



Game 5 -- September 30, 2000
Furman Paladins (4-0; 1-0 SoCon, No. 6 TSN) vs. Western Carolina Catamounts (2-2; 1-1 SoCon)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass
2:00 P.M. Kickoff (EDT)
WCSZ-AM 1070 (Live), YahooBroadcast.com (Live)



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THE GAME

Saturday's Furman-Western Carolina game is Furman's 2000 Southern Conference home season opener and will highlight Salute to Greenville County Education Day at Furman University.

THE SERIES

Furman holds a 16-9-2 series advantage over Western Carolina and enters Saturday's game having claimed wins in four of the past five clashes between the two schools, including a 27-19 victory last year in Cullowhee. Furman rolled up Western Carolina 31-7 two years ago in Greenville. In all games played in Greenville, the Paladins own an 8-5-1 record versus the Catamounts. In Cullowhee, Furman has posted an 8-4-1 mark versus Western Carolina. Aside from Georgia Southern, which owns a 3-1 record against Furman in Paladin Stadium, Western Carolina is the only other Southern Conference foe that owns at least a .500 record (5-5) against Furman in Paladin Stadium.

1971	W	21-14	GREENVILLE
1972	L	15-20	Cullowhee
1975	W	34-0	GREENVILLE
1977	T	24-24	GREENVILLE
1978	W	24-7	Cullowhee
1979	W	23-14	GREENVILLE
1980	W	28-14	Cullowhee
1981	W	31-27	Cullowhee
1982	W	12-6	GREENVILLE
1983	T	17-17	Cullowhee
1983	L	7-14	GREENVILLE
1984	L	19-20	GREENVILLE
1985	W	31-27	Cullowhee
1986	L	13-19	GREENVILLE
1987	L	14-20	Cullowhee
1988	W	31-0	GREENVILLE
1989	W	17-3	Cullowhee
1990	W	42-9	GREENVILLE
1991	W	42-14	Cullowhee
1992	L	27-29	GREENVILLE
1993	L	20-23	Cullowhee
1994	L	24-35	GREENVILLE
1995	W	31-21	Cullowhee
1996	W	45-30	GREENVILLE
1997	L	16-17	Cullowhee
1998	W	31-7	GREENVILLE
1999	W	27-19	Cullowhee

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

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 43-30 (.589), 7th Year at Furman
 43-30 (.589), 7th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Western Carolina (4-2)

Western Carolina: Bill Bleil (Northwestern College '81)
 14-23 (.378), 4th Year at Western Carolina
 14-23 (.378), 4th Year Overall
 Bleil vs. Furman (1-2)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '00 Points/Game — 32.3
 '00 Yards/Game — 400.8
 312.0 Rushing
 88.8 Passing

Western Carolina: Pro Style
 '00 Points/Game — 25.5
 '00 Yards/Game — 393.5
 224.8 Rushing
 168.7 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '00 Points/Game — 11.0
 '00 Yards/Game — 303.5
 120.8 Rushing
 182.8 Passing

Western Carolina: 43
 '00 Points/Game — 28.0
 '00 Yards/Game — 329.3
 112.5 Rushing
 216.8 Passing

2000 SCHEDULES

Furman (4-0, 1-0 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 WESTERN CAROLINA, 2:00
 Oct. 7 @ Appalachian State, Noon
 Oct. 14 THE CITADEL, 2:00
 Oct. 21 @ East Tennessee State, 7:00
 Nov. 4 GEORGIA SOUTHERN, 2:00
 Nov. 11 @ Wofford, 3:30
 Nov. 18 CHATTANOOGA, 2:00

WESTERN CAROLINA (2-2, 1-1 SoCon)
 Sept. 2 @ LSU 58, WCU 0
 Sept. 9 @ WCU 53, Lenoir-Rhyne 10
 Sept. 16 @ The Citadel 17, WCU 10
 Sept. 23 @ WCU 39, East Tennessee State 27
 Sept. 30 @ Furman, 2:00
 Oct. 7 GEORGIA SOUTHERN
 Oct. 14 @ Wofford
 Oct. 21 CHATTANOOGA
 Oct. 28 @ VMI
 Nov. 4 APPALACHIAN STATE
 Nov. 11 TENNESSEE TECH

FURMAN-WESTERN CAROLINA LAST MEETING

CULLOWHEE (Oct. 2, 1999) -- Sophomore tailback Louis Ivory rushed for a game high 150 yards and sparked a Paladin comeback with a pair of second half touchdowns to lead Furman to a 27-19 win over Western Carolina at E.J. Whitmire Stadium. Limited to just 42 first half yards and with the Paladins trailing 13-7, Ivory spiced a 108-yard second half effort with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to give Furman a 14-13

1999 SOCON FINAL STANDINGS

Team	SoCon	Overall
Georgia Southern	7 1	13 2
Furman	7 1	9 3
Appalachian State	7 1	9 3
Wofford	5 3	6 5
East Tennessee State	4 4	6 5
Chattanooga	3 5	5 6
Western Carolina	2 6	3 8
The Citadel	1 7	2 9
VMI	0 8	1 10

2000 SOCON STANDINGS

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

Last Week's Results

Furman 35, VMI 21
 Wofford 24, Charleston Southern 10
 Appalachian State 61, The Citadel 14
 Western Carolina 39, East Tennessee State 27
 Georgia Southern 31, Chattanooga 10

This Week's Games

VMI @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Chattanooga @ Wofford, 1:30
 Western Carolina @ Furman, 2:00
 South Carolina State @ The Citadel, 4:00
 Appalachian State @ East Tennessee State, 7:00

1999 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.)

lead. Later, with the Paladins holding a tenuous 20-19 advantage, the Fort Valley, Ga., product registered the game's biggest play when, on a third-and-17 play, he bolted up the middle on the way to a 43-yard touchdown run to give the Paladins a 27-19 lead with 2:28 left.

