('99) 13 att./94 yds./1 TD 52-6 W
 Chattanooga ('00) ... 12 att./89 yds./1 TD 45-44 W
 William & Mary ('99) 10 att./86 yds./0 TD 34-10 W
 W. Carolina ('00) 13 att./80 yds./0 TD 38-14 W

JUSTIN HILL'S TOP PASSING GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Ga. Southern ('99)	14-25-2/240 yds./2TD ..	38-41 L
VMI ('98)	11-17-0/215 yds./2TD ..	51-14 W
N. Carolina ('99)	10-12-0/187 yds./2TD ...	28-3 W
UMass ('99)	15-25-1/183 yds./0TD ..	23-30 L

JUSTIN HILL'S TOP TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Ga. Southern ('99)	289 yds./2TDR	38-41 L
App. St. ('00)	271 yds./2TDR	17-18 L
Wofford ('99)	240 yds./3TDR	30-3 W
Chattanooga ('00) ..	227 yds./2TDR	45-44 W
VMI ('98)	225 yds./2TDR	51-14 W
UMass ('99)	223 yds./0TDR	23-30 L
N. Carolina ('99)	217 yds./3TDR	28-3 W

✓ **HILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS**...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-	1,781
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) ...	Justin Hill	1997-	3,790
6) ...	Philly Jones	1991-95	3,721
7) ...	David Charpia	1980-83	3,591
8) ...	David Henderson	1976-79	3,582
9) ...	David Whitehurst	1973-76	3,122
10) ...	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	2,945

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
...	Justin Hill	1997-	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) ...	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) ...	Justin Hill	1997-	5,571
4) ...	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	5,328
5) ...	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
6) ...	David Whitehurst	1973-76	4,392
7) ...	Philly Jones	1991-95	4,282
8) ...	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,053
9) ...	Louis Ivory	1998-	4,004
10) ...	David Charpia	1980-83	3,980

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
...	Justin Hill	1997-	40
8) ...	Billy Canty	1958-61	32
9) ...	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29

✓ **NAME GAME**...Redshirt freshman defensive end **Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.)**, who earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors for his three-sack performance in a 35-21 win over VMI on Sept. 23 and who is currently Furman's co-leader in sacks with 4.5 this season, is the son of former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers. Sophomore tight end **Jon Brown (Duluth, Ga.)** is the nephew of Los Angeles Dodgers ace pitcher Kevin Brown.

✓ **FIRST SAFETY SINCE 1996**...When junior cornerback **Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio)** tackled The Citadel's Nate Mahoney in the end zone for a safety early in the fourth quarter of the Paladins' 33-7 Paladin win over the Bulldogs on Oct. 14, it marked the first safety for Furman since the 1996 season when Seth Ramaley blocked a punt by Wofford's Brandon Kale out of the end zone in a 33-3 win over the Terriers.

✓ **PREVOST, WALL, JOHNSON ON THE SHELF**...Redshirt freshman linebacker **Todd Prevost (Nashville, Tenn.)**, who was knocked unconscious on the opening kickoff against Newberry on Sept. 9, has retired following medical recommendations, as has junior linebacker **Steve Wall (Charlotte, N.C.)** for a neck condition. Junior cornerback **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)** underwent reconstructive knee surgery in late September to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament and damaged medial collateral ligament sustained in the second series of Furman's 2000 season opening game against Elon. Johnson, a starter at right cornerback in all 12 games in 1999, will sit out spring practice next year but anticipates returning to the playing field for the 2001 season as a redshirt junior.

✓ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR SEVEN**...The 2000 football season marks 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-plus year head coaching record is 48-32 (.600) and his last six teams have combined to post a 45-24 mark (.652). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 45-28 (.616). Johnson's 22-plus 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 180-85-7 (.676).

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL**...Furman football currently sports three graduates on active NFL rosters and a fourth on a practice squad.

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 in 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, earned a spot on the 49ers roster and two starts at safety before sustaining a broken arm in a game against Oakland.

Wide receiver Des Kitchings '00 (Wagener, S.C.), a seventh round choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in this year's draft, was signed by the Chiefs to their practice squad.

INJURY REPORT (for Hofstra)

CB Rodney Johnson (torn ACL/MCL) -- out for season
 LB Steve Wall (neck) -- retired
 LB Todd Prevost (neck) -- retired

FURMAN PALADINS VS. HOFSTRA PRIDE

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	(5-11, 185, So.)
	1	Bryant Huguley	(5-8, 163, Sr.)
LT	71	DONNIE LITTLEJOHN	(6-3, 272, Jr.)
	67	Joe Wilson	(6-2, 293, So.)
LG	75	MARTY PRIORE	(6-1, 288, Jr.)
	76	Matt Mangum	(6-3, 294, R-Fr.)
C	54	CHRIS STEWART	(6-0, 270, Jr.)
	61	Brad Byars	(6-1, 235, So.)
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	(6-2, 281, So.)
	62	Justin Price	(6-5, 287, So.)
RT	77	JOSH MOORE	(6-5, 306, Sr.)
	74	Steven Cain	(6-5, 287, So.)
TE	89	TRENT SANSBURY	(6-3, 238, Jr.)
	84	Graham Hunter	(6-3, 259, Jr.)
SE	33	ZACH SMERDZINSKI	(5-10, 199, Sr.)
	3	James Thomas	(5-10, 182, So.)
QB	15	JUSTIN HILL	(6-0, 187, Sr.)
	19	Billy Napier	(6-3, 207, So.)
FB	23	DEREK RUSSELL	(5-11, 239, Sr.)
	5	Quinton Burton	(5-11, 199, Sr.)
TB	34	LOUIS IVORY	(5-9, 200, Jr.)
	22	Lamar Rembert	(5-7, 175, R-Fr.)

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

DE	93	BRANDON POOLE	(6-0, 259, R-Fr.)
	47	Eddie Overdyke	(6-2, 231, So.)
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	(6-3, 284, So.)
	99	Josh McWhorter	(6-1, 290, R-Fr.)
DT	78	RYAN SPENCER	(6-2, 276, Jr.)
	72	Pete Stamas	(6-2, 248, Jr.)
DE	64	STEVE DEBEER	(6-4, 252, Jr.)
	91	Clay O'Daniel	(6-2, 276, Jr.)
SLB	9	JOHN THRIFT	(6-0, 220, Jr.)
	18	Keito Whetstone	(6-0, 212, R-Fr.)
MLB	20	WILL BOUTON	(6-2, 233, Jr.)
	41	Andrew Knight	(6-0, 220, So.)
WLB	12	MARION MARTIN	(5-9, 219, Sr.)
	43	Sterling Frierson	(6-0, 190, Jr.)
LCB	8	RICHIE JACKSON	(6-0, 190, Jr.)
	17	Chris Lowery	(5-9, 179, So.)
RCB	31	ANDRE STROMAN	(5-8, 187, Sr.)
	17	Chris Lowery	(5-9, 179, So.)
SS	38	SHELVIS SMITH	(6-0, 207, Jr.)
	26	Tarick Khadra	(5-10, 182, Sr.)
FS	2	JOSH COOPER	(5-11, 190, Jr.)
	14	Paul Billingsly	(6-1, 199, R-Fr.)

