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Honor Roll. 1996 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1996 graduate and Valedictorian of Richland Northeast High School...played defensive back and wide receiver under head coach Joe Wingard...earned all-region honors his junior and senior seasons...caught 15 passes for 146 yards, and had 43 tackles, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery his senior year, helping Richland Northeast to a 9-4 record...returned one interception a school record 78 yards for a touchdown...as a freshman helped Richland North-east to a 12-3 record and state AAAA championship.

Personal: Full name is Marion Roberto Martin...son of Rick and Fleda Martin...born May 8, 1978, in Columbia, South Carolina.

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**DAVE MATHEWS**

QB, 6-1, 171, R-Freshman

Atlanta, Georgia

Dunwoody High School

Furman: Expected to provide reserve quarterback duty this fall behind returning veterans Justin Hill, Billy Napier, and Brent Scoggins...joined the team as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1999 season. 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1996 graduate of Dunwoody High School...football coach was Don Savage...garnered team offensive player-of-the-game honors twice during his senior year after helping Dunwoody post a 9-3 record and trip to the state playoffs...was a pitcher on three 7-AAAA region championship teams at Dunwoody.

Personal: Full name is Joshua Brian Mathews...born October 8, 1980, in Summit, New Jersey...son of Robert and Joan Mathews...undeclared major.

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**JOSH MOORE**

DT, 6-1, 280, R-Freshman

Cartersville, Georgia

Cartersville High School

Furman: Promising young defensive lineman who could be a factor at strong side tackle this fall...expected to add depth by competing with returning veterans Ryan Spender and LeByran Sperling...displayed flashes of solid play in the spring...possesses good size and lower body strength...recorded a squat of 505 pounds and a power clean of 308 pounds in spring testing. 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Cartersville High School...football coach was Frank Barden...saw action at offensive guard, offensive tackle, defensive end, and long snapper...served as a team captain and earned all-county, all-state, and academic all-state honors as a defensive lineman after helping Cartersville to an 11-1 record, region championship, and state playoff appearance his senior year...selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...also starred in track...as a senior broke a 20-year-old school record in the long jump...as a senior broke a 20-year-old school record put to record with a throw of 503 feet.

Personal: Full name is Joshua Alan McWhorter...son of Harvey and Susan McWhorter, Jr...born September 22, 1980, in Auburn, Alabama...undeclared major.

**JOEY PIERCE**

QB, 6-3, 205, Sophomore, 1VL

Chattsworth, Georgia

Murray County High School

Furman: Listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference quarterback Justin Hill...possesses good size and strength and a quick release...commands a good understanding of the game and is highly regarded by the coaching staff...has demonstrated ability to lead Furman’s offense with experience gained a year ago.

1999 — Registered the first playing time of his career, seeing action in seven games as a backup to Justin Hill...completed 11-of-16 passes for 156 yards and a touchdown and also rushed 16 times for 44 yards and a score...tallied the first touchdown of his Furman career on a 15-yard option keeper against William & Mary (52-6 win), for which he earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors...ran for 28 yards on nine carries and completed 5-of-10 passes for 108 yards the next week against VMI (50-8 win)...hooked up with James Thomas on a spectacular throw and catch on a 39-yard touchdown pass against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1998 graduate of Murray County High School...football coach was his father, Bill Napier,...played quarterback at the Laurens Senior Academy...accumulated 1,600 all-purpose yards and 23 touchdowns en route to earning All-North Georgia honors...was listed among the Top 50 Prospects in the Tri-State Area...earned Northwest Georgia Player-of-the-Week honors three times during the 1997
season...passed for 1,030 yards and ran for 380 yards as a junior in helping Murray County to an 8-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...five-time participant in Furman's Quarterback & Receivers Camp...also played golf and basketball in high school.

Personal: Full name is William Hall Napier...son of Bill and Pamela Napier...father was a member of the 1975 Ohio Valley Conference championship team at Tennessee Tech...born July 21, 1979, in Cookeville, Tennessee...has a 3.01 GPA...health and exercise science major.

Full name is Clay Seaton O'Daniel...son of Keith and Marsha O'Daniel...born March 2, 1979, in Springdale, Arkansas...business administration major.

Full name is Toreico Laprinttis O'Neal...son of Priscilla Perkins O'Neal...born March 13, 1980, in Thomaston, Georgia...undeclared major.

