



Game 4 -- September 29, 2001
Furman Paladins (2-1, 1-0 SoCon) vs. Western Carolina Catamounts (2-1, 1-0 SoCon)
Cullowhee, North Carolina, E.J. Whitmire Stadium (12,000) — Artificial
6:00 ET Kickoff
WCSZ-AM 1070 (Live), YahooBroadcast.com (Live)



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THE GAME

Furman, ranked No. 4 in this week's Sports Network Poll following a 65-7 win over VMI on Saturday at Paladin Stadium, plays its first Southern Conference road game of the 2001 season when it travels to Cullowhee, N.C., to take on Western Carolina. The Catamounts are coming off a 20-6 road win over East Tennessee State on Saturday.

THE SERIES

Furman holds a 17-9-2 series advantage over Western Carolina, and the Paladins enter Saturday's game riding a three-game winning streak over the Catamounts, including a 38-14 triumph last year in Greenville. Two years ago, in the last meeting between the two schools in Cullowhee, the Paladins slid past Western Carolina 27-19. Furman has claimed wins in five of the past six clashes with Western Carolina, with the only loss, a 17-16 verdict, coming in Cullowhee during the 1997 season. In all games played in Cullowhee, Furman holds an 8-4-1 lead. In Greenville, the Paladins own a 9-5-1 record against the Catamounts.

Year	Result	Score	Site	Furman Coach
1971	W	21-14	GREENVILLE	Bob King
1972	L	15-20	Cullowhee	Bob King
1975	W	34-0	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1977	T	24-24	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1978	W	24-7	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1979	W	23-14	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1980	W	28-14	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1981	W	31-27	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1982	W	12-6	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1983	T	17-17	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1983	L	7-14	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1984	L	19-20	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1985	W	31-27	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1986	L	13-19	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1987	L	14-20	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1988	W	31-0	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1989	W	17-3	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1990	W	42-9	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1991	W	42-14	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1992	L	27-29	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1993	L	20-23	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1994	L	24-35	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1995	W	31-21	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
1996	W	45-30	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1997	L	16-17	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
1998	W	31-7	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1999	W	27-19	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
2000	W	38-14	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 50-34 (.595), 8th Year at Furman
 50-34 (.595), 8th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Western Carolina (5-2)

Western Carolina: Bill Bleil (Northwestern College '81)
 18-29 (.383), 5th Year at Western Carolina
 18-29 (.383), 5th Year Overall
 Bleil vs. Furman (1-4)

2000 SOCON FINAL STANDINGS

Team	SoCon			Overall		
	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	13	2	.867
Furman	6	2	.750	9	3	.750
Appalachian State	6	2	.750	10	4	.714
Wofford	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
East Tennessee State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Chattanooga	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Western Carolina	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
VMI	1	7	.125	2	9	.182
The Citadel	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

2001 SOCON STANDINGS

Team	SoCon			Overall		
	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Georgia Southern	1	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Appalachian State	1	0	1.000	2	1	.667
Furman	1	0	1.000	2	1	.667
Western Carolina	1	0	.000	1	1	.667
Wofford	0	0	.000	1	1	.000
Chattanooga	0	1	.000	1	2	.333
East Tennessee State	0	1	.000	1	2	.333
The Citadel	0	1	.000	0	2	.000
VMI	0	1	.000	0	3	.000

September 22 Results

Furman 65, VMI 7
 Georgia Southern 70, Chattanooga 7
 Appalachian State 8, The Citadel 6
 Western Carolina 20, East Tennessee State 6
 Wofford 35, Charleston Southern 10

September 29 Schedule

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

2001 PRE-SEASON HONORS

NCAA I-AA Pre-Season Polls

The Sports Network (6th)
 ESPN-USA Today (8th)

The Sports Network All-America

LB Will Bouton (1st Team) OG Marty Priore (2nd Team)
 TB Louis Ivory (1st Team) TE Trent Sansbury (HM)
 C Chris Stewart (1st Team)

All-Southern Conference (Coaches)

LB Will Bouton (1st Team) FS Josh Cooper (2nd Team)
 TB Louis Ivory (1st Team) CB Richie Jackson (2nd Team)
 OG Trevor Kruger (1st Team) OG Marty Priore (2nd Team)
 OT Donnie Littlejohn (1st Team) SS Shelvis Smith (2nd Team)
 TE Trent Sansbury (1st Team) DL Ryan Spencer (2nd Team)
 DL LeBryan Sperling (1st Team) LB John Thrift (2nd Team)
 C Chris Stewart (1st Team)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I

'01 Points/Game —	41.7
'01 Yards/Game —	412.0
	257.3 Rushing
	154.7 Passing

Western Carolina: Multiple I

'01 Points/Game —	14.0
'01 Yards/Game —	336.3
	212.7 Rushing
	123.7 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43

'01 Points/Game —	11.3
'01 Yards/Game —	275.0
	95.0 Rushing
	180.0 Passing

Western Carolina: 43

'01 Points/Game —	14.3
'01 Yards/Game —	233.3
	93.0 Rushing
	140.3 Passing

2001 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Furman (2-1, 1-0 SoCon)

Sept. 1	..... @ Wyoming	14-20	..... L
Sept. 8	..... ELON	46-7	..... W
Sept. 22	..... VMI*	65-7	..... W
Sept. 29	..... @ Western Carolina*		6:00
Oct. 6	..... APPALACHIAN STATE* (CSS TV)		3:00
Oct. 13	..... @ The Citadel*		2:00
Oct. 20	..... EAST TENNESSEE STATE* (HC)		2:00
Nov. 3	..... @ Georgia Southern* (Fox SportsTV)		3:30
Nov. 10	..... WOFFORD* (CSS TV)		3:00
Nov. 17	..... @ Chattanooga*		7:00

Western Carolina (2-1, 1-0 SoCon)

Aug. 30	..... MARS HILL	15-6	..... W
Sept. 8	..... @ Louisville	7-31	..... L
Sept. 22	..... @ East Tennessee State	20-6	..... W
Sept. 29	..... FURMAN		6:00
Oct. 6	..... @ Georgia Southern		1:00
Oct. 13	..... WOFFORD		6:00
Oct. 20	..... @ Chattanooga		7:00
Oct. 27	..... VMI		2:00
Nov. 3	..... LIBERTY		TBA
Nov. 10	..... @ Appalachian State		2:00
Nov. 17	..... THE CITADEL		6:00

FURMAN-WESTERN CAROLINA LAST MEETING

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

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

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

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

FURMAN RADIO

Furman football action can be heard over the Paladins' radio network, headed up by Greenville flagship station WCSZ-AM 1070.

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", is now in his eighth season with the Paladins, as is color commentator John Ingles.

Dave Cohen will co-host of the tailgate show with Ron Smith and produce Paladin highlight packages. Gordon Higgins serves as sideline reporter, and Robbie Ross hosts the Thrifty Car Rental scoreboard show. The broadcast team is assisted by spotter Alex Swire-Clark.

FURMAN ON YAHOO BROADCAST.COM

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

Fans can access live game play-by-play broadcasts and archived game broadcasts of Furman football through the following URL:

<http://www.furmanpaladins.com>

FURMAN ON TEAMLINE

Furman football radio broadcasts will again be available to fans on the TEAMLINE telephone service. Fans can access Furman games by dialing 1-800-846-4700 and entering Furman's four-digit code (1109).

FURMAN FOOTBALL ON TELEVISION

Furman will make three live television appearances this season, including two broadcasts on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast and one on Fox Sports Net South.

Date	Opponent	Time	Source
Oct. 6	Appalachian State	3:00	Comcast Sports Southeast
Nov. 3	@ Georgia Southern	3:30	Fox Sports Net South
Nov. 10	Wofford	3:00	Comcast Sports Southeast



FURMAN FOOTBALL HOME PAGE

Furman Paladins football information can be accessed through the school's official athletics home page: www.furmanpaladins.com. Available information includes program quick facts, schedule/results, coaches' biographies, season outlook, roster, game stories and statistics, cumulative season statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as information on Paladin Stadium, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly coaches' teleconference throughout the 2001 season. The weekly teleconference is open to all members of the media each Tuesday (August 28 - November 13) from 10:00 a.m. -- 11:03 a.m. ET. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions. The number to call is (312) 470-7087. The password is SoCon.

2001 SoCon Teleconference Schedule

10:00 a.m.	-- Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07 a.m.	-- Ellis Johnson, The Citadel
10:14 a.m.	-- Paul Hamilton, E. Tennessee State
10:21 a.m.	-- Bobby Johnson, Furman
10:28 a.m.	-- Paul Johnson, Georgia Southern
10:35 a.m.	-- Donnie Kirkpatrick, Chattanooga
10:42 a.m.	-- Cal McCombs, VMI
10:49 a.m.	-- Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
10:56 a.m.	-- Mike Ayers, Wofford



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

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

Furman's ground attack accounted for 400 yards and featured nine ballcarriers, including an 80-yard rushing effort by Justin Hill. The win marked the Paladins' third straight over the Catamounts.

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

F — Louis Ivory 65 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 11:54-1Q
 F — Louis Ivory 25 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 4:55-1Q
 F — Danny Marshall 24 FG 8:34-2Q
 WC — Fred Boateng 14 run
 (Josh Jones kick) 2:25-2Q
 F — Bear Rinehart 14 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 12:23-3Q
 F — Louis Ivory 14 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 4:12-3Q
 F — Toreico O'Neal 11 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 10:20-4Q
 WC — Tracy Biggs 5 pass from David Rivers
 (Josh Jones kick) 5:27-4Q

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

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

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

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

FURMAN LAST TIME OUT

GREENVILLE, S.C. (Sept. 22, 2001) -- Josh Cooper's 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown keyed a 24-point second quarter outburst and helped lead NCAA I-AA nationally fourth-ranked Furman to a 65-7 rout of VMI in the Southern Conference season opener for both teams.

The win, Furman's 20th straight over the Keydets, marked Furman's 100th victory in Paladin Stadium history, and the 65 points were the most since 1935 when the Furman defeated Piedmont 69-0. The triumph was also the Paladins' 10th consecutive home victory against Southern Conference opposition.

With Furman leading 14-0, Cooper, a senior free safety, picked up a fumble by VMI's Pedro Garcia at the Furman 15 and raced untouched 85 yards for the touchdown to put the Paladins ahead 21-0 at the 14:15 mark of the second quarter.

An interception by Furman's Rodney Johnson on VMI's next possession led to 26-yard field goal by Danny Marshall that extended the Paladin lead to 24-0.

A blocked punt by Shelvis Smith at the Furman 43 led to the Paladins' next score. After quarterback Billy Napier connected on a 41-yard pass

to tight end Trent Sansbury to the Keydet 16, Louis Ivory ripped off a 13-yard run to the 3, and Napier completed the 3-play, 57-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 31-0 with 6:27 left in the half.

Furman capped its 24-point second period explosion with an 11-play, 69-yard drive that ended when backup tailback Toreico O'Neal scored on a 2-yard run of the last play of the first half to put the Paladins comfortably ahead, 38-0.

A 91-yard kickoff return by Furman's Brian Bratton to open the second half made it 45-0, and the Paladins later added a second kickoff return for a touchdown when Lamar Rembert bolted 79 yards following VMI's only score of the game to make it 58-7.

Furman, which outgained VMI 435-223, got 100 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown from All-America tailback Louis Ivory, who exited the game midway through the second period in favor of reserves. For Ivory, the 100-yard performance was his ninth straight and the 23rd of his career. Reserve tailback Hindley Brigham paced all Paladin rushers with eight carries for 106 yards and a touchdown.

FURMAN 14 24 14 13 — 65
VMI 0 0 0 7 — 7

F — Louis ivory 3 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 12:02-1Q
 F — Eric Emerson 2 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 7:16-1Q
 F — Josh Cooper 85 fumble return
 (Danny Marshall kick) 14:15-2Q
 F — Danny Marshall 26 FG 8:37-2Q
 F — Billy Napier 3 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 6:27-2Q
 F — Toreico O'Neal 2 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 0:00-2Q
 F — Brian Bratton 91 kickoff return
 (Danny Marshall kick) 14:42-3Q
 F — Hindley Brigham 1 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 4:00-3Q
 VMI — Titus Green 2 run
 (Matt Sharpe kick) 13:22-4Q
 F — Lamar Rembert 77 kickoff return
 (kick failed) 13:06-4Q
 F — Corey Tant 2 run
 (Danny Marshall kick) 3:34-4Q

Rushing: F — Brigham 8-106, Ivory 10-100, O'Neal 14-74, Rembert 5-28, Emerson 7-19, Tant 5-18, Napier 3-3, Moore 1-(-1), Mathews (2-(-1)). VMI — Cauthen 10-51, Bell 2-11, Armstead 2-3, Lyles 4-(-5), Green 2-(-6), Poldiak 2-(-9), Team 1-(-13).

Passing: F — Napier 5-5-0-75, Moore 2-5-0-14. VMI — Lyles 15-29-1-102, Poldiak 11-16-0-89.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 2-52, West 2-14, Sudderth 1-10, Rinehart 1-8, Ivory 1-5. VMI — Green 5-41, Simmons 4-36, Garcia 4-19, Dunlap 3-23, Puvogel 2-17, Bell 1-11, Carlson 1-10, Reel 1-7, Armstead 1-7, Cauthen 1-2.