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

PK	83	DANNY MARSHALL	(6-0, 180, Fr.)
KO	88	BRIAN KOVACH	(6-1, 189, So.)
P	80	LEE WILLIS	(5-10, 159, Jr.)
SSN	61	BRAD BYARS	(6-1, 235, So.)
LSN	61	BRAD BYARS	(6-1, 235, So.)
H	13	BRENT SCOGGINS	(6-0, 205, Jr.)
PR	33	ZACH SMERDZINSKI	(5-10, 199, Sr.)
KOR	17	CHRIS LOWERY	(5-9, 179, So.)

HOFSTRA OFFENSE (Run 'n Shoot)

WR	88	CHARLIE ADAMS	(6-2, 190, Jr.)
	89	Melvin Jones	(6-1, 190, R-FR)
WR	10	JASON MAXWELL	(6-2, 200, Sr.)
	84	Cordell Thornton	(6-0, 175, Sr.)
LT	73	MICHAEL CURRY	(6-5, 285, Jr.)
	65	Brandon Newton	(6-2, 300, R-Fr.)
LG	74	JAMES DAVIS	(6-3, 295, So.)
	72	Jackson Bernard	(6-2, 270, R-Fr.)
C	61	DAN ZORGER	(6-2, 275, Jr.)
	54	Ryan Boggs	(6-2, 275, R-Fr.)
RG	78	RICH HOLZER	(6-4, 295, Jr.)
	72	Jackson Bernard	(6-2, 270, R-Fr.)
RT	59	MICHAEL BRIGANDI	(6-3, 290, So.)
	71	Sean Brophy	(6-4, 285, Fr.)
WR	83	TOM KEMPER	(5-9, 175, Jr.)
	11	Bill Morales	(5-9, 180, Sr.)
WR	8	KAHMAL ROY	(6-2, 200, Jr.)
	87	Joe Cornet	(6-3, 170, Fr.)
RB	22	TREVOR DIMMIE	(5-7, 1195, Fr.)
	31	Tyree Johnson	(6-1, 218, R-Fr.)
QB	12	ROCKY BUTLER	(6-0, 190, Jr.)
	13	Ryan Cosentino	(6-3, 200, R-Fr.)

HOFSTRA DEFENSE (43)

LE	96	KHARY WILLIAMS	(6-4, 256, Sr.)
	98	Roy Evjen	(6-4, 250, Jr.)
LT	94	RYAN FLETCHER	(6-1, 290, Jr.)
	92	Tony Horton	(6-0, 270, Jr.)
RT	43	ADAM BROWN	(6-1, 260, Sr.)
	93	Ted Grinage	(6-4, 250, Jr.)
RE	81	JIM MAYER	(6-3, 253, Sr.)
	90	Shawki Perry	(6-3, 260, Sr.)
OLB	41	KYLE THORNE	(5-11, 225, Jr.)
	56	Steve Meilleur	(6-1, 215, R-Fr.)
MLB	49	SAL ALOSI	(6-0, 230, Sr.)
	53	Steve Wilson	(6-2, 230, Sr.)
OLB	37	JOE TODD	(6-0, 220, Sr.)
	51	Andre LaBrutte	(6-2, 220, Jr.)
CB	25	MICAH BARNES	(5-10, 165, So.)
	32	Jayar Santos	(5-10, 185, Jr.)
FS	48	JASON HOWARD	(5-11, 190, So.)
	30	Carlton Bargman	(6-1, 180, Fr.)
SS	26	DOUG SHANAHAN	(6-0, 195, Jr.)
	5	Joe Coleman	(5-10, 200, So.)
CB	28	PATRICK DORVELUS	(6-0, 185, Jr.)
	32	Jayar Santos	(5-10, 185, Jr.)

HOFSTRA SPECIALISTS

PK	1	CHAD JOHNSON	(5-11, 220, SR)
KO	1	CHAD JOHNSON	(5-11, 220, SR)
P	18	DENNIS WINTERS	(5-10, 185, SO)
SSN	61	DAN ZORGER	(6-2, 275, JR)
LSN	61	DAN ZORGER	(6-2, 275, JR)
H	83	TOM KEMPER	(5-9, 175, JR)
PR	11	BILL MORALES	(5-9, 180, SR)
KOR	32	JAYAR SANTOS	(5-10, 185, JR)

2000 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUAL

Longest Run From Scrimmage	88,	Louis Ivory vs. William & Mary	45,	Vic Gilmore, Newberry
Longest Pass Completion	60,	Justin Hill to Trent Sansbury vs. Appalachian State	54,	Chris Sanders to Richmond Flowers, Chattanooga
Longest Punt Return	29,	Zach Smerdzinski vs. Chattanooga	51,	Keyandre Fenn, East Tennessee State
Longest Kickoff Return	78,	Chris Lowery vs. Elon	100,	Richard Holland, VMI (<u>Opponent Record</u>)
Longest Interception Return	35,	Josh Cooper vs. VMI	21,	Daryl Haymon
Longest Fumble Return	20,	Eddie Overdyke vs. VMI		
Longest Punt	64,	Lee Willis vs. Wofford	54,	Travis Grubb, Chattanooga
Best Punting Average	48.3	Lee Willis vs. Wofford	42.6,	Justin Kohler, Western Carolina
Longest Field Goal	43,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	49,	Darren Brown, Wofford
Longest Field Goal Attempt	47,	Danny Marshall vs. Ga. Southern	49,	Darren Brown, Wofford
Most Rushing Attempts	41,	Louis Ivory vs. East Tennessee State (<u>School Record</u>)	20,	J.R. Revere, Ga. Southern
Most Rushing Yards	301,	Louis Ivory vs. Ga. Southern (<u>School Record</u>)	106,	Travis Wilson, Wofford
Most Rushing Touchdowns	3,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry & Chattanooga	2,	Jason Ball, Chattanooga
		Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina, Ga. Southern		
Most Pass Attempts	20,	Billy Napier vs. East Tennessee State	47,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Pass Completions	11,	Billy Napier vs. The Citadel	32,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Passing Yards	170,	Billy Napier vs. The Citadel	437,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Touchdown Passes	1,	Justin Hill vs. seven opponents	4,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
		Billy Napier vs. The Citadel		
Most Total Offense Attempts	41,	Louis Ivory vs. East Tennessee State	58,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Total Offense Yards	301,	Louis Ivory vs. Ga. Southern	471,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
Most Passes Caught	5,	Trent Sansbury vs. The Citadel	11,	Richmond Flowers, Duke
Most Touchdown Passes Caught	1,	by seven players vs. seven opponents	2,	Cecil Moore, East Tennessee State
				Cos DeMatteo, Chattanooga
Most Pass Reception Yardage	99,	Bear Rinehart vs. Ga. Southern	186,	Richmond Flowers, Chattanooga
Most Points Scored	18,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry & Chattanooga	12,	Cecil Moore, East Tennessee State
		Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina & Ga. Southern		Cos DeMatteo, Chattanooga
				Jason Ball, Chattanooga
Most Touchdown Responsibilities	3,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry & Chattanooga	4,	Chris Sanders, Chattanooga
		Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina & Ga. Southern		
Most Touchdowns Scored	3,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry & Chattanooga	2,	Cecil Moore, East Tennessee State
		Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina & Ga. Southern		Cos DeMatteo, Chattanooga
				Jason Ball, Chattanooga
Most PATs	6,	Danny Marshall vs. Chattanooga	5,	Matt Vick, Chattanooga
Most Field Goals	3,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	2,	Matt Maxey, VMI
Most Tackles	19,	Will Bouton vs. Wofford	17,	Joe Best, Appalachian State
Most Interceptions	3,	Josh Cooper vs. The Citadel (<u>Ties School Record</u>)	1,	six players
Most Sacks	3,	Brandon Poole vs. VMI	2,	Jason Sowell, Appalachian State
				Brian Bodor, Wofford