Full name is Brandon Seaton Poole...son of Lynn and University of Alabama law professor Deshan Poole...born October 7, 1980, in Alpharetta, Georgia...undeclared major...sports a 3.12 GPA.

Full name is Todd Davis Prevost...son of Edward and Lynda Prevost...born October 21, 1980, in Lilburn, Georgia...undeclared major...sports a 3.12 GPA.
Ricky Bowers...played fullback and linebacker...helped Montgomery Bell post a
school four-year record of 42-3, including a 10-2 mark and state championship his
senior year...served as a team captain and led team in tackles en route to earning
all-city, all-midstate, and all-state honors...played a key role in Montgomery Bell
becoming the first school in 100 years of Tennessee football to defeat state power
Father Ryan twice in one season...also ran track.

Personal: Full name is Todd Hollis Prevost...son of Fred and Pam Prevost...born
September 15, 1980, in Nashville, Tennessee...undeclared major.

JUSTIN PRICE
OG, 6-5, 275, Sophomore, 1VL
Mauldin, South Carolina
Mauldin High School

Furman: Expected to contend with Trevor Kruger for the starting job at right guard vacated by the
graduation of All-Southern Conference and Jacobs Blocking Award winner Ben Hall...described by position coach
Clay Hendrix as an intense, physical player...can work at either guard position...at 6-foot-5, sports excellent
height. 1999 — Registered his first action as a Paladin working in a backup role at
guard and also on special teams...totaed 66 plays...saw his most playing time
against VMI (58-0 win), logging 32 plays and a blocking grade of 1.81 (78.1%)...had
13 plays against William & Mary (52-6 win) and nine snaps against East Tennes-
see State (48-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.
1998 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of
eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Junior Varsity Award.
High School: 1998 graduate of Mauldin High School...football coach was John
Abercrombie...played five positions as a prep: tight end, defensive end,
tackle, offensive guard, and offensive tackle...earned all-county honors and set a
school single game record for tackles-for-loss his senior year...served as a team
captain in 1997, helping Mauldin to a 6-6 record and appearance in the state play-
soffs after going 0-11 in 1995, his sophomore year...all-county offensive tackle...second team
all-state honors as a senior after rushing for 1,701 yards and 24 touchdowns
while helping Belleview to a 9-3 record and second round of Florida's AAAAA state
playoffs...first senior season followed a junior campaign that saw him rush for 1,829
yards and 23 touchdowns...for over 500 yards in a game and scored an
incredible seven touchdowns in one contest...rushed for 4,320 yards and 55 touch-
downs in three seasons at Belleview...was an outstanding performer in track...clocked a 4:51.40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing...also shares similar weight room production
numbers, including an identical 500-pound squat recorded earlier this spring...competed in track in the spring, specializing in the 4x100 relay event.
1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Belleview High School...football coach was Brent
Hall...played tailback...earned team MVP, all-area, area player-of-the-year, and third
team all-state honors as a senior after helping Elder to an 8-2 record...came back as a senior to earn all-city
and all-district honors after pacing his squad to an 11-2 record and state semifinal
finish...served as a team captain in 1996 and was named Elder's Best Lineman.
Personal: Full name is Justin John Price...son of Charles Gregory and Debrah
Price was a standout baseball player at Eastern Kentucky from 1964-68...born
December 20, 1979, in Roanoke, Virginia...political science major.

JESSE RICE
PK, 6-0, 175, Junior
Conway, South Carolina
Conway High School

Furman: Will look to contend with several other kick-
ers to take over the placement chores vacated by the
graduation of Jason Wells...joined the Furman program as a
walk-on out of the student body prior to the start
of the 1999 season...will be a junior eligibility-wise this
fall. 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded red-
shirt and extra year of eligibility.
High School: 1997 graduate of Conway High School...football coach was Chuck
Jordan...helped lead Conway to a 9-3 record as a senior...also played soccer at
Conway...set a state record for points his senior year, scoring 50 goals and 22
assists...earned first team all-region and all-state honors and participated in the
North-South All-Star Game...finished his career with a school record 87 goals and
54 assists.
Personal: Full name is Jesse Kenneth Rice...born January 20, 1979, in Asheville,
North Carolina...son of Paul and Nellie Jane.