	FUR	VMI
First Downs	23	15
Rushing	55-346	23-32
Passing	89	191
C/A/I	7-10-0	26-45-1
Total Offense	435	223
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	3-37	4-35
Punts	0-0.0	7-31.7
Possession Time	29:25	30:35
Third Down Conversions	4-8	5-16
Sacks By	3-24	0-0

NOTING THE PALADINS

✎ **MILESTONE WINS...**Furman's 65-7 rout of VMI on Saturday marked the Paladins' 100th win in Paladin Stadium and the 50th victory of head coach Bobby Johnson's career. Now in its 21st season of play in

Paladin Stadium, Furman boasts a 100-27-1 overall record (.785) in the beautiful facility. Now in his eighth year as head coach of the Paladin program, Bobby Johnson sports a 50-34 record at Furman.

FURMAN IN PALADIN STADIUM (100-27-1, .785, 21st Season)

Win	Date	Opponent	Attendance
1	S. 19, 1981	Furman 21, East Tennessee State 0	12,070
	O. 3, 1981	Chattanooga 31, Furman 28	12,525
2	O. 10, 1981	Furman 22, Appalachian State 18	19,058
3	O. 24, 1981	Furman 38, Liberty Baptist 14	9,250
4	O. 31, 1981	Furman 35, Marshall 3	10,811
5	O. 2, 1982	Furman 38, VMI 3	13,187
6	O. 9, 1982	Furman 12, Western Carolina 6	13,250
7	O. 30, 1982	Furman 63, Davidson 14	12,136
8	N. 6, 1982	Furman 17, James Madison 10	12,375
9	N. 20, 1982	Furman 27, The Citadel 0	13,123
	N. 27, 1981	South Carolina State 17, Furman 0	13,865
10	S. 10, 1983	Furman 52, Carson-Newman 7	9,226
11	S. 24, 1983	Furman 31, Marshall 7	8,514
12	O. 22, 1983	Furman 49, Appalachian State 0	14,973
13	N. 5, 1983	Furman 28, East Tennessee State 7	12,165
14	N. 12, 1983	Furman 28, Chattanooga 14	10,021
15	D. 3, 1983	Furman 35, Boston University 16	7,879
	D. 10, 1983	Western Carolina 14, Furman 7	13,034
16	S. 1, 1984	Furman 28, South Carolina State 10	12,347
17	S. 8, 1984	Furman 49, Newberry 7	10,365
	O. 27, 1984	Western Carolina 20, Furman 19	12,651
18	N. 3, 1984	Furman 55, Davidson 7	13,133
19	N. 10, 1984	Furman 42, Central Florida 6	10,296
20	N. 17, 1984	Furman 42, The Citadel 14	12,412
	S. 14, 1985	Newberry 24, Furman 21	11,979
21	O. 12, 1985	Furman 34, Marshall 3	11,072
22	O. 19, 1985	Furman 35, East Tennessee State 31	9,504
23	O. 26, 1985	Furman 21, Appalachian State 7	12,224
24	N. 2, 1985	Furman 34, Mars Hill 10	13,584
25	N. 23, 1985	Furman 28, Chattanooga 0	13,134
26	D. 7, 1985	Furman 59, Rhode Island 15	9,454
27	D. 14, 1985	Furman 35, Nevada-Reno 12	10,461
28	S. 6, 1986	Furman 34, South Carolina State 7	15,085
	O. 18, 1986	Western Carolina 19, Furman 13	15,285
29	N. 1, 1986	Furman 45, Presbyterian 31	18,617
30	N. 8, 1986	Furman 59, Davidson 0	11,121
31	N. 22, 1986	Furman 37, The Citadel 14	15,465
	N. 29, 1986	Eastern Kentucky 23, Furman 10	7,424
32	S. 12, 1987	Furman 23, Presbyterian 3	9,860
	S. 26, 1987	Chattanooga 16, Furman 14	9,377
33	O. 3, 1987	Furman 42, Marshall 36	12,122
34	O. 10, 1987	Furman 24, East Tennessee State 13	9,331
	O. 17, 1987	Appalachian State 16, Furman 8	13,147
35	O. 31, 1987	Furman 58, Davidson 3	10,726
36	N. 7, 1987	Furman 38, VMI 0	15,772
37	S. 3, 1988	Furman 38, South Carolina State 0	13,386
38	S. 17, 1988	Furman 21, Presbyterian 0	8,646
39	S. 23, 1988	Furman 42, Newberry 0	15,180
40	O. 1, 1988	Furman 31, VMI 13	11,243
41	O. 29, 1988	Furman 31, Western Carolina 0	13,014
42	N. 19, 1988	Furman 30, The Citadel 17	16,460
43	N. 26, 1988	Furman 21, Delaware 7	7,487
44	D. 10, 1988	Furman 38, Idaho 7	11,645
45	S. 16, 1989	Furman 59, Presbyterian 17	10,240
46	O. 7, 1989	Furman 34, Marshall 13	11,418
47	O. 14, 1989	Furman 31, Appalachian St. 6	13,435
48	O. 21, 1989	Furman 42, Wofford 7	10,723
49	N. 4, 1989	Furman 27, Chattanooga 17	14,788
50	N. 11, 1989	Furman 44, East Tennessee State 20	17,001
51	N. 25, 1989	Furman 24, William & Mary 10	8,642
52	D. 2, 1989	Furman 42, Youngstown State 23	8,033
	D. 9, 1989	Stephen F. Austin 21, Furman 19	7,015
53	S. 1, 1990	Furman 24, South Carolina State 7	13,611
54	S. 8, 1990	Furman 63, Presbyterian 7	15,086
55	O. 6, 1990	Furman 51, VMI 22	14,242

56	O. 27, 1990	Furman 42, Western Carolina 9	14,910
57	N. 17, 1990	Furman 30, The Citadel 17	18,190
58	S. 14, 1991	Furman 31, Liberty 7	14,014
59	S. 21, 1991	Furman 52, Presbyterian 7	12,511
	O. 12, 1991	Marshall 38, Furman 35	16,125
	O. 19, 1991	Appalachian State 26, Furman 23 (3ot)	13,082
60	N. 2, 1991	Furman 52, East Tennessee State 23	12,922
61	N. 16, 1991	Furman 24, Chattanooga 21	16,579
62	S. 5, 1992	Furman 31, Liberty 13	9,045
63	S. 19, 1992	Furman 43, Presbyterian 7	13,087
	S. 26, 1992	Georgia Southern 21, Furman 0	14,879
64	O. 3, 1992	Furman 41, VMI 13	13,225
	N. 7, 1992	Western Carolina 29, Furman 27	13,404
	N. 21, 1992	The Citadel 20, Furman 14	16,464
65	S. 4, 1993	Furman 26, Connecticut 17	9,193
	S. 18, 1993	Furman 14, Wofford 14	12,155
66	S. 25, 1993	Furman 45, East Tennessee State 21	10,642
67	O. 9, 1993	Furman 27, Appalachian State 21	12,707
68	O. 30, 1993	Furman 24, VMI 0	10,709
69	N. 13, 1993	Furman 17, Marshall 3	12,130
70	S. 10, 1994	Furman 26, South Carolina State 21	15,673
	S. 17, 1994	William & Mary 28, Furman 26	11,244
	O. 1, 1994	Western Carolina 35, Furman 24	12,125
	O. 15, 1994	The Citadel 52, Furman 44	14,157
	N. 5, 1994	Georgia Southern 31, Furman 26	12,161
	N. 19, 1994	Chattanooga 34, Furman 20	9,422
71	S. 16, 1995	Furman 38, Wofford 0	9,137
72	S. 23, 1995	Furman 55, VMI 4	8,994
	O. 7, 1995	Appalachian St. 41, Furman 28	11,245
73	O. 21, 1995	Furman 21, East Tennessee State 15	11,017
	N. 11, 1995	Marshall 31, Furman 6	10,888
74	S. 14, 1996	Furman 27, South Carolina State 13	12,225
75	S. 21, 1996	Furman 33, Wofford 3	11,002
76	O. 5, 1996	Furman 45, Western Carolina 30	11,215
77	O. 19, 1996	Furman 35, The Citadel 25	12,875
78	N. 9, 1996	Furman 21, Georgia Southern 14	11,616
79	N. 23, 1996	Furman 42, Chattanooga 21	8,152
80	S. 27, 1997	Furman 35, VMI 14	7,175
81	O. 11, 1997	Furman 24, Appalachian State 22	9,686
	O. 25, 1997	E. Tenn. St. 58, Furman 28	9,105
82	N. 1, 1997	Furman 38, Elon 20	7,817
83	N. 15, 1997	Furman 28, Wofford 7	9,560
84	S. 12, 1998	Furman 27, South Carolina State 19	10,094
85	S. 19, 1998	Furman 34, Samford 24	8,101
86	O. 3, 1998	Furman 31, Western Carolina 7	9,620
	O. 17, 1998	The Citadel 25, Furman 24	13,011
	N. 7, 1998	Georgia Southern 45, Furman 17	10,201
87	N. 21, 1998	Furman 31, Chattanooga 28	6,215
	S. 4, 1999	Elon 24, Furman 22	7,152
88	S. 25, 1999	Furman 58, VMI 0	11,212
89	O. 9, 1999	Furman 35, Appalachian State 21	13,052
90	S. 23, 1999	Furman 48, East Tennessee State 21	12,572
91	N. 13, 1999	Furman 30, Wofford 3	14,177
	N. 27, 1999	Massachusetts 30, Furman 23 (ot)	7,215
92	S. 2, 2000	Furman 16, Elon 3	10,702
93	S. 9, 2000	Furman 44, Newberry 10	11,214
94	S. 16, 2000	Furman 34, William & Mary 10	8,742
95	S. 30, 2000	Furman 38, Western Carolina 14	9,387
96	O. 14, 2000	Furman 33, The Citadel 7	13,326
97	N. 4, 2000	Furman 45, Georgia Southern 10	15,127
98	N. 18, 2000	Furman 45, Chattanooga 44 (ot)	8,573
	N. 25, 2000	Hofstra 31, Furman 24	4,214
99	S. 8, 2001	Furman 46, Elon 7	10,322
100	S. 22, 2001	Furman 65, VMI 7	10,152

➤ **MORE PALADIN STADIUM POINTERS...**In beating VMI, Furman extended its home winning streak against Southern Conference opposition to 10 games dating back to the 1988 season and improved to 53-18-1 (.743) in Paladin Stadium against current Southern Conference member schools. Furman is 14-3 (.823) in its last 17 contests in Paladin Stadium.

➤ **FURMAN 20-2 IN SOCON OPENERS SINCE 1980...**In beating

VMI 65-7 on Saturday, Furman improved to 20-2 (.909) in Southern Conference season openers since 1980. Under head coach Bobby Johnson, Furman has now gone 7-1 (.875) in league inaugurals. VMI has been the victim in 11 of the Paladins' 20 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 (20-2, .909)

vs. VMI	11-0
vs. Western Carolina	3-2
vs. East Tennessee State	2-0
vs. Marshall	2-0
vs. Appalachian State	1-0
vs. Chattanooga	1-0

✎ **TEAM NOTES FROM THE WIN OVER VMI**...Furman's 65-7 pasting of VMI marked the 20th consecutive win over the Keydets, thus making it the longest series winning streak ever recorded by Furman over an opponent. The 65 points were the most scored by a Furman team since 1935 when the Hurricane (as Furman was then known) routed Piedmont 69-0. The 58-point margin of victory tied the existing Furman mark for most decisive Southern Conference victory — a standard first set only two years ago (1999) when Furman steamrolled VMI 58-0 in Greenville. In 10 games against VMI in Paladin Stadium, the Paladins have outscored the Keydets 437-96; in the last two meetings in Paladin Stadium, the differential is 123-7. In scoring 111 points in its last two games (65-7 vs. VMI, 46-7 vs. Elon), Furman matched the greatest two-game scoring total in school history first set in 1920 when W.L. Laval's Hurricane routed Oglethorpe (42-3) and Wofford (69-0) on the way to a 9-1 season. The win over VMI improved Furman's record against teams from Virginia to 28-2 (.933) since 1980.

✎ **SPREADING IT AROUND**...Furman's 65-point offensive explosion against VMI on Saturday featured nine touchdowns by nine different players. All six Paladin running backs who saw action in the game scored, although tailback **Lamar Rembert (Ocala, Fla.)** registered his on a 79-yard kickoff return. The other three touchdowns were registered by quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)**, who found the end zone following on a 3-yard run; **Josh Cooper (Cincinnati, Ohio)**, who returned a fumble 85 yards for a touchdown; and **Brian Bratton (Martinez, Ga.)**, who ran back a kickoff 91 yards to start the second half.

✎ **SATURDAY SPECTATOR**...Furman senior punter **Lee Willis (Monticello, Ga.)** was the only healthy regular who didn't see action in Saturday's 65-7 win over VMI. That's because Furman scored on 10 of its 14 possessions, had two possessions end on downs, turned the ball once, and ended the game in possession of the football. Actually, Willis came out on the field for one punt in the second half, but VMI was flagged for an offside penalty, which gave the Paladins a first down. Saturday's game marked the first time since a 43-7 win over Presbyterian 1992 season that Furman did punt in a game.

✎ **CLEARING THE BENCH**...One result of Furman's impressive 65-7 victory over VMI on Saturday was the chance it afforded head coach Bobby Johnson to play every player in uniform except a half dozen redshirt candidates. Furman's starting offense was pulled after it scored with 6:27 to go in the second period and the Paladins up 31-0. The starting defense, meanwhile, played only the first half. Just how little some Paladin regulars played on Saturday is best reflected on the offensive line, where guards **Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio)** and **Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.)** logged only 21 plays. Furman's other three starting offensive linemen — center **Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.)** and tackles **Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.)** and **Steven Cain (Anderson, S.C.)**, meanwhile, posted only 24 plays — all career lows. On defense, it was much the same. In the Paladin linebacking corps, for instance, starters **Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.)**, **Sterling Frierson (Woodrow, S.C.)**, and **John Thrift (Hartwell, Ga.)** recorded only 30, 19, and 17 plays, respectively, in the contest.