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Offense

	Best		Worst	
Points Scored	45,	vs. Ga. Southern & Chattanooga	13,	vs. Elon
Touchdowns Scored	6,	vs. Newberry, Ga. Southern, & Chattanooga	1,	vs. Elon
First Downs	32,	vs. Newberry	12,	vs. Elon
Rushing Attempts	65,	vs. Newberry	44,	vs. Elon
Rushing Yards	404,	vs. Ga. Southern	189,	vs. Wofford
Rushing Touchdowns	5,	vs. Newberry, Western Carolina, & Chattanooga	1,	vs. Elon
Pass Attempts	21,	vs. Newberry	9,	vs. William & Mary
Pass Completions	12,	vs. Newberry	2,	vs. Elon
Passing Yards	170,	vs. The Citadel	20,	vs. Elon
Had Intercepted	0,	vs. seven opponents	3,	by E. Tenn. St.
Passing Touchdowns	1,	vs. eight opponents	0,	vs. Elon, Western Carolina, E. Tenn. St.
Total Plays	86,	vs. Newberry	54,	vs. Elon
Total Offense	523,	vs. Ga. Southern	236,	vs. Elon
Average Gain Per Play	7.9,	vs. Ga. Southern	4.4,	vs. Elon
Fumbles Lost	0,	vs. William & Mary, Western Carolina, & Ga. Southern	3,	vs. VMI
Total Turnovers	0,	vs. William & Mary, Western Carolina, & Ga. Southern	5,	vs. East Tennessee State
Punts	2,	vs. Newberry & Western Carolina	6,	vs. four opponents
Punt Return Yards	46,	vs. Newberry	0,	vs. four opponents
Kickoff Return Yards	117,	vs. Newberry	0,	vs. William & Mary
Possession Time	37:10,	vs. Newberry	0,	vs. Elon
Third Down Conversion%	72.7% (8-11),	vs. VMI	26:48,	vs. Elon
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	0,	by Newberry & William & Mary	22.2% (2-9),	vs. Chattanooga
			4,	by Appalachian State & The Citadel

Defense

	Best		Worst	
Points Scored	3,	by Elon	44,	by Chattanooga
First Downs	10,	by The Citadel	28,	by Chattanooga
Rushing Attempts	28,	by East Tennessee State	60,	by Wofford
Rushing Yards	4,	by VMI	286,	by Wofford
Rushing Touchdowns	0,	by Elon	2,	by Appalachian State & Wofford
Pass Attempts	12,	by Wofford	47,	by Chattanooga
Pass Completions	5,	by Elon	32,	by Chattanooga
Passing Yards	100,	by Newberry	437,	by Chattanooga
Interceptions	3,	vs. William & Mary, The Citadel, & E. Tenn. St.	0,	vs. Newberry
Passing Touchdowns	0,	by seven opponents	4,	by Chattanooga
Total Plays	52,	by Newberry	79,	by Chattanooga
Total Offense	218,	by VMI	534,	by Chattanooga
Average Gain Per Play	3.4,	by VMI	6.8,	by Chattanooga
Fumbles Recovered	4,	vs. Elon	0,	vs. Newberry, The Citadel, & Chattanooga
Total Turnovers	6,	by Elon	0,	by Newberry
Punts	7,	by four opponents	2,	by Elon
Punt Return Yards	0,	by Western Carolina	64,	by East Tennessee State
Kickoff Return Yards	71,	by Appalachian State	189,	by VMI
Possession Time	22:50,	by Newberry	33:53,	by Chattanooga
Third Down Conversion%	18.1% (2-11),	by Newberry	46.7% (7-of-15),	by Chattanooga
Quarterback Sacks	7,	vs. VMI	0,	vs. Elon & East Tennessee State

FURMAN 16, ELON 3

GREENVILLE (Sept. 2, 2000) -- Freshman placekicker Danny Marshall booted three field goals and tailback Louis Ivory rushed for 182 yards and a touchdown to lift nationally ninth-ranked Furman to a 16-3 win over Elon in the season opener for both teams.

Furman, which lost the 1999 season opener to the Phoenix, narrowly avoided a second straight defeat when strong safety Shelvis Smith recovered a fumble by Elon quarterback Derrick Moore at the Paladin 10-yard line with 1:26 left in the game and Furman holding a tenuous 9-3 lead.

Furman scored the game's only touchdown on the next play when, following a 15-yard penalty of the Phoenix, Ivory took a handoff from quarterback Justin Hill and raced 75 yards for the score with 46 seconds left.

Elon outgained Furman 325 to 236 in total offense, but the Phoenix suffered six turnovers, including four fumbles and two interceptions. Paladin linebacker Will Bouton led Furman's strong defensive effort with 13 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, an interception, and a fumble recovery which he returned for 18 yards.

Playing in his first collegiate contest, Marshall provided Furman with its first points of the game when he converted a 43-yard field goal early in the second quarter. He later added a 29-yard field goal with only 20 seconds left in the first half to make it 6-0.

Chris Lowery's 78-yard kickoff return to start the second half set up Marshall's third field goal, a 34-yarder, that gave the Paladins a 9-0 lead less than two minutes into the second half.

Elon answered with its only scoring drive of the game, moving 69 yards in 13 plays for a 27-yard field goal by Beau Wegmann with 6:40 to go in the third period. But the Phoenix failed to register points on its last five possessions, including four that ended inside Furman territory.

FURMAN	0	6	3	7	—	16
ELON	0	0	3	0	—	3

F — Danny Marshall 43 FG 13:06-2Q
 F — Danny Marshall 29 FG 0:20-2Q
 F — Danny Marshall 34 FG 13:45-3Q
 E — Beau Wegmann 27 FG 6:40-3Q
 F — Louis Ivory 75 run
 Danny Marshall kick) 0:46-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 20-182, Hill 14-19, Russell 8-10, Rembert 2-5. E — Moore 18-73, Houston 14-54, Jones 8-30, Bryan 6-27, Mitchell 3-12, Singletary 1-5, Stevens 1-(-1).

Passing: F — Hill 2-10-0-20. E — Moore 5-11-2-125.

Receiving: F — Thomas 1-11, Huguley 1-9. E — Banks 3-99, Brown 1-19, Jones 1-7.