Furman's defense then choked off Western Carolina's last possession when strong safety Walter Booth stepped in front of a Catamount pass, which he returned 17 yards to the Catamount 25.

Held to only 115 yards in the first half, Furman's offense put together a pair of second half scoring drives covering 75 and 76 yards to seize control of the contest, which also featured a pair of scores by wide receiver Des Kitchings, whose performance included a 39-yard touchdown catch and a 12-yard scoring run.

Western Carolina was paced by Brad Hoover's 132 rushing yards, but Catamount quarterback Shawn Snyder was picked off four times, including two by Paladin senior free safety John Keith.

FURMAN	7	0	7	13	—	27
W. CAROLINA	0	13	6	0	—	19

- F — Des Kitchings 39 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:13-1Q
- W — Josh Jones 21 FG 10:59-2Q
- W — Michael Banks 38 blocked punt return (David Hill kick) 5:22-2Q
- W — Josh Jones 44 FG 0:09-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-3Q
- W — Brad Hoover 1 run (pass failed) 5:02-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 12 run (pass failed) 5:43-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 43 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-150, Kitchings 4-27, Rentz 1-10, Sanders 3-8, Russell 2-4, Hill 17-(-6). W — Hoover 25-132, Hooks 4-22, Gary 2-5, Snyder 4-(-1), Hill 1-(-9).

Passing: F — Hill 13-20-0-134. W — Snyder 17-34-4-240.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 6-97, Smerdzinski 4-29, Ivory 2-2, Hunter 1-6. W — Williams 7-92, Hoover 4-31, Carter 1-34, Tegeder 1-9, Hooks 1-6.

	F	W
First Downs	21	25
Rushing	54-193	36-149
Passing	134	240
C/A/I	13-20-0	17-34-4
Total Offense	327	389
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	3-27	9-92
Punts	4-34.8	2-35.0
Possession Time	33:01	25:47
Third Down Conversions	8-17	7-12
Sacks By	1-3	1-8

FURMAN LAST TIME OUT

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 at Alumni Field Stadium.

With the win Furman, posted its 19th straight series victory over the VMI and improved to 19-2 in its last 21 conference season openers. The 19 wins over the Keydets matched the Paladins' longest winning streak over an opponent first set against Wofford from 1917-47.

Furman, which came into the game leading the Southern Conference in turnover margin, suffered four turnovers against the Keydets, including three fumbles.

Furman fell behind early when Matt Maxey con-

nected on a 20-yard field goal on the Keydets' second possession of the game.

The Paladins took a 7-3 lead when Louis Ivory scored on a 6-yard run to cap an 8-play, 60-yard drive early in the second quarter, but the Keydets answered two possessions later when Gene Cauthen scored on a 2-yard run following a Keydet fumble recovery at the Furman 38-yard line to give VMI a 10-7 margin.

Furman regained the lead late in the second quarter when fullback Derek Russell registered the first of two touchdowns on a 1-yard plunge to make it a 14-10 game, but the Keydets pulled to within one at 14-13 with a Matt Maxey 48-yard field goal with just 15 seconds left in the half.

A 20-yard fumble return for touchdown by sophomore defensive end Eddie Overdyke at the 12:40 mark of the third quarter provided Furman with a big lift and 21-13 advantage. It didn't last, 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 the Furman 46. Eleven plays later, Derek Russell scored on an 11-yard run to give the Paladins a 28-21 lead with 7:13 remaining in the third period.

From that point Furman's defense stepped up the pressure on VMI, racking up five of its seven quarterback sacks while knocking Keydets quarterback Joey Gibson out of the game with a separated shoulder early in the fourth quarter.

Redshirt freshman defensive end Brandon Poole led Furman's potent pass rush with three sacks. The sacks helped the Paladins hold VMI to only four yards rushing and 218 total yards, including 59 in the second half.

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

FURMAN RADIO

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

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", will call the play-by-play, and joining him with color commentary will be John Ingles.

David Hubbard returns to Furman's broadcast team this fall as host of the tailgate, halftime, and post-game shows, and working alongside Hubbard as co-host of the tailgate show will be Ron Smith. Gordon Higgins returns as sideline reporter, and Robbie Ross will again serve as spotter and scoreboard reporter for the Furman broadcast team. Jimmy Fellers is the executive producer of all Furman football broadcasts.

FURMAN ON YAHOO BROADCAST.COM

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

Fans can access live game play-by-play broadcasts of Furman football directly through broadcast.com at www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/furman/football 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>.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly coaches' teleconference throughout the 2000 season. The weekly teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday (August 29 - November 14) from 10:00 a.m. — 11:03 a.m. EST. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions. The number to call is (712) 271-3576. The password is SoCon.