✎ **RECORD BOOK ENTRIES** ...When senior All-Southern Conference free safety **Josh Cooper (Cincinnati, Ohio)** returned a fumble 85 yards for a touchdown against VMI, it marked the third longest fumble return for a score in Furman history, trailing only the 94-yard return recorded by Kevin Quinlan in a 35-13 loss to North Carolina in 1980 and an 87-yard fumble return by Ray Zima in an 18-13 win over Marshall in 1936. The 91-yard kickoff return by **Brian Bratton (Martinez, Ga.)** and 79-yard kickoff return for a score by **Lamar Rembert (Ocala, Fla.)** on Saturday represented the first time in Furman football history the Paladins returned two kickoffs for touchdowns in a game. The nine PAT attempts by **Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.)** against VMI tied the Furman standard for most PAT attempts by a player and team in a single game.

✎ **BIG PLAY PALADINS** ...In addition to returning a pair of kickoffs for scores and a fumble for a touchdown, the Paladins blocked two punts to set up scores in the win over VMI. **Lamar Rembert (Ocala, Fla.)** set the table for Furman's first score of the game when he stepped in front of a Keydet punt, which was returned by teammate **James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.)** 38 yards to the VMI 19. **Shelvis Smith (College Park, Ga.)** blocked a second Keydet punt, and three plays later the Paladins scored a touchdown to take a commanding 31-0 second quarter lead.

✎ **MARSHALL ON THE MARK**...In knocking down his only field goal try of the evening (26 yards) in the win over VMI, sophomore placekicker **Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.)** has now converted his last nine field goal attempts, leaving him one shy of the Furman record for most consecutive made field goals set by Andrew Burr in 1991. Marshall, whose current streak includes made field goal tries in his last five attempts a year ago, has knocked down all four tries this year (including three in a 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8) and heads into this Saturday's game against Western Carolina game leading the Southern Conference in kick scoring with 27 points. As a freshman a year ago, he kicked three field goals in his collegiate debut to lift Furman to a 16-3 win over Elon and, in all, converted 14-of-18 field goals (.777) to finish second only to Chattanooga All-America kicker Matt Vick in kick scoring. He has now made good on 18-of-22 field goals (.818) and 62-of-64 PATs (.968) in his career.

✎ **JOHNSON COMES UP BIG, AGAIN**...Furman junior cornerback **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)**, who sustained a season ending knee injury on an interception return only five plays into the 2000 season opener against Elon, recorded his second interception of the 2001 season on Saturday in the win over VMI, helping to set up a Paladin field goal in a 24-point second quarter. In the Paladins' 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8, Johnson totaled three tackles and one of the Paladins' four interceptions to spark Furman's defensive unit against the Phoenix.

✎ **PALADIN POINTERS**...True freshman fullback **Eric Emerson (Newnan, Ga.)** scored the first touchdown of his career on Saturday against VMI with a 2-yard run to give the Paladins a 14-0 first quarter lead. In rushing eight times for 106 yards and a touchdown against VMI, reserve tailback **Hindley Brigham (Birmingham, Ala.)** became the first Paladin running back since 1999 to rush for more yards than Louis Ivory. Prior to Brigham, the last Paladin running back to top Ivory in game rushing yardage was Stuart Rentz, who rolled up 144 yards (in relief of Ivory) in a 58-0 Paladin whitewash of VMI in Greenville. Last year quarterback Justin Hill ran for 115 yards (to Ivory's 44) in an 18-17 loss at Appalachian State. Brigham, who reeled off a 65-yard scoring run in his first carry as a Paladin in a 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8, is averaging 19.0 ypg on nine rushing attempts this year. Furman's defense racked up a season high three quarterback sacks against VMI. All-Southern Conference nose guard **Ryan Spencer (Clover, S.C.)** recorded the first sack of the game and, in limited action, totaled two tackles for losses of nine yards. Redshirt freshman **Mike Killian (Atlanta, Ga.)** earned his second straight start at defensive end and tallied three tackles and his first career sack. Thanks in large measure to its two kickoff returns for touchdowns against VMI, Furman is now averaging 38.3 yards per return (second in NCAA I-AA) on eight returns this year. All told, Furman and VMI combined to total 418 yards in kickoff returns in Saturday's game. VMI led the way with 250 return yards on nine attempts; Furman, meanwhile, had 168 yards but only on two returns, both of which went for touchdowns.

✧ **JACKSON EYEING FUR INTERCEPTION MARK**...Furman All-Southern Conference cornerback **Richie Jackson (Cincinnati, Ohio)** heads into Saturday's game against Western Carolina only three interceptions shy of the school career interceptions standard. Jackson, who recorded his 15th career pickoff in the Paladins' 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8, currently ranks third at Furman in career thefts with 15, trailing only Jerome Norris (1983-86, 18 interceptions) and Vince Perone, Jr., (1972-74, 16 interceptions).

FURMAN CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Year	No.
1)	Jerome Norris	1983-86	18
2)	Vince Perone, Jr.	1972-74	16
3)	Richie Jackson	1998-	15
4)	Lavern Barrs	1964-66	14
	Don Calhoun	1968-70	14
	Mark Gordon	1974-76	14
	Steve Squire	1983-86	14
5)	Gib McEachran	1979-82	12
	Ernest Gibson	1980-83	12

✧ **FU SPORTING BALANCED OFFENSIVE ATTACK IN 2001**...Although only three games into the 2001 season, it's apparent Furman opponents are determined to slow down the Paladins' vaunted rushing attack this year following a 2000 campaign that produced a school season record 307.5 rushing yards per game highlighted, of course, by Walter Payton Award winning tailback **Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.)**, who rushed for a Southern Conference season record 2,079 yards. Furman's first two opponents, Wyoming and Elon, keyed heavily on Ivory, helping limit him to 19 carries in each game. Due in part to Saturday's 65-7 rout of VMI — a game that saw the Paladin senior leave the contest midway through the second quarter after gaining 100 yards on 10 carries and with his team leading 31-0 — Ivory is averaging only 16 carries per game as compared to last year's roughly 27 attempts per game. Still, Ivory has managed to post three 100-yard performances and score four touchdowns this year while averaging an outstanding 7.5 yards per rush. Furman's answer to the opposition's stepped up attempt to slow down its lethal ground attack has been to turn to the air, where it has had good success. In the 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8, the Paladin offense, under the direction of junior quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** racked up 452 yards in impressively balanced fashion. It included 246 rushing yards and 206 passing yards. Napier, who completed 12-of-19 passes, including two touchdowns, accounted for 192 yards and did not throw an interception against the Phoenix. Although early scores helped limit Furman to only 10 pass attempts and 89 passing yards in the win over VMI, the Paladins head into Saturday's game against Western Carolina still averaging 154.7 yards per game. Last year the Paladins averaged only 115.3 yards per game through the air.

2000		2001
53.4	Team Rushing Attempts/Game	44.3
5.8	Team Rushing Yards/Play	5.8
307.5	Team Rushing Yards/Game	257.3
26.6	Ivory Rushing Attempts/Game	16.0
7.1	Ivory Rushing Yards/Play	7.5
14.6	Team Passing Attempts/Game	19.0
115.3	Team Passing Yards/Game	154.7

✧ **FINDING THE TIGHT END**...If the work turned in by quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** and All-Southern Conference tight end **Trent Sansbury (Lilburn, Ga.)** in the first three games continues, it's a safe assumption that the Napier-directed Furman passing attack this fall will showcase the tight end. In the 46-7 win over Elon on Sept. 8, Napier hooked up with Sansbury on five passes for 86 yards and a touchdown, which covered 42 yards. Sansbury, who added a pair of catches for 52 yards in Saturday's 65-7 win over VMI, already has 11 catches for 160 yards and a touchdown this year after totaling only 14 receptions and two scores during the 2000 season. Ironically, five of his 14 receptions a year ago came in a 33-7 victory over The Citadel after Napier came off the bench in place of an injured Justin Hill.

✧ **KEEP THAT FLAG IN YOUR POCKET**...A year ago Furman

ranked as the league's least penalized team in the Southern Conference, picking up only 49 infractions for 422 yards during the regular season. Through three games this year the Paladins have only been flagged seven times for 77 yards.

✧ **COMPETITIVE, EVEN IN DEFEAT**...Although Furman owns a solid 21-7 record (.750) in its last 28 games, in the seven losses the Paladins have proven to be tough competition. In fact, over the aforementioned span, Furman's most decisive loss has been seven points (twice), and the seven losses have been by a combined total of 28 points.

Opponent (Year)	Score	Margin of Defeat
Appalachian State (2000)	17-18	- 1
Elon (1999)	22-24	- 2
East Tennessee State (2000)	21-23	- 2
Georgia Southern (1999)	38-41	- 3
Wyoming (2001)	14-20	- 6
Massachusetts (2000)	(ot) 23-30	- 7
Hofstra (2000)	24-31	- 7

✧ **HOLDING ON TO THE PIGSKIN**...In addition to ranking as the Southern Conference's least penalized team a year ago, Furman also paced the league in turnover margin (+1.09) for the second straight year. The Paladins head into the Western Carolina game sporting an even better turnover margin (+1.66) than a year ago.

✧ **BLOOD LINES**...Furman sophomore defensive end Brandon Poole is the son of former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winning running back George Rogers.

✧ **KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY**...Sophomore placekicker **Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.)** 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. Redshirt freshman tight end **Will Keller (Clayton, Ga.)** is the nephew of Elliott Keller former Paladin fullback Elliott Keller (1962-63), who led the Southern Conference in rushing in 1962 with 724 yards. Freshman linebacker **Andrew Carson (Newnan, Ga.)** is the brother of Clemson All-America linebacker Chad Carson. Andrew's father, Tom Carson, played football at Georgia Tech, and his grandfather, Earle Carson, was a three-year letterman and end and honorable mention All-American at Furman (1928-30). A great uncle, M.A. Carson, was a two-time letterwinner as an offensive guard at Furman (1926-27), and another great uncle, Tom Carson, was an All-South offensive tackle selection and three-year letterman who served as captain of Furman's 1931 squad.

✧ **THE PARKVIEW CONNECTION**...Furman senior starting tight end Trent Sansbury and his backup, true freshman Willis Sudderth, are both products of Lilburn, Ga., and Parkview High School.

✧ **NAME GAME**...Furman junior wide receiver Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.) is named to legendary Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

✧ **YOUNG FULLBACKS**...When true freshman **Eric Emerson (Newnan, Ga.)** started at fullback in the season opener against Wyoming, it marked quite a change from the experience the Paladins possessed at the position last year, when Derek Russell, a three-year starter who rushed for 1,187 yards and 37 touchdowns, occupied the post. Emerson's presence, along with those of redshirt freshmen **Corey Tant (Easley, S.C.)** and **Al Means (Charlotte, N.C.)**, guarantee the Paladins will have a youthful fullback corps this fall.

FURMAN FULLBACK EXPERIENCE COMPARISON

2000	Exp.	G	GS	Rush	Yds.	TD
Derek Russell, Sr.	4VL	44	34	277	1187	37
Quinton Burton, Sr.	4VL	33	0	81	303	2
Adam Sanders, Sr.	4VL	42	0	12	91	0
Totals	12VL	119	34	370	1581	39

2001	Exp.	G	GS	Rush	Yds.	TD
Al Means, R-Fr.	0.	2	0	3	24	0

Corey Tant, R-Fr.	0.	3	0	8	29	0
Eric Emerson, Fr.	0.	3	3	13	34	1
Totals	0.	8	3	24	87	1

✍ **PALADIN OFFENSIVE LINE AMONG BEST IN NCAA I-AA**....Based on what Furman's offensive line helped the Paladins accomplish a year ago and the individual honors accorded virtually every member of the unit, the Paladin offensive front, which returns four of five starters, can rightfully be considered one of the best and most experienced in NCAA I-AA. The cast of four returning regulars -- all but one of whom are seniors -- includes a pair of All-Americans in center **Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.)** and **Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio)**, and All-Southern Conference left tackle **Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.)**. In addition, junior right guard **Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.)**, who started every game a year ago, is back and has been tabbed a preseason all-conference pick by league head coaches. If also considering senior all-conference tight end **Trent Sansbury (Lilburn, Ga.)** with the offensive front, the Paladins sports five of their six starting linemen from the 2000 team and boast a combined total of 204 games played and 144 starts in their collective careers.

2001 FURMAN OFFENSIVE LINE

Player	G	GS	Notes
LT Donnie Littlejohn (Sr.)	38	36	'00 All-SoCon
LG Marty Priore (Sr.)	38	35	'00 AP All-America
C Chris Stewart (Sr.)	36	28	'00 TSN All-America
RG Trevor Kruger, (Jr.)	27	15	'01 Preseason All-SoCon
RT Steven Cain (Jr.)	27	3	First start vs. Wyoming
Trent Sansbury (Sr.)	38	27	'00 All-SoCon
Totals	204	144	

✍ **RARE ACCOMPLISHMENT**...When three Furman offensive linemen (OT Josh Moore, OG Marty Priore, and C Christ Stewart) earned first team All-Southern Conference honors a year ago, it marked the first time since 1990 and only the third time in school history (1981 being the other) that three Paladin offensive linemen had earned first team all-conference honors. With Priore and Stewart returning this fall, along with 2000 consensus second team all-conference tackle Donnie Littlejohn, Furman may yet grab three of the five first team all-league offensive line honors for a second consecutive season.