	F	E
First Downs	14	12
Rushing	51-200	44-216
Passing	20	125
C/A/I	2-10-0	5-11-2
Total Offense	236	325
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-4
Penalties	4-33	5-56
Punts	4-37.8	2-32.0
Possession Time	26:48	33:12
Third Down Conversions	4-13	7-16
Sacks By	0-0	1-3

FURMAN 44, NEWBERRY 10

GREENVILLE (Sept. 9, 2000) -- Junior tailback Louis Ivory rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns to lead NCAA I-AA ninth-ranked Furman to a 44-10 win over visiting Division II member Newberry Saturday night at Paladin Stadium.

Ivory, who posted his fifth straight 100-yard rushing performance and seventh in the Paladins' last eight games, scored on a 16-yard run in the first quarter to tie the game at 7-7 and later added a 16-yard scoring run early in the second period to give Furman a 21-7 lead.

Furman rolled up 385 yards rushing and totaled 520 yards against the Indians, who accounted for 241 yards in total offense. Ivory's 171 rushing yards moved him from eighth to sixth on Furman's career rushing chart with 2,278 yards.

Leading 21-7 in the second quarter, Furman extended its margin to 28-7 when quarterback Justin Hill hooked up with split end James Thomas on a 17-yard touchdown pass with only 42 seconds left in the half.

Furman made it 35-7 when fullback Derek Russell bulled over on a fourth and goal play from the Newberry 1 at the 10:00 mark of the third quarter.

Russell, who scored three touchdowns in the contest, accounted for the game's final score on a 1-yard dive with only 17 seconds left in the game.

FURMAN	14	14	7	9	—	4
NEWBERRY	7	0	0	3	—	10

N — Vic Gilmore 45 run
 (B.J. Griffin kick) 13:07-1Q
 F — Louis Ivory 16 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 12:22-1Q
 F — Derek Russell 2 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 2:47-1Q
 F — Louis Ivory 16 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 10:50-2Q
 F — James Thomas 17 pass from Justin Hill
 (Danny Marshall kick) 9:42-2Q
 F — Derek Russell 1 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 10:00-3Q
 N — B.J. Griffin 39 FG 10:41-4Q
 F — Danny Marshall 29 FG 6:09-4Q
 F — Derek Russell 1 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 0:178-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 19-171, Rembert 9-74, Hill 9-43, Russell 11-37, O'Neal 6-36, Burton 2-10, Huguley 1-8, Napier 8-6. N — Gilmore 9-76, Tackett 9-37, Pierce 6-25, Coats 5-7, Kelly 1-(-4).

Passing: F — Hill 9-15-0-88, Napier 3-6-0-47. N — Coats 12-21-0-93, Dearybury 1-1-0-7.

Receiving: F — Thomas 4-35, Rinehart 3-46, Ditto 2-21, Smerdzinski 1-16, Burton 1-10, Russell 1-7. N — Pierce 4-42, Norris 3-26, Gilmore 2-2, Brown 1-14, Stevens 1-7, Peake 1-5, Henderson 1-4.

	F	N
First Downs	32	12
Rushing	65-385	30-141
Passing	135	100
C/A/I	12-21-0	13-22-0
Total Offense	520	241
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	1-0
Penalties	5-45	2-10
Punts	2-38.0	6-40.5
Possession Time	37:10	22:50
Third Down Conversions	10-16	2-11
Sacks By	1-5	0-0

FURMAN 34, WILLIAM & MARY 10

GREENVILLE (Sept. 16, 2000) -- Junior tailback Louis Ivory rushed 27 times for 232 yards and two touchdowns to lead NCAA I-AA eighth-ranked Furman to a 34-10 win over visiting William & Mary.

Ivory, who bested his previous career high rushing mark of 203 yards set last year in a win over East Tennessee State, headlined a Furman ground game that rolled up 389 yards with an 88-yard touchdown run at the 7:59 mark of the third quarter to give the Paladins a 17-0 lead. The 88-yard run marked the second longest in school history.

Ivory's record setting performance marked his sixth straight 100-yard outing and eighth 100-yard outing in the Paladins' last nine games. Furman's defense, meanwhile, accounted for four turnovers, including three interceptions.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Furman's Danny Marshall connected on a 39-yard field goal to put the Paladins ahead 3-0 with 9:10 left in the first half.

After stopping William & Mary on its next possession, the Paladins moved 80 yards in eight plays to take a 10-0 lead following an 11-yard touchdown run by Ivory with 1:13 left in the second quarter.

A 26-yard Danny Marshall field goal at the 3:32 mark of the third quarter increased the Paladins' lead to 20-0, and a little over a minute later the Paladins struck again when, following a fumble recovery by defensive end Clay O'Daniel at the Tribe 35, Justin Hill connected with Bryant Huguley for a 35-yard touchdown pass to make it a 27-0 game.

Furman's Derek Russell's 5-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter gave Furman a 34-3 lead before William & Mary registered its only touchdown of the contest on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Kevin Carty to Danny Wade on the game's final play.

FURMAN	0	10	17	7	—	34
WILLIAM & MARY	0	0	0	10	—	10

F — Danny Marshall 39 FG 9:10-2Q
 F — Louis Ivory 11 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 1:13-2Q
 F — Louis Ivory 88 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 7:59-3Q
 F — Danny Marshall 26 FG 3:32-3Q
 F — Bryant Huguley 35 pass from Justin Hill
 (Danny Marshall kick) 2:32-3Q
 WM — Brett Sterba 27 FG 14:03-4Q
 F — Derek Russell 5 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 12:30-4Q
 WM — Danny Wade 3 pass from Kevin Carty
 (Brett Sterba kick) 0:00-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-232, Hill 10-85, Russell 5-43, Burton 3-13, Ditto 1-7, O'Neal 1-5, Rembert 2-2, Napier 3-2, Huguley 1-0. WM — Lonergan 8-63, Howard 11-40, Ali 5-38, Corley 8-9, Musinski 1-(-5), Carty 2-(-7).

Passing: F — Hill 3-5-0-48, Napier 2-4-0-24. WM — Corley 15-27-2-184, Carty 10-14-1-108.

Receiving: F — Smerdzinski 2-20, Huguley 1-35, Rinehart 1-11, Sansbury 1-6. WM — Musinski 7-74, Paxton 5-59, Rosier 3-53, Cameron 3-30, Wade 3-25, Johnson 2-30, Ali 1-14, Howard 1-7.

	F	WM
First Downs	19	24
Rushing	53-389	35-138
Passing	72	292
C/A/I	5-9-0	35-41-3
Total Offense	461	430
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties	3-30	5-47
Punts	6-40.0	7-40.3
Possession Time	30:20	29:40
Third Down Conversions	3-11	6-15
Sacks By	4-15	0-0

FURMAN 35, VMI 21

LEXINGTON, VA. (Sept. 23, 2000) -- Louis Ivory rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown and Furman's defense racked up seven sacks to lift the NCAA I-AA nationally sixth-ranked Paladins to a 35-21 Southern Conference win over VMI.

With the win Furman, posted its 19th straight series victory over the VMI and matched the program's longest winning streak over an opponent first set against Wofford from 1917-47.

Leading 14-13 at intermission, the Paladins stretched their advantage to 21-13 when Eddie Overdyke scooped up a fumble and returned it 20 yards for a score at the 12:40 mark of the third quarter. Furman's lead didn't last long, however, as VMI's Richard Holland gathered in the ensuing kickoff, shed a couple of tacklers, and outdistanced the Paladin kick coverage unit for a 100-yard kickoff return. A two-point conversion knotted the game at 21-21.

