



**KEENAN ADAMS**  
 DE, 6-3, 220, R-Freshman  
 Columbia, South Carolina  
 Richland Northeast High School

**85**

**Furman:** Will compete for his first playing time this year as a reserve defensive end behind a host of returning veterans...best chance for initial action may be through work on special teams...made switch from tight end to defensive end prior to start of spring practice and showed promise, particularly as a pass

rusher, according to position coach Julius Dixon...posted a power clean of 303 pounds in spring strength testing. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Richland Northeast High School...football coach was Jay Frye...played tight end and defensive end...two-time all-region selection...totaled 80 tackles, including 16 tackles-for-loss, nine sacks, 15 quarterback pressures, three batted passes, three interceptions, five caused fumbles, and seven fumble recoveries as a senior in helping Richland Northeast to a region 4-AAAA championship...team lost in state playoff semifinals to eventual champion Greenwood...also caught two passes for 73 yards and a pair of touchdowns and tallied 43 pancake blocks as a tight end...best game came against arch-rival Spring Valley when he tallied 11 tackles, four tackle-for-loss, a pair of sacks, and two interceptions...also ran track.

**Personal:** Full name is Keenan Jerome Adams...son of Richard and Maria Adams...born October 8, 1983, in Lonsteul, Germany...brother plays basketball at Presbyterian (S.C.) College...undeclared major.



**BRANDON BERRY**  
 FLK, 6-0, 197, Sophomore  
 Hendersonville, North Carolina  
 East Henderson High School

**81**

**Furman:** Valuable member of experienced receiving corps who will again see action at both receiver slots and as a member of special teams...ranks as one of Furman's fastest players...possesses quick feet, making him one of the team's better blocking receivers...posted second best vertical leap (35.5")

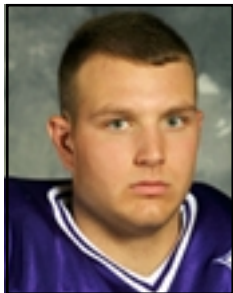
in spring testing...plays with great intensity and dedication. **2001** — Proved to be a key contributor in his first season of action, registering playing time as a backup wide receiver...also contributed significantly on special teams, tallying eight tackles...notched a season high four stops against Wofford (45-14 win)...took home Furman's C. Johnson Moore Hustle Award following season...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Suffered a hamstring pull early in the preseason and later was slowed with an AC Joint (shoulder) sprain...member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of East Henderson High School...football coach was Eddie Reneau...saw action at three positions: wide receiver, defensive back, and quarterback...served as a team captain his senior year while helping his squad to a 7-4 record and state playoffs...earned all-conference and all-state honors as a defensive back...rushed for 638 yards and seven touchdowns, and passed for 655 yards and five scores in 1999...in all tallied 15 total touchdown responsibilities his senior year...also starred in baseball at East Henderson.

**Personal:** Full name is Robert Brandon Berry...son of John and Denice Berry...born December 29, 1981, in Hendersonville, North Carolina...philosophy major.

**BERRY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU												
2001	.....	10-0	.....	4	.....	4	.....	8	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0



**BEN BAINBRIDGE**  
 OT, 6-6, 275, Sophomore  
 Acworth, Georgia  
 Harrison High School

**78**

**Furman:** Highly regarded young player who is projected to take over the starting left tackle job vacated by the graduation of consensus All-America and 2001 Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award winner Donnie Littlejohn...will help form a contingent of three new starters on the offensive line...has excellent size,

improving strength, and overall athletic ability...posted an impressive 32" vertical jump in spring testing...also recorded a squat of 510 pounds for 10th best lift on squad...power cleaned 313 pounds...very smart and mobile. **2001** — Registered playing time at left tackle in all 11 regular season games and one playoff contest as a reserve behind Donnie Littlejohn...tallied back-to-back winning performances against Elon (46-7 win) and VMI (65-7 win) early in the season...notched a 1.95 percent blocking grade on 20 plays against Elon and a 1.94 percent blocking performance with four knockdowns on a season high 36 snaps versus VMI. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Harrison High School...football coach was Bruce Cobleigh...played offensive tackle and defensive end...helped Harrison to a 9-2 record, sub-region title, and state playoff appearance in 1999...garnered several awards as a senior, including all-county, all-metro, *Pigskin Preps Magazine* All-Southeast, *Metro Sports Plus* All-Academic, and *Marietta Daily Journal* Cobb County Dynamite Dozen.

**Personal:** Full name is Benjamin Roy Bainbridge...son of Jeff and Carol Bainbridge...born March 29, 1982, in Lake Forest, Illinois...father played football and ran track at Carthage College...brother Chris graduated from Furman this past spring...biology major.

**BAINBRIDGE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	— Block Execution —				— Performance —																				
		PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH													
2001	.....	9-0	.....	110	..	0	..	11	..	95	...	4	..	0	.....	213	..	1.94	..	900	.....	2	.....	0	.....	1.95

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



**PAUL BILLINGSLY**  
 SS, 6-2, 206, Junior  
 College Park, Georgia  
 Woodward Academy

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**Furman:** Experienced, two-year letterman who made a successful switch from free safety to strong safety in the spring...move to strong safety should further accentuate his aggressive, intelligent style of play, according to position coach Jeff Farrington...expected to step into starting role following the graduation of

two-time All-Southern Conference performer Josh Cooper...will headline a contingent of three new starters in Paladin secondary...has registered playing time at both safety slots and as a valuable member of special teams in first two seasons...sports good strength...finished tied for seventh on team in power clean exercise in spring testing with lift of 319 pounds. **2001** — Saw action in all 11 regular season games and Paladins' four playoff contests...significant portion of playing time came in Paladins' 3-5-3 defensive alignment...earned first career start when Furman employed scheme at start of East Tennessee State contest (31-6 win)...was also a major contributor on special teams...helped key a 21-point first quarter against Western Carolina (31-13 win) by blocking a punt at the Catamount 15-yard line, thereby setting up a touchdown three plays later to give the Paladins a 14-0 lead...regular season statistics included 36 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, a sack, and two pass deflections...recorded an interception in 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff contest...tallied season high seven tackles in opener at Wyoming (20-14 loss)...most impressive outing came against Appalachian State (28-22 win), when he tallied six tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and a sack...notched four tackles and a pair of pass deflections versus Presbyterian (47-28 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Registered first action of his career, seeing playing time as a backup free safety and member of special teams in all 11 regular season games, plus one playoff contest...totaled 30 tackles...had four-tackle performances in six games, including the Paladins' last three contests...pass deflection came against Georgia Southern (45-10 win). **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.



# FURMAN PALADINS FOOTBALL 2002

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Woodward Academy, where he was former teammate of Paladin junior strong safety Paul Billingsly...football coach was Dale Wiggins...played quarterback, outside linebacker, and defensive back...rushed for 1,005 yards and 12 touchdowns and completed 16-of-39 passes for 135 yards as a quarterback his senior year...as a free safety totaled 36 tackles and an interception in his final five games...was named Woodward Academy's Best Offensive Player and selected to the All-South Fulton first team...also played basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Paul Robert Billingsly, Jr...son of Paul and Carolyn Billingsly...born January 18, 1981, in East Point, Georgia...computing business major.

### BILLINGSLY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2000	11-0	12	14	26	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	11-1	22	14	36	3	(-9)	0	0	1.0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(-9)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1*	13	13.0	0	13

\*Blocked punt vs. Western Carolina



### BRENT BLANKENSHIP

**LB, 6-0, 220, R-Freshman**  
**Memphis, Tennessee**  
**Memphis University School**



**Furman:** Heads into the fall listed as a reserve at weak side linebacker...may compete for playing time on special teams. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Memphis University School...football coach was Bobby Alston...played

fullback and linebacker...led team with 119 tackles, nine tackles-for-loss, a sack and fumble recovery his senior year...named to Memphis All-Metro and all-state teams.

**Personal:** Full name is Brent Hughes Wales Blankenship...son of Earl and Kim Blankenship...born July 7, 1982...undeclared major.



### BRIAN BRATTON

**SE/FLK, 5-11, 179, Sophomore**  
**Evans, Georgia**  
**Lakeside High School**



**Furman:** Outstanding, All-America return specialist and member of experienced receiving corps...can play both split end and flanker...possesses excellent speed...improved consistency as a receiver should allow him to contribute more in the passing game and be an even bigger offensive threat this fall...pound for

pound ranks as seventh strongest player in program as rated by team power index, which factors in body weight and lifts in bench press, squat, and power clean. **2001** — Captured Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors and all-league laurels as a return specialist after leading NCAA I-AA in kickoff returns, averaging a conference record 37.2 yards per return on 14 attempts...ran back three kickoffs for touchdowns, tying a Furman season standard set in 1999 by Des Kitchings...two kickoff returns covered 100 yards: versus fifth-ranked Appalachian State (28-22 win) and Wofford (45-14 win)...had 91-yard return for score versus VMI (65-7 win)...league freshman-of-the-year honor was only the second in Furman history (Stanford Jennings, 1981)...was a second team All-America selection as a return specialist by the *Sports Network* and a third team pick by *Associated Press*...caught two passes for 44 yards...had one reception for 10 yards versus Georgia Southern (24-17 win) in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff game...took home Furman's Whitey Kendall Specialist Award following the season. **2000** — Captured Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Scout Team Award...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Lakeside High School...football coach was Steve Crislip '71, the first single season 1,000-yard rusher in Furman history...played quarterback, wide receiver, and safety during his prep career...took home team MVP honors as a senior after accounting for 1,350 all-purpose yards, 16 touchdowns, 75 tackles, and five interceptions...earned first team all-area honors as a

receiver and All-Metro Augusta laurels as a defensive back for the second consecutive year in 1999...also starred in track and basketball...recorded a high jump of 6'8" as a senior...averaged 14.3 ppg on the basketball court his junior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Brian Cornell Bratton...son of Stephen and Helen Bratton...born July 31, 1982, in Wheeling, West Virginia...communications major.

### BRATTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	2	44	22.0	0	26	3	20	6.7	0	26

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	14	521	37.2	3	100

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2001	11-0	6	2	8	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0



### HINDLEY BRIGHAM

**TB, 5-9, 195, Junior**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Mountain Brook High School**



**Furman:** Proven, hard-nosed runner who will help form one of the deepest corps of tailbacks in recent Furman history...expected to compete with veterans Toreico O'Neal and Lamar Rember and redshirt freshman Brandon Mays for playing time in 2002, with starting job to be determined in preseason

practice...strong physically...sports excellent speed and pass catching ability that coaching staff hopes to utilize...has big play ability...entering his second year with the program after transferring from Baylor following the 2000 campaign...brother Grant is freshman wide receiver at Vanderbilt, Furman's 2002 season opening opponent. **2001** — Fashioned an impressive inaugural season serving as a backup to two-time All-America tailback Louis Ivory and member of special teams...finished second to Ivory in rushing with 17 carries for 230 yards and two touchdowns during the regular season...averaged a staggering 13.5 yards per carry...reeled off a 65-yard touchdown run against Elon (46-7 win) on his first carry as a Paladin...ran for 106 yards on eight carries and a touchdown the next week versus VMI (65-7 win)...only other notable regular season yardage came against East Tennessee State (31-6 win), when he registered three carries for 42 yards...blocked a punt out of bounds at the East Tennessee State 7-yard line to set up first touchdown of the game against the Buccaneers...combined with O'Neal and Rember to deliver outstanding work in NCAA I-AA playoffs following knee injury to Ivory sustained in first round contest against Western Kentucky (24-20 win)...ran 11 times for 115 yards in 34-17 quarterfinal win over Lehigh...the following week logged 17 carries for 58 yards to help Furman post its biggest win of the season, a 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern in Statesboro...keyed Paladins' decisive fourth quarter, game winning drive against Eagles, accounting for eight carries and 37 of the 56 yards in a possession that consumed 6:13...in all totaled 177 yards on 32 carries in three playoff contests. **2000** — As a redshirt freshman, saw action as a member of special teams in each of Baylor's 11 games and was credited with one tackle...named second team Academic All-Big 12. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Mountain Brook High School...football coach was Joey Jones...saw playing time as a running back and kick returner...helped Mountain Brook post a 31-9 record in his three seasons of play...earned team MVP and all-region honors after rushing for over 1,200 yards and 13 touchdowns his senior year...also returned one kickoff for a score and had 150 receiving yards...ran for 1,350 yards and 14 touchdowns and returned 15 kickoffs for 550 yards and a score as a junior, earning all-region honors along the way...also starred in track as a prep, specializing in the 100 meters and shot put.

**Personal:** Full name is Thomas Hindley Brigham, III...son of Thomas and Cecile Brigham...born August 12, 1980, in Birmingham, Alabama...father played tennis at Emory & Henry College...brother Grant plays football at Vanderbilt.

### BRIGHAM'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	17	230	13.5	2	65	0	0	0.0	0	0

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1*	20	20.0	0	20

\* Blocked punt vs. East Tennessee State





**MICHAEL BURANT**  
 NG, 6-3, 288, Sophomore  
 Lexington, Virginia  
 Rockbridge County High School

**90**

**Furman:** Figures to be a central figure in Furman's defensive interior line, competing for the starting nose guard job with Brant Glover following the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Ryan Spencer...has good size and improving strength and technique. **2001** — Logged his first action, seeing

time as a reserve at both nose guard and tackle...played in 10 regular season games and tallied five tackles, three of which went for losses...also had a sack and a fumble recovery...tallied two stops and a half sack versus VMI (65-7 win)...fumble recovery came against Elon (46-7 win)...other half sack came in Furman's Southern Conference title-clinching, 42-10 win over Chattanooga...played in two playoff contests. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Rockbridge County High School...football coach was Jamie Talbott...played on both offensive and defensive lines and served as a long snapper...was the first football player to letter all four years at Rockbridge County High School...as a senior totaled 71 tackles, 12 tackles-for-loss, and four sacks on the way to earning first team all-district honors as an offensive and defensive lineman...also participated in wrestling and played baseball, serving as captain of both squads his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael James Burant...son of Kathy Burant...born October 17, 1981, in Akron, Ohio...undeclared major.

**BURANT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2001	10-0	0	5	5	3 (-11)	0	1	1.0	0



**CLAY BURNS**  
 QB, 6-4, 200, Sophomore  
 Big Canoe, Georgia  
 Pickens County High School

**Furman:** Walk-on with good size who joined the program in January of 2002 prior to the start of spring practice...expected to serve as a reserve this coming season...enrolled at Furman in the fall of 2000...is a sophomore eligibility-wise.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Pickens County High School...football coach was Mark Loudermilk...played quarterback and free safety during his prep career...passed for 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior in leading his team to an 8-3 record and state playoff appearance.

**Personal:** Full name is Clayton Brasington Burns, Jr...son of Clayton and Lynn Burns...born February 2, 1982, in Atlanta, Georgia...undeclared major.



**MATT CAIN**  
 QB, 6-2, 189, R-Freshman  
 Easley, South Carolina  
 Easley High School

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**Furman:** Appears slated for reserve duty this year due to the return of veterans Billy Napier, Bo Moore, and Jeremiah Van Dora. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Easley High School...football coach was Mike Barnes...played quarterback, wide receiver, and free safety...former

prep teammate of Paladin sophomore fullback Corey Tant...earned first team all-area honors as a quarterback in 2000 after helping Easley to playoff appearance in region 1-AAAA...also played baseball...earned all-region honors after leading his squad in home runs and RBI his junior season...member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Robert Matthew Cain...son of Ted and Susan Cain...born March 18, 1983, in Greenville, South Carolina...father is current offensive coordinator at Vanderbilt, former Paladin assistant coach, three-year Furman football letterman, and 1974 Furman graduate.