✍ **MUSCLE MEN**...Playing a key role in the strong work of Furman's offensive line is the unit's impressive physical strength as reflected in some of the numbers posted by unit members in team weight lifting tests. Leading the way for the third consecutive year is senior center Chris Stewart, Furman's strongest player. In spring testing, Stewart bench pressed 505 pounds, squatted 650 pounds, and power cleaned 347 pounds for a combined lift of 1,502 pounds in three exercises. Stewart's nearest competitor in the combined total was senior strong safety Shelvis Smith (1,288 pounds). Among Furman's other top performing offensive linemen in strength tests was junior tackle Steven Cain, who finished fourth on the team with a combined lift of 1,235 pounds: bench press (405 pounds), squat (500 pounds), and power clean (330 pounds). Senior guard Marty Priore, meanwhile, placed ninth with a total lift of 1,191 pounds, included in which was a squat of 590 pounds.

✍ **FURMAN'S IVORY FEATURED IN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, USATODAY**...Furman senior consensus All-America tailback **Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.)** was featured in *Sports Illustrated* Magazine's August 13 College Football Preview issue. Ivory, the reigning Walter Payton Award winner, was profiled and quoted extensively in the magazine's two-page NCAA I-AA preview story. Furman's heralded running back was also featured in the August 13 edition of *USA Today*, as part of an extensive story on Furman's outlook for the 2001 season.

✍ **LOUIS IVORY: "THE IVORY TOWER"**...Senior tailback Louis Ivory, a consensus All-America choice, reigning Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year, and NCAA I-AA football's Walter Payton Award recipient for the 2000 season, is nicknamed "The Ivory Tower", in part, because of his prodigious accomplishments last year. Ivory's nickname also works because the most notable landmark on Furman's campus is an ivory bell tower that overlooks the university's scenic 30-acre lake. The

tower, which first gained notoriety as an ivy covered landmark on Furman's old campus in downtown Greenville, has gained new fame thanks, in part, to Ivory. Ivory's complete biographical sketch, as detailed in this year's media guide and updated following his 10-carry, 100-yard performance against VMI on Sept. 22, is included below:



LOUIS IVORY
TB, 5-9, 200, Senior
Fort Valley, Georgia
Peach County High School

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Furman: Pleasantly personable young man and outstanding, consensus All-America performer who returns as the top offensive player in NCAA I-AA football based on his selection as the Walter Payton Award recipient a year ago...in three-plus seasons of play has already shattered a number of school and Southern Conference single game and season rushing records and with a strong senior season could rewrite many more standards...was a lightly recruited fullback out of high school who actually played fullback his freshman year at Furman before moving to tailback prior to the start of the 1999 season...in 27 consecutive starts at tailback over the past two-plus seasons has topped the 100-yard mark in 22 games on the way to 4,132 yards (153.0 ypg) and 36 touchdowns, helping Furman to a 20-7 record in that span...currently tied for second at Furman in career rushing attempts (696)...ranks second in career rushing yards (4,538), and is tied for third in rushing touchdowns (40)...**needs only 209 yards to surpass Carl Tremble (4,746 yards, 1989-92) as the Paladins' all-time leading rusher...has 23 100-yard rushing performances and six 200-yard performances in his career...sports a current string of nine straight 100-yard games...needs only three more 100-yard outings to surpass Tremble's school career 100-yard games record (25)...owns the first, fourth, sixth, eighth, 10th, and 11th best single game rushing performances in Furman football history...compact, strong, runner who sports solid balance, tackle breaking ability, and impressive durability...likes to run north-south but can employ finesse when needed...possesses excellent leadership ability...highly respected by the coaching staff and teammates for his work ethic and overall mental and physical approach to the game...very coachable...could finish his career as one of the most decorated student-athletes in Furman athletics history...ranked third on team in spring weight testing with combined lift of 1,253 pounds in three exercises: bench press (365), squat (525), power clean (363)...power clean mark led team. **2001** — Rushed 19 times for 136 yards and a touchdown in 20-14, season opening loss to Wyoming...touchdown run covered 44 yards and tied the game at 14-14 in the third quarter...ran 19 times for 126 yards and two touchdowns against Elon (46-7 win)...exited the game for good after scoring on an 8-yard run on Furman's first offensive series of the second half and with the Paladins leading 37-7...notched his ninth straight 100-yard performance with a 10-carry, 100-yard outing in the Paladins' 65-7 rout of VMI...exited the game in favor of reserves with 6:27 to go in the first half and Furman leading 31-0...scored the game's first touchdown for his 40th career rushing touchdown. **2000** — Fashioned the greatest single season rushing performance and one of the most productive offensive seasons in Furman, Southern Conference, state of South Carolina, and NCAA I-AA football history by rushing 286 times for 2,079 yards, and 16 touchdowns during the regular season in helping the Paladins to a 9-3 record, No. 10 Sports Network final ranking, and second straight playoff appearance...averaged an incredible 7.3 yards per carry...rushing total represented the first 2,000-yard season in the Southern Conference's 78-year history and in the 112-year history of football in South Carolina...189.0 yards per game rushing average led the nation and his closest competitor in NCAA I-AA, Portland State's Charles Dunn (163.0 ypg), by a wide margin...among all ballcarriers in all divisions, was only outrushed by Texas Christian's LaDainian Tomlinson, who totaled 2,158 yards and averaged 196.0 ypg in 11 games...season rushing total was fifth best in NCAA I-AA football history and eighth best in season average...captured the Walter Payton Award, given annually by the Sports Network to the top offensive player in NCAA I-AA football, in ceremonies at New York City's famed Downtown Athletic Club on Dec. 4...became a consensus All-America honoree when he was named to national squads selected by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Sports Network, *Associated Press*, Walter Camp Foundation, and**

Don Hansen's Football Gazette...recipient of 2000 Banks McFadden South Carolina Player-of-the-Year Award (as voted by the Greenville Touchdown Club) and 2000 South Carolina Male Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year Award (as selected by the South Carolina Athletic Hall-of-Fame)...was also honored as 2000-01 Furman Male Athlete-of-the-Year and became the eighth athlete in school history to garner Southern Conference Athlete-of-the-Year accolades when he was accorded the honor in Myrtle Beach in late May...had January 23, 2001, proclaimed "Louis Ivory Day In South Carolina" by governor Jim Hodges in ceremonies at the state capitol in Columbia...including one playoff game, totaled 2,251 yards and 18 touchdowns on the 2000 season, rushing for more than 100 yards in 11 of Furman's 12 games...became the 13th Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year selection in Furman history when he was a consensus choice in separate balloting by league head coaches and media...recorded five scoring runs greater than 50 yards: 88 vs. William & Mary, 75 vs. Elon, 73 vs. Georgia Southern, 65 vs. Western Carolina, and 58 vs. The Citadel...88-yard run was the second longest in Furman history...spearheaded a Paladin ground attack that averaged a school season record 307.5 rushing yards per game...individual rushing total topped Furman's previous season standard of 1,555 yards set by Carl Tremble (1992)...rushed for a school single game record 301 yards and three touchdowns in a 45-10 win over top-ranked, defending, and eventual national champion Georgia Southern in Greenville...301-yard performance versus Georgia Southern, which earned him Sports Network National Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors, shattered Furman's single game standard of 261 yards set by Mike Glenn against Presbyterian in 1980 and the conference single game record of 286 yards set by The Citadel's Gene Brown versus VMI in 1988...it also represented the highest rushing total ever posted by a Georgia Southern opponent and keyed a 404-yard Furman rushing performance against the Eagles that snapped a string of 53 consecutive games in which Georgia Southern had outrushed its opponent...in all topped the 200-yard mark in five games: 301 vs. Georgia Southern (45-10 win), 232 vs. William & Mary (34-10 win), 227 vs. East Tennessee State (23-21 loss), 214 vs. The Citadel (33-7 win), and 207 vs. Chattanooga (45-44 OT win)...established a new Furman single game rushing attempts record with 41 carries against East Tennessee State...became the fastest player (seven games) in Furman history to reach 1,000 rushing yards when he rushed for 214 yards against The Citadel...averaged 214.3 ypg over Furman's final six contests...in all was named Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week four times...took home Furman's Best Offensive Back and Paladin (MVP) Award following the season. **1999** — Made the successful switch from fullback to tailback and led team and finished second in the Southern Conference in rushing with 1,519 yards and 14 touchdowns...averaged a solid 6.1 yards per carry...became the first Furman 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble reached the plateau in 1992...1,519 yards at the time represented the second highest single season total in school history...played a major role in Furman's offensive improvement (424.3 ypg, 36.0 ppg), which sparked the Paladins to a 9-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and an invitation to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...earned starts in all 12 games and posted eight 100-yard rushing performances, including a career high 203-yard show in a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State...his 203-yard performance against East Tennessee State earned him league offensive player-of-the-week honors and represented the first 200-yard outing by a Paladin running back since 1996...rushed a career high 34 times for 177 yards and a touchdown in a 28-3 win over North Carolina...177 yards versus Tar Heels are the most ever by a Paladin running back against an NCAA I-A opponent...sparked Furman's decisive 35-21 triumph over Appalachian State by breaking 13 tackles on the way to 135 yards and two touchdowns, for which he was named conference offensive player-of-the-week...scored a decisive touchdown on a 43-yard run with 2:28 left in the game in the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina...took home the team's Best Offensive Back Award following the season.

1998 — Emerged as one of Furman's top freshmen, earning the starting job at fullback and rushing for 202 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' first two games before being slowed with a sprained ankle early in the Samford game (34-24 win)...injury forced him to miss the VMI contest and limited him to only two starts thereafter...did not see action in the season finale against Chattanooga...earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors after rushing 23 times for 161 yards and two touchdowns against South Carolina State (27-19 win)...performance against S.C. State included a season best, 54-yard touchdown run and represented the most yards by a Furman fullback since the 1989 season...also ran for

80 yards against East Tennessee State (22-19 overtime loss)...other touchdown runs covered 17 yards against Western Carolina (31-7 win) and three yards versus Georgia Southern (45-17 loss)...finished the season as Furman's second leading rusher with 406 yards and four touchdowns.

High School: 1998 graduate of Peach County High School...football coach was Rodney Walker...started for four years at running back and helped his program post a 39-9 record, including back-to-back 11-1 records and region championships his junior and senior seasons...in all ran for over 3,100 yards and scored 37 touchdowns in his career...rushed for 1,081 yards and scored 13 touchdowns in 1997, his senior season...selected to play in the prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game...also starred in track...posted a career long jump of 23' 2" his senior year.

Personal: Full name is Louis Leon Ivory...son of Louis and Gloria Ivory...born February 6, 1980, in Fort Valley, Georgia...communications major.

IVORY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
1998	9-5	80	406	5.1	4	54	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	12-12	249	1519	6.1	14	59	6	18	3.0	0	9
2000	12-12	319	2251	7.1	18	88	4	14	3.5	0	8
2001	3-3	48	362	6.9	4	53	2	9	4.5	0	5
Totals	36-32	696	4538	6.5	40	88	12	41	3.4	0	9

LOUIS IVORY IN 2000

Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD	Result
Elon	20	182	1	16-3 W
Newberry	19	171	2	44-10 W
William & Mary	27	232	2	34-10 W
@ VMI	28	135	1	35-21 W
Western Carolina	17	187	3	38-14 W
@ Appalachian State	19	58	0	17-18 L
The Citadel	25	214	1	33-7 W
@ East Tennessee State	41	227	2	21-23 L
Georgia Southern	33	301	3	45-10 W
@ Wofford	28	165	0	27-18 W
Chattanooga	29	207	1	45-44 W
Regular Season Totals	286	2079	16	9-2
Regular Season Averages	(7.3)	(189.0)		
Hofstra (Playoffs)	33	172	2	24-31 L
Full Season Totals	319	2251	18	9-3
Full Season Averages	(7.1)	(187.6)		

LOUIS IVORY IN 2001

Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD	Result
Wyoming	19	136	1	14-20 L
Elon	19	126	2	46-7 W
VMI	10	100	1	65-7 W
Season Totals	48	362	4	2-1
Season Averages	(7.5)	(120.6)		

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD	Result
Georgia Southern ('00)	33	301	3	45-10 W
William & Mary ('00)	27	232	2	34-10 W
East Tennessee State ('00)	41	227	2	21-23 L
The Citadel ('00)	25	214	1	33-7 W
Chattanooga ('00)	29	207	1	45-44 W
East Tennessee State ('99)	22	203	2	48-21 W
Western Carolina ('00)	17	187	3	38-14 W
Elon ('00)	20	182	1	16-3 W
North Carolina ('99)	34	177	1	28-3 W
Hofstra ('00)	33	172	2	21-34 L
Newberry ('00)	19	171	2	44-10 W
Wofford ('00)	28	165	0	27-18 W
South Carolina State ('98)	23	161	2	27-19 W
William & Mary ('99)	17	151	1	52-6 W
Western Carolina ('99)	27	150	2	27-19 W
Massachusetts ('99)	19	143	0	23-30 L
Wyoming ('01)	19	136	1	14-20 L
VMI ('00)	28	135	1	35-21 W
Appalachian State ('99)	27	135	2	35-21 W
Elon ('01)	19	126	2	46-7 W

Chattanooga ('99)	22	128	1	40-35 W
Wofford ('99)	20	107	1	30-3 W
VMI ('01)	10	100	1	65-7 W