A bobbled catch by Lamar Rembert on the kickoff and penalty gave Furman the ball at its own 1-yard line, but from that point the Paladin offense put together its most impressive drive of the contest. A 45-yard run by Louis Ivory moved it to the Furman 46. Eleven plays later, Derek Russell scored on an 11-yard run to give the Paladins a 28-21 lead, and the Paladins added to it late in the third quarter when quarterback Justin Hill hooked up with James Thomas on a 36-yard scoring strike.

From that point Furman's defense, led by redshirt defensive end Brandon Poole's three sacks, stepped up the pressure on VMI, racking up five of its seven quarterback takedowns and holding VMI to only four rushing yards and 218 total yards.

FURMAN	0	14	21	0	—	35
VMI	3	10	8	0	—	21

VMI — Matt Maxey 20 FG 8:31-1Q

F — Louis Ivory 6 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 14:22-2Q

VMI — Gene Cauthen 2 run
(Matt Maxey kick) 9:47-2Q

F — Derek Russell 1 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 1:27-2Q

VMI — Matt Maxey 48 FG 0:15-2Q
F — Eddie Overdyke 20 fumble return
(Danny Marshall kick) 12:40-3Q

VMI — Richard Holland 100 kickoff return
(Joey Gibson rush) 12:23-3Q

F — Derek Russell 8 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 7:13-3Q

F — James Thomas 36 pass from Justin Hill
(Danny Marshall kick) 0:35-3Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 28-135, Hill 11-67, Russell 6-31, Burton 4-16, Rembert 2-12, Huguley 2-(-3). VMI — Cauthen 11-26, Solomon 1-2, Armstead 5-0, Malast 1-(-1), Mitchell 6-(-11), Gibson 9-(-12).

Passing: F — Hill 8-15-1-128. VMI — Gibson 19-25-1-174, Mitchell 4-7-0-40.

Receiving: F — Smerdzinski 3-56, Rinehart 2-25, Thomas 1-36, Huguley 1-11, Ivory 1-0. VMI — 6-85, Alley 6-45, Yarbough 6-27, Pearson 2-33, Solomon 2-13, Neal 1-11.

	F	VMI
First Downs	24	15
Rushing	53-258	33-4
Passing	128	214
C/A/I	8-15-1	23-32-1
Total Offense	386	218
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-1
Penalties	6-31	7-74
Punts	3-39.7	6-37.7
Possession Time	32:23	27:37
Third Down Conversions	8-11	5-15
Sacks By	7-45	1-4

FURMAN 38, W. CAROLINA 14

GREENVILLE (Sept. 30, 2000) -- Junior tailback Louis Ivory rushed for 187 yards and three touchdowns to lead the NCAA I-AA nationally sixth-ranked Furman Paladins to a 38-14 win over Western Carolina.

Ivory, who topped the 100-yard rushing mark for the eighth straight game, scored on runs of 65, 25, and 14 yards to highlight a Paladin attack that generated 518 yards in total offense.

Furman wasted little time in grabbing the lead. After stopping Western Carolina on its first possession, Louis Ivory, on the Paladins' third play from scrimmage, took an option pitch from quarterback Justin Hill and raced 65 yards for a touchdown to give Furman a 7-0 advantage at the 11:54 mark.

Ivory, who topped the 100-yard mark on his third run of the game with a 39-yard burst up the middle midway through the first quarter, finished off Furman's second possession of the game with a 25-yard touchdown run to cap a five-play, 80-yard drive that put Furman ahead 14-0 with 4:55 left in the first period.

Furman extended its margin to 17-0 with a 24-yard Danny Marshall field goal before Western Carolina closed the margin to 17-7 on a 14-yard Fred Boateng touchdown run with 2:25 left in the half.

Furman polished off the Catamounts in the third quarter with a pair of touchdowns, the first on a 14-yard reverse run by flanker Bear Rinehart and the second on Ivory's third score of the game, also from 14 yards, to give the Paladins a 31-7 advantage.

Furman's ground attack accounted for 400 yards and featured nine ballcarriers.

FURMAN	14	3	14	7	—	38
W. CAROLINA	0	7	0	7	—	14

F — Louis Ivory 65 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 11:54-1Q

F — Louis Ivory 25 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 4:55-1Q

F — Danny Marshall 24 FG 8:34-2Q
WC — Fred Boateng 14 run

(Josh Jones kick) 2:25-2Q
F — Bear Rinehart 14 run

(Danny Marshall kick) 12:23-3Q
F — Louis Ivory 14 run

(Danny Marshall kick) 4:12-3Q
F — Toreico O'Neal 11 run

(Danny Marshall kick) 10:20-4Q
WC — Tracy Biggs 5 pass from David Rivers

(Josh Jones kick) 5:27-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 17-187, Hill 13-80, Rembert 8-38, Napier 3-35, Burton 3-17, O'Neal 4-16, Rinehart 1-14, Russell 3-9, Sanders 1-4. WC — Bryant 11-41, Boateng 7-24, Biggs 3-19, Rivers 6-7, Williams 1-3, Gary 1-3, Seward 1-(-6).

Passing: F — 6-9-0-79, Napier 3-4-0-39. WC — Rivers 29-42-1-241.

Receiving: F — Huguley 3-45, Sansbury 2-36, Smerdzinski 2-19, Thomas 1-15, Rembert 1-3. WC — Banks 7-68, Bryant 6-17, Seward 5-62, Rucker 4-46, Lane 4-32, Boateng 1-7, Biggs 1-5, Gary 1-4.

	F	WCU
First Downs	22	26
Rushing	53-400	30-91
Passing	118	241
C/A/I	9-13-0	29-42-1
Total Offense	518	332
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	2-20	4-20
Punts	2-41.0	5-42.6
Possession Time	31:05	28:55
Third Down Conversions	8-12	6-15
Sacks By	2-15	2-16

APPALACHIAN ST. 18, FURMAN 17

BOONE, N.C. (Oct. 7, 2000) -- Jerry Beard's two-yard touchdown run with under three minutes remaining gave eighth-ranked Appalachian State its first lead of the game and an 18-17 win over sixth-ranked Furman at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

After DuShon Martin intercepted Furman quarterback Justin Hill in the end zone with 6:58 left in the game and ASU trailing 17-11, the Mountaineers went 80 yards in ten plays to complete the comeback.

Furman jumped on top 7-0 in the first quarter on a 65-yard run by Hill, the longest of his career, eight minutes into the game.

ASU took the kickoff after Hill's score and drove 52 yards in ten plays to set up Mark Wright for a 32-yard field goal to get on the board.

Long plays victimized the Mountaineers again as Hill hit tight end Trent Sansbury for a 60-yard score to go into the locker room up 14-3 at the half.

After Wes Hunter blocked a Furman punt on their first drive of the second half, ASU was stopped on a fourth down-and-one at the Paladin 19-yard line. Furman was forced to punt, however, and the Mountaineers went 53 yards in ten plays before quarterback Joe Burchette plowed in from one-yard out with 4:03 left in the third quarter. Burchette completed a pass to Daniel Wilcox for the two-point conversion and a 14-11 margin.