2000 SoCon Teleconference Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. — Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 10:07 a.m. — Don Powers, The Citadel
- 10:14 a.m. — Paul Hamilton, E. Tenn. St.
- 10:21 a.m. — Bobby Johnson, Furman
- 10:28 a.m. — Paul Johnson, Ga. Southern
- 10:35 a.m. — Donnie Kirkpatrick, UTC
- 10:42 a.m. — Cal McCombs, VMI
- 10:49 a.m. — Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
- 10:56 a.m. — Mike Ayers, Wofford

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

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **IT'S WESTERN...** Although Furman has won four of its last five meetings with Western Carolina, including last year's 27-19 verdict in Cullowhee, the Paladins have had more than their share of troubles with the Catamounts over the years, particularly at Paladin Stadium. In fact, Western Carolina's five wins (5-5) in Paladin Stadium are more than any other Southern Conference opponent, and the Catamounts' .500 mark versus Furman on the Paladins' current home turf is one of only two break even records by Southern Conference foes — a notable statistic when considering the Paladins have posted a 54-20-1 record (.727) against Southern Conference member schools in Paladin Stadium.

FURMAN RECORDS VS. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS IN PALADIN STADIUM

Opponent	Record	Pct
Appalachian State	7-3700
Chattanooga	6-3667
The Citadel	6-3667
East Tennessee State	9-1900
Georgia Southern	1-3250
Marshall *	6-2750
VMI	9-0	1.000
Western Carolina	5-5500
Wofford	5-0-1916
Totals	54-20-1727

*As member of Southern Conference

✓ **BEST START SINCE 1991...** Furman's 4-0 start is the program's best since 1991 when the Paladins got out of the gate 5-0 before suffering a 38-35 loss to Marshall in game six.

✓ **FEWEST RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED SINCE 1975...** VMI's four rushing yards in Saturday's 35-21 Paladin victory represented the fewest rushing yards by a Furman opponent since the 1975 campaign when the Paladins limited Western Carolina to minus three yards on 23 attempts in a 34-0 Furman win in Greenville.

✓ **MOST SACKS SINCE 1997...** In recording seven sacks in Saturday's 35-21 win over VMI, Furman posted its highest sacks total since the 1997 season when the Paladins notched a school single game record 10 takedowns in a 43-21 win over Chattanooga. Furman, which notched only 14 sacks in 12 games a year ago, already has 12 sacks through four games this year. Leading the Paladin pass rush in the victory over VMI was redshirt freshman defensive end Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.), who notched three sacks as part of a five-tackle performance.

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME SACK PERFORMANCES (Overall)

Opponent	Sacks
Chattanooga (1997)	10
The Citadel (1996)	8
VMI (2000)	7
Chattanooga (1996)	7
Western Carolina (1989)	7
Chattanooga (1993)	6
Newberry (1988)	6
Chattanooga (1988)	6

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

Opponent	Sacks
Chattanooga (1997)	10
The Citadel (1996)	8
VMI (2000)	7
Chattanooga (1996)	7
Northern Arizona (1996)	5

FURMAN SEASON SACK TOTALS (Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

Year	Games	Sacks	Sacks/Game
1994	11	10	0.91
1995	11	11	1.00
1996	13	34	2.61
1997	11	32	2.91
1998	11	9	0.81
1999	12	14	1.17
2000	4	12	3.00

✓ **THE LAST TIME...** When sophomore defensive end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) scooped up a VMI fumble and returned it 20 yards for a touchdown on Saturday, it marked the first fumble return for a touchdown by the Paladins since Hershhal Pleasant returned a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown in a 24-22 loss to Elon in the 1999 season opener.

✓ **FURMAN NOW 19-2 IN SOCON SEASON OPENERS SINCE 1980...** In claiming a 35-21 win over VMI on Saturday, Furman improved to 19-2 (.904) in Southern Conference season openers since 1980. Under head coach Bobby Johnson, Furman has now gone 6-1 in league inaugurals (.857). VMI has been the victim in 10 of the Paladins' 19 conference season opening wins since 1980. Western Carolina, Furman's opponent this Saturday, is the only school to record wins over Furman in conference season inaugurals since 1980, having claimed victories over the Paladins in 1987 (20-14 in Cullowhee) and 1994 (35-24 in Greenville).

Furman Records Versus Opponents In SoCon Season Openers Since 1980 (19-2)

vs. VMI	10-0
vs. Western Carolina	3-2
vs. East Tennessee State	2-0
vs. Marshall	2-0
vs. Appalachian State	1-0
vs. Chattanooga	1-0

✓ **PALADINS EXTEND WINNING STREAK OVER VMI...** Furman's 35-21 triumph over VMI on Saturday extended the Paladins' winning streak over the Keydets to 19 games dating back to the 1980 season. The 19-game run of success against VMI matches the longest winning streak against a Paladin opponent first set against Wofford from 1917-47.

✓ **FU NOW 9-1 VERSUS OLD DOMINION STATE TEAMS UNDER BOBBY JOHNSON...** Furman's 35-21 win over VMI last Saturday improved the Paladins' record against Virginia teams to 9-1 under head coach Bobby Johnson. Johnson, who has directed the Paladins to a 7-0 mark against VMI in his tenure at Furman, is also 2-1 versus William & Mary, with the only loss, a 28-26 decision in Greenville, coming in 1994, in his first season as head coach of the Paladins.