MARTY PRIORÉ
OG, 6-1, 284, Junior, 2VL
Cincinnati, Ohio
Elder High School

Furman: All-Southern Conference candidate who is coming off a solid sophomore campaign...may possess
the best technique of any Paladin offensive lineman...outstanding strength, particularly in the lower
body, makes him especially effective as a run blocker...combines excellent ability with strong under-
standing of the game...now entering his third season of starting duty...squatted
570 pounds in spring testing. 1999 — Fashioned an outstanding season, posting
excellent grades and winning marks in 11 of the Paladins’ 12 games...started at left
guard in all 12 contests and graded out a 1.95 (86.8%)...played a significant role in Furman posting a 9-3 mark, winning the league championship, and gaining a
berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs...helped pave the way for tailback Louis Ivory’s
1,519-yard rushing season, the first by a Furman player since 1992, and an of-
fense that generated 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ppg...pounced on an Ivory fumble in the
end zone for a touchdown against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...matched start-
ing center Chris Stewart with three exceptional marks...posted a career high grade of
2.02 (90.4%) against William & Mary (52-6 win)...participated in track...clocked a
school record 22.3 in the 200m his senior year...finshed third in the
state 100m final with a time of 10.66 as a junior.
Personal: Full name is Bernard Lamar Rembert...son of Daisy and Bernard
Rembert...born May 18, 1981, in Osaka, Florida...undeclared major.

LAMAR REMBERT
TB, 5-7, 175, R-Freshman
Ocala, Florida
Belleview High School

Furman: Expected to team up with fellow redshirt freshman Toreico O’Neal in providing backup duty to
returning All-Southern Conference tailback Louis Ivory...has the same compact build and speed as
O’Neal...clocked a 4.51.40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing...also shares similar weight room production
numbers, including an identical 500-pound squat recorded earlier this spring...competed in track in the spring, specializing in the 4x100 relay event.
1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.
High School: 1999 graduate of Belleview High School...football coach was Brent
Hall...played tailback...earned team MVP, all-area, area player-of-the-year, and third
team all-state honors as a senior after helping Elder to an 8-2 record...came back as a senior to earn all-city
and all-district honors after pacing his squad to an 11-2 record and state semifinal
finish...served as a team captain in 1996 and was named Elder’s Best Lineman.
Personal: Full name is Marty Thomas Priore...son of Ron and Pat Priore...born
November 4, 1978, in Cincinnati, Ohio...business administration major.

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FLK, 6-0, 180, Sophomore, 1VL
Seneca, South Carolina
Seneca High School

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SE, 6-1, 185, Sophomore
Sherborn, Massachusetts
Dover-Sherborn

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DEREK RUSSELL
FB, 5-11, 235, Senior, 3VL
Austell, Georgia
Peblebrook High School

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2000 Furman Football
a hamstring strain...recorded 10 rushes for 82 yards...top performance came in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary when he rushed three times for 57 yards, including a career long run of 31 yards. 1998 — Saw action in 10 games at fullback...saw his most playing time against VMI (51-14 win), rushing eight times for 39 yards and a touchdown covering 17 yards. 1997 — Registered his first action as a Paladin, appearing in seven games as a backup fullback...had a season long run of 10 yards in the Paladins’ season finale against Chattanooga (43-21 win). 1996 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1996 graduate of Springwood High School in Lanett, Alabama...played fullback and linebacker under head coach Roddie Beck...earned all-east Alabama, all-valley, all-district, and AISA State Player-of-the-Year honors in 1995 after rushing for 1,989 yards and 24 touchdowns in helping Springwood to a 12-1 record and state runner-up finish...in all rushed for 4,170 yards and 54 scores in his prep career.

Personal: Full name is Adam Leavitt Sanders... son of Leavitt and Debra Sanders...father was a three-year letterman (1970-72) at linebacker and member of Georgia Tech’s 1972 Liberty Bowl championship team...born July 8, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia...business administration major.
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JONATHAN SPROUL

PK, 6-0, 188, Senior
Grovetown, Georgia
Briarwood Academy

aleur:Backup to returning punter Lee Willis who is also expected to battle a host of others for placement chores vacated by the graduation of Jason Wells...will also contend for the squad’s kickoff duty...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season.