The Paladins tried to put the game away on the next drive, getting a first-and-goal at the ASU six-yard line. The defense, led by linebacker Justin Seaverns, held and forced Furman to settle for a field goal and a 17-11 lead.

A fumbled punt return gave the Paladins the ball on the ASU 23-yard line with 9:31 left. Again Furman had first-and-goal, and again the Mountaineer defense held, forcing Hill into the interception in the end zone on third-and-goal from the two-yard line, leading to the winning score.

FURMAN	7	7	0	3	—	17
APPALACHIAN ST.	3	0	8	7	—	18

F — Justin Hill 65 run
(Danny Marshall kick) 6:55-1Q

A — Mark Wright 32 FG 2:38-1Q
F — Trent Sansbury 60 pass from Justin Hill

(Danny Marshall kick) 3:28-2Q
A — Joe Burchette 1 run

(Daniel Wilcox pass) 4:03-3Q
F — Danny Marshall 19 FG 12:51-4Q

A — Jerry Beard 2 run
(Mark Wright kick) 2:42-4Q

Rushing: F — Hill 21-115, Ivory 19-58, Russell 9-53, Willis 1-12, Huguley 1-7. A — Razzak 10-82, Cornatzer 3-25, Bear 8-23, Watkins 2-3, Burchette 9-3, Albea 1-2, White 3-1.

Passing: F — Hill 8-13-2-156. A — Burchette 18-33-2-290.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 3-94, Ivory 2-11, Huguley 1-24, Rinehart 1-20, Smerdzinski 1-7. A — Albea 3-11, Gibson 3-67, Wilcox 3-46, Slade 3-39, Pryor 3-19, Razzak 2-9, White 1-(-1).

	F	A
First Downs	15	18
Rushing	51-245	36-139
Passing	156	290
C/A/I	8-13-2	18-33-2
Total Offense	401	429
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties	5-25	5-60
Punts	6-27.8	4-42.5
Possession Time	31:16	28:44
Third Down Conversions	4-15	6-14
Sacks By	1-1	2-19

FURMAN 33, THE CITADEL 7

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Oct. 14, 2000) -- Backup quarterback Billy Napier passed for 170 yards and a touchdown to lead ninth-ranked Furman to a 33-7 win over arch-rival The Citadel in front of 13,326 fans.

Napier, a sophomore, replaced injured starting quarterback Justin Hill on the second series and completed 11-of-16 passes in the contest, including a 26-yard touchdown pass to tight end Trent Sansbury in the third quarter to give the Paladins a 10-7 lead.

Furman tailback Louis Ivory ran for 214 yards and scored on a 58-yard run in the third quarter to post his second straight 1,000-yard season. The win was Furman's fifth in its last six games against The Citadel and fifth straight home victory.

The Citadel grabbed an early 7-0 lead when Nate Mahoney scored on a 1-yard plunge to cap an 8-play, 70-yard drive on the Bulldogs' first possession.

A 39-yard Danny Marshall field goal with 9:34 left in the first half cut The Citadel's lead to 7-3.

Furman wasted little time in assuming command in the third quarter. Taking the kickoff the Paladins moved 70 yards in six plays to grab a 10-7 advantage when Napier split two Bulldog defenders with a 26-yard touchdown pass to tight end Trent Sansbury.

After a fumble halted Furman's next scoring threat, the Paladins bounced back when Ivory bounced off a pair of Bulldog defenders and raced 58 yards for a touchdown to stretch the Paladin lead to 17-7.

A 39-yard punt by Furman's Lee Willis that was downed at The Citadel 1 led to Furman's next score, which came on a safety when linebacker Will Bouton tackled the Bulldogs' Nate Mahoney in the end zone to make it 19-7 early in the fourth quarter.

Furman's defense limited Citadel to only 89 total yards in the second half and set up the Paladins' last two scores. Free safety Josh Cooper's 35-yard interception return for a score made it 26-7, and Cooper's school record tying third interception of the contest set up Furman's final score with just over two minutes left.

FURMAN	0	3	14	16	—	33
THE CITADEL	7	0	0	0	—	7

- C — Nate Mahoney 1 run (Brice Stefanick kick) 11:31-1Q
- F — Danny Marshall 39 FG 9:34-2Q
- F — Trent Sansbury 26 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 12:04-3Q
- F — Louis Ivory 58 run (Danny Marshall kick) 2:42-3Q
- F — Will Bouton safety 12:40-4Q
- F — Josh Cooper 35 interception return (Danny Marshall kick) 3:28-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 2:02-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 25-214, Russell 4-27, Rembert 3-19, Napier 9-5, Burton 1-2, O'Neal 2-2, Sansbury 1-1, Hill 1-(-10). C — Murphy 10-67, Johnson 16-60, Mahoney 14-40, Dunham 7-27, Wiley 1-0, Healy 1-(-6), Call 1-(-12).

Passing: F — Napier 11-16-0-170, Hill 0-1-0-0. C — Johnson 4-9-2-48, Call 2-3-0-21, Hines 0-1-1-0.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 5-94, Rinehart 2-39, Smerdzinski 2-15, Thomas 1-19, Ivory 1-3. C — Healy 5-69, Gamble 1-6.

	F	CIT
First Downs	19	10
Rushing	46-260	50-176
Passing	170	75
C/A/I	11-16-0	6-13-3
Total Offense	430	251
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-0
Penalties	4-26	8-54
Punts	4-42.8	7-36.0
Possession Time	29:17	30:43
Third Down Conversions	4-12	5-15
Sacks By	1-12	4-24

ETSU 23, FURMAN 21

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. (Oct. 21, 2000) -- East Tennessee State kicker Con Chellis booted a 26-yard field goal with 1:12 left in the game to lift the Buccaneers to a 23-21 upset win over the nationally seventh-ranked Furman Paladins at Memorial Center.

Chellis, who moments earlier had missed an extra point that could have tied the contest at 21-21, connected on the game winning field goal following a key 51-yard punt return by the Buccaneers' Keyandre Fenn to the Furman 13.

The defeat, Furman's third straight to East Tennessee State in Johnson City, was especially tough because the Paladins appeared to be ready to take command after assuming a 21-14 lead following a 10-yard touchdown run Louis Ivory with 7:51 left in the third quarter.

Two possessions later Furman drove 66 yards in 10 plays to the Buccaneer 1 but, on a second and goal play, Ivory fumbled and East Tennessee State's Lee Neisz recovered at the Buccaneer 6.

From there East Tennessee State covered 94 yards in impressive fashion to slice Furman's lead to 21-20 following an 8-yard touchdown run by quarterback Todd Wells with 7:43 left.

Despite the fumble, Furman had two prime opportunities to win the game with ball control but could not come up with needed first downs on its last two possessions prior to the Buccaneers' game winning field goal.

Louis Ivory topped Furman's offensive effort with 227 yards and two touchdowns on a school record 41 carries. Buccaneer quarterback Todd Wells, meanwhile, passed for 336 yards and two scores and accounted for 401 yards in total offense.