✓ **ON THE PLUS SIDE...** A year ago Furman paced the Southern Conference in turnover margin (+0.75/game) and, although the Paladins suffered four turnovers in last Saturday's 35-21 win over VMI, Furman through four games this year has done a solid job in taking care of the football (+1.25/game) while making the opposition pay for their mistakes. All told, the

Paladins have generated 37 of their 129 points this season on possessions following turnovers.

✓ **OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES...** In starting the season 4-0, Furman has added a couple of more offensive statistical superlatives to an expanding list of top performances under head coach Bobby Johnson. The Paladins' 389 rushing yards in the 34-10 win over William & Mary on Sept. 16 represented the second highest Paladin single game rushing total in the Johnson era, 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
VMI (1998)	51-14 W
William & Mary (1999)	52-6 W
East Tennessee State (1999)	48-21 W
Western Carolina (1996)	45-30 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
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
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
E. 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
Newberry (2000)	520	44-10 W
Chattanooga (1996)	516	42-21 W
VMI (1997)	505	35-14 W
VMI (1998)	500	51-14 W

✓ **KICK IT DEEP AT YOUR OWN RISK...** After sporting the Southern Conference's top kickoff return specialist a year ago in All-American Des Kitchings (35.1 ypr, 3 TDs), many figured Furman would not be as formidable at returning kicks this year following Kitchings' graduation to the NFL. After four games, though, Furman is making an early bid to improve on last year's numbers as the Paladins are averaging a solid 34.7 yards per return on nine returns thus far after averaging 21.7 yards per return as a team in 1999. Leading the way is sophomore Chris Lowery (Knoxville, Tenn.), who currently leads all of NCAA I-AA with six returns for 254 yards (42.3 ypr). Lowery didn't take long to assert himself as a solid return man as his 78 yard return at the start of the second half led directly to a Furman field goal in the Paladins' 16-3 season opening win over

Elon. In the Paladins' 44-10 win over Newberry on Sept. 9 Lowery reeled off a 59-yard return on the first possession to help set up the Paladins' first score of the game. And in Saturday's win over VMI, Lowery notched three returns for 97 yards, including a 46-yarder.

✓ **SPEAKING OF KICKOFF RETURNS**...VMI's Richard Holland's 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Saturday's game was the first kickoff return for a score against Furman since 1993 when Western Carolina's Kerry Hayes ran one back 93 yards for a score in a 23-20 Paladin loss to the Catamounts. Holland's 100-yard return also represented a Furman opponent record, breaking the old return standard of 98 yards set by Willie Mason of Presbyterian in 1979.

✓ **DEREK RUSSELL: TD MAN**...Four games into the 2000 season, senior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) appears to be picking up where he left off a year ago when he led Furman in scoring with 90 points on a school single season tying 15 touchdowns despite finishing only fourth in rushing with 337 yards. In Saturday's 35-21 win over VMI, Russell scored his fifth and sixth touchdowns of the season despite having rushed for only 121 yards in four games. Heading into Saturday's clash with Western Carolina, Russell has run for 30 touchdowns but only has 914 yards in his career. 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.

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) ...	Keven Esva	1982-85	214
...	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
7) ...	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
8) ...	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192
9) ...	Glenn Connally	1988-90	188
10) ...	Derek Russell	1987-	180
11) ...	Tim Tanguay	1980-82	177
12) ...	John Bagwell	1984-88	168
13) ...	Larry Robinson	1973-76	152
14) ...	Louis Ivory	1998-	144
15) ...	Andy Goss	1974-76	137

✓ **IVORY ON A RUN**...In rushing 28 times for 135 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 35-21 win over VMI on Saturday, junior tailback Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.) posted his seventh straight 100-yard performance, ninth 100-yard outing in his last 10 games, and 13th century mark rushing outing of his career. Two weeks ago Ivory posted a career high rushing outing by totaling 232 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' 34-10 win over William & Mary, erasing his previous career high rushing performance of 203 yards registered last year in a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State in Greenville. Spicing his new career standard, which represented the fourth highest single game rushing total in Furman history, was a career long 88-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter that gave the Paladins a 17-0 lead. In the Paladins' 16-3 season opening win against Elon on Sept. 2, Ivory ran for 182 yards, including a then-career best 75-yard touchdown run in the game's final minute to seal the victory. Ivory followed up his work against Elon with a 19-carry, 171-yard, two-touchdown performance in a 44-10 victory over Newberry on Sept. 9. Through four games this

year he is averaging 180.0 ypg and a gaudy 7.7 ypc. In Furman's last seven games, Ivory has totaled 127 carries for 963 yards (160.5 ypg/7.6 ypc) and seven touchdowns. Over the past nine games, the Paladin junior has rushed for 1387 yards (154.1 ypg/7.0 ypc) and 11 touchdowns.