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(31-7) for his only action of the season. 1997 — Did not see any action. 1996 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1996 graduate of Briarwood Academy...saw action as a punter, placekicker, wide receiver, and cornerback as a prep...played on a pair of region championship teams...connected on 38-of-41 PATs and 7-of-8 FGs, and averaged 37.8 yards per punt en route to earning all-region honors as a senior.

Personal: Full name is Johnathan Ryan Sproul...son of Stephen and Jean Sproul...born January 22, 1978, in Carrollton, Georgia...business administration major.

PETER STAMAS

NG, 6-2, 244, Junior, 1VL
Tarpon Springs, Florida
Tarpon Springs High School

Furman: Has used hard work to position himself to gain additional playing time this year as a backup to projected starting nose guard Steve DeBeer...will compete with Jarrod Holmes for the backup role...began his Furman career on the offensive line before making the move to defense late in the 1998 season...posted a squad of 500 pounds in spring testing...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1997 season. 1999 — Logged playing time in all 12 games primarily at nose guard and also on special teams...tallied one tackle against both VMI (58-0 win) and East Tennessee State (48-21 win)...registered 59 plays in all. 1998 — Worked as a reserve offensive tackle for much of the season before being moved to defensive line for the last game following injuries to several regulars...logged 12 plays as a backup offensive tackle against VMI (51-14 win). 1997 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Tarpon Springs High School...played offensive tackle and defensive line as a prep...football coach was Don Davis...served as a member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

Personal: Full name is Peter George Stamas...son of George and Karen Stamas...born February 12, 1979, in Tarpon Springs, Florida...police science major...carries a 3.10 GPA.

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CHRIS STEWART

C, 6-0, 275, Junior, 2VL
Palm Harbor, Florida
East Lake High School

Furman: Intense, competitive player who is expected to contend for All-Southern Conference honors...joins three other returning starters along Furman’s offensive front...one of nine returning offensive linemen...ranks as Furman’s strongest players...played every position along the offensive line for the last game following injuries to several regulars...logged 12 plays as a backup offensive tackle against VMI (51-14 win). 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1998 graduate of East Lake High School...football coach was Don Keith...served as a team captain and earned all-district, all-county, and all-state honors as an offensive tackle his senior year...also completed in wrestling, weightlifting, and track.

Personal: Full name is Christopher Lynn Stewart...son of Lynn and Juanita Stewart...born February 23, 1979, in Clearwater, Florida...father played football at Clearwater High School...four-year starter who played every position along the offensive and defensive lines, as well as middle linebacker...was a two-time all-county, and all-conference selection...as a senior, was a second team all-state selection, as well as an All-Suncoast selection of the Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg Times.

PERSONAL: Full name is Peter George Stamas...son of George and Karen Stamas...born February 12, 1979, in Tarpon Springs, Florida...police science major...carries a 3.10 GPA.

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ANDRE STROMAN

CB, 5-8, 184, Senior, 3VL
Plantation, Florida
St. Thomas Aquinas High School

Furman: Three-year letterman who is expected to provide backup duty to returning starting right cornerback Rodney Johnson and also qualify as a player as a special teams...was slowed in spring practice with abdominal muscle strain...when healthy has delivered solid play...experience includes almost full season of work as a starter. 1999 — Garnished playing time in all 12 games as a backup at cornerback and on special teams...totaled 96 plays and 13 tackles...had a season high four tackles against Georgia Southern (41-38 loss). 1998 — Sidelines in the pre-season with a hamstring strain and was slow to recover...yielded the starting job to Rodney Johnson...returned to action for Furman’s final two games and collected two tackles. 1997 — Started at cornerback in 10 games as a redshirt freshman...totaled 542 plays and 30 tackles...also had three interceptions, second only to team leader John Keith’s four pickoffs...notched five tackles and his first interception in the second opener against Samford (29-10 win)...other interceptions came against VMI (35-14 win) and Chattanooga (43-21 win). 1996 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1996 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School...football coach was George Smith...played both tailback and cornerback...rushed for 970 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year en route to earning all-conference and team MVP honors...team went 7-4 in 1995 after going 10-4 and posting a state semi-final finish his junior season...also starred in track at St. Thomas Aquinas.

PERSONAL: Full name is André DeShawn Stroman...son of Howard and Mary Stroman...born May 28, 1978, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida...communications major.