FURMAN	7	7	7	0	—	21
E. TENN. ST.	7	7	0	9	—	23

- ET — Cecil Moore 42 pass from Todd Wells (Con Chellis kick) 12:20-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 8 run (Danny Marshall kick) 6:59-1Q
- ET — Cecil Moore 35 pass from Todd Wells (Con Chellis kick) 12:15-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:22-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 10 run (Danny Marshall kick) 7:51-3Q
- ET — Todd Wells 8 run (kick failed) 7:43-4Q
- ET — Con Chellis 26 FG 1:12-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 41-227, Russell 10-32, Napier 7-27, Rembert 1-4. ET — Wells 9-65, Carter 9-25, Gamble 6-24, Sims 1-7, Martin 1-1, Team 1-(-2), Bass 1-(-8).

Passing: F — Napier 8-20-3-73, ET — Wells 233-44-3-336.

Receiving: F — Smerdzinski 3-27, Rinehart 2-20, Burton 2-15, Huguley 1-11 ET — Moore 5-125, Martin 5-81, Sims 5-42, Turner 3-35, Gamble 2-11, Rader 1-18, Carter 1-14, Tiller 1-10.

	F	ET
First Downs	22	23
Rushing	59-279	28-112
Passing	73	336
C/A/I	8-20-3	23-44-3
Total Offense	352	448
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties	5-52	12-96
Punts	4-42.8	7-36.0
Possession Time	25:05	45:55
Third Down Conversions	4-13	4-12
Sacks By	0-0	1-10

FURMAN 45, GA. SOUTHERN 10

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Nov. 4, 2000) — Junior tailback Louis Ivory rushed for a career high 301 yards and three touchdowns to lead 11th-ranked Furman to a 45-10 victory over NCAA I-AA top-ranked and 2000 Southern Conference champion Georgia Southern.

Ivory, the leading rusher in NCAA I-AA coming into the game, reeled off scoring runs of 7, 73, and 37 yards to establish new school and conference single game and season rushing records.

The victory was Furman's second over a top-ranked team, and it represented Georgia Southern's most decisive conference loss in the Eagles' eight-year league history.

Furman totaled 523 yards in offense to Georgia Southern's 250 and outrushed the Eagles 404 to 114. Senior free safety Josh Cooper headlined Furman's defensive effort with 10 tackles, and the Paladins sacked Eagle quarterback J.R. Revere four times and intercepted two passes in the contest.

Holding a slim 10-7 halftime lead, Furman seized momentum in the first minute of the second half when cornerback Richie Jackson intercepted a J.R. Revere pass and returned it 29 yards for a touchdown at the 14:07 mark to put the Paladins ahead 17-7.

After Georgia Southern sliced Furman's lead to 17-10, the Paladins scored touchdowns on their next four possessions. A 37-yard touchdown strike from quarterback Justin Hill to Bear Rinehart made it 24-10 and, a little over four minutes later, Ivory bounced outside and outran Georgia Southern's defense on a 73-yard touchdown sprint.

Fullback Derek Russell's 20-yard touchdown run with 1:43 left in the third period closed out the 28-point third quarter and gave Furman a 38-10 advantage.

Ivory finished off his top career rushing performance with a 37-yard scoring run at the 9:21 juncture of the fourth quarter.

FURMAN	7	3	28	7	—	45
GA. SOUTHERN	7	0	3	0	—	10

- F — Louis Ivory 7 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:47-1Q
- GS — Edmund Coley 26 run (Rob Bironas kick) 1:48-1Q
- F — Danny Marshall 32 FG 0:06-2Q
- F — Richie Jackson 29 interception return (Danny Marshall kick) 14:07-3Q
- GS — Rob Bironas 41 FG 12:34-3Q
- F — Bear Rinehart 37 pass from Justin Hill (Danny Marshall kick) 9:33-3Q
- F — Louis Ivory 73 run (Danny Marshall kick) 5:17-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 20 run (Danny Marshall kick) 1:43-3Q
- F — Louis Ivory 37 run (Danny Marshall kick) 9:21-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 33-301, Russell 11-59, Rembert 4-33, O'Neal 2-5, Sanders 1-6, Hill 3-1. GS — Coley 15-60, Myers 3-25, Weathers 7-15, Revered 20-14.

Passing: F — Hill 5-12-0-119. GS — Revere 10-19-2-136.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 3-99, Thomas 1-14, Sansbury 1-6. GS — Johnson 5-64, Myers 2-24, Owens 1-31, Weathers 1-17, Coley 1-0.

	F	GS
First Downs	24	15
Rushing	54-404	45-114
Passing	119	136
C/A/I	5-12-0	10-19-2
Total Offense	523	250
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	3-28	3-25
Punts	2-38.0	4-36.8
Possession Time	31:50	28:10
Third Down Conversions	8-13	4-14
Sacks By	4-40	1-7

FURMAN 27, WOFFORD 18

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (Nov. 11, 2000) -- Quarterback Justin Hill threw for 163 yards and a touchdown and tailback Louis Ivory, the nation's leading rusher, ran for 165 yards to lead nationally fourth-ranked Furman to a 27-18 Southern Conference victory over No. 25 Wofford at Gibbs Stadium.

With the win, Furman posted its fifth win in its last six games against Wofford.

Wofford took the opening kickoff and used 11 plays to cover 86 yards for the game's first score, which came on a 3-yard touchdown run by Melvin Jones with 11:08 left in the first quarter for a 6-0 lead.

A fumble recovery by Furman's Brandon Poole on the Terriers' next possession gave the Paladins the football at the Wofford 35. After moving to the 18, Danny Marshall put the Paladins on the board with a 35-yard field goal at the 4:32 juncture of the first period.

A little over two minutes later, a short Wofford punt set up a 38-yard Justin Hill touchdown pass to Bryant Huguley that give the Paladins a 10-6 lead.

Midway through the second quarter the Paladins took advantage of another Wofford turnover for a score. A Shelvis Smith interception return led to a 52-yard scoring drive that ended when Derek Russell bulled over from 1 yard out to make it a 17-6 game.

After a Terrier field goal closed the gap to 17-9 with a little over two minutes left before intermission, Furman's offense put together its best drive of the game. A 55-yard play action pass from Hill to sophomore wide receiver Bear Rinehart on the drive's first play gave the Paladins the ball at the Wofford 25, and six plays later, on a third and three play from the 8, Rinehart took a reverse handoff from Ivory around right end untouched for the score and a 24-9 Furman lead.

Furman's momentum didn't last long in the second half, however, as Wofford's Will Thomas blocked a Lee Willis punt that was returned by Jeremy Dula to the Paladin 7-yard line. Three plays later, Tony Hudson scored from a yard out to cut the margin to 24-15. The two-point rush attempt failed.

On the ensuing kickoff, a Chris Lowery fumble was recovered by Wofford's Josh Brizendine at the Paladin 20. The Terriers, however, were unable to generate a first down, and Darren Brown missed on a 35-yard field goal.

Brown converted a 22-yard field goal on the next series to pull Wofford within 24-18 with 2:18 left in the third quarter.

From that point both team's defenses stiffened, but Furman's special teams came through with one of the game's biggest plays when junior punter Lee Willis boomed a career best 64-yard punt to the Wofford 11.