LOUIS IVORY AS A STARTING TAILBACK

Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD	Result
Elon ('99)	18	98	0	22-24 L
William & Mary ('99)	17	151	1	52-6 W
VMI ('99)	6	85	3	58-0 W
Western Carolina ('99)	27	150	2	27-19 W
Appalachian State ('99)	27	135	2	35-21 W
The Citadel ('99)	21	98	0	31-17 W
East Tennessee State ('99)	22	203	2	48-21 W
North Carolina ('99)	34	177	1	28-3 W
Georgia Southern ('99)	16	44	1	38-41 L
Wofford ('99)	20	107	1	30-3 W
Chattanooga ('99)	22	128	1	40-35 W
Massachusetts ('99)	19	143	0	23-30 L
Elon ('00)	20	182	1	16-3 W
Newberry ('00)	19	171	2	44-10 W
William & Mary ('00)	27	232	2	34-10 W
VMI ('00)	28	135	1	35-21 W
Western Carolina ('00)	17	187	3	38-14 W
Appalachian State ('00)	19	58	0	17-18 L
The Citadel ('00)	25	214	1	33-7 W
East Tennessee State ('00)	41	227	2	21-23 L
Georgia Southern ('00)	33	301	3	45-10 W
Wofford ('00)	28	165	0	28-17 W
Chattanooga ('00)	29	207	1	45-44 W
Hofstra ('00)	33	172	2	21-34 L
Wyoming ('01)	19	136	1	14-20 L
Elon	19	126	2	46-7 W
VMI	10	100	1	65-7 W
Totals	616	4132	36	20-7
Averages	(6.7)	(153.0)		

LOUIS IVORY VERSUS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OPPONENTS (As A Tailback)

Opponent	G	Att.	Yards	TD	YPC	YPG
East Tennessee State ..	2	63	430	4	6.8	215.0
Georgia Southern	2	47	350	4	7.4	175.0
Western Carolina	2	44	337	5	6.1	168.6
Chattanooga	2	51	335	2	6.6	167.5
The Citadel	2	46	312	1	6.8	156.0
Wofford	2	48	272	1	5.7	136.0
VMI	3	44	320	5	7.3	106.7
Appalachian State	2	46	193	2	4.2	96.5
Totals	17	389	2549	24	6.6	149.9

LOUIS IVORY VERSUS NCAA DIVISION I OPPONENTS (Career)

Opponent	Att.	Yards	TD	Result
Clemson ('98)	5	41	0	0-33 L
North Carolina ('99)	34	177	1	28-3 W
Wyoming ('01)	19	136	1	14-20 L
Totals	58	354	2	1-2
Averages	(6.1)	(118.0)		

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Player	Opponent	Att.
Louis Ivory	East Tennessee St. (2000)	41
Carl Tremble	Chattanooga (1992)	39
Mark Stowers	Western Carolina (1978)	35
Louis Ivory	North Carolina (1999)	34
Steve Crislip	Carson-Newman (1971)	33
Louis Ivory	Georgia Southern (2000)	33
Louis Ivory	Hofstra (2000)	33

FURMAN LONGEST RUSHING PLAYS

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

Mike Glenn	Appalachian State (1980)	88
Robbie Gardner	Marshall (1984)	88
Robbie Gardner	Central Florida (1984)	88
Paul Gwinn	Wofford (1937)	85

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING LEADERS

Player	Opponent	Yards
Louis Ivory	Georgia Southern (2000)	301
Mike Glenn	Presbyterian (1980)	261
Ernest Crosby	South Carolina State (1996)	243
Louis Ivory	William & Mary (2000)	232
Carl Tremble	Chattanooga (1992)	228
Louis Ivory	East Tennessee State (2000)	227
William Gressette	Presbyterian (1916)	217
Louis Ivory	The Citadel (2000)	214
John Bagwell	Marshall (1987)	213
Louis Ivory	Chattanooga (2000)	207
Louis Ivory	East Tennessee State (1999)	203
Pat Carroll	Carson-Newman (1970)	202
Carl Tremble	The Citadel (1990)	202

FURMAN'S QUICKEST TO 1,000 YARDS (Includes Playoff Games)

Player	Year	Game Reached	Season Total
Louis Ivory	2000	7th	2,251
Carl Tremble	1992	8th	1,555
Louis Ivory	1999	8th	1,519
Stanford Jennings	1983	9th	1,390
Stanford Jennings	1981	9th	1,168
Carl Tremble	1990	11th	1,277
Robbie Gardner	1984	10th	1,232

FURMAN SINGLE SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (Includes Playoff Games)

Rank	Player	Year	Yds.
1)	Louis Ivory	2000	2,251
2)	Carl Tremble	1992	1,555
3)	Louis Ivory	1999	1,519
4)	Stanford Jennings	1983	1,390
5)	Carl Tremble	1990	1,277
6)	Robbie Gardner	1984	1,232
7)	Stanford Jennings	1981	1,168
8)	Robbie Gardner	1986	1,113
9)	Brian Jager	1985	1,045

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SINGLE SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (Regular Season Games Only)

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

NCAA SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (Regular Season Games Only)

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1)	Charles Roberts, Cal St.	11	1998	2,260
2)	Arnold Mickens, Butler	10	1994	2,255
3)	Jerry Azumah, New Hampshire	11	1998	2,195
4)	Charles Roberts, Cal. St.	11	1999	2,082
5)	Louis Ivory, Furman	11	2000	2,079
	Archie Amerson, Northern Arizona I I		1996	2,079
6)	Tony Vinson, Towson	11	1993	2,016

SOUTH CAROLINA SEASON RUSHING LEADERS (Regular Season Games Only)

Rank	Player	G	Year	Yds.
1)	Louis Ivory, Furman.	11	2000	2,079
2)	George Rogers, South Carolina	11	1980	1,894
3)	Kenny Bynum, South Carolina State I I	1996		1,648

4)	Stump Mitchell, The Citadel	11	1980	1,647
5)	Shawn Graves, Wofford	11	1989	1,483

FURMAN SINGLE SEASON RUSHING TD LEADERS (Includes Playoff Games)

Rank	Player	Year	TDs
1)	Louis Ivory	2000	18
2)	Robbie Gardner	1986	15
	Carl Tremble	1990	15
	Derek Russell	1999	15
3)	Louis Ivory	1999	14
	Stanford Jennings	1983	14
	Robbie Gardner	1984	14
4)	Derek Russell	2000	13
	John Bagwell	1985	13
	Carl Tremble	1992	13
5)	Mike Glenn	1980	11
	Stanford Jennings	1981	11
	Stanford Jennings	1982	11
	Dwight Sterling	1988	11
	Carl Tremble	1991	11

FURMAN CAREER RUSHING LEADERS (Includes Playoff Games)

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	4,746
2)	Louis Ivory	1998-	4,538
3)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	4,016
4)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	3,213
5)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038
6)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	2,446
7)	John Bagwell	1984-88	2,183
8)	Dinky Williams	1981-84	2,110
9)	Mark Moore	1994-97	2,061
10)	Dwight Sterling	1986-90	1,983

FURMAN CAREER RUSHING TD LEADERS (Includes Playoff Games)

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	48
2)	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	43
3)	Louis Ivory	1998-	40
	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	40
5)	Derek Russell	1997-00	37
6)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29
7)	John Bagwell	1984-88	26
8)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	25
9)	Dwight Sterling	1986-89	20
10)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	18

FURMAN CAREER SCORING LEADERS (Includes Playoff Games)

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)	Louis Ivory	1998-	240
6)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
7)	Derek Russell	1987-00	222
8)	Keven Esval	1982-85	214
	Jim Richter	1992-95	214
9)	Chas Fox	1982-85	198
10)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	192

➤ **LINEBACKERS LOOKING STRONG**...Although Furman's only graduation loss on defense occurred at linebacker (Marion Martin), the Paladin linebacking corps appear set for another excellent year due to the return of All-America and reigning Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year performer **Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.)** at middle linebacker and three-year starter **John Thrift (Hartwell, Ga.)** at the strong side post. Bouton, who finished sixth in balloting for last year's Buck

Buchanan Award recognizing the top defensive player in the NCAA I-AA football, led Furman with 134 tackles in 2000 and has now started in every game (38) of his Paladin career on the way to 395 tackles, good for eighth all-time at Furman. Thrift, meanwhile, has totaled 259 career stops in 38 games (29 starts) while demonstrating solid consistency. Bouton and Thrift are only the latest in an impressive line of outstanding Furman linebackers as evidenced by the school's 20 first team all-conference linebacker selections since 1975. Bouton's complete biographical sketch, as detailed in this year's media guide and updated through his three-tackle performance in Furman's 65-7 win over VMI on Sept. 22, is included below:



WILL BOUTON
LB, 6-2, 232, Senior
Greenville, South Carolina
Greenville High School

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Furman: Heralded All-America linebacker who ranks as the top returning defensive player in the Southern Conference and league's leading candidate this fall for Buck Buchanan Award consideration as NCAA I-AA's top defender...will serve as a team captain for the second straight season and start for the fourth consecutive year at middle linebacker...headlines

a Paladin defense that returns 10 starters from a year ago...possesses excellent size, strength, and a good nose for the football...boasts a great work ethic and proven durability...has started in 37 consecutive games since coming to Furman, making him one of the most experienced players currently in the Paladin program...has played a key role in Furman posting an 20-7 record and earning back-to-back NCAA I-AA playoff bids the past two seasons...heads into Saturday's Western Carolina game ranked eighth on Furman's career tackles chart with 395 stops...posted the fifth best mark in the power clean exercise in spring testing with a lift of 319 pounds. **2001** — Totaled 11 tackles in Furman's 20-14 season opening loss at Wyoming...had six stops and a forced fumble on only 36 plays in the Paladins' 46-7 victory over Elon...exited the Elon game, along with the rest of Furman's starting defense, after two second half series and the Paladins ahead 37-7...six tackles versus the Phoenix moved him from 10th to eighth on school's all-time tackle chart...registered only 30 plays and three tackles in Furman's 65-7 blowout win over VMI. **2000** — Earned Associated Press first team and Sports Network second team All-America honors after garnering consensus Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year accolades in separate balloting by coaches and league sports media...paced all league defensive players and finished sixth nationally in balloting for the Buck Buchanan Award...helped Furman pace the conference in scoring defense and rushing defense in 2000 with a team leading 134 tackles and 14 tackles-for-loss...also had a pair of sacks and two interceptions...credited with 772 play participations...was named conference and Sports Network National Defensive Player-of-the-Week after tallying a career high 19 tackles in the Paladins' 27-18 win over Wofford...began the season with a 15-tackle performance against Elon (16-3 win) that also included two tackles-for-loss, an interception, and a fumble recovery, which he returned 18 yards...play against Elon earned him his first of three league defensive player-of-the-week honors on the season...returned an interception 29 yards as part of 12-tackle performance in a 35-21 win over VMI...garnered his second league player-of-the-week honor after registering nine tackles and two tackles-for-loss in the Paladins' 45-10 rout of top-ranked Georgia Southern...had 13 stops in the Paladins' 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga, helping the Paladins seal a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs for the second straight year...strong play keyed Furman to a 9-3 record and No. 10 final national ranking...took home Furman's Best Linebacker Award for the second consecutive year...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Solidified his standing as one of the Southern Conference's top linebackers by earning consensus first team all-league honors following a season that saw him total 130 tackles while helping Furman to a 9-3 record, league championship, and trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...trailed only teammate John Keith (132) in tackles and finished third in the conference in stops...started in all 12 games and totaled a unit high 819 plays...on 91 plays, tallied 16 tackles, including a tackle-for-loss and pass deflection, in the Paladins' 30-23 NCAA I-AA overtime playoff loss to defending national champion Massachusetts...notched 14 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and an interception in a 31-17 win over The

Citadel...fashioned a brilliant game in the Paladins' 28-3 win over North Carolina, registering 13 tackles and four tackles-for-loss...earned league defensive player-of-the-week honors with 13 stops and a fumble recovery in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary...led Furman with 11 tackles-for-loss...sack came in the Paladins' 40-35, conference title-clinching win over Chattanooga...took home Furman's Best Linebacker Award following the season. **1998** — Earned Furman Freshman-of-the-Year honors after starting in all 11 games and totaling a team leading 111 tackles and eight tackles-for-loss...ranked sixth in the Southern Conference in tackles...had a fumble recovery at the Samford 1-yard line to set up Furman's first touchdown in a 34-24 win over the Bulldogs...returned his interception 24 yards for a touchdown in a 31-7 victory over Western Carolina...recorded a season high 13 tackles against South Carolina State (27-19 win). **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Defensive JV Award.

High School: 1997 graduate of Greenville High School...football coach was Larry Frost...lettered three years as a prep, seeing action at linebacker and fullback...served as a team captain his senior year, helping Greenville to a 7-4 record and appearance in the state AAA playoffs...earned all-region and Peach Blossom All-Conference honors...picked up Greenville's Defensive MVP honors for 1996.

Personal: Full name is William Carpenter Bouton...son of Ralph and Becky Bouton...born July 15, 1979, in Greenville, South Carolina...married Toni Doppelheuer of Greer on June 16, 2001...philosophy major.

BOUTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
1998	11-11	636	55	56	111	8	(-11)	0	1	0.0	1	4
1999	12-12	819	84	46	130	11	(-38)	0	3	1.0	1	2
2000	12-12	772	76	58	134	14	(-37)	0	1	2.0	2	1
2001	3-3	153	15	5	20	0	(0)	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	38-38	2380	230	165	395	33	(-86)	1	5	3.0	4	7

FURMAN CAREER TACKLES

Rank	Player	Years	Tackles	Assists	Total
1)	Jeff Blankenship	1985-88	332	248	580
2)	Kevin Kendrick	1987-90	294	280	574
3)	Kota Suttle	1989-92	321	235	556
4)	Orlando Ruff	1995-98	277	211	488
5)	Jay Thier	1994-97	267	185	452
6)	Bernard Scott	1994-97	224	223	447
7)	Milan Sterling	1990-93	252	193	445
8)	Will Bouton	1998-	230	165	395
9)	Steve O'Neill	1978-81	199	190	389
10)	Bruce Gheesling	1978-81	224	163	387
11)	Rock Hurst	1981-84	193	171	364
12)	Frank Moses	1974-77	234	126	360
	Darryl Gardner	1984-87	189	171	360
13)	Jerry Scott	1977-80	178	170	348
14)	Larry Anderson	1974-76	219	128	347
15)	Buck Coatney	1980-83	168	173	341

✎ **PALADINS IN PRESEASON POLLS**...Furman was a consensus preseason second place Southern Conference pick by league head coaches and media. The Paladins were also ranked sixth by The Sports Network and eighth by ESPN-USA Today in preseason national polls.

2001 SOCON PRESEASON FOOTBALL COACHES POLL

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1)	Georgia Southern (5)	60
2)	FURMAN (2)	57
3)	Appalachian State (2)	53
4)	Wofford	40
5)	East Tennessee State	36
6)	Western Carolina	28
7)	Chattanooga	27
8)	The Citadel	13
9)	VMI	10

2001 SOCON PRESEASON FOOTBALL MEDIA POLL

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1)	Georgia Southern (36)	403
2)	FURMAN (6)	358
3)	Appalachian State (4)	337
4)	Wofford	264
5)	East Tennessee State	201
6)	Chattanooga	177
7)	Western Carolina	176
8)	The Citadel	94
9)	VMI	60

✎ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR EIGHT**...The 2001 football season marks Furman head coach Bobby Johnson's eighth year at the helm of the Paladin program and 24th season of service to the university. After suffering through a 3-8 inaugural 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, S.C., native and 1973 Clemson graduate who starred as a defensive back for the Tigers, directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and into the NCAA I-AA playoffs -- the program's first playoff appearance since 1990. Furman went 7-4 in 1997 and 5-6 in 1998 before bouncing back to go 9-3 in 1999 on the way to claiming the program's 10th league championship and second playoff appearance under Johnson. Included in the 1999 season was a 28-3 win over North Carolina. Last year Furman reeled off its second straight 9-3 season en route to another playoff appearance. Johnson's seven-year head coaching record is 50-34 (.595), and his last seven teams have combined to post a 47-26 mark (.644). Against NCAA I-AA competition over that span, Furman has gone 46-25 (.648). Johnson' 24-year tenure, which encompasses three stints (1976-80, 82-92, 94-present), includes work as defensive backs coach, assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach. The Paladins' record during that span is 182-87-7 (.672).

✎ **JOHNSON EQUALS SUCCESS**...Furman's 9-3 season a year ago matched the high water win mark for a Bobby Johnson-coached Paladin squad first set in 1996 when Furman went 9-4 and later matched in 1999 as part of the Paladins' 9-3 campaign. The nine regular season wins the last two years are 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 11 teams in Furman football history (95 seasons) have won at least nine games in a regular season, and Bobby Johnson has had a hand in eight of those squads (1980, '82, '83, '85, '88, '89, '99, and '00), including two as head coach.

WINNINGEST FURMAN REGULAR SEASONS

Year	Record	Head Coach	Johnson Position
1920	9-1-0	W.L. Laval	
1923	9-2-0	W.L. Laval	
1927	10-1	W.L. Laval	
1980	9-1-1	Dick Sheridan	Defensive Backs
1982	9-2-0	Dick Sheridan	Defensive Backs
1983	9-1-1	Dick Sheridan	Defensive Coordinator
1985	10-1-0	Dick Sheridan	Defensive Coordinator
1988	9-2-0	Jimmy Satterfield	Defensive Coordinator
1989	10-1-0	Jimmy Satterfield	Defensive Coordinator
1999	9-2-0	Bobby Johnson	Head Coach
2000	9-2-0	Bobby Johnson	Head Coach

✎ **JOHNSON & JOHNSON (& JOHNSON)**...It's ironic that of the nine Southern Conference football playing institutions, three schools have head coaches whose last name is Johnson: Furman's Bobby Johnson; Georgia Southern's Paul Johnson; and The Citadel's Ellis Johnson. In terms of coaching seniority in the league, Furman's Bobby Johnson, who took over the Paladin program in 1994, ranks first. Paul Johnson (1997) is next, and Ellis Johnson is third (2001).

✎ **FOUR PALADIN FOOTBALL GREATS SELECTED TO FURMAN ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME**...Former football standouts **Tim Sorrells '81**, **Rock Hurst '86**, **Kevin Kendrick '91**, and **Hazel Gilstrap '43** were among seven honorees inducted into the Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame in ceremonies prior to Furman's football game against VMI on Sept. 22

Also inducted were **Will Ertel '92** (baseball) and **Heather VandeBrake '96** (cross country/track & field), as well as **Dan Foster '49**, former sports editor and columnist with *The Greenville News-Piedmont*, who went in as an honorary member of the Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame.

Sorrells, a four-year letterman and two-time All-Southern Conference selection as a quarterback, helped lead Furman to a pair of conference championships in 1980 and '81. A Greenville, Tenn., product and two-time Paladin (MVP) Award recipient, he paced Furman to a 20-5-1 record as a starter and currently ranks fourth on Furman's career passing touchdowns chart (31) and 10th in passing yards with (2,945 yards). Furman's current offensive coordinator, he has served as an assistant coach at Furman since 1986, helping direct the Paladins to four league championships and the 1988 NCAA I-AA national title.

A two-sport standout in football and baseball, Hurst was named 1984-85 Southern Conference Athlete-of-the-Year. He served as co-captain and led Furman with 160 tackles in 1984 on the way to earning team MVP and AFCA/Kodak All-America honors as a linebacker. In four seasons of play, the Knoxville, Tenn., product helped the Paladins notch a 35-11-1 record and claim three league championships, and his 364 career tackles rank 11th on the school's career charts. In baseball, Hurst twice earned all-conference honors as a catcher, and he batted .382 with 12 home runs and 48 RBI his senior year. Ranked third on the Paladin career charts in home runs (31) and fourth in RBI (117), his .340 career batting average is the third best all-time at Furman, and his .616 career slugging percentage is still a school standard.

Kendrick served as a team co-captain and earned Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year and consensus All-America honors as a linebacker in 1990 after totaling a team high 179 tackles. A starter on Furman's 1988 NCAA I-AA championship team that posted a 13-2 record and led the nation in scoring defense (9.5 ppg), the Smyrna, Ga., native helped the Paladins to three straight league titles in 1988, '89, and '90 and a 41-12 mark during his career — the winningest four-year stretch in school history. His 574 career tackles ranks second all-time at Furman.

An Easley, S.C., product and three-year letterman as a tackle in 1939, '40, '41, Gilstrap played on Furman squads that posted wins over Georgia, North Carolina State, and South Carolina (twice), among others. A two-time honorable mention All-South Carolina selection and team MVP in 1941, he also played in the Carolinas Lions Bowl his senior year. A successful prep coach at Charleston's St. Andrews High School, where he went 108-48-7 and won two state championships, he later served as president of the Southern Conference, director of athletics at Appalachian State, and as a member of the NCAA Steering Committee.

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL...**Furman football currently sports three graduates on NFL rosters.

Tight end **Luther Broughton '97 (Cainhoy, S.C.)** is now in his second stint with the Carolina Panthers and fifth season overall in the NFL. A fifth-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1997, 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. After playing with the Eagles in 1999 and 2000, during which time he caught 38 passes for 399 yards and four touchdowns, he re-signed with the Panthers earlier this year. Linebacker **Orlando Ruff '99 (Winnsboro, S.C.)** is in his third season with the San Diego Chargers as a middle linebacker. In 2000 he started in 14 of 16 games for the Chargers and racked up 68 tackles, an interception, and five pass deflections. **John Keith '00 (Newnan, Ga.)**, a fourth round pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 2000, earned two starts at safety and totaled 18 tackles, a sack, and a interception before sustaining a broken arm in an overtime loss to the Oakland Raiders last year. Keith recently sustained a torn anterior cruciate ligament and is out for the entire 2001 season.

Former Paladin wide receiver **Des Kitchings '00**, a seventh round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 2000, was among the final players released by the New York Jets last week. Offensive tackle **Josh Moore '01** was released earlier by the Philadelphia Eagles.



INJURY REPORT (As of Monday, September 12)

FLK Adam Ditto (fractured fibula, right leg -- out 8-10 weeks)
 FB Al Means (sprained MCL, left knee -- probable for WCU)
 TE Stephen Schroeder (torn ACL -- out for season)

2001 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

	WYO	ELON	VMI	WCU	ASU	CIT	ETSU	GSU	WOFF	UTC
SE	Thomas	Thomas	Thomas							
LT	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn							
LG	Priore	Priore	Priore							
C	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart							
RG	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger							
RT	Cain	Cain	Cain							
TE	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury							
FLK	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart							
QB	Napier	Napier	Napier							
FB	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson							
TB	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory							
DE	Overdyke	Killian	Killian							
DT	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer							
DT	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling							
DE	Poole	Poole	Poole							
SLB	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift							
MLB	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton							
WLB	Frierson	Frierson	Frierson							
LCB	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson							
RCB	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson							
SS	Smith	Smith	Smith							
FS	Cooper	Cooper	Cooper							

2001 FURMAN PALADINS NUMERICAL FOOTBALL ROSTER

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Brian Bratton	SE	5-11	172	R-Fr.	Martinez, Ga./Lakeside
2	Josh Cooper	FS	5-11	190	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Indian Hill
3	James Thomas	SE	5-10	190	Jr.	Marianna, Fla./Marianna
4	T.J. Wilson	CB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Rome, Ga./Pepperell
5	Cam Newton	FS	6-2	189	R-Fr.	Bennettsville, S.C./Marlboro County
6	Adam Ditto	FLK	5-11	182	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga./Harrison
7	Bear Rinehart	FLK	5-11	189	Jr.	Seneca, S.C./Seneca
8	Richie Jackson	CB	6-0	188	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain
9	John Thrift	LB	6-0	212	Sr.	Hartwell, Ga./Hart County
10	Daniel South	SS	5-11	200	R-Fr.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
11	Dave Mathews	QB	6-1	184	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Dunwoody
12	Bo Moore	QB	6-1	170	Fr.	Madison, Ga./Morgan County
13	Matt Cain	QB	6-2	176	Fr.	Easley, S.C./Easley
14	Paul Billingsly	FS	6-2	202	So.	College Park, Ga./Woodward Academy
15	Jeremiah Van Dora	QB/P	6-0	196	R-Fr.	Hartwell, Ga./Hart County
16	Isaac West	FLK	6-0	183	R-Fr.	Augusta, Ga./Butler
17	Chris Lowery	CB	5-9	182	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Austin-East
18	Deric Mills	QB	6-4	196	Fr.	Gray Court, S.C./Laurens
19	Billy Napier	QB	6-2	204	Jr.	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County
20	Will Bouton	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	Greenville, S.C./Greenville
21	Keito Whetstone	LB	6-0	218	So.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
22	Lamar Rembert	TB	5-8	188	So.	Ocala, Fla./Bellevue
23	Cedrick Ritter	LB	6-3	217	R-Fr.	Fairfax, S.C./Allendale-Fairfax
24	Toreico O'Neal	TB	5-8	184	So.	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County
25	Rodney Johnson	CB	5-9	176	Jr.	Marion, N.C./McDowell
26	Hindley Brigham	TB	5-9	198	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook
28	Larral Marshall	SS	6-1	204	Sr.	Travelers Rest, S.C./Travelers Rest
29	Daric Carter	SE	6-1	198	Fr.	Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Southeast Raleigh
30	Bobby Wright	CB	5-10	182	Sr.	Riverdale, Ga./Riverdale
31	Brandon Mays	TB	5-11	188	Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
32	Al Means	FB	5-11	216	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Butler
33	Keith Johnson	CB	5-9	174	Fr.	Belvedere, S.C./North Augusta
34	Louis Ivory	TB	5-9	200	Sr.	Fort Valley, Ga./Peach County
35	Corey Tant	FB	6-0	210	R-Fr.	Easley, S.C./Easley
37	Maurice Duncan	CB	5-9	170	Fr.	Aiken, S.C./Silver Bluff
38	Shelvis Smith	SS	6-1	209	Sr.	College Park, Ga./Westminster
40	Ken Yuhas	DE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Marietta, Ga./Pope
41	Andrew Knight	LB	6-0	216	Jr.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
43	Sterling Frierson	LB	5-11	196	Sr.	Woodrow, S.C./Bishopville
44	Mike Killian	DE	6-1	238	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Chamblee
45	Eric Emerson	FB	5-11	230	Fr.	Newnan, Ga./East Coweta
46	David Latimer	FB	6-0	200	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
47	Eddie Overdyke	DE	6-2	242	Jr.	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
48	Andrew Carson	LB	6-4	219	Fr.	Newnan, Ga./Woodward Academy
49	William Freeman	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Swansea, S.C./Swansea
52	Craig Morgan	C	6-1	287	R-Fr.	Huntington, W.Va./Huntington
54	Chris Stewart	C	6-0	280	Sr.	Palm Harbor, Fla./East Lake
56	Trevor Kruger	OG	6-2	278	Jr.	Moultrie, Ga./Colquitt County
57	Travis Jones	DE	6-1	258	Fr.	Greenville, S.C./Southside
59	Jesse Grier	C	6-2	282	Fr.	Acworth, Ga./Etowah
60	Josh McWhorter	OG	6-2	288	So.	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville
61	Brad Byars	C	6-2	235	Jr.	Greenwood, S.C./Greenwood
62	Justin Price	OG	6-5	272	Jr.	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
64	Steve DeBeer	DT	6-3	264	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist
66	Brant Glover	NG	6-0	260	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
67	Joe Wilson	OT	6-1	278	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Halls
69	James Justice	OG	5-9	225	Jr.	Peachtree City, Ga./McIntosh
70	Ben Bainbridge	OT	6-6	278	R-Fr.	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
71	Donnie Littlejohn	OT	6-3	274	Sr.	Gaffney, S.C./Gaffney
72	Peter Stamas	NG	6-2	271	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla./Tarpon Springs
73	Clayton Dyson	OG	6-2	274	Fr.	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
74	Steven Cain	OT	6-5	288	Jr.	Anderson, S.C./Westside
75	Marty Priore	OG	6-1	289	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
76	Brian Laggis	OT	6-3	258	Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Heritage
78	Ryan Spencer	NG	6-3	264	Sr.	Clover, S.C./Clover
80	Lee Willis	P	5-11	168	Sr.	Monticello, Ga./Monticello
81	Brandon Berry	SE	6-0	191	R-Fr.	Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson
82	Glenn Smith	DE	6-3	212	R-Fr.	Mobile, Ala./St. Paul's Episcopal
83	Danny Marshall	PK	5-11	178	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist
84	Willis Sudderth	TE	6-3	242	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Keenan Adams	TE	6-3	216	Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Richland Northeast
87	Andy Rump	SE	6-2	188	Jr.	Sherborn, Mass./Dover-Sherborn
88	Brian Kovach	PK	6-1	181	Jr.	Flowery Branch, Ga./Johnson
89	Trent Sansbury	TE	6-3	243	Sr.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
90	Michael Burant	NG	6-3	274	R-Fr.	Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County
93	Brandon Poole	DE	6-0	258	So.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
95	Justin Porter	DT	6-2	265	Fr.	Bowman, Ga./Elbert County
97	Ken Striggles	NG	6-2	265	Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Riverdale
98	LeBryan Sperling	DT	6-3	280	Jr.	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb
99	John Shields	DE	6-7	220	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy

FURMAN PALADINS VS. WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	(5-11, 189, Jr.)
	16	Isaac West	(6-0, 183, R-Fr.)
LT	71	DONNIE LITTLEJOHN	(6-3, 274, Sr.)
	67	Joe Wilson	(6-1, 278, Jr.)
LG	75	MARTY PRIORE	(6-1, 289, Sr.)
	60	Josh McWhorter	(6-2, 288, So.)
C	54	CHRIS STEWART	(6-0, 280, Sr.)
	52	Craig Morgan	(6-1, 287, R-Fr.)
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	(6-2, 278, Jr.)
	62	Justin Price	(6-5, 272, Jr.)
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN	(6-5, 287, Jr.)
	70	Ben Bainbridge	(6-6, 278, R-Fr.)
TE	89	TRENT SANSBURY	(6-3, 243, Sr.)
	84	Willis Sudderth	(6-3, 242, Fr.)
SE	3	JAMES THOMAS	(5-10, 190, Jr.)
	16	Isaac West	(6-0, 183, R-Fr.)
QB	19	BILLY NAPIER	(6-2, 204, Jr.)
	12	Bo Moore	(6-1, 170, Fr.)
FB	45	ERIC EMERSON	(5-11, 230, Fr.)
	35	Corey Tant	(6-0, 210, R-Fr.)
TB	34	LOUIS IVORY	(5-9, 200, Sr.)
	22	Lamar Rembert	(5-8, 188, So.)

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

DE	44	MIKE KILLIAN	(6-1, 238, R-Fr.)
	47	Eddie Overdyke	(6-2, 242, Jr.)
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	(6-3, 280, Jr.)
	64	Steve DeBeer	(6-3, 264, Sr.)
NG	78	RYAN SPENCER	(6-3, 264, Sr.)
	72	Peter Stamas	(6-2, 271, Sr.)
DE	93	BRANDON POOLE	(6-0, 258, So.)
	57	Travis Jones	(6-1, 258, Fr.)
SLB	9	JOHN THRIFT	(6-0, 212, Sr.)
	21	Keito Whetstone	(6-0, 218, So.)
MLB	20	WILL BOUTON	(6-2, 232, Sr.)
	49	William Freeman	(6-2, 215, Fr.)
WLB	43	STERLING FRIERSON	(5-11, 196, Sr.)
	41	Andrew Knight	(6-0, 216, Jr.)
LCB	8	RICHIE JACKSON	(6-0, 188, Sr.)
	30	Bobby Wright	(5-10, 182, Sr.)
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON	(5-9, 176, Jr.)
	17	Chris Lowery	(5-9, 182, Jr.)
SS	38	SHELVIS SMITH	(6-1, 209, Sr.)
	10	Daniel South	(5-11, 200, R-Fr.)
FS	2	JOSH COOPER	(5-11, 190, Sr.)
	14	Paul Billingsly	(6-2, 202, So.)

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

PK	83	DANNY MARSHALL	(5-11, 178, So.)
KO	88	BRIAN KOVACH	(6-1, 181, Jr.)
P	80	LEE WILLIS	(5-11, 168, Sr.)
SSN	61	BRAD BYARS	(6-2, 235, Jr.)
LSN	61	BRAD BYARS	(6-2, 235, Jr.)
HO	15	JEREMIAH VAN DORA	(6-0, 196, R-Fr.)
PR	16	ISAAC WEST	(6-0, 183, R-Fr.)
KOR	1	BRIAN BRATTON	(5-1, 172, R-Fr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA OFFENSE (Multiple I)

SE	8	Lamont Seward	(5-11, 200, So.)
	83	Brenden Roy	(6-4, 205, Jr.)
LT	76	Jon Vaughan	(6-4, 275, So.)
	73	Adam Donaldson	(6-4, 280, RFr.)
LG	55	Thomas Pruett	(6-3, 290, Jr.)
	72	Morris Sanders	(6-4, 320, RFr.)
C	61	Jason Jones	(6-3, 290, Sr.)
	65	Linden Ryan	(6-3, 260, Fr.)
RG	78	Jason Whaley	(6-3, 285, So.)
	72	Morris Sanders	(6-4, 320, RFr.)
RT	64	Caleb Queen	(6-4, 295, Jr.)
	73	Adam Donaldson	(6-4, 280, RFr.)
TE	9	Brian Rucker	(6-2, 220, So.)
	86	Nick Sutton	(6-2, 218, So.)
FL	10	Michael Banks	(5-10, 170, Jr.)
	38	Chris Lane	(6-2, 195, Jr.)
QB	13	Pat Cilento (or)	(6-2, 200, Jr.)
	6	Brian Gaither	(6-3, 215, So.)
FB	2	Walter Gary	(5-11, 240, Sr.)
	35	Toren Gordon	(6-0, 250, Jr.)
TB	21	Fred Boateng	(6-2, 220, So.)
	24	Donnie Bryant	(6-1, 205, Sr.)
	32	Manny DeShauteurs	(5-7, 213, So.)

WESTERN CAROLINA DEFENSE (43)

DE	47	Pablo Abraham	(6-2, 245, Sr.)
	49	Dunstan Kendrick	(6-1, 225, Jr.)
DT	92	Jeff Chambers	(6-0, 298, Sr.)
	57	Jeb Hall	(6-3, 285, Jr.)
DT	74	John Brashear	(6-1, 275, Sr.)
	91	Caleb Reel	(6-1, 270, Fr.)
DE	76	Nick McNeil	(6-4, 235, So.)
	97	Michale Spicer	(6-3, 250, So.)
WLB	31	Tyler Norman	(6-2, 190, Fr.)
	16	Brent Silver	(6-3, 210, RFr.)
MLB	7	Rod Dunlap	(6-1, 225, So.)
	41	Mitch Hall	(6-0, 230, Jr.)
SLB	59	Seth Hanssen	(6-3, 230, Jr.)
	46	Mitch Miller	(6-0, 225, Jr.)
LCB	14	Marquail Wells	(5-10, 170, Sr.)
	19	Randy Thompson	(5-10, 180, So.)
RCB	4	Ahmed Green	(5-11, 190, Jr.)
	39	B.J. Jessup	(5-9, 175, So.)
SS	1	Pat Leach	(5-10, 190, Sr.)
	36	Otis Powell	(5-11, 190, So.)
FS	3	Justin Fryer	(6-2, 190, Jr.)
	5	Teddy Burgis	(6-0, 185, Fr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA SPECIALISTS

PK	37	Shon Rowser	(5-7, 165, RFr.)
KO	37	Shon Rowser	(5-7, 165, R-Fr.)
P	44	Stanton Horne	(5-10, 175, So.)
SSN	91	Caleb Reel	(6-1, 270, Fr.)
LSN	91	Caleb Reel	(6-1, 270, Fr.)
HO	44	Stanton Horne	(5-10, 175, So.)
PR	19	Randy Thompson	(5-10, 180, So.)
KOR	19	Randy Thompson	(5-10, 180, So.)

2001 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUAL

Longest Run From Scrimmage	65,	Hindley Brigham vs. Elon	18,	Gene Cauthen, VMI
Longest Pass Completion	44,	Billy Napier to Bear Rinehart vs. Wyoming	42,	Casey Bramlet to Brock Ralph, Wyoming
		Billy Napier to Bear Rinehart vs. Elon		
Longest Punt Return	22,	Isaac West vs. VMI	48,	Arketa Banks, Elon
Longest Kickoff Return	91,	Brian Bratton vs. VMI	53,	Titus Green, VMI
Longest Interception Return	23,	Shelvis Smith vs. Elon	23,	Eric Lee, Wyoming
Longest Fumble Return	85,	Josh Cooper vs. VMI		
Longest Punt	46,	Lee Willis vs. Wyoming	70,	Luke Donovan, Wyoming
Best Punting Average	39.8	Lee Willis vs. Wyoming	44.5,	Luke Donovan, Wyoming
Longest Field Goal	33,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	34,	Jarvis Wallum, Wyoming
Most Rushing Attempts	19,	Louis Ivory vs. Wyoming & Elon	31,	Derek Armah, Wyoming
Most Rushing Yards	136,	Louis Ivory vs. Wyoming	76,	C.W. Singletary, Elon
Most Rushing Touchdowns	2,	Louis Ivory vs. Elon	1,	three players
Most Pass Attempts	24,	Billy Napier vs. Wyoming	48,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
Most Pass Completions	12,	Billy Napier vs. Wyoming & Elon	30,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
Most Passing Yards	192,	Billy Napier vs. Elon	331,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
Most Touchdown Passes	2,	Billy Napier vs. Elon		
Most Total Defense Attempts	31,	Billy Napier vs. Wyoming	53,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
Most Total Offense Yards	195,	Billy Napier vs. Elon	346,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
Most Passes Caught	5,	Trent Sansbury vs. Elon	10,	Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming
Most Touchdown Passes Caught	1,	Trent Sansbury & Bear Rinehart vs. Elon		
Most Pass Reception Yardage	97,	Bear Rinehart vs. Wyoming	134,	Ryan McGuffey, Wyoming
Most Points Scored	14,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	12,	Jarvis Wallum, Wyoming
Most Touchdown Responsibilities	2,	Louis Ivory vs. Elon	1,	Casey Bramlet, Wyoming
		Billy Napier vs. Elon		C.W. Singletary, Elon
Most Touchdowns Scored	2,	Louis Ivory vs. Elon	1,	three players
Most PATs	5,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	1,	Beau Wegmann, Elon
Most Field Goals	3,	Danny Marshall vs. Elon	4,	Jarvis Wallum, Wyoming
Most Tackles	13,	Shelvis Smith vs. Wyoming	9,	Quinton Cox, Elon
Most Interceptions	1,	four players vs. two opponent	1,	Eric Lee, Wyoming
Most Sacks	1,	five players vs. two opponents	1,	Herman White, Wyoming
			1,	Quinton Cox, Elon

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Offense

	Best
Points Scored	65, vs. VMI
Touchdowns Scored	9, vs. VMI
First Downs	23, vs. VMI
Rushing Attempts	55, vs. VMI
Rushing Yards	346, vs. VMI
Rushing Touchdowns	6, vs. VMI
Pass Attempts	25, vs. Wyoming
Pass Completions	13, vs. Elon
Passing Yards	206, vs. Elon
Had Intercepted	0, by Elon & VMI
Passing Touchdowns	2, vs. Elon
Total Plays	67, vs. Elon
Total Offense	452, vs. Elon
Average Gain Per Play	7.2, vs. Wyoming
Fumbles Lost	0, vs. Elon
Total Turnovers	0, vs. Elon
Punts	0, vs. VMI
Punt Return Yards	79, vs. VMI
Kickoff Return Yards	168, vs. VMI
Possession Time	29:38, vs. Elon
Third Down Conversion%	50.0%, vs. Elon (8-14); vs. VMI (4-8)
Quarterback Sacks Allowed	0, by VMI