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JAMES THOMAS
SE, 5-10, 179, Sophomore, 1VL
Marianna, Florida
Marianna High School

Thomason: Outstanding athlete who sports the best hands in Furman's receiving corps according to position coach Ted Cain...catches the ball well in traffic and also excels as a blocker...has big play ability...heads into the pre-season listed as the backup to returning starting split end Zach Smietinzki...possesses the best leaping ability in the program...recorded an outstanding vertical jump of 36.5" last spring. 1999 — Gained the attention of Furman fans in his first season of action with six catches for 109 yards and a touchdown...scored against East Tennessee State (48-21 win) on a diving catch between two defenders to complete a 33-yard strike from backup quarterback Billy Napier...had two catches for 31 yards versus VMI (58-0 win) and one reception for 29 yards against Georgia Southern (33-yard strike from backup quarterback Billy Napier)...had two catches for 31 yards against Tennessee State (48-21 win) on a diving catch between two defenders to complete a 33-yard strike from backup quarterback Billy Napier...tallied 110 tackles as a junior...also caught 10 passes for 185 yards and three touchdowns as a senior en route to earning a selection to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...finished his career with a school career record 419 tackles...was a member of a pair of Hart County teams that posted consecutive 11-1 and 11-2 records his sophomore and junior seasons...had 161 stops, as well as 19 receptions for 425 yards and six scores in 1995, his junior year...high school teammate of Paladin senior Quinton Burton
Personal: Full name is John Howard Thrift...son of Dale and Connie Thrift...born November 22, 1978, in Anderson, South Carolina...biology major...carries a 3.08 GPA.

JOHN THRIFT
LB, 6-0, 214, Junior, 1VL
Hartwell, Georgia
Hart County High School

Thrifth: Experienced, hard-nosed player who will have to fend off expected challenges to retain his starting job at strong side linebacker...main competition is expected to be from redshirt freshman Keito Whetstone and Andrew Knight...sports impressive strength...posted lifts of 500 pounds in the squat and 330 pounds in the power clean in spring testing...delivered steady play and ended the season ranked third in the team in tackles with 93, trailing only John Keith's team leading 132 tackles and Will Bouton's 130 stops...had eight tackles-for-loss, a sack, and a pass deflection...sack came in Furman's 28-3 win over North Carolina...notched a career high 16 stops against The Citadel (31-1 win)...had 12 tackles versus Wofford (30-3 win)...notched nine stops against Western Carolina (27-19 win)...in all totaled 746 snaps...played a key role in Furman posting a 9-3 record, winning the Southern Conference title, and earning a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1999 — Worked as a backup to All-American Orlando Ruff at strong side linebacker for much of the season but moved into the starting lineup in the last two games after Ruff was sidelined with a knee injury...also saw spot duty at weak side linebacker and as a member of special teams...missed the East Tennessee State game with a fractured finger...66 tackles ranked fourth highest on team...racked up a season high 16 stops against Wofford in his first career start...had 11 tackles against Clemson (33-0 loss)...recorded interceptions against VMI (51-14 win) and Georgia Southern (45-17 loss). 1997 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

STEVE WALL
LB, 5-10, 223, Junior, 1VL
Charlotte, North Carolina
Charlotte Catholic School

Wall: Emerged from spring practice listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference middle linebacker Will Bouton...showed solid progress in the spring...should register quality playing time this year...ran a 4.67 40-yard dash in shorts and produced some of the best results in strength testing in the spring...bench pressed 405 pounds, squatted 555 pounds, and power cleaned 330 pounds...will help form what appears to be a solid Paladin linebacking contingent...transferred into Furman in January on 1999 following one year at the University of South Carolina...was eligible to play last fall in accordance with NCAA (I-A to I-AA) transfer rule. 1999 — Garned playing time all 12 games as a backup to Will Bouton at middle linebacker and as a member of special teams...tallied 96 total plays and 15 tackles...had a season high six tackles against William & Mary (52-6 win)...registered four stops against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1998 — Did not participate in 1998 fall season at South Carolina prior to transfer. 1997 — Member of scout team...participated in USC's 1998 spring game as a fullback.