Three plays later the Terriers were forced to punt, but another short kick gave Furman the ball at its own 47. A 19-yard pass from Hill to Huguley on the drive's first play moved the ball to the Wofford 34. Later, after pushing to the 7 yard line, freshman placekicker Danny Marshall delivered a crucial 24-yard field goal with 6:18 left in the contest, giving the Paladins a 27-18 lead.

Wofford saw its chances dashed on its next possession when, after a strong run up the middle, Terrier quarterback Travis Wilson was stripped of the football by Paladin linebacker Keito Whetstone, whose forced fumble was recovered by teammate Richie Jackson at the Furman 26 with 4:01 remaining in the game.

From there, Furman turned to Ivory for seven straight runs, including a game clinching 37-yard burst to the Wofford 33-yard line on a third-and-six play.

All-Southern Conference linebacker Will Bouton headlined Furman's solid defensive effort with a career high 19 tackles.

FURMAN	10	14	0	3	—	27
WOFFORD	6	3	9	0	—	18

W	—	Melvin Jones 3 run (kick failed) 11:08-1Q
F	—	Danny Marshall 35 FG 4:42-1Q
F	—	Bryant Huguley 38 pass from Justin Hill (Danny Marshall kick) 2:12-1Q
F	—	Derek Russell 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 7:07-2Q
W	—	Darren Brown 49 FG 2:23-2Q
F	—	Bear Rinehart 8 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:35-2Q
W	—	Tony Hudson 1 run (run failed) 12:12-3Q
W	—	Darren Brown 22 FG 2:18-3Q
F	—	Danny Marshall 24 FG 6:18-4Q

Rushing: F—Ivory 28-165, Russell 9-17, Rinehart 1-8, Rembert 1-8, Hill 8-(9). W—Wilson 16-106, Hudson 14-61, Jones 13-59, Fogle 9-37, Price 2-11, Foster 3-10, McCoy 3-2.

Passing: F—Hill 7-10-0-163. W—Wilson 7-12-1-68.

Receiving: F—Huguley 3-82, Hunter 2-15, Rinehart 1-55, Sansbury 1-11. W—Scott 5-57, Thomas 1-7, Thompson 1-4.

	FUR	WOF
First Downs	15	19
Rushing	47-189	60-286
Passing	163	68
C/A/I	7-10-0	7-12-1
Total Offense	352	354
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties	5-41	7-60
Punts	5-38.6	3-29.7
Possession Time	28:43	31:17
Third Down Conversions	5-14	5-12
Sacks By	2-3	2-13

FURMAN 45, CHATTANOOGA 44

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Nov. 18, 2000) -- Derek Russell's 14-yard touchdown run in overtime lifted the NCAA I-AA fourth-ranked Furman Paladins to a 45-44 win over the Chattanooga Mocs at Paladin Stadium.

Russell's scoring run put Furman ahead 45-38 on the first possession of overtime, but Chattanooga responded with a 40-yard touchdown pass from Chris Sanders to Cos DeMatteo to make it 45-44. But the Mocs' effort to win the game with a two-point pass play failed when Furman's Andre Stroman deflected a Sanders pass intended for Richmond Flowers at the goal line.

Furman took a 38-31 lead when Louis Ivory reeled off a 45-yard touchdown run with 3:34 remaining in the game, but Chattanooga answered on its final possession in regulation, moving 65 yards in eight plays to tie the game when Sanders, on a fourth-and-one play, connected with Ronnie Strickland on a 9-yard touchdown pass with only 21 seconds left.

The game featured 1,029 yards in combined total offense and a pair of outstanding individual performances.

In rushing for 207 yards and a touchdown, Paladin tailback Louis Ivory, the leading rusher in NCAA I-AA football, became the first player in Southern Conference history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. Ivory's 200-yard performance, his fifth of the season, helped him eclipse the previous season standard of 1,932 yards set by Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson in 1998.

Chattanooga quarterback Chris Sanders, meanwhile, completed 32-of-47 passes for 437 yards and four touchdowns to finish his career as the Southern Conference's second all-time leading passer with 7,230 yards in only 22 games.

The win was Furman's first in five overtime clashes and sixth straight over Chattanooga.

Furman's ability to defeat Chattanooga looked slim in the early going as the Mocs scored on their first

two possessions of the game to take a 14-0 lead following a 1-yard touchdown run by Jason Ball and a 54-yard touchdown pass from Sanders to Richmond Flowers.

The Paladins got on the board late in the first period when Bear Rinehart gathered in a pass from quarterback Justin Hill and sidestepped a pair of UTC defenders to complete a 37-yard touchdown pass.

Furman knotted the game at 14-14 when Derek Russell scored his first of three touchdowns in the contest on a 3-yard run at the 4:06 juncture of the second quarter.

UTC regained the lead, however, when Matt Vick booted a 37-yard field goal with just 23 seconds left before halftime.

In the third quarter an interception by cornerback Richie Jackson at the Furman 25 helped the Paladins take their first lead of the game. Three plays later quarterback Justin Hill broke free on a 61-yard touchdown run at the 11:38 mark.

A 37-yard field goal by Furman's Danny Marshall extended the Paladins' lead to 24-17 before Chattanooga tied it at 24-24 on a 2-yard touchdown pass from Sanders to DeMatteo with a little over two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Paladins and Mocs traded touchdowns, setting up the overtime period.

FURMAN	7	7	10	14	7	—	45
CHATTANOOGA	14	3	7	14	6	—	44

C	—	Jason Ball 1 run (Matt Vick kick) 9:54-1Q
C	—	Richmond Flowers 54 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 7:26-1Q
F	—	Bear Rinehart 37 pass from Justin Hill (Danny Marshall kick) 5:29-1Q
F	—	Derek Russell 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:06-2Q
C	—	Matt Vick 37 FG 0:23-2Q
F	—	Justin Hill 61 run (Danny Marshall kick) 11:38-3Q
F	—	Danny Marshall 37 FG 6:58-3Q
C	—	Cos DeMatteo 2 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 2:38-3Q
F	—	Derek Russell 4 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:58-4Q
C	—	Jason Ball 1 run (Matt Vick kick) 5:48-4Q
F	—	Louis Ivory 45 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:34-4Q
C	—	Ronnie Strickland 9 pass from Chris Sanders (Matt Vick kick) 0:21-4Q
F	—	Derek Russell 14 run (Danny Marshall kick) OT
C	—	Cos DeMatteo 40 pass from Chris Sanders (Chris Sanders pass failed)

Rushing: F—Ivory 29-207, Hill 12-89, Russell 8-54, Thomas 1-7. C—Ball 12-40, Sanders 11-34, Flowers 1-12, McNeill 8-11.

Passing: F—7-16-0-138. C—Sanders 32-47-1-437.

Receiving: F—Rinehart 4-70, Smerdzinski 2-39, Sansbury 1-29. C—Flowers 11-186, DeMatteo 10-123, Strickland 5-67, Rankin 3-19, Bandy 2-37, Ball 1-5.

	FUR	UTC
First Downs	25	28
Rushing	50-357	32-97
Passing	138	437
C/A/I	7-16-0	32-47-1
Total Offense	495	534
Fumbles-Lost	5-1	1-0
Penalties	7-91	11-93
Punts	3-41.0	5-47.8
Possession Time	26:07	33:53
Third Down Conversions	2-9	7-15
Sacks By	2-15	1-0