**STEVEN CAIN**  
 OT, 6-5, 288, Senior  
 Anderson, South Carolina  
 Westside High School

**74**

**Furman:** Physical, three-year letterwinner who returns for his second season as a starter at right tackle, where he ranks as one of the best in the Southern Conference and NCAA I-AA...joins right guard Trevor Kruger as the only two returning regulars off last year's highly decorated offensive front that included

three All-Americans...is Furman's biggest offensive lineman...emerged from spring strength testing ranked as the fifth strongest player in the program with a combined lift of 1,267 pounds in three exercises: bench press (415), squat (500), and power clean (352)...power clean mark tied LeBryan Sperling for team high...also possesses excellent agility...clocked a 4.9 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing...has NFL potential...considered a major key to Furman's potential success in 2002. **2001** — Put together an outstanding year in his first season as a starter, taking over for graduated Jacobs Blocking Award winner Josh Moore at right tackle...got the starting nod in all 11 regular season games (15 including playoffs) and helped Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...played a critical role in Paladin All-America tailback Louis Ivory claiming his second straight league rushing title (1,492 yards)...earned 10 winning performances during the regular season, including a regular season high grade of 1.98 on 50 plays against Wofford (45-14 win)...graded out a 1.95 on a season high 83 plays versus Presbyterian (47-28 win)...was outstanding in Paladins' strong playoff run, earning winning marks in all four contests, including a .952 percent grade in a 34-17 victory over Lehigh in quarterfinal action...came back the next week to post a mark of 2.03 in 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern, which snapped the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak. **2000** — Saw action in six games at tackle and was a regular member of special teams the entire season...logged 80 plays...tallied his most action (34 plays) in a 44-10 win over Newberry. **1999** — Registered his first playing time, seeing action in every game as a member of special teams and in seven contests as a reserve tackle...tallied 30 snaps against VMI (58-0 win) and 13 plays in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

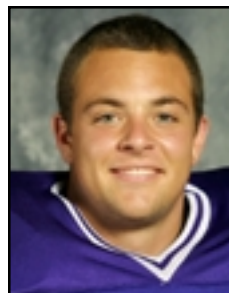
**High School:** 1998 graduate of Westside High School...football coach was Ted Luckadoo...played on the offensive and defensive lines...served as a team captain and played in the Shrine Bowl his senior year after helping Westside to an 8-5 record, region championship, and appearance in the state playoffs...earned all-region, all-area, and all-state honors, and also took home his squad's Best Offensive Lineman Award as a senior...was a member of Westside's 1995 Upper State championship team that posted a 12-2 record...also participated in track and field.

**Personal:** Full name is Steven Baxter Cain...son of David and Cindy Cain...born April 1, 1980, in Anderson, South Carolina...political science major.

**CAIN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	— Block Execution —				— Performance —						
			0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
1999	11-0	62	0	15	45	2	0	111	1.79	.758	0	0	0
2000	11-0	80	1	15	59	5	0	148	1.85	.800	0	0	0
2001	11-11	618	3	72	509	31	3	1195	1.93	.879	10	0	1.97
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-11</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1454</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>.860</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.98</b>

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



**ANDREW CARSON**  
 LB, 6-3, 222, R-Freshman  
 Newnan, Georgia  
 Woodward Academy

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**Furman:** Fashioned a solid spring practice to move into position as the backup to projected starting strong side linebacker Keito Whetstone...candidacy for playing time will likely start on special teams...has made solid gains in all areas since joining the Furman program. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded



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redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Woodward Academy, which also produced rising Paladin junior free safety Paul Billingsly...football coach was Dale Wiggins...registered playing time at six positions during his prep career, including quarterback, running back, tight end, wide receiver, linebacker, and punter...in seven games his senior year rushed for 681 yards, passed for 358 yards, and averaged 37.0 yards per punt...earned team offensive MVP and first team all-region honors...had 15 carries for 168 yards and two touchdowns against Houston County...tallied 50 tackles and two sacks on 1999 Woodward Academy squad that went 10-3 and finished as state playoff quarterfinalist.

**Personal:** Full name is Andrew Finley Carson...son of Tom and Nancy Carson...born October 8, 1982, in Atlanta, Georgia...sports an impressive family football lineage with strong Furman ties...brother Chad was a standout linebacker at Clemson (1999-02)...father played fullback at Georgia Tech (1968-72)...grandfather, Earle Carson, was a three-year letterman and honorable mention All-American end at Furman (1928-30)...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...undeclared major.



## NICK DEAN

**SS, 5-8, 161, R-Freshman**  
Decatur, Georgia  
Towers High School

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the program at the start of school in September 2001...slated for reserve duty at strong safety. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Towers High School...football coach was Lee Carter...saw action

at fullback and linebacker during his prep career...earned all-region honors as a senior...keyed his team to an 8-3 record and state playoff appearance, where it lost to Pepperell in first round.

**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Lamar Dean...born June 19, 1983, in Stone Mountain, Georgia...son of Willie and Thelma Dean...undeclared major.



## MAURICE DUNCAN

**CB, 5-9, 180, R-Freshman**  
Aiken, South Carolina  
Silver Bluff High School

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**Furman:** Registered continued improvement in the spring and heads into the preseason battling Keith Johnson for the backup role to returning starting right cornerback Rodney Johnson...excellent all-around athlete with outstanding potential...could likely be a factor on special teams. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Silver Bluff High School...football coach was Al Lown...started at cornerback, earning all-area and all-state honors as a junior and senior...also named to all-state strength team...helped pace Silver Bluff to a 15-0 record and state AA championship in 2000, totaling 73 tackles, five interceptions, and 12 pass deflections...named to the *Augusta Chronicle* "Dream 16" Team...participated in South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...notched 52 tackles, a school record 10 interceptions, and three fumble recoveries his junior year in helping his squad to a 13-1 record and region 6-AA title...picked off two passes and returned one 63 yards for a touchdown to spark Silver Bluff to a 36-6 win over Gilbert in second round of 1999 playoffs...team eventually fell in Lower State championship...also starred in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Maurice Dwight Duncan, Jr...son of Maurice and Judy Duncan...born September 24, 1982, in Miami, Florida...undeclared major.



## CLAYTON DYSON

**OG, 6-1, 265, R-Freshman**  
North Augusta, South Carolina  
North Augusta High School

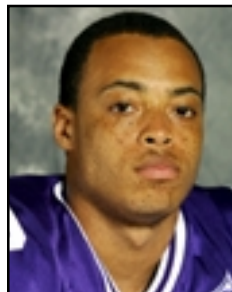
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**Furman:** One of several redshirt freshman offensive linemen who will contend for playing time this year due to steady improvement in first year and the graduation of a three starters along the offensive front...described by position coach Clay Hendrix as the lineman who registered the most improvement in

spring practice... listed as backup to returning senior Trevor Kruger at right guard...has good size and improving strength...smart player who attends Furman on partial academic scholarship. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of North Augusta High School...football coach was Joe Long...teammate of Paladin freshman cornerback signee Keith Johnson...registered action as an offensive and defensive linemen...fashioned an outstanding senior year, earning all-county, all-area, All-Metro Augusta, and all-state honors despite team's 4-7 record...was a Shrine Bowl participant...tallied a career blocking grade of 88 percent with 60 pancake blocks and 40 knockdowns...senior class president and member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Clayton DeJuan Dyson...son of Lucile and Jimmie Dyson...born February 3, 1983, in Augusta, Georgia...undeclared major.



## DARIC CARTER

**FLK, 6-1, 205, R-Freshman**  
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina  
Southeast Raleigh High School

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**Furman:** Promising young player who will look to compete for playing time in experienced receiving corps this year, working at flanker...first action will likely come on special teams...has good size, speed, and overall ability...posted the third best vertical jump (34") in spring testing, trailing only Isaac West and

Brandon Berry. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Southeast Raleigh High School...football coach was Chad O'Shea...played quarterback, wide receiver, running back, and defensive back...two-time all-conference selection...rushed for 881 yards and 10 touchdowns and caught 25 passes for 345 yards and five touchdowns as a senior...served as team captain for 2000 season...registered his top performance in a win over Broughton, rushing eight times for 160 yards on the way to 210 yards in total offense and three touchdowns...also had an interception and key fumble recovery that sealed the win...started at quarterback his junior year...in all tallied 373 rushes, 2,345 yards, and 20 touchdowns during his career...also caught 49 passes for 748 yards and seven touchdowns while at Southeast Raleigh...four-year letterman in basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Crantonio VonDaric Carter...son of Preshirl Carter...born February 4, 1983, in Lake Providence, Louisiana...undeclared major.



## ELTON DANIELS

**SE, 6-0, 185, R-Freshman**  
Leland, North Carolina  
North Brunswick High School

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**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at split end this year due to the return of a host of veterans, including Isaac West, James Thomas, Brian Bratton, and Andy Rump. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of North Brunswick High School...football coach was Gary Bishop...played wide receiver, defensive back, and quarterback...earned all-conference and all-county honors after posting over 750 yards in receptions and 12 touchdowns his senior year...helped pace North Brunswick to a 12-1 record and conference championship...also starred in baseball and basketball during his prep career...member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Elton Ray Daniels...son of Glatha and Rayfield Daniels...born December 5, 1982, in Leland, Florida...undeclared major.



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**ERIC EMERSON**

**FB, 5-11, 229, Sophomore**  
**Newnan, Georgia**  
**East Coweta High School**

**45**

**Furman:** Solid young player who will need a good preseason to fend off Al Means for the starting fullback job in 2002...possesses excellent size and strength, particularly in the lower body...is a good blocker with potential to be outstanding in the mold of great Paladin fullbacks Derek Russell, Kennet Gold-

smith, John Drye, and Dinky Williams...could be utilized as a receiver due to good hands...tied with Toreico O'Neal and Lamar Rembert for team high honors in the squat exercise with a lift of 600 pounds in spring strength testing...ranked tenth overall according to strength index, which factors in body weight and lifts in three exercises: bench press, squat, and power clean. **2001** — Stepped up as true freshman to beat out a pair of second year performers in Al Means and Corey Tant for the starting fullback job and, in the process, became the first true freshman to start for Furman since Louis Ivory and Steve DeBeer in 1998...earned starts in all 11 regular season games (15 including playoffs) and helped Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...played a critical role in Paladin All-America tailback Louis Ivory claiming his second straight league rushing title (1,492 yards)...rushed for 213 yards and six touchdowns in the regular season (318 yards and nine TDs in 15 games)...scored game winning, fourth quarter touchdown in Paladins' 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action, snapping the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak...scored touchdowns in three of the Paladins' four playoff contests...had eight carries for season high 42 yards and one touchdown against Presbyterian (47-28 win)...scored a pair of touchdowns against East Tennessee State (31-6 win)...registered his lone reception (10 yards) in 42-10 victory over Chattanooga...shared Furman Freshman-of-the-Year honors with defensive end Mike Killian following the season.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of East Coweta High School, the same high school of former Paladin All-American defensive back John Keith, now a member of the San Francisco 49ers...football coach was Danny Cronin, whose son Drew is now receivers coach at Furman...played linebacker and fullback...garnered first team all-area, all-region, and all-state honors as a senior after helping lead East Coweta to a 12-1 record and third round state playoff finish...career statistics include 162 tackles, 87 assisted tackles, eight quarterback sacks, three pass deflections, five caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and two interceptions...also rushed 84 times for 474 yards and 10 touchdowns during his career.

**Personal:** Full name is Eric Lavell Emerson...son of Sidney and Annie Emerson...born January 6, 1983, in Cleveland, Ohio...undeclared major.

**EMERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-11	58	213	3.7	6	12	1	10	10.0	0	10



**WILLIAM FREEMAN**

**LB, 6-2, 220, R-Freshman**  
**Swansea, South Carolina**  
**Swansea High School**

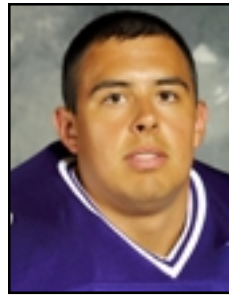
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**Furman:** Impressive young player who is listed as the backup to projected starting weak side linebacker Cedrick Ritter...with experience has the potential to be an outstanding player due to speed and overall ability...should figure prominently into Furman's special teams plans this year. **2001** — Member of scout

team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Swansea High School...football coach was B. Stroud...saw action at linebacker and tailback...three-time all-region selection...named all-area by *The State* and *Orangeburg Times & Democrat* after rushing 236 times for 1,445 yards, and 16 touchdowns during the 2000 season...also notched 62 tackles and five sacks as senior...had 682 yards rushing, five touchdowns, and 55 tackles as a junior...outstanding wrestler...posted a 40-4 record and was state champion in 189-pound class as a junior...won state championship for second time in 2001.

**Personal:** Full name is William Cain Freeman...son of Robert and Roslyn Freeman, Jr...born May 1, 1983, in Charleston, South Carolina...undeclared major.



**PRESTON GARDNER**

**DE, 6-1, 238, Senior**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**Charlotte Christian School**

**53**

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at defensive end due to a large number of returning veterans...joined the team as a walk-on prior to start of 2001 campaign...transferred to Furman in the fall of 2000 after one year at UNC Wilmington, where he played baseball...plans to graduate in the spring of 2003

**2001** — Did not see any action.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Charlotte Christian School...football coach was John Cady...played offensive guard and defensive end...football team went 7-3 his senior year...also starred as a catcher in baseball, leading his squad to a 26-7 record and state championship in 1999...coached on diamond by former New York Yankees great Tommy John.

**Personal:** Full name is Preston Ray Gardner...son of Presley and Mary Lou Gardner...born August 14, 1980, in Dallas, Texas...business administration major.



**BRANT GLOVER**

**NG, 6-0, 260, R-Freshman**  
**Gainesville, Georgia**  
**Gainesville High School**

**66**

**Furman:** Emerged from spring practice as head coach Bobby Lamb's top pick as most improved among redshirt freshmen...impressive work in spring has put him into position to contend with sophomore Michael Burant for starting nose guard job vacated by the graduation of Ryan Spencer...possesses excel-

lent overall strength, making him difficult to block and an ideal nose guard...bench pressed 400 pounds and recorded the third best lift in the power clean exercise (341 pounds) in spring testing...could be a key factor in Furman's potential defensive success this fall. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Gainesville High School...football coach was Steve Wilson '77, who earlier this year returned to Furman as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach...saw action primarily at defensive tackle where he earned all-area honors and served as team captain for 2000 season...had 72 unassisted tackles and 30 assisted stops...had 10 tackles-for-loss...also recovered four fumbles, one of which he returned for a touchdown, and caused five fumbles.

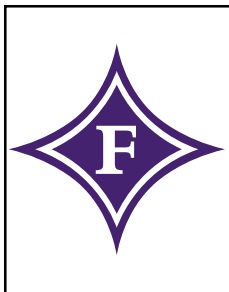
**Personal:** Full name is Brant Edward Glover, Jr...son of Brant and Anita Glover...born March 23, 1983, in Illinois...undeclared major.



Fullback Eric Emerson started in all 15 games as a true freshman in 2001.