KEITO WHETSTONE
LB, 6-0, 214, R-Freshman
Orangeburg, South Carolina
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

Whetstone: Highly regarded young linebacker who sports a solid chance to make his mark on Furman's defense this fall...should push John Thrift for the starting job at the strong side position this fall...multi-dimensional player who runs well and possesses exceptional over-all skills according to position coach and defensive coordinator Bruce Fowler...could also be a key figure on specials teams...made tremendous strides in the spring...posted 11 tackles in his first three appearances...earned some of the team's better results in strength testing in the spring...bench pressed 380 pounds, squatted 500 pounds, and power cleaned 330 pounds...notched a career high 16 stops against Wofford in his first career start...had 11 tackles against Clemson (33-0 loss)...recorded interceptions against VMI (51-14 win) and Georgia Southern (45-17 loss). 1999 — Member of scout team...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Defensive Scout Award...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School...football coach was Tommy Brown...played linebacker and tight end...served as a team captain, led the state with 224 tackles and earned all-area, all-region, and state AAAA honors his senior year...also named to a pair of Hart County teams that posted consecutive 11-1 and 11-2 records his sophomore and junior seasons...had 161 stops, as well as 19 receptions for 425 yards and six scores in 1995, his junior year...high school teammate of Paladin senior Quinton Burton
Personal: Full name is Keito Jermaine Whetstone...son of Moristine Whetstone...born January 2, 1981, in Orangeburg, South Carolina...undeclared major.
LEE WILLIS
P/PK, 5-11, 160, Senior, 2VL
Monticello, Georgia
Monticello High School

Furman: Returns for his third full season as Furman’s punter but could also figure into the picture as a potential replacement for graduated placekicker Jason Wells...kicks straight on. 1999 — Averaged 37.1 yards per punt on 35 attempts...had 10 of his punts returned for 44 yards (4.4 avg.)...averaged 42.0 yards per punt on four attempts against Western Carolina (27-19 win), but had the first blocked punt of his career returned for a touchdown in that contest...matched a career long 54-yard punt against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1998 — Averaged a respectable 37.0 yards per punt on 56 attempts in his first season of punting duty...did not suffer a blocked punt...had a long punt of 54 yards and averaged 41.3 yards per punt on four attempts against South Carolina State (27-19 win)...ranked eighth in punting average in the Southern Conference but team finished a solid fourth in net punting (33.6)...nominated to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1997 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1997 graduate of Monticello High School...football coach was David Cochran...played quarterback and handled punts and placements at Monticello...earned All-Middle Georgia and all-state honors as a punter and placekicker his senior year after helping lead Monticello to an 8-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...averaged 37.0 yards per punt and converted 3-of-5 field goal attempts, including a career best 45-yarder, and 47-of-49 PATs...participated in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game.

Personal: Full name is Thurman Lee Willis, III...son of Thurman and Angie Willis...born on August 23, 1978, in Macon, Georgia...business administration major...carries a 3.11 GPA. 1998 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...nominated to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1997 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

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JOE WILSON
OT, 6-1, 285, Sophomore
Knoxville, Tennessee
Halls High School

Furman: Appears to be in position to compete for his first real game action at tackle after being slowed for much of his first two seasons as a Paladin with chronic shoulder problems...fashioned a good spring practice to position himself as the likely backup starting left tackle Donnie Littlejohn...considered by the coaching staff to be a very talented player...underwent surgery in November of 1998 to repair shoulder dislocation and missed the 1999 spring practice. 1999 — Was the fifth tackle on Furman’s offensive unit and thus saw action in only two games...logged four plays at tackle against VMI (58-0 win) and one against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). 1998 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1998 graduate of Halls High School...football coach was George Johnson...also figures to be a central figure in special teams action...caught a 42-yard pass on 44 attempts against South Carolina State (27-19 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. 1997 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

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BRIAN WRIGHT
FS, 5-9, 165, R-Freshman
Plano, Texas
The Asheville (N.C.) School

Furman: Slated to provide reserve duty at free safety behind projected starter Josh Cooper and backup Paul Billingsly...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1999 season. 1999 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of The Asheville School, where he was a teammate of Paladin tight end Carl Boland...football coach was Ron Bromley...played free safety and backfield during his prep career...helped pace his team to a 9-1 record, conference championship, and state semifinal round finish by totaling 56 tackles in nine games...registered 48 tackles in seven games his junior year.

Personal: Full name is Ron Bromley...born November 14, 1980, in Rutherfordton, North Carolina.