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
Totals	94 att./720 yds./6 TD	4-0 (7.7 ypc, 180.0 ypg)

LOUIS IVORY'S LAST SEVEN GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
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
Totals	155 att./1098 yds./8 TD	6-1 (7.1 ypc, 156.9 ypg)

LOUIS IVORY'S LAST 10 GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
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
Totals	227 att./1522 yds./12 TD	8-2 (6.7 ypc, 152.2 ypg)

LOUIS IVORY'S AS A STARTING TAILBACK

Opponent	Statistics	Result
Elon ('99)	18 att./98 yds./0 TD	22-24 L
William & Mary ('00)	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
Totals	315 att./2104 yds./19 TD	12-3 (6.7 ypc, 140.3 ypg)

✓ **SEVEN IN A ROW MOST SINCE '92**...Louis Ivory's seven straight 100-yard rushing performances are the most by a Paladin running back since Carl Tremble reeled off 100-yard games in the Paladins' final nine games of the 1992 season.

✓ **IVORY SUPERLATIVES**...Louis Ivory's 88-yard scoring run and 232-yard rushing performance against William & Mary on Sept. 16 rank among the most impressive marks in Furman history:

LONGEST RUSHING PLAYS

Player	Opponent	Yards
Russ Sutton	Presbyterian (1951)	93
Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	88

Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	88
Mike Glenn	Appalachian St. (1980)	88
Robbie Gardner	Marshall (1984)	88
Robbie Gardner	Central Florida (1984)	88

SINGLE GAME RUSHING YARDS

Player	Opponent	Yards
William Gressette	Erskine (1916)	318
Mike Glenn	Presbyterian (1980)	261
Ernest Crosby	S.C. State (1996)	243
Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	232
Carl Tremble	Chattanooga (1992)	228

✓ **CHARTING LOUIS IVORY**...In rushing for 135 yards and a touchdown in Saturday's win over VMI, Louis Ivory continued to solidify his standing as one of Furman's all-time leading rushers and now heads into this Saturday's game against Western Carolina with 2,645 career rushing yards. Last year Ivory made the switch from fullback to tailback on the way to becoming the first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble topped the plateau in 1992. In rolling up 1,519 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1999, Ivory posted the second highest season rushing total in Furman history and tallied 100-yard rushing performances in eight games. In addition, his 14 rushing touchdowns in 1999 were the second highest season total ever by a Paladin. In a 28-3 victory over North Carolina, Ivory garnered a career high 34 carries for 177 yards — the most yards ever by a Paladin player against an NCAA I-A opponent. Overall Furman is 12-1 in Ivory's 13 career 100-yard rushing performances.

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

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Statistics	Result
William & Mary (00)	27 att./232 yds./2 TD	34-10 W
E. Tenn. St. ('99)	22 att./203 yds./2 TD	48-21 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
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

FURMAN CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1) ...	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
2) ...	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,016
3) ...	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	3,213
4) ...	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038
5) ...	Louis Ivory	1998-	2,645
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-	30
5) ...	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29
6) ...	John Bagwell	1984-88	26
7) ...	Larry Robinson	1973-76	25
8) ...	Louis Ivory	1998-	24
9) ...	Dwight Sterling	1986-89	20
10) ...	David Whitehurst	1973-76	18

✓ **PALADIN POINTERS...**Junior All-Southern Conference linebacker Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.) notched his second interception of the season and third pickoff of his career in the win over VMI. 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.

✓ **GENERAL DANNY MARSHALL...**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 true freshman Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.), who beat out three other Paladin upperclassmen for the team's placekicking job, has earned a few salutes for his teammates and coaching staff. Appearing in his first game as a Paladin, Marshall accounted for 10 of the Paladins' 16 points by connecting on field goals covering 43, 29, and 34 yards, plus an extra point. After booting a fourth field goal and 5-of-6 PATs in the Paladins' 44-10 win over Newberry on Sept. 9, Marshall came back with another solid performance in a 34-10 victory over William & Mary on Sept. 16, converting both field goal chances from 39 and 26 yards, and all four PATs. Marshall ranks third on the team in scoring with 33 points heading into this Saturday's Western Carolina game. The only true 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.

✓ **IT'S JUSTIN TIME...**Much of the optimism surrounding Furman's veteran offense this fall can be attributed to senior quarterback and team co-captain Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.). A second team All-Southern Conference pick in 1999, Hill played a major role in leading Furman to a 9-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs a year ago, throwing for 1,519 yards and nine touchdowns while also rushing for 680 yards and eight scores. During one three-game stretch that included wins over The Citadel, East Tennessee State, and North Carolina, Hill completed a school record 19 straight pass attempts, and he finished the season with a 62.4 completion percentage, the second highest season rate in school history. Hill's 1,515 career rushing yards are the most ever by a Paladin quarterback. Furman is now 21-8 with Hill in the starting lineup. As a freshman in 1997, he paced the Paladins to a 3-0 record in three late season starts. In 1998 Furman went 5-5 with Hill under center (missed one start due to injury), and last season the Paladins forged a 9-3 mark with their veteran quarterback at the controls. The maturity of Hill in 1999 was reflected in the prodigious jump in production by Furman's offense, as the Paladins averaged 36.0 points and 424.3 yards per game after totaling only 24.3 points and 311.1 yards per outing in 1998. Through four contests this year Furman is averaging 32.3 points and 400.8 yards per game.