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## LOCKWOOD HOLMES

CB, 5-10, 180, R-Freshman  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Bolles High School

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**Furman:** Transfer from Air Force Academy who joined the Furman program prior to the start of spring practice...will compete for reserve duty at cornerback and for time on special teams this fall...will be a redshirt freshman eligibility-wise in 2002. **2001** — Member of scout team at Air Force...did not play.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Bolles High School...football coach was Corky Rogers...played cornerback and wide receiver during prep career...earned first team all-city honors after helping Bolles to a 12-1 record and state playoffs his senior year...program went 15-0 and won state championship his sophomore season.

**Personal:** Full name is Lockwood Pool Holmes, Jr...son of Lockwood and Tricia Holmes...born September 9, 1982, in Jacksonville, Florida...undeclared major.



## KEITH JOHNSON

CB, 5-10, 174, R-Freshman  
North Augusta, South Carolina  
North Augusta High School

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**Furman:** One of three Paladin cornerbacks with last name of Johnson (Rodney and Alonzo)...expected to battle Maurice Duncan to secure the backup role to returning starting right cornerback Rodney Johnson...could also make an impact on special teams...sports excellent overall ability...has made

steady progress in all areas since coming to Furman. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of North Augusta High School...football coach was Joe Long...high school teammate of Paladin freshman offensive guard Clayton Dyson...saw action exclusively at cornerback...tallied 25 tackles and four interceptions in five games before having his senior season cut short with a fractured forearm...was still named to the *Augusta Chronicle* "Dream 16" Team...was tabbed by several publications and organizations as a pre-season all-state selection and one of South Carolina's top defensive backs prior to 2000 campaign...notched 55 tackles and a pair of interceptions in 1999 on the way to earning All-Metro Augusta and Aiken Standard All-Area honors...member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Keith Bernard Johnson...son of Kenneth and Sherry Johnson...born May 3, 1983, in Augusta, Georgia...undeclared major.



## RODNEY JOHNSON

CB, 5-9, 176, Senior  
Marion, North Carolina  
McDowell High School

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**Furman:** A premier, experienced performer who ranks as one of the Southern Conference's top defensive backs...will start at right cornerback again this year...outstanding cover corner who opponents often choose not to challenge...will be counted on heavily this year on a relatively young Paladin defensive

unit that returns only four starters...selected to serve as a team co-captain this fall...highly respected by teammates and coaching staff due to intelligence, exemplary work ethic, and intensity, and for impressive comeback a year ago from serious knee injury sustained in first game of 2000 campaign...very sound fundamentally...makes very few mistakes...possesses excellent speed...emerged from spring as second strongest player on team according to power index, which factors in body weight and lifts in three exercises: bench press, squat, and power clean...bench pressed 405 pounds...has played a significant role in Furman's success the last three seasons, which has produced a 30-9 record, two Southern Conference championships, and a national runner-up finish...excellent student who should contend for Verizon Academic All-America honors. **2001** — Made a suc-

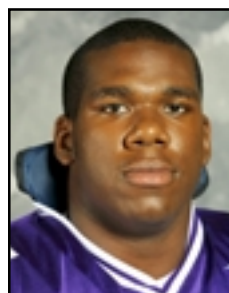
cessful return from knee injury to play a critical role in Furman's outstanding season, which included a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and national runner-up finish...played alongside three seniors in Paladin secondary, all of whom earned all-conference honors...started at right cornerback in all 11 regular season games and tallied 43 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, two interceptions, and team leading seven pass deflections...counting four playoff games, had 58 tackles in 15 starts...notched a career high nine tackles and a tackle-for-loss against Chattanooga (42-10 win)...had six tackles and a tackle-for-loss in a 31-13 victory over Western Carolina...interceptions came against Elon (46-7 win) and VMI (65-7 win)...was named District III Academic All-America squad...also named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Was Furman's biggest injury casualty of the 2000 season...sustained a torn anterior cruciate ligament six plays into Furman's season-opening, 16-3 win over Elon...injury occurred following his own interception...underwent surgery in September and rehabilitated the knee the remainder of the season and into the spring...was awarded a medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Fashioned a strong first season as a starting cornerback, totaling 59 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, one interception, and six pass deflections...played an integral part in Furman posting a 9-3 record, winning a conference championship, and securing a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...tallied eight-tackle performances against Georgia Southern (41-38 loss), Wofford (30-3 win), and Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss)...posted six tackles, a tackle-for-loss, an interception, and a pass deflection in a 31-17 win over The Citadel...was one of three Paladins named to the District III Academic All-America squad...also named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Registered playing time in all 11 games...also saw action on special teams...stepped up following injuries to a pair of veterans to start at right cornerback against Clemson (33-0 loss) in his first game...worked as a backup thereafter...tallied a season high three tackles against VMI (51-14 loss)...recorded a pass deflection against S.C. State (27-19 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of McDowell High School...football coach was Coy Gibson...played quarterback and defensive back...twice earned team most valuable defensive back honors and was a three-time all-conference pick...was McDowell's Most Valuable Player in 1997...totaled 19 interceptions in his career...also enjoyed stellar basketball and track careers.

**Personal:** Full name is Rodney Allan Johnson...son of Allan and Jean Johnson...born May 28, 1980, in Lincolnton, North Carolina...health and exercise science major.

### JOHNSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
1998	11-1	6	3	9	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	11-11	32	19	51	2	(-7)	0	0	0.0	1	6
2000	1-1	0	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	1	0
2001	11-11	31	12	43	3	(-4)	1	0	0.0	2	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34-24</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(-11)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>



## TRAVIS JONES

DE, 6-1, 258, Sophomore  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Southside High School

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**Furman:** Local native who heads into the 2002 campaign as Furman's third defensive end...will serve as the primary backup at both end positions, providing quality, experienced depth...possesses solid strength and mobility...has potential to develop into an outstanding performer. **2001** — Ranked second only to

fullback Eric Emerson among first year players to have a significant impact on a veteran squad...saw action in all 11 games at defensive end and totaled 10 tackles...notched a season high three tackles against Elon (46-7 win)...had two stops in 45-14 triumph over Wofford...helped Furman lead the Southern Conference in rushing defense (124.8 ypg) and rank second in scoring defense (14.1 ppg).

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Southside High School...football coach was Lee Taylor...played offensive tackle and defensive end...totaled 78 tackles and 11 sacks during the 2000 season en route to earning all-county, all-region, and all-state honors...prestigious Shrine Bowl participant...had 12 tackles and a pair of sacks against Seneca his senior year...totaled 105 tackles and garnered all-county and all-region accolades in 1999...also starred in wrestling while at Southside...named Greenville County Wrestler-of-the-Year and finished second in the state with a 30-3 record in 2000.



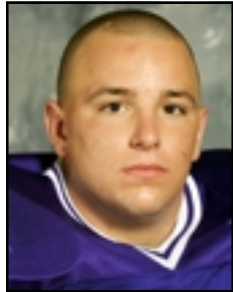
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**Personal:** Full name is Travis Allen Jones...son of Delores Jones and Robert Byrd...born October 12, 1982, in Greenville, South Carolina...undeclared major.

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS									
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2001	11-0	6	4	10	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0



**WILL KELLER**  
 TE, 6-2, 228, Sophomore  
 Clayton, Georgia  
 Rabun County High School

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**Furman:** One of a host of inexperienced tight ends in the Furman program who will look to earn playing time this fall behind projected starter Willis Sudderth...joined the team as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2000 season. **2001** — Did not see any action. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra

year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Rabun County High School...football coach was Sonny Smart...played quarterback and strong safety during his prep career...served as his team captain, racked up 100 tackles, and took home his team's Best Defensive Back and Best Offensive Back Awards his senior year...tallied 150 tackles his junior season after helping Rabun County compile an 11-2 record and quarterfinal finish in the state playoffs.

**Personal:** Full name is Will Hobert Keller...son of Dan and Kathy Keller...born June 7, 1982, in Toccoa, Georgia...uncle, Elliott Keller, was a two-year football letterman and fullback at Furman who led the Southern Conference in rushing with 724 yards in 1962...cousin, Gary Keller, was a defensive back and three-year Paladin letterman in the early 1980s...undeclared major.



**MIKE KILLIAN**  
 LB, 6-1, 238, Sophomore  
 Atlanta, Georgia  
 Chamblee High School

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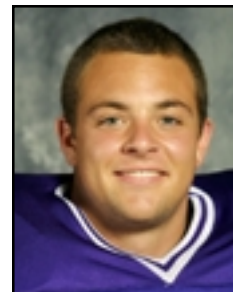
**Furman:** Talented young player who quite possibly has the toughest assignment of any player in Furman's program in 2002, that of making the move from starting defensive end to middle linebacker, where he will compete with senior Andrew Knight to take over for graduated two-time All-America and Southern

Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year performer Will Bouton...will be aided in the move by the fact that he played linebacker in high school...despite switch, could still be utilized at defensive end in certain situations, according to position coach Steve Wilson...ranks as the most physical member of a young Paladin linebacking corps...solid pass rusher with impressive upside potential...recorded seventh best lift (319 pounds) in the power clean exercise in strength testing in spring...bench pressed 405 pounds. **2001** — Fashioned a strong inaugural season as a redshirt freshman on an otherwise veteran Paladin defensive unit, earning starts at defensive end in nine games and helping Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and national runner-up finish...played a key role in Furman pacing the league in rushing defense (124.8 ypg) and ranking second in scoring defense (14.1 ppg)...in 11 regular season games totaled 42 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, a pair of sacks, and a fumble recovery...including four playoff games had 54 tackles and four sacks...had a pair of season high seven-tackle performances against Appalachian State (28-22 win) and Wofford (45-14 win), with fumble recovery and 18-yard return also coming against Wofford...regular season sacks came against VMI (65-7 win) and East Tennessee State (31-6 win)...also tallied sacks in the Paladins' 24-20 triumph over Western Kentucky and in a 34-17 victory over Lehigh in NCAA I-AA playoffs...shared Furman Freshman-of-the-Year honors with fullback Eric Emerson following the season. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...took home Furman's Most Valuable Defensive Scout Team Award following the season...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Chamblee High School...football coach was Steve Adley...played tight end, fullback, and linebacker during his prep career, starting all four years...earned team MVP, all-county, and all-metro honors as a linebacker despite playing on 2-8 team in 1999...also starred in basketball and baseball at Chamblee...served as a team captain and garnered team MVP honors after help-

ing his squad into the second round of the state basketball playoffs his senior year. **Personal:** Full name is Michael Anthony Killian...son of Michael and Sarah Killian...born June 9, 1982, in Atlanta, Georgia...undeclared major.

KILLIAN'S CAREER STATISTICS										
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2001	11-9	26	16	42	2 (-13)	0	1	2.0	0	2



**ANDREW KNIGHT**  
 LB, 6-1, 212, Senior  
 Snellville, Georgia  
 Brookwood High School

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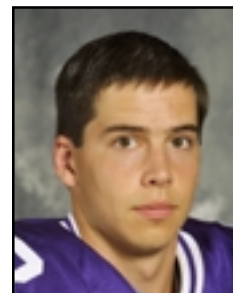
**Furman:** Three-year letterman who ranks as Furman's most experienced performer in a linebacking unit that lost all three starters to graduation...heads into the 2002 campaign locked in a battle with Mike Killian for the starting middle linebacking job held last year by two-time All-America and Southern Conference De-

fensive Player-of-the-Year Will Bouton...a strong, conscientious performer...goes full speed on every play...excellent student...with a productive season could contend for Verizon Academic All-America honors. **2001** — Logged playing time in all 11 regular season games and Paladins' four playoff contests, seeing action as reserve and on special teams...racked up 37 tackles and a sack...matched a career high with eight tackles against Elon (46-7 win)...had seven stops in 45-14 rout of Wofford...sack came in 31-6 triumph over East Tennessee State...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Overcame an early season hamstring strain to register playing time in nine games as a backup...tallied 18 tackles...notched four tackles in a 38-14 win over Western Carolina and had four stops against Georgia Southern (45-10 win)...tallied three tackles in a 28-17 victory over Wofford...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Gained quality experience as a true freshman, seeing action as a backup linebacker and member of special teams in the Paladins' last eight games...totaled 16 tackles on the season...collected a season high eight tackles against East Tennessee State (48-21 win) and tallied four stops in Furman's conference title clinching, 40-35 win over Chattanooga...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Brookwood High School...football coach was Dave Hunter...three-year starter at linebacker and at tight end...earned *Associated Press* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* AAAA All-State honors as a linebacker his senior year after helping Brookwood to a 13-1 record, region championship, and state semifinal finish...was a two-time all-county selection who also captured Gwinnett County Linebacker-of-the-Year and Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors in 1998 after setting school single season (185) and career (405) tackle records...as a sophomore helped Brookwood to a 13-2 record and state championship...was selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...prep teammate of Furman senior defensive end Eddie Overdyke and sophomore strong safety Daniel South.

**Personal:** Full name is Andrew Nelson Knight...son of Robert and Susan Knight...born June 25, 1980, in Atlanta, Georgia...double major in history and communications.

KNIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS										
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
1999	8-0	10	6	16	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2000	9-0	10	8	18	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	11-0	24	13	37	1 (-3)	0	0	1.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1 (-3)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**BRIAN KOVACH**  
 PK, 6-1, 180, Senior  
 Flowery Branch, Georgia  
 Johnson High School

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**Furman:** Slated to again handle the squad's kickoff duties...will also serve as a backup to returning All-Southern Conference kicker Danny Marshall, but could get the call for long field goal attempts...joined the program as a walk-on in 1998. **2001** — Served as kickoff return specialist for a second straight year...tallied four tackles on the season...named to the Southern Conference Aca-



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demical Honor Roll. **2000** — Took over the squad's kickoff chores at mid-season...demonstrated excellent speed in making a couple of key tackles, including a touchdown saving stop on a kickoff return early in the second half against Georgia Southern (45-10 win)...ensuing possession netted only a field goal and allowed Furman to retain momentum and quickly build on a 17-10 third quarter lead...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Did not see any game action...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1998 Valedictorian of Johnson High School...served as his squad's placekicker and played wide receiver...football coach was Gary McCraskey...was a three-time all-area honoree and all-state pick his senior year... earned academic all-state recognition...also starred in soccer at Johnson. **Personal:** Full name is Brian E. Kovach...son of Allan and Gloria Kovach...born March 28, 1980, in Stone Mountain, Georgia...business administration major.

Bucky Goff played baseball at Mercer...business administration major.