Defense

	Best
Points Scored	7, by Elon & VMI
First Downs	11, by Elon
Rushing Attempts	23, by VMI
Rushing Yards	32, by VMI
Rushing Touchdowns	1, by Wyoming, Elon, VMI
Pass Attempts	18, by Elon
Pass Completions	3, by Elon
Passing Yards	180, by Elon
Interceptions	4, vs. Elon
Passing Touchdowns	0, by Wyoming, Elon, & VMI
Total Plays	54, by Elon
Total Offense	180, by Elon
Average Gain Per Play	3.27, by VMI
Fumbles Recovered	2, vs. Elon
Total Turnovers	6, by Elon
Punts	7, by VMI
Punt Return Yards	0, by VMI
Kickoff Return Yards	0, by Wyoming
Possession Time	30:22, by Elon
Third Down Conversion%	31.2% (5-16), by Elon (5-16)
Quarterback Sacks	3, vs. VMI

Worst

14,	vs. Wyoming
2,	vs. Wyoming
15,	vs. Wyoming
33,	vs. Wyoming
180,	vs. Wyoming
2,	vs. Wyoming
10,	vs. VMI
7,	vs. VMI
89,	vs. VMI
1,	by Wyoming
0,	vs. Wyoming & VMI
58,	vs. Wyoming
349,	vs. Wyoming
6.74,	vs. Elon
1,	vs. Wyoming & VMI
2,	vs. Wyoming
5,	vs. Wyoming
22,	vs. Elon
35,	vs. Wyoming
23:17,	vs. Wyoming
40.0% (4-10),	vs. Wyoming
1,	by Wyoming & Elon

Worst

20,	by Wyoming
23,	by Wyoming
46,	by Elon
162,	by Elon
1,	by Wyoming, Elon, VMI
48,	by Wyoming
30,	by Wyoming
422,	by Wyoming
0,	vs. Wyoming
0,	by Wyoming, Elon, & VMI
87,	by Wyoming
422,	by Wyoming
6.0,	by Wyoming
0,	vs. Wyoming
0,	by Wyoming
5,	by Wyoming
51,	by Elon
250,	by VMI
36:43,	by Wyoming
42.8% (9-21),	by Wyoming
1,	vs. Wyoming & Elon

GAME 1**Wyoming 20, Furman 14**

September 1, 2001

War Memorial Stadium

Attendance: 14,167

LARAMIE, WY. -- Jarvis Wallum booted four field goals, including two in the second half, to lift the Wyoming Cowboys to a 20-14 season opening win over the visiting Furman Paladins in front of 14,167 fans at War Memorial Stadium.

In posting the victory, Wyoming, an NCAA I-A member of the Mountain West Conference, snapped an eight-game losing streak dating back to the 2000 season. The loss was the second for NCAA I-AA sixth-ranked Furman in its last three season openers.

Trailing 14-7 at halftime, Furman tied the score at 14-14 when tailback Louis Ivory, the reigning Walter Payton Award winner in NCAA I-AA, broke loose on a 44-yard touchdown run with 3:23 left in the third quarter. Wyoming, however, answered on its next possession by moving 75 yards in 10 plays to set up Wallum's third field goal of the game, from 22 yards out, to give the Cowboys a 17-14 advantage with less than a minute remaining in the third period.

Wallum added his fourth field goal, a 28-yarder with 10:00 to go in the contest, to stretch the Cowboys' lead to 20-14.

On the ensuing possession, Furman drove from its 35 to the Wyoming 7, where on a third and four play Paladin wide receiver Bear Rinehart was tackled for a three-yard loss on a reverse. Instead of kicking the field goal, Furman went for a touchdown, but quarterback Billy Napier's pass to a slanting and open Rinehart in the end zone was low and incomplete.

Taking over possession with 6:10 remaining, Wyoming ground up the game clock by moving 73 yards in 12 plays to the Furman 17, where Wallum missed a 34-yard field goal attempt with only 17 seconds left in the game.

The Cowboys, who racked up 87 offensive plays to Furman's 58, amassed 422 yards in offense in the contest and were paced by sophomore quarterback Casey Bramlet, who completed 30-of-48 passes for 331 yards. Bramlet, who scored Wyoming's lone touchdown of the game on a 1-yard run in the second quarter to give the Cowboys a 14-7 lead, connected with sophomore wide receiver Ryan McGuffey on 10 passes for 134 yards.

Furman was paced offensively by Ivory, who rushed 19 times for 136 yards and one touchdown. Furman netted 349 yards in offense, including 169 from quarterback Billy Napier, who completed 12-of-24 passes in the contest, but the Paladins suffered two turnovers, including a fumble at the Cowboy 38 and an interception that led to a Wyoming field goal. Bear Rinehart paced all Paladin receivers with four receptions for 97 yards.

FURMAN 0 7 7 0 — 14
WYOMING 3 11 3 3 — 20

W — Jarvis Wallum 34 FG 1:33-1Q

F — Billy Napier 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 13:10-2Q

W — Jarvis Wallum 29 FG 6:57-2Q

W — Casey Bramlet 1 run

(Ryan McGuffey pass from Casey Bramlet) 1:14-2Q

F — Louis Ivory 44 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:23-3Q

W — Jarvis Wallum 22 FG 0:42-3Q

W — Jarvis Wallum 28 FG 10:00-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 19-136, Napier 7-15, Emerson 4-13, Rinehart 2-12, Means 1-4. W — Armah 31-72, Bramlet 5-15, Ford 2-3, Bradshaw 1-1.

Passing: F — Napier 12-34-1-169, Team 1-0-0-0. W — Bramlet 30-48-0-331.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 4-97, Sansbury 4-22, Thomas 3-38, West 1-12. W — McGuffey 10-134, Ralph 7-86, Floyd 5-67, Jones 3-32, Vines 2-0, Drube 1-10, Armah 1-3, Bramlet 1-(-1).

	FUR	WY
First Downs	15	23
Rushing	33-180	39-91
Passing	169	331
C/A/I	12-25-1	30-48-0
Total Offense	349	422
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties	1-15	4-25
Punts	5-39.8	5-39.0
Possession Time	23:17	36:43
Third Down Conversions	4-10	9-21
Sacks By	1-2	1-9

GAME 2**Furman 46, Elon 7**

September 8, 2001

Paladin Stadium

Attendance: 10,322

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Louis Ivory rushed for 126 yards and two touchdowns to lead the NCAA I-AA nationally sixth-ranked Furman Paladins to a 46-7 win over the visiting Elon Phoenix at Paladin Stadium.

Ivory rushed 19 times and scored on runs of 2 and 8 yards while recording his eighth straight 100-yard performance and 22nd 100-yard outing of his career.

The win gave Furman (1-1) its 99th victory in Paladin Stadium since moving into the facility in 1981. It also marked the Paladins' second straight decision over Elon (0-2), which committed six turnovers.

Furman outgained Elon 452-180 and got a strong performance from junior quarterback Billy Napier, who connected on 12-of-19 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Trent Sansbury led all Paladin receivers with five catches for 86 yards and a score.

Furman took advantage of a pair of Elon turnovers in the first quarter to race to a 21-0 lead.

An interception and 23-yard return by Shelvis Smith gave the Paladins the ball at Elon 19, and four plays later Napier hit Bear Rinehart on an 8-yard scoring strike to put Furman up 7-0 only three minutes into the game.

On its next possession, Furman moved 58 yards in nine plays to extend its lead to 14-0 following a 2-yard run by Ivory at the 4:53 mark.

A fumble recovery by Paladin defensive tackle LeBryan Sperling at the Elon 42 on the Phoenix's next possession set up another Furman score, which came on the next play when Napier connected with Sansbury on a 42-yard touchdown at the 1:53 juncture.

Elon trimmed Furman's lead to 21-7 with an 11-yard touchdown run by Martin Swindell with 10:38 left in the first half, but the Paladins answered with three Danny Marshall field goals covering 22, 33, and 28 yards to extend the lead to 30-7 by halftime.

Furman upped its margin to 37-7 on its first possession of the second half with an 8-yard scoring run by Ivory before benching its first team offense and defense in favor of reserves.

Reserve tailback Hindley Brigham tallied the Paladins' last score on a 65-yard touchdown run on the first rushing attempt of his career.

FURMAN 21 9 7 9 — 46
ELON 0 7 0 0 — 7

F — Bear Rinehart 8 pass from Billy Napier
(Danny Marshall kick) 11:47-1Q

F — Louis Ivory 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:53-1Q

F — Trent Sansbury 42 pass from Billy Napier
(Danny Marshall kick) 1:53-1Q

E — Martin Swindell 11 run (Beau Wegmann kick) 10:38-2Q

F — Danny Marshall 22 FG 7:29-2Q

F — Danny Marshall 33 FG 1:03-2Q

F — Danny Marshall 28 FG 0:00-2Q

F — Team Safety 13:34-4Q

F — Hindley Brigham 65 run (Danny Marshall kick) 6:04-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 19-126, Brigham 1-65, Means 2-20, O'Neal 5-17, Tant 3-11, Napier 5-3, Emerson 2-2, Moore 4-1, Rembert 4-1. E — Singletary 19-76, Swindell 10-63, Palmer 8-31, Mitchell 5-10, Buie 2-4, Dargan 1-0, Team 1-(-22).

Passing: F — Napier 12-19-0-192, Moore 1-3-0-14. E — Singletary 3-8-4-18.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 5-86, West 3-42, Rinehart 2-52, Ditto 1-14, Thomas 1-8, Ivory 1-4. E — Johnson 1-9, DeBusk 1-6, Mitchell 1-3.

	FUR	ELON
First Downs	21	11
Rushing	45-246	46-162
Passing	206	18
C/A/I	13-22-0	3-8-4
Total Offense	452	180
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties	3-25	9-85
Punts	3-35.7	3-38.7
Possession Time	29:38	30:22
Third Down Conversions	7-14	5-12
Sacks By	1-5	1-2

GAME 3**Furman 65, VMI 7**

September 22, 2001

Paladin Stadium

Attendance: 10,152

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Josh Cooper's 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown keyed a 24-point second quarter outburst and helped lead NCAA I-AA nationally fourth-ranked Furman to a 65-7 rout of VMI.

The win, Furman's 20th straight over the Keydets, marked Furman's 100th victory in Paladin Stadium history, and the 65 points were the most since 1935. The triumph was also the Paladins' 10th consecutive home victory against Southern Conference opposition.

With Furman leading 14-0, Cooper picked up a fumble by VMI's Pedro Garcia at the Furman 15 and raced untouched 85 yards for the touchdown to put the Paladins ahead 21-0 at the 14:15 mark of the second quarter.

An interception by Furman's Rodney Johnson on VMI's next possession led to 26-yard field goal by Danny Marshall that extended the lead to 24-0.

A blocked punt by Shelvis Smith at the Furman 43 led to the Paladins' next score. After quarterback Billy Napier connected on a 41-yard pass to tight end Trent Sansbury to the Keydet 16, Louis Ivory ripped off a 13-yard run to the 3, and Napier completed the 3-play, 57-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 31-0 with 6:27 left in the half.

Furman capped its 24-point second period explosion with an 11-play, 69-yard drive that ended when backup tailback Toreico O'Neal scored on a 2-yard run of the last play of the first half to make it 38-0.

A 91-yard kickoff return by Brian Bratton to open the second half made it 45-0, and the Paladins later added a second kickoff return for a touchdown when Lamar Rembert bolted 79 yards following VMI's only score of the game to give Furman a 58-7 advantage.

Furman, which outgained VMI 435-223, got 100 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown from All-America tailback Louis Ivory, who exited the game midway through the second period in favor of reserves. For Ivory, the 100-yard performance was his ninth straight and the 23rd of his career. Reserve tailback Hindley Brigham paced all Paladin rushers with eight carries for 106 yards and a touchdown.

FURMAN	14	24	14	13	—	65
VMI	0	0	0	7	—	7

F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 12:02-1Q
 F — Eric Emerson 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 7:16-1Q
 F — Josh Cooper 85 fumble return (Danny Marshall kick) 14:15-2Q
 F — Danny Marshall 26 FG 8:37-2Q
 F — Billy Napier 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 6:27-2Q
 F — Toreico O'Neal 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:00-2Q
 F — Brian Bratton 91 kickoff return (Danny Marshall kick) 14:42-3Q
 F — Hindley Brigham 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:00-3Q
 VMI — Titus Green 2 run (Matt Sharpe kick) 13:22-4Q
 F — Lamar Rembert 77 kickoff return (kick failed) 13:06-4Q
 F — Corey Tant 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:34-4Q

Rushing: F — Brigham 8-106, Ivory 10-100, O'Neal 14-74, Rembert 5-28, Emerson 7-19, Tant 5-18, Napier 3-3, Moore 1-(-1), Mathews (2-(-1)). VMI — Cauthen 10-51, Bell 2-11, Armstead 2-3, Lyles 4-(-5), Green 2-(-6), Poldiak 2-(-9), Team 1-(-13).

Passing: F — Napier 5-5-0-75, Moore 2-5-0-14. VMI — Lyles 15-29-1-102, Poldiak 11-16-0-89.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 2-52, West 2-14, Sudderth 1-10, Rinehart 1-8, Ivory 1-5. VMI — Green 5-41, Simmons 4-36, Garcia 4-19, Dunlap 3-23, Puvelgel 2-17, Bell 1-11, Carlson 1-10, Reel 1-7, Armstead 1-7, Cauthen 1-2.

	FUR	VMI
First Downs	23	15
Rushing	55-346	23-32
Passing	89	191
C/A/I	7-10-0	26-45-1
Total Offense	435	223
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties	3-37	4-35
Punts	0-0-0	7-31-7
Possession Time	29:25	30:35
Third Down Conversions	4-8	5-16
Sacks By	3-24	0-0