✓ **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
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
William & Mary ('99)	10 att./86 yds./0 TD	34-10 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
Wofford ('99)	240 yds./3TDR	30-3 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-	1,515
2)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	1,270
3)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	875
4)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	716
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95	561

FURMAN CAREER PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	5,851
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	5,731
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	4,594
4)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68	3,993
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95	3,721
6)	David Charpia	1980-83	3,591
7)	David Henderson	1976-79	3,582
8)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	3,122
9)	Justin Hill	1997-	3,135
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
6)	Philly Jones	1991-95	23
7)	David Charpia	1980-83	22
	David Henderson	1976-79	22
	David Whitehurst	1973-76	22
8)	Justin Hill	1997-	20
	Clyde Hewell	1966-68	20
10)	Hugh Swilling	1989-92	16

FURMAN CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	6,726
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	5,671
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	5,328
4)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
5)	Justin Hill	1997-	4,650
6)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	4,392
7)	Philly Jones	1991-95	4,282
8)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,053
9)	David Charpia	1980-83	3,980
10)	David Henderson	1976-79	3,667

FURMAN CAREER TD RESPONSIBILITY LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	TDRs
1)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	58
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	55
3)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	48
4)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-95	46
5)	Robbie Gardner	1982-85	43
6)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	41
7)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	40

.... Tim Sorrells	1977-81	40
8) Justin Hill	1997-	34
9) Billy Canty	1958-61	32
10) Mike Glenn	1978-80	29

✓ **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 four games as evidenced by junior tailback Louis Ivory's 720 rushing yards in the Paladins' 4-0 start. Heading the list are three pre-season All-Southern Conference selections: senior tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), junior guard Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio), and junior center Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.). Moore, a consensus 1999 all-conference first team pick, was named to the 2000 Sports Network Pre-Season All-America team and, at 6-foot-5, 306 pounds, is one of the biggest players to ever wear a Paladin uniform. He owns 22 career starts. Priore, meanwhile, has started in 24 consecutive games since moving into the lineup early in 1998 campaign. And Stewart, the team's strongest player (500-pound bench press, 675-pound squat, 357-pound power clean), tallied the highest season blocking grade (89.6%) and winning grades in all 12 games a year ago in helping the Paladins to a 9-3 record and league championship. Furman's other returning starter, junior tackle Donnie Littlejohn, actually boasts more starting experience (25 games) than all Paladin linemen.

✓ **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.

✓ **MARION MARTIN: ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC STAR...**Starting weak side linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) is an outstanding student on Furman's football team who contributes in a major way on the field. A year ago Martin racked up 66 tackles in helping Furman to a 9-3 record and Southern Conference championship. After the season he was named to the prestigious GTE Academic All-America second team, joining fellow teammate Stuart Rentz, who earned first team honors, in giving Furman two representatives on the prestigious squad. In May of this year, Martin graduated summa cum laude with a 3.90 grade point average in chemistry. Already closing in on master's degree in chemistry from Furman, Martin opted to return for his final season of eligibility prior to seeking his doctoral degree. 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 he has 20 tackles.

✓ **JUNIORS...**Even with the exit of junior cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.) from the starting lineup due to a season ending knee injury in the Paladins' season opener against Elon on Sept. 2, a quick check of Furman's probable two-deep reveals the Paladins will likely start only six seniors in this Saturday's game against Western Carolina. The remainder of Furman's starting cast should include 12 juniors and four sophomores. Four of the six seniors are on offense, and the only two senior defensive starters are linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) and cornerback Andre Stroman (Plantation, Fla.), Johnson's replacement.

✓ **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-year head coaching record is 43-30 (.589) and his last five teams have combined to post a 40-22 mark (.645). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 41-26 (.612). 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 175-83-7 (.674).

✓ **JOHNSON=SUCCESS**...Furman's nine wins last year as part of its 9-3 season tied the high water win mark for Bobby Johnson-coached Paladin squad. In 1996, Furman went 8-3 in the regular season and finished with a 9-4 record. The nine regular season wins a year ago were the most by a Furman team since 1989 when the Paladins posted a 10-1 regular season mark on the way to a 12-2 record. Only nine teams in Furman football history (94 seasons) have won at least nine games in a regular season, and Bobby Johnson has had a hand in seven of those squads in the capacities of defensive backs coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach.

WINNINGEST FURMAN REGULAR SEASONS

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

✓ **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 entering his second season with the San Diego Chargers and first as the Chargers' starting middle linebacker. Last year, after signing with San Diego as a free agent, Ruff garnered team special teams MVP honors.

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

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

INJURY REPORT

DT Jarrod Holmes (hamstring) -- doubtful for WCU
 CB Rodney Johnson (torn ACL/MCL) -- out for season

FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

	ELON	NEW	W&M	VMI	WCU	ASU	CIT	ETSU	GSU	WOFF	UTC
SE	Sm'zinski	Thomas	Thomas	Sm'zinski							
LT	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn							
LG	Priore	Priore	Priore	Priore							
C	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart							
RG	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger							
RT	Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore							
TE	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury							
FLK	Huguley	Huguley	Huguley	Huguley							
QB	Hill	Hill	Hill	Hill							
FB	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell							
TB	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory							
DE	Overdyke	Poole	O'Daniel	Overdyke							
DT	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer							
DT	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling							
DE	DeBeer	DeBeer	DeBeer	DeBeer							
SLB	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift							
MLB	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton							
WLB	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin							
LCB	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson							
RCB	Johnson	Stroman	Stroman	Stroman							
SS	Smith	Smith	Smith	Smith							
FS	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper							