## TREVOR KRUGER

LB, 6-2, 270, Senior  
Moultrie, Georgia  
Colquitt County High School

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**Furman:** Returns for his third season as a starter at right offensive guard, where he joins right tackle Steven Cain in giving the Paladins two returning regulars on an offensive line that lost three All-America performers to graduation...will be counted on heavily for strong play this year...is an excellent athlete who

possesses good footwork and impressive strength...bench pressed 405 pound in spring strength testing...strong candidate for All-Southern Conference accolades, which last year proved to be beyond reach due to honors accorded three senior linemen. **2001** — Put together a second straight outstanding campaign as Furman's regular right guard, earning starts in all 11 regular season games and in Paladins' four playoff contests...helped Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...played a critical role in Paladins All-America tailback Louis Ivory claiming his second straight league rushing title (1,492 yards)...logged 551 snaps...recorded a blocking mark of 1.93 with eight winning performances and one exceptional grade during the regular season...sustained a sprained ankle only eight plays into the Georgia Southern regular season contest (20-10 loss)...added three winning marks and one exceptional performance in playoffs...graded out a season best 2.01 with another season best 13 knockdowns on 71 plays against The Citadel (30-7 win)...tallied 80 plays versus Presbyterian (47-28 win)...graded out 2.00 in a 34-17 win over Lehigh in NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff contest...notched a 1.97 percent blocking performance in national championship game against Montana (13-6 loss). **2000** — Enjoyed a fine inaugural season as a member of the Paladins starting offensive line...registered starts in every regular season game (plus one playoff contest) at right guard and on 654 plays graded out a solid 1.92 with eight winning performances and 87 knockdowns...top grade of 1.99 came against Chattanooga 45-44 win...tallied a blocking mark of 1.98 in a 27-18 win over Wofford...played a key role in Furman averaging a school record 307.5 yards per game on the ground and producing NCAA I-AA's leading rusher, tailback Louis Ivory, who captured the Walter Payton Award as the country's top offensive player after rushing for a nation leading and Southern Conference record 2,079 yards and 16 touchdowns during the regular season...solid work by Furman's offensive line enabled the Paladins to post a 9-3 record, advance into the playoffs for the second straight year, and finish the season ranked No. 10 nationally. **1999** — Saw action in every game as a backup at guard and member of special teams...graded out a solid 1.96 on 67 plays at offensive guard...earned the first winning performance of his career with a mark of 1.91 on 32 snaps versus VMI (58-0 win). **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of Colquitt County High School...football coach was Jim Hughes...only played prep football two years, seeing action at offensive guard and tackle...earned second team all-region and all-state and All-Southwest Georgia honors as a senior after helping his team to an 8-6 record and state semifinal finish...was named to Georgia Academic All-State team...squad went 11-2 in 1996, his junior year...also enjoyed a fine prep baseball career...batted over .400 as a senior...batted .347, belted four home runs, and drove in 28 runs as a junior in helping Colquitt County to a state AAAA championship.

**Personal:** Full name is Trevor Fredrick Kruger...son of William and Julie Kruger...born May 5, 1980, in Moultrie, Georgia...father played baseball at Abraham Baldwin and Georgia Southwestern Colleges from 1968-71...cousin Ray Goff quarterbacked and later served as head coach at the University of Georgia...cousin

**KRUGER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

— Block Execution —      — Performance —

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH													
1999	....	12-0	....	67	..	0	....	9	....	52	..	6	....	131	..	1.95	..	.865	....	1	....	0	....	1.91		
2000	..	11-11	..	654	..	5	..	84	..	523	..	40	..	2	..	1258	..	1.92	..	.864	....	8	....	0	....	1.99
2001	..	11-11	..	551	..	5	..	57	..	463	..	26	..	0	..	1061	..	1.93	..	.887	....	8	....	1	....	2.01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34-22</b>	<b>1272</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2450</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>.874</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>2.01</b>							

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



## BRIAN LAGGIS

OT, 6-3, 260, R-Freshman  
Stockbridge, Georgia  
Heritage High School

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**Furman:** Considered one of the top young players in Furman program...has potential to be outstanding according to position coach Clay Hendrix, who has coached the last three Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award winners...emerged from spring practice as Furman's third tackle...should see action at

both positions...superb athlete...possesses impressive strength and speed...clocked a 4.8 40-yard dash in shorts and ranked as eighth strongest player in program following spring testing with a combined lift of 1,253 pounds in three exercises: bench press (415), squat (525), and power clean (313). **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Heritage High School, where he was former teammate of Paladins redshirt freshman fullback Nick Marra...football coach was Chuck Landy...played offensive guard, defensive end, and nose guard...earned all-county, all-area, and Atlanta Journal-Constitution Area "Super 11" recognition following the 2000 season...selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star and prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Games...tabbed Rockdale Neighbor Male Athlete-of-the-Year...also starred in wrestling and track at Heritage.

**Personal:** Full name is James Brian Laggis...son of Jim and Kathy Laggis...born October 14, 1982, in Stockbridge, Georgia.



## DAVID LATIMER

SS, 6-0, 203, R-Freshman  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Christ Presbyterian Academy

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**Furman:** Highly regarded young player who could make his presence known in the Paladins secondary this fall as a backup to projected starting strong safety Paul Billingsly...should also figure prominently in special teams play...ranks as one of the team's most physical players and hardest hitters...quality athlete

with excellent speed...plays with great intensity...has potential to be outstanding...began his career in secondary before being moved to fullback where he excelled before sustaining a sprained knee in the 2001 preseason...was moved back to strong safety prior to the start of spring practice. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Christ Presbyterian Academy where he played alongside Paladins redshirt freshman defensive end John Shields...football coach was David Pack...saw action as a running back and safety...member of 15-0 state A championship team in 2000...registered over 2,300 yards rushing, 200 yards in returns, 150 yards receiving, and an amazing 40 touchdowns his senior year...also totaled 85 tackles and four interceptions...named all-region MVP, all-midstate (all classifications), and first team all-state...garnered Blue Cross Bowl (state championship) Offensive MVP honors...served as team captain...had 10 carries for 380 yards and six touchdowns in win over Ezell-Harding during 2000 campaign...registered 11 career interceptions.

**Personal:** Full name is Erwin David Latimer V...son of Eddie and Ellen Latimer...born March 7, 1982, in Nashville, Tennessee.





**CHRIS LOWERY**

**CB, 5-9, 182, Senior**  
**Knoxville, Tennessee**  
**Austin-East High School**

**17**

**Furman:** Veteran player whose experience could be a huge factor in a Paladin secondary that graduated three All-Southern Conference starters from a year ago...appears to have the inside track to start at left cornerback following the departure of three-year regular Richie Jackson but may have to fend off an expected challenge from T.J Wilson in the preseason...has played in 30 games (plus two playoff contests) and registered a pair of starts in his career...has also contributed significantly on special teams, most notably as a kickoff return specialist...bench pressed 405 pounds in spring testing. **2001** — Appeared in eight games as a backup cornerback and on special teams...missed three mid-season games due to strained hamstring...appeared in all four playoff contests...regular season statistics included 11 tackles and a pass deflection...had a pair of tackles and a sack in 34-17 victory over Lehigh in NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff game...notched season high five stops and pass deflection versus VMI (65-7 win). **2000** — Joined Andre Stroman in sharing starting duties at right cornerback after returning regular Rodney Johnson sustained a season ending knee injury only six plays into Furman's 16-3, season opening win over Elon...registered action in every game, including a pair of starts against The Citadel (33-7 win) and East Tennessee State (23-21 loss)...totaled 28 tackles and four pass deflections...had a season high five tackles and a pass deflection in an 18-17 loss at Appalachian State...averaged an impressive 25.8 yards per return on 27 kickoff returns, good for third best in the Southern Conference...set up a crucial field goal with a 78-yard kickoff return to open in the second half against Elon...had a 59-yard return against Newberry (44-10 win). **1999** — Saw his first action...registered playing time in every game as a member of special teams and backup cornerback...logged 101 plays and tallied nine tackles. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

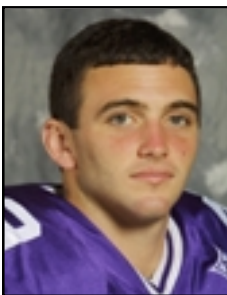
**High School:** 1998 graduate of Austin-East High School...football coach was Richard Glasper...played defensive back and quarterback, and also handled punts and served as a return specialist...was a two-time All-Knoxville Football League and three-time all-region selection...was twice named Region 2-AAA Player-of-the-Year...earned all-state honors as a defensive back his senior year...was named Austin-East's Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year for the 1997-98 school year...ran the 100 and 200 meters, as well as relays in track, and played shortstop on his prep baseball team...recipient of the National Science Merit Award...Who's Who Among American High School Students...U.S. National Mathematics Scholar.

**Personal:** Full name is John-Christopher Martin Lowery...son of Marvin and Betty Lowery...born June 1, 1980, in Knoxville, Tennessee...pre-engineering major.

**LOWERY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
1999	11-0	4	5	9	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2000	11-2	14	13	27	1 (-2)	0	0	0.0	0	4
2001	8-0	8	3	11	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30-2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1 (-2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
1999	11-0	1	3	3.0	0	3
2000	11-2	24	624	26.0	0	78
2001	8-0	4	59	14.8	0	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30-2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>



**JON MACDONALD**

**FLK, 5-10, 175, R-Freshman**  
**Greer, South Carolina**  
**Riverside High School**

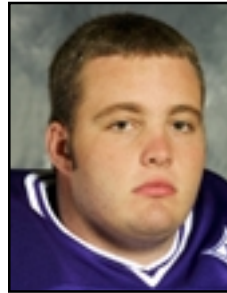
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**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the program in the 2001 pre-season...has potential to be a contributor but may be a year away from earning playing time due to the return of a number of veterans in the receiving corps...first action could come on special teams...possesses excellent speed and strong work ethic...posted four best vertical leap on team in spring testing (33.5"). **2001** —

Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Riverside High School...football coach was Brian Smith...played free safety, strong safety, and linebacker...tallied 97 tackles and seven sacks as a senior...also competed in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Jonathan Blair MacDonald...son of Norman and Phyllis MacDonald...born August 20, 1982, in Greenville, South Carolina...father was a three-year letterman as a wide receiver at Furman from 1972-74 and also competed in basketball and track & field...undeclared major.



**JOHN MARKS**

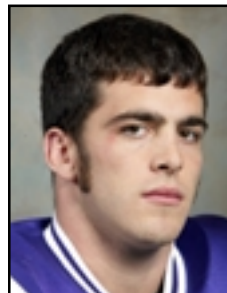
**OG, 6-0, 262, Sophomore**  
**Fort Mill, South Carolina**  
**Fort Mill High School**

**79**

**Furman:** Expected to compete for reserve action at left guard behind a pair of veterans in Justin Price and Josh McWhorter...has registered improvement in all areas since joining the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2000 season...recorded a pair of solid lifts in the bench press (415) and squat (500) exercises in the spring. **2001** — Did not see any action. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Fort Mill High School...head coach was Greg Taylor...played offensive guard and offensive tackle during his prep career...served as a team co-captain and earned first team All-Region 3-AAA and *Rock Hill Herald* All-Area honors his senior year...helped Fort Mill go 10-3 and advance into the third round of the state playoffs his junior season.

**Personal:** Full name is John Carol Marks...son of Stephen and Carol Marks, both Furman graduates...born March 15, 1982, in Rock Hill, South Carolina...undeclared major.



**NICK MARRA**

**FB, 5-9, 191, R-Freshman**  
**Conyers, Georgia**  
**Heritage High School**

**43**

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the Furman program at the start of the 2001 season...slated for reserve duty at fullback...has impressed in the weight room, where in spring testing he ranked as fourth strongest player on team based on the power index, which takes in to consideration body weight and lifts in three exercises: bench press, squat, and power clean...425-pound bench press tied for fifth highest on squad. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Heritage High School, where he was a teammate of Paladin redshirt freshman offensive lineman Brian Laggis...football coach was Chuck Landy...played fullback...also competed in wrestling and track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Danic Marra...son of Dan and Mary Marra...born July 16, 1982, in Fairfax, Virginia.



**DANNY MARSHALL**

**PK, 5-11, 178, Junior**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Marist High School**

**83**

**Furman:** All-Southern Conference, right-footed kicker who is coming off his second consecutive strong campaign...ranks as the top returning placekicker in the league...very consistent...already stands fifth on Furman's career kick scoring chart (158 points) and has outside shot to claim career kick scoring crown this year, needing 91 points to surpass Jason Wells (248 points, 1996-99)...has converted 23-of-29 field goals (79.3 percent) over his first two seasons, helping Furman to a 21-6 record in that span. **2001** — Named first team All-Southern Conference in voting by league media after converting 45-of-50 PATs and 10-of-12 field goal attempts for a league best 83.3 percent...75 regular season points ranked second in the league in kick scoring and trailed only Louis Ivory's 114 points for



team high scoring honors...helped Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...established a Furman record for consecutive made field goals (12) when he converted a 20-yard effort in the second quarter of a 31-6 win over East Tennessee State...accounted for a career high 13 points (3x3 FGs, 4x4 PATs) in 46-7 triumph over Elon...booted 8-of-9 PAT attempts and a field goal (26 yards) versus VMI (65-7 win)...connected on season long 39-yard field goal in 45-14 rout of Wofford...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Fashioned a brilliant inaugural season, converting 13-of-17 field goals and 44-of-45 extra points for 83 points in the regular season, second only to Louis Ivory's team leading 96-point campaign...played a key role in Furman posting a 9-3 record and earning its second straight NCAA I-AA playoff bid on the way to a No. 10 final ranking...finished second in the league in kick scoring, trailing only Chattanooga All-American Matt Vick...ranked fourth overall in the conference and 27th nationally in scoring...83 points marked the third most productive kick scoring season in Furman history, trailing only Mike Wood (90 points, 1986) and Andrew Burr (87 points, 1991)...fashioned one of the most dramatic inaugural games ever by a Paladin when he booted three field goals (43, 29, 34) and an extra point to account for 10 points in a 16-3, season opening win over Elon...43-yarder versus Elon represented season long...in all converted seven of his first eight field goals, including 39 and 26-yard efforts in the Paladins' 34-10 win over William & Mary...earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors after knocking down a 35-yard field goal and making good on a decisive 24-yard, fourth quarter attempt in the Paladins' 27-18 triumph over Wofford...came back the next week to nail a crucial 37-yard second half field goal in a 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga... took home Furman's Most Valuable Freshman and Whitey Kendall Specialist Award following the season...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Marist School...football coach was Alan Chadwick...saw action as a placekicker and split end during his prep tenure but kicked exclusively his senior year...helped Marist post consecutive 12-2, 12-1, and 13-1 records and a pair of state semifinal finishes in his three seasons of play...converted 69x71 PATs and 3x5 field goals for 80 points on the way to earning All-Region 6-AAA and All-Metro Atlanta honors his senior year...also racked up 32 touchbacks on kickoffs in 1999...tallied 68 points his junior year, converting 4x7 field goals and 56x59 PATs...finished his career with 148 points.

**Personal:** Full name is Thomas Daniel Marshall...son of Tommy and Dana Marshall...born December 21, 1981, in Atlanta, Georgia...father, who currently serves as athletics director at Marist, was a four-year Furman football standout from 1974-77 who later served as an assistant coach at his alma mater from 1986-93, during which time the Paladins won three league championships and the 1988 NCAA I-AA national title...undeclared major.

### MARSHALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	PCT	FG	PCT	U29	30-39	40-49	50+	LNG	PTS
2000	44-45	.977	13-17	.765	6-7	6-7	1-3	0-0	43	83
2001	45-50	.900	10-12	.833	6-6	4-5	0-1	0-0	39	75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89-95</b>	<b>.937</b>	<b>23-29</b>	<b>.793</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>158</b>



### BRANDON MAYS

**TB, 5-10, 199, R-Freshman**  
Arden, North Carolina  
T.C. Roberson High School

31

**Furman:** Furman's tailback of the future whose future may very well begin in 2002...appears set to battle returning veterans Hindley Brigham, Lamar Rembert, and Toreico O'Neal for playing time, combining with all three to give Furman one of the most talented set of tailbacks in recent history...has impressed the coaching staff since arriving on campus last fall...an explosive runner with good size, vision, and moves...has potential to excel as a receiver due to good hands...experience will compliment solid all-around ability...pound for pound ranks as sixth strongest player in program as rated by team power index, which factors in body weight and lifts in bench press, squat, and power clean...recorded squat of 500 pounds in spring testing. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of T.C. Roberson High School...football coach was Jerry Wilkins...high school teammate of Paladin redshirt freshman tight end Justin Perdue and linebacker Josh Slagle...played tailback and free safety and also returned kicks...earned all-region, all-county, conference player-of-the-year, and Asheville Citizen-Times Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors after rushing for 1,961

yards and 20 touchdowns during the 2000 season...team went 7-5, beat Reynolds, Owen, and Asheville, and advanced into the second round of the state AAA playoffs for first time in school history...set eight school records and landed team MVP honors...selected to play in North Carolina East-West All-Star Game...reaped all-conference and all-county accolades as a junior after totaling 1,520 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns...in all rushed for 4,406 yards and 50 touchdowns during his career.

**Personal:** Full name is Brandon Kingsley Mays...son of Bobbette and Herschel Mays...born February 24, 1983, in Los Angeles, California.



### JOSH MCWHORTER

**OG, 6-2, 268, Junior**  
Cartersville, Georgia  
Cartersville High School

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**Furman:** Heads into the 2002 pre-season as Furman's third guard and as such will be the Paladins' first substitute at both slots...could also play center if needed...excellent athlete who emerged from strength testing in the spring as Furman's strongest player with a combined lift of 1,319 pounds in three

exercises: bench press (450), squat (550), and power clean (319)...bench press mark ranked second on squad while squat was surpassed by only four teammates...outstanding strength makes him one of team's most explosive linemen...promise as a guard, which he played in high school, followed move from defensive tackle in spring of 2001. **2001** — Registered his first playing time at guard, serving as a backup in eight games and totaling 111 plays...graded out a season high 1.95 on 21 plays against Elon (46-7 win)...collected another winning grade the following week with a 1.95 on a season high 33 plays against VMI (65-7 win). **2000** — Registered playing time in 10 games as a reserve defensive tackle and member of special teams...missed a pair of games with a lower back strain...in all logged 71 plays and three tackles...had two stops in a 44-10 win over Newberry. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Cartersville High School...football coach was Frank Barden...saw action at offensive guard, offensive tackle, defensive end, and long snapper...served as a team captain and earned all-county, all-state, and academic all-state honors as a defensive lineman after helping Cartersville to an 11-1 record, region championship, and state playoff appearance his senior year...selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...also starred in track...as a senior broke a 20-year-old school shot put record with a throw of 50' 3".

**Personal:** Full name is Joshua Alan McWhorter...son of Harvey and Suzan McWhorter, Jr...born September 22, 1980, in Auburn, Alabama...health and exercise science major.

### MCWHORTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	— Block Execution —				— Performance —								
	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
2000	11-0	.111	0	13	.94	4	0	213	1.92	.883	2	0	1.95

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2001	10-0	2	1	3	1 (-1)	0	0	0.0	0



### AL MEANS

**FB, 5-11, 220, Sophomore**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Butler High School

32

**Furman:** Figures to play a key role at the fullback position that prior to last season had no experience but which now counts three proven performers...poised to compete with Eric Emerson for the starting job in 2002 following a good freshman campaign and solid spring practice...excels as a runner and is an improving blocker...speed gives him the ability to make the big





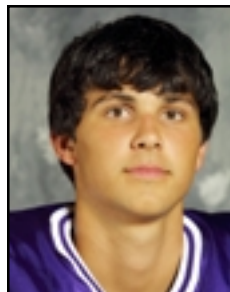
run...possesses excellent lower body strength as evidenced by his 555-pound squat in strength testing this spring...mark was only surpassed by three others. **2001** — Served as key backup to starting fullback Eric Emerson, providing several quality runs, including a fourth quarter, game winning 19-yard touchdown jaunt in the Paladins' 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action...game winning run against Western Kentucky completed comeback from 20-7 second half deficit...appeared in nine games in the regular season...rushed 19 times for 129 yards and three touchdowns (6.8 ypc)...rushed nine times for 78 yards and a touchdown in a 47-28 win over Presbyterian...season long 44-yard run came against PC...also scored touchdowns against The Citadel (30-7 win) and East Tennessee State (31-6 win)...saw action in all four playoff contests. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Butler High School...football coach was Barry Shuford...played fullback and linebacker during his prep career...rushed for 1,091 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior while helping Butler to a 9-4 record and semifinal finish in the state playoffs...senior season included a career high 247-yard, three-touchdown performance in a 31-17 win over Freedom...earned all-conference honors and his team's Best Offensive Back Award in 1999...also ran track, specializing in the 200 and 400 meter events.

**Personal:** Full name is Edward Alvoid Means, Jr...son of Diane and Edward Means...born December 2, 1981, in Charlotte, North Carolina...undeclared major.

**MEANS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG											
2001	.....	9-0	.....	19	.....	129	.....	6.8	.....	3	.....	44	.....	0	.....	0	.....	0.0	.....	0	.....	0



**BO MOORE**

**QB, 6-1, 176, Sophomore**  
Madison, Georgia  
Morgan County High School

**12**

**Furman:** Heads into the fall as Furman's No. 2 quarterback, serving as a backup to returning All-Southern Conference performer Billy Napier...most mobile signal caller in the Paladin program...could see more action this fall...stronger, more confident following year of experience...father was high school

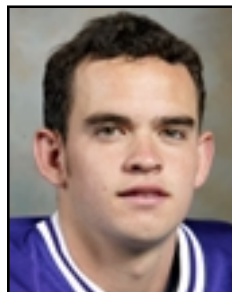
coach...appears to have inside track to take over punting chores. **2001** — Played vital role in backing up quarterback Billy Napier...saw action in eight games...completed 5-of-10 passes for 63 yards and a score...most significant contribution came in 31-13 win at Western Carolina, when he came off the bench in the second quarter and directed Furman on a 9-play, 77-yard touchdown drive that ended with 22-yard scoring strike to Bear Rinehart...score put Furman ahead 28-7.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Morgan County High School...football coach was Kenny Moore, his father...played quarterback and punted...passed for 919 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushed for 322 yards and seven scores during 2000 season...recipient of Golden Helmet (MVP) Award...named to Northeast Georgia "Tremendous 10" Team...selected to play in prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game...played in only eight games as junior before sustaining a knee injury...passed for 2,574 yards and 28 touchdowns and rushed for over 900 yards and 18 TDs in his prep career...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Haynes Kenny Moore, Jr...son of Kenny and Sherry Moore...born April 22, 1982, in Augusta, Georgia...undeclared major.

**MOORE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD									
2001	.....	8-0	.....	10	.....	5	.....	63	.....	1	.....	50.0	135.92	.....	11	.....	2	.....	0.2	.....	0



**BRETT MERRILL**

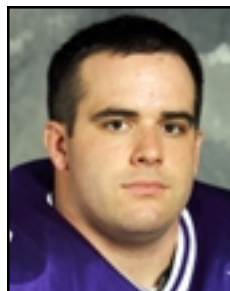
**FLK, 5-8, 156, R-Freshman**  
Ormond Beach, Florida  
Seabreeze High School

**Furman:** Listed as a reserve split end...joined the team as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2002 season. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Seabreeze High School...played wide receiver and defensive

back...helped Seabreeze make state playoffs three straight seasons...caught 30 passes for 552 yards and four touchdowns his senior year...caught three passes for 96 yards and a touchdown in win over Astronaut, giving his team district championship.

**Personal:** Full name is Brett Colin Merrill...son of Sam and Linda Merrill...born May 13, 1983, in Huntsville, Alabama...undeclared major.



**CRAIG MORGAN**

**C, 6-1, 287, Sophomore**  
Huntington, West Virginia  
Huntington High School

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**Furman:** Expected to step in at center following graduation of All-America Chris Stewart...possesses many of the same qualities...one of Furman's strongest players...posted team high 480-pound bench press and had 500-pound squat in spring testing...ranked sixth overall in total weight lifted

(1,266 pounds)...will help form a contingent of three new starters on Furman's offensive front. **2001** — Earned his first action as a backup to starting center Chris Stewart, registering playing time in eight of 11 regular season games...logged 105 snaps...recorded first winning grade of his career (1.95) on a season high 41 plays in 65-7 win over VMI...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll **2000** — Dressed for every game but did not play...awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

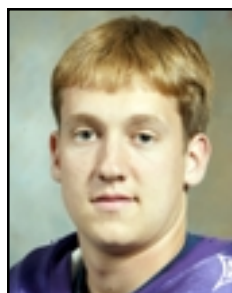
**High School:** 2000 graduate of Huntington High School...football coach was Bob Sang...played center and guard on offense and nose guard and tackle on defense...served as a team captain and earned first team all-conference and all-state honors at center after leading Huntington to an 8-4 record...was selected to play in the state all-star game...wrestled all three years in high school...ranked second in the state in the heavyweight division as a senior.

**Personal:** Full name is Craig Michael Morgan IV...son of Dr. Craig and Pam Morgan...born October 10, 1981, in San Francisco, California...father played football at Southeast Missouri State from 1973-75...undeclared major.

**MORGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	— Block Execution —							— Performance —																	
		P	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH													
2001	.....	8-0	.....	105	.....	0	.....	14	.....	85	.....	6	.....	0	.....	202	.....	1.92	.....	.867	.....	1	.....	0	.....	1.95

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



**MATT MERVES**

**P, 6-2, 181, Junior**  
Farifield, Ohio  
St. Xavier High School

**Furman:** Will compete with Bo Moore and Jeremiah Van Dora for squad punting chores following the graduation of Lee Willis...joined the Furman program as a walk-on at the start of the 2000 season. **2001** — Did not see any action...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Member

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

**High School:** 2000 graduate of St. Xavier High School...football coach was Steve Raggio...handled his squad's punting and placekicking chores...earned Great Catholic League All-Academic honors his senior year after helping St. Xavier to an undefeated season.

**Personal:** Full name is Matthew Henry Merves...son of Marvin and Margaret Merves...born August 5, 1981, in Cincinnati, Ohio...undeclared major.



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**BILLY NAPIER**

QB, 6-3, 210, Senior  
Milledgeville, Georgia  
Murray County High School

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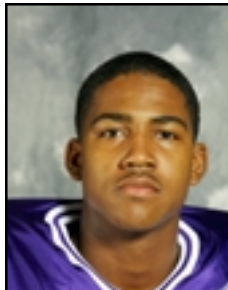
**Furman:** The latest in a long line of distinguished Furman quarterbacks...is coming off an impressive first season as program's signal caller that saw him earn consensus second team All-Southern Conference honors...will be counted on again to deliver quality and needed leadership on a markedly younger squad...as a team captain along with defensive tackle LeBryan Sporing and cornerback Rodney Johnson...possesses good size and strength and a quick release...recorded a power clean of 303 pounds in strength testing this spring...commands a good understanding of the game...father was his high school coach...stands as a critical key to Furman's potential success in 2002, with chance to finish career as one of most successful quarterbacks in Furman history. **2001** — Entered the campaign as one of few question marks on a veteran squad but quickly erased skepticism with solid first season as team's starting quarterback...helped lead Paladins to 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...12 wins represented second highest total in Furman history...threw for 1,772 yards (129-of-207) and 10 touchdowns in regular season...62.3 completion percentage was third best in program history, and passing yardage ranked sixth in Furman record book...top regular season performance came in Paladins' 42-10, conference title clinching win over Chattanooga when he completed 16-of-23 attempts for 218 yards and three touchdowns, for which he earned league offensive player-of-the-week honors...connected with redshirt freshman wide receiver Issac West on a pair of critical play action touchdown strikes to turn back fifth-ranked Appalachian State (28-22)...completed 12-of-19 attempts for 192 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Elon (46-7 win)...threw for scores in all four playoff contests...turned in record setting performance in 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff clash in Statesboro, completing all 12 pass attempts for 159 yards and a touchdown...12-for-12 passing performance represented a new Furman single game record for completion percentage...win snapped Georgia Southern's 39-game home winning streak and marked the Eagles' first home playoff defeat in history (28 games)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Served primarily as a backup to starting quarterback Justin Hill, seeing action in seven games...came off the bench (for an injured Hill) against The Citadel to complete 10-of-16 passes for 170 yards and a touchdown in a 33-7 win...touchdown strike against the Bulldogs covered 26 yards to tight end Trent Sansbury...gained the first start of his career against East Tennessee State (23-21 loss) the next week...finished the year with 353 yards passing (27-of-50) and one score. **1999** — Registered the first playing time of his career, seeing action in seven games as a backup to Justin Hill...completed 11-of-16 passes for 156 yards and a touchdown and also rushed 16 times for 44 yards and a score...tallied the first touchdown of his Furman career on a 15-yard option keeper against William & Mary (52-6 win), for which he earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors...ran for 28 yards on nine carries and completed 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards the next week against VMI (58-0 win)...hooked up with James Thomas on a spectacular throw and catch on a 39-yard touchdown pass against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

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

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

**NAPIER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
1999	7-0	16	11	0	156	1	68.7	171.20	16	44	2.8	1
2000	7-1	50	27	3	353	1	54.0	107.90	30	64	2.1	1
2001	11-11	207	129	9	1772	10	62.3	141.47	61	41	0.7	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-12</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2281</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>137.06</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5</b>



**CAM NEWTON**

FS, 6-2, 192, Sophomore  
Bennettsville, South Carolina  
Marlboro County High School

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**Furman:** Leading contender to take over the starting free safety job vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Josh Cooper...may have to fend off a challenge from sophomore Daniel South in the preseason...emotional, hard hitting performer...has ability to make big plays. **2001** — Registered significant playing time as a backup free safety, and in particular in nickel back situations...also contributed on special teams...recorded 22 tackles, including two-for-loss, over 11-game regular season...notched five tackles each against Elon (46-7 win) and VMI (65-7 win)...tallied four stops in 31-6 victory over East Tennessee State...saw action in all four playoff games. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Marlboro County High School...football coach was Dean Boyd...played defensive back and quarterback during his prep career...earned first team all-state honors and was a Shrine Bowl selection...rushed for over 900 yards and 12 touchdowns and threw for approximately 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior while leading Marlboro County to a 10-2 record and appearance in the state AAAA playoffs...scored three rushing touchdowns in a 21-7 win over Cheraw and tallied 270 yards in total offense in a 38-28 win over North Augusta...totaled 90 tackles and four interceptions as a defensive back...was a starter on Marlboro County's 15-0 state championship team in 1998, his junior year...also starred in basketball as a prep...averaged 18.0 ppg on a 21-5 team that finished as 2000 state runner-up...hit the game winning shot versus Wilson in the lower state championship game.

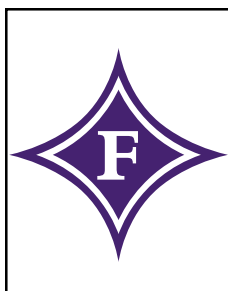
**Personal:** Cameron Lamark Newton...son of Patricia Newton and Campbell Walls, Jr...born May 19, 1982, in Darlington, South Carolina...undeclared major.

**NEWTON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2001	11-0	18	4	22	2	(-4)	0	0	0.0	0	0

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1	18	18.0	0	18



**RORY O'DAY**

FS, 6-0, 198, R-Freshman  
Dallas, Georgia  
Lovett High School

**Furman:** Will provide reserve duty at free safety behind returning veterans Cam Newton and Daniel South...first playing time will likely come on special teams...joined the team as a walk-on at the start of the 2001 season. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Lovett School...football coach was Bill Bailey...played cornerback and wide receiver...totaled 30 tackles, five interceptions, and four caused fumbles his senior year in helping his team to a 12-2 record and third round appearance in state playoffs...named to all-city team.