FURMAN PALADINS VS. WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

FLK	1	BRYANT HUGULEY	(5-8, 163, Sr.)
	7	Bear Rinehart	(5-11, 185, So.)
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	47	EDDIE OVERDYKE	(6-2, 231, So.)
	93	Brandon Poole	(6-0, 259, R-Fr.)
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.)
	46	Steve Wall	(5-11, 216, Jr.)
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.)
	30	Bobby Wright	(5-9, 183, Jr.)
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	(6-1, 208, Fr.)
KO	49	JONATHAN SPROUL	(6-0, 188, Sr.)
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.)

WESTERN CAROLINA OFFENSE (Multiple)

FL	11	AARON WRIGHT	(6-0, 186, Sr.)
	13	Casear Campana	(5-11, 179, Sr.)
TE	90	BRIAN RUCKER	(6-2, 217, RFr.)
	82	Brian Pesci	(6-1, 212, Fr.)
LT	71	JOEL MCLELLAND	(6-5, 285, Jr.)
	78	Jason Whaley	(6-3, 259, Jr.)
LG	55	THOMAS PRUETT	(6-3, 305, R-Fr.)
	78	Jason Whaley	(6-3, 259, Jr.)
C	61	JASON JONES	(6-3, 284, Jr.)
	51	Erik Laney	(6-1, 278, Jr.)
RG	64	CALEB QUEEN	(6-4, 274, So.)
	72	Stephen Tignor	(6-2, 272, Jr.)
RT	62	JEREMY QUEEN	(6-5, 278, So.)
	76	Jon Vaughan	(6-4, 263, RFr.)
SE	10	MICHAEL BANKS	(5-10, 167, So.)
	81	Lamont Seward	(5-10, 193, RFr.)
FB	2	WALTER GARY	(5-10, 237, Sr.)
	35	Toren Gordon	(6-5, 249, So.)
TB	21	FRED BOATENG	(6-1, 208, Fr.)
	24	Donnie Bryant	(6-0, 197, Jr.)
QB	12	DAVID RIVERS	(6-3, 222, Sr.)
	17	Justin Cella	(6-4, 234, Sr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA DEFENSE (43)

DE	40	LARRY JONES	(6-0, 227, So.)
	75	Nicky McNeil	(6-4, 222, RFr.)
LT	92	JEFF CHAMBERS	(6-0, 286, Jr.)
	57	Jeb Hall	(6-3, 265, So.)
RT	99	ANDRE MILLER	(6-3, 249, Sr.)
	74	John Brashear	(6-0, 261, Jr.)
DE	47	PABLO ABRAHAM	(6-2, 228, Jr.)
	40	Larry Jones	(6-0, 227, So.)
SLB	59	SETH HANSSSEN	(6-3, 220, So.)
	52	Damien Luce	(6-1, 217, Jr.)
MLB	33	CEDRIC CRUDUP	(5-10, 225, Sr.)
	46	Mitch Miller	(6-0, 212, So.)
WLB	7	PATRICK LEACH	(5-9, 176, Jr.)
	42	Antonio Ponder	(6-2, 184, So.)
CB	6	RANDY SHAW	(5-7, 172, Sr.)
	14	Marquail Wells	(5-10, 178, Jr.)
SS	5	LORENZO FERGUSON	(6-0, 205, Sr.)
	49	Dunstan Kendrick	(6-1, 215, So.)
FS	3	Justin Fryer	(6-2, 179, So.)
	34	Jerrod Boone	(5-11, 179, So.)
CB	9	LAMONT RANSBY	(5-9, 167, Sr.)
	8	Jawan Clark	(5-11, 180, Sr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA SPECIALISTS

PK	22	JOSH JONES	(5-10, 167, Sr.)
KO	22	JOSH JONES	(5-10, 167, Sr.)
P	25	JUSTIN KOHLER	(6-0, 197, Sr.)
SN	51	ERIK LANEY	(6-1, 278, Jr.)
H	19	DAVID HUNTER	(6-2, 205, Jr.)
PR	10	MICHAEL BANKS	(5-10, 167, So.)
KOR	10	MICHAEL BANKS	(5-10, 167, So.)
	8	JAWAN CLARK	(5-11, 180, Sr.)