**Personal:** Full name is Rory Stephen O'Day...born April 19, 1983, in Atlanta, Georgia...son of Fran and Steve O'Day...undeclared major.



**TOREICO O'NEAL**

TB, 5-8, 181, Junior  
Barnesville, Georgia  
Lamar County High School

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**Furman:** Compact, powerful runner who will compete in the pre-season with returning veterans Lamar Rembert and Hindley Brigham and redshirt freshman Brandon Mays for the starting tailback job vacated by the graduation of two-time All-America Louis Ivory...will almost certainly see plenty of action this fall due to





proven ability...boasts excellent speed and cutting skills, but more impressively ranks as the strongest player in Furman program if rated by power index, which factors in player's weight and lifts in three exercises: bench press (480), squat (600), and power clean (275)...if by gross weight lifted in three exercises, his combined lift of 1,315 pounds is only edged out by offensive guard Josh McWhorter, who weighs 268 pounds...squat mark was highest on team and bench press was third best.

**2001** — Contributed in a backup role at tailback during the regular season before combining with Rembert and Brigham to deliver outstanding play in the NCAA I-AA playoffs following knee injury to Louis Ivory in 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in first round playoff action...rushed 12 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns in Furman's 34-17 victory over Lehigh in quarterfinals...first touchdown against Mountain Hawks came on 35-yard run...earned the "prophet" label when, at a press conference following the game, he produced a slip of paper from one of his cleats where he had written down the yardage he predicted he would run for in the contest (133 yards, 2 TDs)...rushed for 24 yards and capped an 11-play, 92-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run the next week in Furman's 24-17 win at Georgia Southern in semifinal playoff action...victory snapped the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak and marked GSU's first home playoff loss (28 games)...strong work in playoffs helped Paladins to 12-3 record and national runner-up finish...totaled 146 yards and a score during the regular season, with best outing coming against VMI (65-7 win), when he ran 14 times for 74 yards and a touchdown...tallied four kickoff returns for 76 yards...had a 36-yard return in 31-6 win over East Tennessee State.

**2000** — Tallied the first playing time of his career, seeing action in 11 games as a member of special teams and as a reserve tailback...ran six times for 36 yards against Newberry (44-10 win)...had four carries for 16 yards and the first touchdown (11 yards) of his career in a 38-14 win over Western Carolina...returned two kickoffs for 35 yards, including one for 26 yards against The Citadel (33-7 win). **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...took home Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Scout Team Award.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Lamar County High School...football coach was Mark Wilson...played six positions, including running back, wide receiver, cornerback, strong safety, free safety, and outside linebacker...ran for over 3,400 yards in three seasons...earned team MVP as a senior after totaling over 2,000 all-purpose yards...rushed for 833 yards and had 350 yards in receptions...led his region in kickoff and punt returns, and finished fifth in passing...rushed for over 1,500 yards and totaled 2,200 all-purpose yards his junior year...compiled 1,100 rushing yards as a sophomore...also starred in track at Lamar County.

**Personal:** Full name is Toreico Laprintti O'Neal...son of Priscilla Perkins O'Neal...born March 13, 1980, in Thomaston, Georgia...health and exercise science major.

O'NEAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2000	11-0	15	64	4.3	1	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	11-0	30	146	4.9	1	19	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2000	11-0	2	35	17.5	0	26
2001	11-0	4	76	19.0	0	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>



EDDIE OVERDYKE

DE, 6-2, 239, Senior  
Lilburn, Georgia  
Brookwood High School

47

**Furman:** Veteran defensive end who appears set to retain starting job he held over the final five games of the 2001 campaign (including playoffs)...will help form a contingent of four returning defensive regulars this fall...has battled injuries for much of his career but has still managed to play a key role in Furman post-

ing a 30-9 record, winning a pair of Southern Conference championships, and earning NCAA I-AA playoff appearances the last three seasons...solid pass rusher...ranks 10th on school's career sacks chart with nine takedowns...very intelligent player. **2001** — Was slowed early in the season with a right ankle sprain and stress fracture of his left tibia...bounced back late in the campaign to take over the starting job at defensive end (for Mike Killian) against Presbyterian (47-28 win) in the final regular season game...remained in starting lineup for four playoff games...tallied only six tackles during regular season, but three were sacks...two takedowns came in Paladins' 42-10, league title clinching win over

Chattanooga...recorded one of biggest plays of the season when, in semifinal playoff contest against Georgia Southern (24-17 win), he recovered an early third quarter fumble at the Eagle 21-yard line to set up a game tying touchdown on next play...win snapped Georgia Southern's 39-game home winning streak and marked the Eagles' first ever home playoff loss (28 games)...helped Furman lead the conference in rushing defense (124.8 ypg)...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Bounced back from shoulder surgery following the 1999 campaign to earn starts at defensive end in four games and playing time in all 11 regular season contests...helped the Paladins pace the league in scoring defense and rushing defense on the way to a 9-3 record, No. 10 final national ranking, and second straight playoff appearance...totaled 24 tackles, six tackles-for-loss, four sacks, and a fumble recovery...four sacks tied Brandon Poole for team high honors...split starting duties with three others at defensive end...returned fumble 20 yards for a touchdown and tallied five tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and 1.5 sacks in a 35-21 win over VMI...notched a pair of sacks and three tackles against Wofford (27-18 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

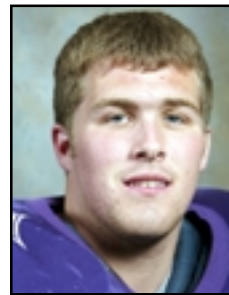
**1999** — Turned in a solid freshman season...saw action in all 11 games and earned three starts at defensive end despite battling a shoulder injury...tallied 26 tackles...garnered four tackles-for-losses and two sacks...registered a season high five tackles and a sack against William & Mary (52-6 win) in the first start of his career...also had five tackles versus Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss) in NCAA I-AA playoff action...other two starts came against VMI (58-0 win) and Western Carolina (27-19 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Brookwood High School...football coach was Dave Hunter...played tight end and defensive end...twice earned all-county and all-state honors after helping Brookwood to successive 13-2, 13-1, and 13-1 records...1996 team went 13-2 and won state title...was selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game...prep teammate of Paladin senior defensive end Andrew Knight and sophomore free safety Daniel South.

**Personal:** Full name is Edward William Overdyke...son of Frank and Fran Overdyke...born October 7, 1980, in Tallahassee, Florida...business administration major.

OVERDYKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
1999	11-3	9	17	26	4 (-11)	0	0	2.0	0
2000	11-4	15	9	24	6 (-40)	0	1	4.0	0
2001	11-1	4	2	6	3 (-18)	1	1	3.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13 (-69)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>0</b>



JUSTIN PERDUE

TE, 6-2, 218, R-Freshman  
Arden, North Carolina  
T.C. Roberson High School

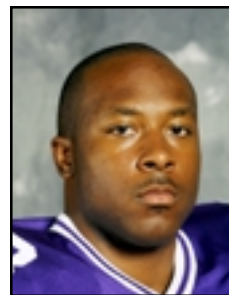
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**Furman:** One of several young tight ends who will compete for the third tight end slot on this year's team...walk-on who joined the program prior to the start of the 2001 season. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Aca-

ademic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of T.C. Roberson High School...football coach was Jerry Wilkins...high school teammate of Paladin redshirt freshman tailback Brandon Mays and linebacker Josh Slagle... played tight end and linebacker...team went 7-5, beat Reynolds, Owen, and Asheville, and advanced into the second round of the state AAA playoffs for first time in school history.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Freeman Perdue...son of Bill and Renee Perdue...born November 11, 1982...undeclared major.



BRANDON POOLE

DE, 6-1, 255, Junior  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Irmo High School

93

**Furman:** Returning starter at defensive end who should be a major contributor and key to Furman's potential defensive success in 2002...helps form a contingent of four returning defensive regulars, three of whom are along the defensive front...has been a regular in the Paladin lineup over the last season and



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a half, playing a key role in Furman going 21-6 and earning back-to-back NCAA I-AA playoff bids over the past two seasons. **2001** — Earned starts at defensive end in all 11 regular season games plus four playoff contests...helped Paladins lead the league in rushing defense (124.8 ypg) on the way to a 12-3 record, league championship, and NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish...tallied 23 tackles, five tackles-for-loss, a sack, and a fumble recovery during the regular season...racked up a season high nine stops and three tackles-for-loss in 20-10 loss to Georgia Southern in regular season clash...registered four tackles and fumble recovery against The Citadel (30-7 win)...sack came against Presbyterian (47-28 win) in regular season finale...put together his best all-around performance in a 34-17 win over Lehigh in NCAA I-AA playoff quarterfinals with six tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and two sacks...sacks against Mountain Hawks helped Furman tally a school playoff game record nine takedowns. **2000** — Proved to be a solid addition to Furman's defensive line as a redshirt freshman...earned starts at defensive end in the final five games...totaled 32 tackles, nine tackles-for-loss, a fumble recovery, four sacks, and a pass deflection...four sacks tied for team lead with defensive end Eddie Overdyke...picked up Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors after totaling five tackles and three sacks against VMI (35-21 win)...notched four stops, two tackles-for-loss, and a sack in a 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga...fumble recovery versus Wofford (27-18 win) led to Paladins' first score of game...helped the Paladins pace the league in scoring defense and rushing defense on the way to a 9-3 record, No. 10 final national ranking, and second straight playoff appearance. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Irmo High School...football coach was Bob Hanna...played defensive end and fullback...earned Irmo Defensive Player-of-the-Year accolades and was selected to play in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game as a senior after helping the Yellow Jackets to a 10-3 record and second round state playoff appearance...also participated in track and basketball at Irmo. **Personal:** Full name is Brandon Deshan Poole...son of Lynn and University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers...born December 27, 1980, in Atlanta, Georgia...political science major.

### POOLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2000	11-4	16	14	30	8 (-47)	0	1	4.0	1
2001	11-11	18	5	23	5 (-20)	0	1	1.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>13 (-67)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1</b>



### JUSTIN PORTER

**DT, 6-2, 258, R-Freshman**  
Bowman, Georgia  
Elbert County High School

95

**Furman:** Figures to be in the mix and battling for playing time at defensive tackle this year behind returning All-Southern Conference performer LeBryan Sperling, according to head coach Bobby Lamb...made steady improvement in his first year with the program. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Elbert County High School...football coach was Mike Falluer...played offensive and defensive tackle...missed the first four games his senior year due to injury but returned to help Elbert County to an 8-3 record...all-state...recorded 13 tackles, a sack, and a pass deflection in 7-6 playoff game loss to North Forsyth...earned all-area honors as an offensive tackle his junior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Stalin Justin Porter...son of Stalin Porter and Cobeale Dye...born May 21, 1983, in Royston, Georgia...undeclared major.



### JUSTIN PRICE

**OG, 6-5, 261, Senior**  
Mauldin, South Carolina  
Mauldin High School

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**Furman:** Greenville County product who with 332 career snaps stands as the most experienced of Furman's three new potential starters along the offensive front...appears set to battle junior Josh McWhorter for the starting nod at left guard vacated by the graduation of two-time All-America performer

Marty Priore...described by position coach Clay Hendrix as the hardest worker and most physical player in his group...enjoyed a fine spring practice...smart player who can play both guard slots...earned his undergraduate diploma in May. **2001** — Earned playing time in all 11 regular season games, including nine contests as a backup to guards Marty Priore and Trevor Kruger...tallied 172 plays, including a season high 55 snaps after coming in for an injured Kruger (sprained ankle) in the Paladins' 20-10 regular season loss to Georgia Southern...notched a season high blocking grade of 1.94 and four knockdowns on 36 plays against VMI (65-7 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Logged playing time in seven games as a backup to Trevor Kruger at right offensive guard and as a member of special teams...notched season high 34 plays and a winning grade of 1.97 in a 44-10 win over Newberry...had 24 play participations against Western Carolina (38-14 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Registered his first action as a Paladin working in a backup role at guard and also on special teams...saw his most playing time against VMI (58-0 win), tallying 32 plays and a blocking grade of .781 percent...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Junior Varsity Award.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of Mauldin High School, where he was a teammate of Paladin sophomore offensive tackle Stephen Schroeder...football coach was John Abercrombie...played five positions: tight end, defensive end, defensive tackle, offensive guard, and offensive tackle...earned all-county honors and set a school single game record for tackles-for-loss his senior year...served as a team captain in 1997, helping Mauldin to a 6-6 record and appearance in the state playoffs after going 0-11 in 1995, his sophomore year...also participated in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin John Price...son of Charles Gregory and Debrah John Price...uncle Zach Price played football at Duke from 1978-82...uncle David Price was a standout baseball player at Eastern Kentucky from 1964-68...born December 20, 1979, in Roanoke, Va...graduated from Furman in May with a degree in political science.

### PRICE'S CAREER STATISTICS

— Block Execution — — Performance —

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
1999	11-0	66	1	11	50	4	0	123	1.86	.818	0	0	...
2000	11-0	94	0	14	76	3	1	179	1.90	.851	1	0	1.97
2001	11-0	172	0	26	137	7	0	321	1.87	.837	2	0	1.94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-0</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>.837</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.97</b>

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



### LAMAR REMBERT

**TB, 5-8, 180, Junior**  
Ocala, Florida  
Bellevue High School

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**Furman:** Proven performer who helps comprise one of the most talented group of tailbacks seen at Furman in a number of years...heads into pre-season practice poised to compete with veterans Toreico O'Neal and Hindley Brigham, and redshirt freshman Brandon Mays for the starting job vacated by the graduation of

two-time All-America Louis Ivory...will see plenty of action regardless of who starts...compact, strong runner much in the same mold as O'Neal and Brigham...nickname is "Shakes"...emerged from strength testing in spring rated as third strongest player in program as determined by strength index, which factors in body weight and performances in three exercises: bench press, squat, and power clean...tied O'Neal and fullback Eric Emerson for team high honors with 600-pound squat...has also contributed as a kickoff return specialist during his career. **2001** — Served as a backup tailback during the regular season before combining with O'Neil and Brigham to deliver outstanding play in the NCAA I-AA playoffs...emergence in playoffs came after Ivory sustained a knee injury in 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in first round playoff action...earned his first career start the following week against Lehigh in quarterfinals, rushing 11 times for 66 yards and combining with O'Neal and Brigham to total 299 yards and two touchdowns in 34-17 victory over the Mountain Hawks...registered nine carries for 48 yards the next week to help Furman post a 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern in Statesboro, thereby snapping the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak and handing GSU its first ever home playoff





defeat (28 games)...blocked a punt on the first possession of the VMI game (65-7 win) to set up Paladins' first touchdown...later ran back a kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown against the Keydets...had three rushes for 32 yards in 31-13 win over Western Carolina. **2000** — Garnered the first action of his career, seeing action as a backup to Louis Ivory and as a member of special teams...totaled 33 carries for 197 yards...averaged 6.0 yards per carry...rushing total was fourth best on squad...had nine carries for a season high 74 yards against Newberry (44-10 win)...performance against Newberry included long run of 21 yards and 44-yard kickoff return...ran for 38 yards on eight carries against Western Carolina (38-14 win) and had four rushes for 33 yards against Georgia Southern (45-10 win). **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Belleview High School...football coach was Brent Hall...played tailback...earned team MVP, all-area, area player-of-the-year, and third team all-state honors as a senior after rushing for 1,701 yards and 24 touchdowns while helping Belleview to a 9-3 record and second round of Florida's 5A state playoffs...fine senior season followed a junior campaign that saw him rush for 1,829 yards and 23 touchdowns...ran for over 300 yards in two games and scored an incredible seven touchdowns in one contest...rushed for 4,320 yards and 55 touchdowns in three seasons at Belleview...was an outstanding performer in track...clocked a school record 22.3 in the 200m his senior year...finished third in the state 100m final with a time of 10.66 as a junior.