2000 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUAL

Longest Run From Scrimmage	88,	Louis Ivory vs. William & Mary	45,	Vic Gilmore, Newberry
Longest Pass Completion	36,	Justin Hill to James Thomas vs. VMI	46,	Derrick Moore to Arketa Banks, Elon
Longest Punt Return	26,	Zach Smerdzinski vs. Newberry	10,	by two players
Longest Kickoff Return	78,	Chris Lowery vs. Elon	100,	Richard Holland, VMI (<u>Opponent Record</u>)
Longest Interception Return	29,	Will Bouton vs. VMI	21,	Daryl Haymon
Longest Fumble Return	20,	Eddie Overdyke vs. VMI		
Longest Punt	51,	Lee Willis vs. Elon	50,	Daron Pope William & Mary
Best Punting Average	40.0	Lee Willis vs. William & Mary	40.5,	Brooks Guyton, Newberry
Longest Field Goal	43,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	48,	Matt Maxey, VMI
Longest Field Goal Attempt	43,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	48,	Matt Maxey, VMI
Most Rushing Attempts	28,	Louis Ivory vs. VMI	18,	Derrick Moore, Elon
Most Rushing Yards	232,	Louis Ivory vs. William & Mary	76,	Vic Gilmore, Newberry
Most Pass Attempts	15,	Justin Hill vs. Newberry & VMI	27,	David Corley, William & Mary
Most Pass Completions	9,	Justin Hill vs. Newberry	19,	Joey Gibson, VMI
Most Passing Yards	128,	Justin Hill vs. VMI	184,	David Corley, William & Mary
Most Touchdown Passes	1,	Justin Hill vs. Newberry, William & Mary, & VMI	1,	Kevin Carty, William & Mary
Most Total Offense Attempts	28,	Louis Ivory vs. VMI	35,	David Corley, William & Mary
Most Total Offense Yards	232,	Louis Ivory vs. William & Mary	198,	Derrick Moore, Elon
Most Passes Caught	4,	James Thomas vs. Newberry	7,	Rich Musinksi, William & Mary
Most Touchdown Passes Caught	1,	by three players vs. three opponents	1,	Danny Wade, William & Mary
Most Pass Reception Yardage	56,	Zach Smerdzinski vs. VMI	99,	Arketa Banks, Elon
Most Points Scored	18,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry	6,	by four players
Most Touchdown Responsibilities	3,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry	1,	by four players
Most Touchdowns Scored	3,	Derek Russell vs. Newberry	1,	by four players
Most PATs	5,	Danny Marshall vs. Newberry	1,	by three players
Most Field Goals	3,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	2,	by Matt Maxey, VMI
Most Sacks	3,	Brandon Poole vs. VMI	1,	by two players

TEAM

Offense

	Best		Worst	
Points Scored	44,	vs. Newberry	13,	vs. Elon
Touchdowns Scored	6,	vs. Newberry	1,	vs. Elon
First Downs	32,	vs. Newberry	12,	vs. Elon
Rushing Attempts	65,	vs. Newberry	44,	vs. Elon
Rushing Yards	389,	vs. William & Mary	216,	vs. Elon
Rushing Touchdowns	5,	vs. Newberry	1,	vs. Elon
Pass Attempts	21,	vs. Newberry	9,	vs. William & Mary
Pass Completions	12,	vs. Newberry	2,	vs. Elon
Passing Yards	135,	vs. Newberry	20,	vs. Elon
Had Intercepted	0,	vs. Elon, Newberry, & William & Mary	1,	by VMI
Passing Touchdowns	1,	vs. Newberry, William & Mary, VMI	0,	vs. Elon
Total Plays	86,	vs. Newberry	54,	vs. Elon
Total Offense	520,	vs. Newberry	236,	vs. Elon
Average Gain Per Play	7.4,	vs. William & Mary	4.4,	vs. Elon
Fumbles Lost	0,	vs. William & Mary	3,	vs. VMI
Total Turnovers	0,	vs. William & Mary	4,	vs. VMI
Punts	2,	vs. Newberry	6,	vs. William & Mary & VMI
Punt Return Yards	46,	vs. Newberry	0,	vs. Elon
Kickoff Return Yards	117,	vs. Newberry	0,	vs. William & Mary
Possession Time	37:10,	vs. Newberry	26:48,	vs. Elon
Third Down Conversion%	72.7% (8-11),	vs. VMI	27.3% (3-11),	vs. William & Mary
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	0,	by Newberry & William & Mary	1,	by Elon & VMI

Defense

	Best		Worst	
Points Scored	3,	by Elon	10,	by Newberry
First Downs	12,	by Newberry	14,	by Elon
Rushing Attempts	30,	by Newberry	51,	by Elon
Rushing Yards	4,	by VMI	200,	by Elon
Rushing Touchdowns	0,	by Elon	1,	by Newberry & VMI
Pass Attempts	13,	by Elon	41,	by William & Mary
Pass Completions	5,	by Elon	25,	by William & Mary
Passing Yards	100,	by Newberry	292,	by William & Mary
Interceptions	3,	vs. William & Mary	0,	vs. Newberry
Passing Touchdowns	0,	by Elon, Newberry, & VMI	1,	by William & Mary
Total Plays	52,	by Newberry	76,	by William & Mary
Total Offense	218,	by VMI	430,	by William & Mary
Average Gain Per Play	3.4,	by VMI	5.2,	by Elon
Fumbles Recovered	4,	vs. Elon	0,	vs. Newberry
Total Turnovers	6,	vs. Elon	0,	vs. Newberry
Punts	7,	by Newberry, William & Mary, & VMI	2,	by Elon
Punt Return Yards	5,	by Newberry	17,	by Elon
Kickoff Return Yards	94,	by Elon	189,	by VMI
Possession Time	22:50,	by Newberry	33:12,	by Elon
Third Down Conversion%	18.1% (2-11),	by Newberry	43.8% (7-of-16),	by Elon
Quarterback Sacks	7,	vs. VMI	0,	vs. Elon

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 a career high 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 at Alumni Field Stadium.

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 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