**Personal:** Full name is Bernard Lamar Rembert...son of Daisy and Bernard Rembert...born May 18, 1981, in Ocala, Florida...political science major.

**REMBERT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2000	11-0	33	197	6.0	0	21	1	3	3.0	0	3
2001	11-0	21	108	5.1	0	27	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2000	11-0	2	44	22.0	0	44
2001	11-0	1	77	77.0	1	77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>77</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1*	8	8.0	0	8

\* Blocked punt vs. VMI

with Billy Napier on 49-yard touchdown strike in 34-17 triumph over Lehigh in quarterfinals...notched five receptions for 82 yards and a score in 24-17 victory at Georgia Southern in semifinals...helped Paladins erase 17-7 halftime deficit to Eagles with 21-yard, third quarter touchdown catch that tied the game at 17-17...victory snapped Georgia Southern's 39-game home winning streak and represented first home playoff loss (28 games) in GSU history. **2000** — Fashioned a breakthrough season...had a strong finish that saw him complete the campaign as Furman's top receiver with 19 catches for 385 yards and two touchdowns...had perhaps his best game in Furman's 45-44 overtime win over Chattanooga, catching four passes for 70 yards and a touchdown (37 yards)...score against Chattanooga included several nifty moves and two broken tackles...caught three passes for 99 yards and a touchdown (37 yards) against Georgia Southern (45-10 win)...had a season long 55-yard reception against Wofford (27-18 win) that set up his own 8-yard scoring run off a reverse...also had a 14-yard touchdown run off a reverse against Western Carolina (38-14 win)...took home Furman's Best Receiver Award following the season. **1999** — Registered the first action of his career, appearing in all 12 games as a backup wide receiver...caught three passes for 38 yards...had one reception for nine yards versus William & Mary (52-6 win)...came back the next week with a 14-yard reception against VMI (58-0 win)...third catch covered 15 yards versus Wofford (30-3 win)...had a 14-yard punt return versus VMI. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of Seneca High School...football coach was Tom Bass...played wide receiver, defensive back, tailback, free safety, and defensive end over the course of his high school career...also returned kickoffs...caught a school season record 50 passes and had 16 touchdown receptions his senior year in helping Seneca to a 10-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...was named to the Anderson Independent "Fab 15" team and earned all-region and all-state honors...as a junior, caught 27 passes and scored four touchdowns on a Seneca squad that went 14-1 and finished as state runner-up...also ran track, competing in the 100 and 200 meters, and played baseball at Seneca.

**Personal:** Full name is William Stanley Rinehart, III...son of William and Cindy Rinehart...nickname is in honor of legendary University of Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant...born September 6, 1980, in Greenville, South Carolina...is a very accomplished musician (guitar), singer, and songwriter...plays in band called "Need To Breathe"...political science major.

**RINEHART'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
1999	11-0	3	38	12.7	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
2000	11-0	19	385	20.3	2	55	2	22	11.0	2	14
2001	11-11	34	519	15.3	6	44	2	12	6.0	0	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-11</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2000	11-0	1	14	14.0	0	14
2001	11-0	10	91	9.1	0	22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>



**BEAR RINEHART**

**FLK, 6-0, 192, Senior**  
**Seneca, South Carolina**  
**Seneca High School**



**Furman:** All-Southern Conference performer who will again start at flanker and also likely retain his role as punt return specialist...headlines a talented and experienced Paladin receiving corps that promises to be a major point of focus in 2002...has superb hands...runs efficient routes and has the ability to

make the spectacular reception and big play after the catch...is a proven threat off the reverse...sports impressive savvy and is a quality blocker...stands as a big key to Furman's potential offensive success in 2002...has been a key contributor over the last two seasons, helping Furman go 21-6 and earn back-to-back NCAA I-AA playoff bids over that span...heads into the season ranked ninth on Furman career touchdown receptions chart and with solid campaign should finish among all-time leaders in receptions and receiving yards. **2001** — Earned consensus second team All-Southern Conference honors after catching 34 passes for team leading 519 yards and another team high six touchdowns during the regular season...also averaged 9.1 yards on 10 punt returns...helped lead Furman to a 12-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and national runner-up finish...including play-offs, finished the season with 47 receptions for 749 yards and eight touchdowns — all team highs...collected a pair of touchdown passes, including a stunning 19-yard scoring reception in the back of the end zone in 42-10 league title clinching win over Chattanooga...had six catches for 74 yards in 31-6 triumph over East Tennessee State...performance against ETSU included one-handed, 20-yard reception (at the Buccaneer 3-yard line) that is considered by many to be one of the finest catches by a Paladin receiver in recent memory...had five catches for 82 yards and a touchdown against The Citadel (30-7 win)...notched five receptions for 68 yards and a score against Western Carolina (31-13 win)...was superb in four NCAA I-AA playoff games, catching 13 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns...connected



**CEDRICK RITTER**

**LB, 6-2, 222, Sophomore**  
**Fairfax, South Carolina**  
**Allendale-Fairfax High School**



**Furman:** Highly regarded player who used a solid freshman campaign and strong spring practice to position himself as a starting candidate at weak side linebacker...part of a group of young linebackers expected to emerge on Furman's defense this fall...sports excellent athletic ability, combining speed,

strength, and agility to give him impressive potential...very coachable...emerged in the spring as ninth strongest player in Furman program, as measured by strength index (which factors in body weight) and by gross weight lifted (1,240 pounds) in three exercises: bench press (415), squat (500), and power clean (325)...bench press was seventh best mark on team and power clean ranked sixth on squad. **2001** — Registered playing time in all 11 regular season games and four playoff contests — all in a backup role...totaled 43 tackles, a pair of sacks, four pass deflections, two interceptions, and a blocked punt in the regular season...put together his best performance in a 31-6 win over East Tennessee State, recording four tackles, a tackle-for-loss, an interception, a pass deflection, and a blocked punt...had season high six tackles against both VMI (65-7 win) and Wofford (45-14 win)...recorded sacks in 31-13 victory over Western Carolina and in 28-22 triumph over fifth-ranked Appalachian State...earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-



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the-Week honors for his play against Presbyterian (47-28 win), which included five tackles and an interception. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Allendale-Fairfax High School...football coach was Carlos Cave...played middle linebacker and offensive tackle during his prep career...totaled 145 tackles and two interceptions on a 5-5 team his senior year...earned all-region honors and was selected to play in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...had 127 tackles and a fumble recovery for a touchdown his junior year...also played basketball and ran track in high school.

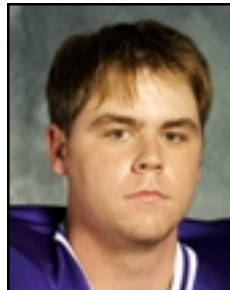
**Personal:** Full name is Cedrick Ja'Quence Ritter...son of Patricia and Ricky Wright...born January 26, 1982, in Fairfax, South Carolina...undeclared major.

### ITTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2001	11-0	23	20	43	4 (-20)	1	0	2.0	2	4

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1*	19	19.0	0	19

\* Blocked punt vs. East Tennessee State



## STEPHEN SCHROEDER

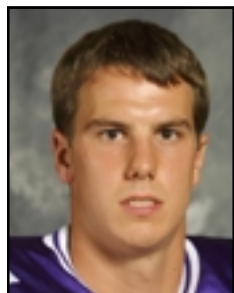
**OT, 6-4, 257, Sophomore**  
Mauldin, South Carolina  
Mauldin High School



**Furman:** Attempting a comeback after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery last fall...did not participate in spring practice due to ongoing rehabilitation efforts...comeback will be as an offensive tackle following time at tight end. **2001** — Sustained a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament in preseason and sat out the entire campaign following surgery. **2000** — Member of scout team...worked at defensive tackle for much of the season before moving to tight end prior to the start of spring practice...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Mauldin High School...football coach was John Abercrombie...saw action as a running back, tight end, and outside linebacker during his prep career...earned team MVP, all-county and all-region honors as a running back after rushing for 850 yards and a school record 17 touchdowns his senior year...team advanced into second round of state playoffs...was selected to play in South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...also participated in track and field while at Mauldin...former high school teammate of Paladin senior offensive guard Justin Price.

**Personal:** Full name is Stephen Kenneth Schroeder...son of Dan and Marcia Schroeder...born July 10, 1982, in Morehead, Kentucky...uncle, Jim Currin, played in the NFL...undeclared major.



## ANDY RUMP

**SE, 6-1, 186, Senior**  
Sherborn, Massachusetts  
Dover-Sherborn High School



**Furman:** Experienced performer who adds depth to the Paladin receiving corps, providing reserve duty at split end...good blocker...began his Furman career at defensive back before moving to split end...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1998 season. **2001** — Earned his second letter after

seeing action as a reserve and as a contributor on special teams...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2000** — Earned his first letter after seeing time in a reserve roll...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1999** — Registered the first playing time of his career but did not letter...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of Dover-Sherborn High School...football coach was Harry Rose...played quarterback, defensive back, and linebacker...earned team MVP honors and was named to the state all-star team as a senior...as a quarterback set a pair of school records, including 21 completions in one game and a 90-yard TD pass.

**Personal:** Full name is Andrew Ronald Rump...son of Joan and Ron Rump...born November 30, 1979, in Natick, Massachusetts...business major.



## JOHN SHIELDS

**DE, 6-7, 235, R-Freshman**  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Christ Presbyterian Academy



**Furman:** Promising young player who fashioned a good spring practice to position himself for potential playing time as a reserve defensive end this year...underwent shoulder surgery in April but is expected to make a complete recovery in time for fall drills...ranks as the tallest player in the program...size

could allow him to be a factor with improved strength and technique, according to head coach Bobby Lamb. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Christ Presbyterian Academy where he played alongside Paladin redshirt freshman safety David Latimer...football coach was David Pack...saw action at guard, tackle, tight end, and defensive end...registered a team leading 147 tackles and earned second team all-midstate (all classifications) and all-state honors as senior after helping pace his team to a 15-0 record and state A championship...recorded 14 tackles and a pair of sacks in a 49-15 win over Knoxville-Webb...garnered Blue Cross Bowl (state championship) Defensive MVP honors...served as a team captain his senior year...also competed in track.

**Personal:** Full name is John Paul Shields...son of Harry and Mary Beth Shields...born March 16, 1982, in Knoxville, Tennessee...undeclared major.



## JOHN RUST

**TE, 6-4, 211, R-Freshman**  
Burlington, North Carolina  
Williams High School



**Furman:** Turned in a solid spring practice to position himself as the backup to projected starting tight end Willis Sudderth...should see playing time this fall due to good speed and receiving skills...emergence could be a big key to Furman's potential offensive success following the departure of three-time All-Southern

Conference tight end Trent Sansbury. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Walter M. Williams High School...football coach was Sam Story...played tight end and returned punts...moved from Illinois to North Carolina after his junior year...earned all-conference and all-region honors in 2000 after helping lead Williams to a 9-3 record, conference championship, and state playoff appearance...caught 20 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns in 2000...had a 55-yard punt return for a touchdown against Bartlett Yancey...landed all-conference and all-area honors as a junior at Woodstock (Illinois) High School after catching 29 passes for 550 yards and five scores...also starred in basketball and track as a prep...basketball squad at Woodstock went 21-7 and won region championship in 2000...member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is John Carl Rust...son of Joy and Steve Rust...born February 6, 1983, in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida...undeclared major.



## JOHN MARK SHIFLET

**PK, 5-9, 160, R-Freshman**  
McCormick, South Carolina  
McCormick High School

**Furman:** Listed as Furman's third placekicker coming out of spring practice...will back up returning All-Southern Conference performer Danny Marshall and Brian Kovach...walk-on who joined the program prior to the start of the 2001 season. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of McCormick High School...played strong safety and handled kicking duties...football coach was Michael Allen...two-time first team all-region selection and all-state pick his senior year...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is John Mark Shiflet...son of John and Debbie Shiflet...born February 22, 1983, in Greenwood, South Carolina.





**JOSH SLAGLE**

**LB, 5-10, 203, R-Freshman**  
**Arden, North Carolina**  
**T.C. Roberson High School**

**54**

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at linebacker...walk-on who joined the program prior to the start of the 2001 season. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of T.C. Roberson High School...football coach was Jerry Wilkins...played linebacker and offensive guard...prep teammate of Paladin redshirt freshman tailback Brandon Mays and tight end Justin Perdue...earned first team all-conference, all-area, all-county, and All-Western North Carolina in 2000 after totaling 193 tackles and four sacks...had 22 tackles in 27-13 win over Reynolds. **Personal:** Full name is Joshua Allen Slagle...son of Karen and Dennis Slagle...born April 14, 1983, in Harve de Grace, Maryland...father played football and baseball at West Virginia Wesleyan in mid 1970s...undeclared major.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Brookwood High School, the same high school of Paladin seniors Andrew Knight and Eddie Overdyke...football coach was Dave Hunter...played quarterback and free safety during his tenure at Brookwood...selected to play in the prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game following a senior season that saw his squad post a 9-3 record and advance into the second round of the state AAAA playoffs...was named Gwinnett Touchdown Club Athlete-of-the-Year...served as a team captain...twice earned first team all-region and all-county honors as a free safety...starred as a lefffielder on Brookwood's baseball team.

**Personal:** Full name is Daniel Godfrey South...son of Jeff and Cindy South...born October 26, 1981, in Charlotte, North Carolina...undeclared major.

**SOUTH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2001	11-0	19	9	28	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	1	1

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF	RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1	10	10.0	0	10	



**GLENN SMITH**

**DE, 6-3, 207, Sophomore**  
**Mobile, Alabama**  
**St. Paul's Episcopal School**

**82**

**Furman:** Expected to compete for playing time as a reserve defensive end again this season...should also contribute as a member of special teams...very mobile. **2001** — Saw his first action, primarily as a member of special teams but also as a reserve defensive end...collected 12 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and

a sack...had season high four tackles and half sack in 65-7 win over VMI...notched three stops and half sack against Chattanooga (42-10 win). **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of St. Paul's Episcopal School...football coach was Eddie Guth...played offensive guard, defensive end, and tight end...racked up a school record 42 sacks and finished third on career tackles ledger with 290...tallied 119 tackles, 19 sacks, 10 caused fumbles, four blocked punts, and two interceptions as senior in leading his squad to an 11-2 record and quarterfinal finish in state playoffs...garnered Mobile County Defensive Lineman-of-the-Year, all-region, and all-state honors in 1999...senior year followed a brilliant all-state junior campaign that included 95 tackles, 13 sacks, and 12 catches for 280 yards and three scores as a tight end 12-2 team...also starred on the baseball field as a prep.

**Personal:** Full name is Ernest Glenn Smith, Jr...son of Ernie and Tanya Smith...born January 5, 1982, in Mobile, Alabama...undeclared major.

**SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2001	10-0	5	7	12	2 (-6)	0	0	1.0	0



**DANIEL SOUTH**

**FS, 6-0, 201, Sophomore**  
**Snellville, Georgia**  
**Brookwood High School**

**10**

**Furman:** Tough, physical, hard-hitting player who is expected to battle for significant playing time with Cam Newton at free safety following the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Josh Cooper...ranks as one of the team's stronger players as measured by the strength index, which factors in body weight

with performances in the bench press, squat, and power clean exercises...ranked seventh overall in the power clean exercise with a lift of 319 pounds...posted a squat of 500 pounds in spring testing. **2001** — Proved to be a key contributor as a nickel back and member of special teams...totaled 28 tackles in 11 regular season contests...posted a pair of six-tackle outings against VMI (65-7 win) and Appalachian State (28-22 win)...recorded an interception in a 46-7 victory over Elon. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.



**LEBRYAN SPURLING**

**DT, 6-2, 287, Senior**  
**Decatur, Georgia**  
**Southwest DeKalb High School**

**98**

**Furman:** Ranks as the most experienced player in Furman's program with 26 regular season starts over the past three seasons (31 including playoffs)...consensus two-time All-Southern Conference selection who headlines a young Paladin defensive unit that returns only four regulars off last

year's team, three of whom are on the defensive front...will be counted on heavily for leadership and solid play in 2002...will serve as a team captain along with Rodney Johnson and Billy Napier...very strong physically...emerged from strength testing in the spring as the team's third strongest player in gross weight lifted (1,302 pounds) in three exercises: bench press (415), squat (535), and power clean (352)...power clean mark tied for team high...has been instrumental in Furman posting a 30-9 record, winning two conference titles, and earning three NCAA I-AA playoff appearances since 1999...has chance to finish career among Furman all-time sacks leaders. **2001** — Landed consensus second team All-Southern Conference honors after helping Furman to a 12-3 record, league championship, and national runner-up finish...earned starts at defensive tackle in 10 regular season games...missed the East Tennessee State contest (31-6 win) due to a sprained knee sustained the week before in a 30-7 triumph over The Citadel...tallied 37 tackles, seven tackles-for-loss, three sacks, a caused fumble, and a fumble recovery in the regular season...delivered outstanding work in four playoff games, totaling 15 tackles, including six stops in 24-17 triumph over Georgia Southern...victory over Eagles snapped GSU's 39-game home winning streak...posted back-to-back, seven-tackle outings against Wofford (45-14 win) and Chattanooga (42-10 win)...recorded sacks against Wyoming (20-14 loss) and in a 46-7 triumph over Elon to start the season...fumble recovery also came against Elon...helped key a Furman defense that paced the conference in rushing defense (124.8 ypg)...claimed the second Furman Best Defensive Lineman Award of his career. **2000** — Fashioned an outstanding campaign, earning consensus second team All-Southern Conference honors in voting by league head coaches and media...helped the Paladins pace the league in scoring defense and rushing defense on the way to a 9-3 record, No. 10 final national ranking, and second straight playoff appearance...paced all Paladin defensive linemen with 45 tackles...had five tackles-for-loss and a sack...notched a season high seven tackles in a 16-3 win over Elon...had six stops, two tackles-for-loss, and a sack against Appalachian State (18-17 loss). **1999** — Captured Furman Freshman-of-the-Year and Best Defensive Lineman Awards after totaling 26 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and two sacks in 11 regular season games...earned starts at strong side tackle in four contests...collected five tackles against North Carolina (28-3 win)...had four stops and a sack against Western Carolina (27-19 win)...other sack came against VMI (58-0 win)...garnered four stops against Massachusetts in NCAA I-AA playoff action.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Southwest DeKalb High School...football coach was William Godfrey...played offensive guard, defensive end, and defensive tackle...earned All-Metro Atlanta honors after totaling 52 tackles and 10.5 sacks in helping his team to a 10-2 record and 1998 region title...played two seasons at Southwest DeKalb following two years at Ensley High School in Birmingham, Ala. **Personal:** Full name is LeBryan Antoine Spurling...son of Elaine Smith-Spurling and Charles and Faye Spurling...born May 17, 1981, in Decatur, Georgia...double



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## THE PLAYERS

major in philosophy and political science.

### SPERLING'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
1999	11-4	11	15	26	9 (-48)	0	1	4.0	1
2000	11-11	21	24	45	5 (-16)	1	1	1.0	0
2001	11-11	22	15	37	7 (-15)	1	1	3.0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-26</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>21 (-79)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2</b>



**NICK STAVRAKIS**  
**OG, 5-11, 244, Sophomore**  
**Garden City Beach, South Carolina**  
**Socastee High School**

**Furman:** Slated to provide reserve duty at offensive guard...posted a squat of 500 pounds in spring testing...walk-on who joined the program after the start of the 2000 season. **2001** — Registered his first playing time, appearing in two games: Elon (46-7 win) and VMI (65-7 win)...had 11 snaps versus VMI. **2000**

— Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.  
**High School:** 2000 graduate of Socastee High School...football coach was 1990 Paladin All-America center Steve Duggan...played offensive guard and tackle and defensive tackle during his career...tallied 64 tackles, 15 tackles-for-loss, four quarterback sacks, and three fumble recoveries as a senior in helping his team to a 7-4 record...served as a team co-captain in 1999.  
**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Theodore Stavrakis...son of Theodore and Jackilyn Stavrakis...born September 20, 1982, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...father played football at Clarion State from 1972-74...communications major.

### STAVRAKIS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	— Block Execution —				— Performance —							
		PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	.PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
2001	2-0	13	0	1	11	1	0	26	2.00	.923	0	0	0

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



**KEN STRIGGLES**  
**NG/DT, 6-2, 265, R-Freshman**  
**Stockbridge, Georgia**  
**Riverdale High School** **97**

**Furman:** Heads into the 2002 pre-season as Furman's fifth interior defensive lineman, with ability to play nose guard or tackle...expected to see his first action this fall...bid for playing time will be aided by improved strength. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Riverdale High School...football coach was Thomas Smith...played defensive end...served as captain and earned all-region and county "Elite Eight" recognition his senior year.  
**Personal:** Full name is Kenneth Daughtry Striggles, Jr...son of Janis Striggles...born April 14, 1983, in Miami, Florida...undeclared major.



**WILLIS SUDDERTH**  
**TE, 6-3, 241, Sophomore**  
**Lilburn, Georgia**  
**Parkview High School** **84**

**Furman:** Faces the difficult task of taking over for graduated three-time All-Southern Conference performer Trent Sansbury, who in the spring signed a free agent contract with the Cincinnati Bengals...is the only experienced tight end in Furman's program...possesses solid blocking skills...has po-

tential to be a good receiver. **2001** — Ranked alongside fullback Eric Emerson and defensive end Travis Jones as true freshmen who had the most impact on team...playing time followed difficult move from defensive end to tight end in the pre-season...made the adjustment in good fashion and saw playing time in all 11 regular season games...lone pass reception (10 yards) came in 65-7 rout of VMI.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of football powerhouse Parkview High School...football coach was Cecil Flowe...played tight end, defensive end, offensive tackle, and defensive tackle...was a key member of 15-0 state AAAAA championship team in 2000...earned *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* first team All-State honors after totaling 122 tackles, 14 tackles-for-loss, seven sacks, two caused fumbles, and two fumble recoveries...garnered 11 tackles in an 8-7 overtime win over Harrison, 11 tackles in 21-0 shutout of South Gwinnett, 13 tackles and two sacks in 18-17 triumph over Brookwood, and 10 tackles in 27-10 victory over Westside-Macon...registered 79 stops and six sacks his junior year on a Parkview squad that went 11-2...in all totaled 271 tackles and 14 sacks in his career...Parkview program posted 48-8 record and won two state championships in his four-year tenure...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Willis Mychal Sudderth...son of Sheila and Marcus Sudderth...born November 11, 1982, in San Antonio, Texas.

### SUDDERTH'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1	10	10.0	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	2	12	6.0	0	9



**COREY TANT**  
**FB, 5-11, 209, Sophomore**  
**Easley, South Carolina**  
**Easley High School** **35**

**Furman:** Hopes to put injury plagued freshman season behind him and compete for playing time this fall at a crowded fullback position that includes sophomores Eric Emerson and Al Means...owns quality game experience and sports the best speed of all Paladin fullbacks...also possesses impressive

strength...squat of 535 pounds in spring testing ranked seventh on team. **2001** — Garnered his first playing time at fullback and as a member of special teams...sustained a concussion in spring practice prior to the season, and suffered a second concussion on a kickoff return in the regular season finale against Presbyterian (47-28 win)...lone touchdown came on 2-yard plunge against VMI (65-7 win). **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Easley High School, where he played alongside Paladin redshirt freshman quarterback Matt Cain...football coach was Mike Barnes...played tailback and linebacker as a prep...was named team MVP, Pickens County Player-of-the-Year, all-region, and AAAAA all-state in 1999 after rushing for 2,013 yards (7.7 ypc) and 17 touchdowns...was also selected to participate in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...ran for 985 yards and 12 touchdowns his junior year...team went 12-1 his sophomore year.

**Personal:** Full name is Jonathan Corey Tant...son of Donnie and Deborah Tant...born June 15, 1982, in Greenville, South Carolina...undeclared major.

### TANT'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	12	43	3.6	1	10	0	0	0.0	0	0

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	11-0	1	9	9.0	0	9





**JAMES THOMAS**  
SE, 5-10, 190, Senior  
Marianna, Florida  
Marianna High School

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**Furman:** Talented, experienced player who will have to clear academic hurdles over the summer to rejoin team in the fall...sports the best hands in Furman's receiving corps...catches the ball well in traffic and also excels as a blocker...one of the best leapers in the program...successful return would give Paladins

six offensive starters and another quality receiver. **2001** — Started at split end in all 11 regular season games...played a key role in Furman posting a 12-3 record, claiming a Southern Conference championship, and finishing as national runner-up...ranked third on the squad in receiving with 27 catches for 402 yards and a touchdown...turned in a career best performance in 45-14 win over Wofford with seven receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown, which covered 18 yards...had four catches for 67 yards versus Presbyterian (47-28 win)...scored Furman's lone touchdown in 13-6 national championship game loss to Montana when he gathered in a 54-yard Billy Napier pass on last play of the game...returned a blocked punt (by teammate Lamar Rembert) 38 yards to set up first touchdown of the game in 65-7 rout of VMI. **2000** — Put together a good season serving primarily as a backup to Zach Smerdzinski at split end but did earn starts at the position in three contests: vs. Newberry (44-10 win), William & Mary (34-10 win), and The Citadel (33-7 win)...caught nine passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns...scoring receptions covered 17 yards against Newberry (44-10 win) and 36 yards versus VMI (35-21 win)...had three catches versus Hofstra (31-24 loss) in NCAA I-AA playoffs. **1999** — Gained the attention of Furman fans in his first season of action with four catches for 93 yards and a touchdown...score came against East Tennessee State (48-21 win) on a diving catch between two defenders to complete a 33-yard strike from backup quarterback Billy Napier...had two catches for 31 yards versus VMI (58-0 win) and one reception for 29 yards against Georgia Southern (41-38 loss)...caught two passes for 16 yards versus Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss) in NCAA I-AA playoffs. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1998 graduate of Marianna High School...football coach was Greg Guy...played wide receiver and cornerback...earned all-county and first team all-state honors as a senior after catching 51 passes for 959 yards and 11 touchdowns...also averaged 17.8 yards on punt returns and collected six interceptions on a team that went 8-4 and claimed the District 3-A title...participated in the Florida North-South All-Star Game...junior season highlights included 50 receptions for 504 yards and five interceptions...averaged 18.9 points and 8.0 rebounds per game on Marianna's basketball squad that went 20-10 and claimed a district championship...was a first team all-county and third team all-state basketball selection...National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is James Allen Thomas...son of Haywood and Callie Thomas...born October 30, 1979, in Marianna, Florida...health and exercise science major.

**THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
1999	11-0	4	93	23.3	1	33	0	0	0.0	0	0
2000	11-3	9	130	14.4	2	36	1	7	7.0	0	7
2001	11-11	27	402	14.9	1	41	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-14</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>



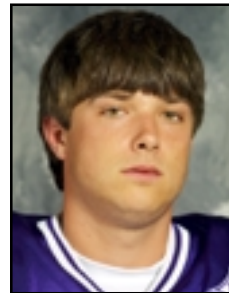
**JAMIE TYSON**  
TE, 6-2, 203, Sophomore  
Woodstock, Georgia  
Woodstock High School

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**Furman:** Will compete with a host of inexperienced young tight ends for a reserve role behind projected starter Willis Sudderth...has made solid strides in the weight room since joining the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2000 season...lift of 330 pounds in the power clean ranked fourth on squad. **2001** —

Did not see any action. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Woodstock High School...coach was Chuck Budde...played defensive end...served as team captain, led team in sacks, and earned all-region honors his senior year...was an all-county honoree as a junior. **Personal:** Full name is Jamie Andrew Tyson...son of Dana Ellington and Lone Tyson...born November 4, 1981, in Atlanta, Georgia...undeclared major.



**JEREMIAH VAN DORA**  
QB, 6-1, 191, Sophomore  
Hartwell, Georgia  
Hart County High School

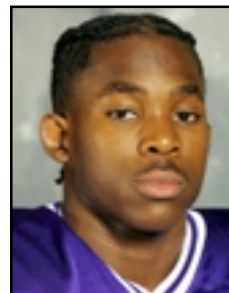
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**Furman:** Emerged from spring practice as a reserve quarterback and contender for squad punting chores vacated by the graduation of Lee Willis...at both positions will battle Bo Moore for playing time...will also likely retain his role as holder on placements...joined the Furman program as a walk-on in January of 2001

after spending the fall 2000 term at South Carolina. **2001** — Registered his first action as a holder for extra points and field goals. **2000** — Walked on at the University of South Carolina...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Hart County High School...football coach was William DeVane...played quarterback and punted during his prep career...earned 8-AA Region Player-of-the-Year his senior year after passing for 1,700 yards and 18 touchdowns in leading Hart County to a 14-1 record and state runner-up finish...also rushed for 850 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior...was twice named all-state as a punter...averaged 42.8 yards per punt his junior year and 42.3 yards per punt as a senior.

**Personal:** Full name is Jeremiah Tash Van Dora...son of Tash and Druanne Van Dora...born October 7, 1981, in Athens, Georgia...father played football at Georgia Tech in late 1960s...undeclared major.



**ISAAC WEST**  
SE, 6-0, 185, Sophomore  
Augusta, Georgia  
Butler High School

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**Furman:** Considered one of the most talented players in Furman's program...has proven big play ability...sports excellent hands, speed, and jumping ability...elusive runner...finished spring practice listed as the Paladins projected starter at split end...ranks as Furman's fourth strongest player in the program

as determined by strength index, which factors in body weight and lifts in the bench press, squat, and power clean...recorded a squat of 500 pounds in spring testing...figures to be a major key to Furman's potential offensive success in 2002.

**2001** — Fashioned a solid inaugural season working as a backup wide receiver...caught 20 passes for 277 yards and a pair of touchdowns in 10 regular season games...missed The Citadel game (30-7 win) with a bruised shoulder...also led Furman and ranked third in the Southern Conference in punt returns with 16 attempts for 158 yards (9.9 avg.)...put together his finest game in a 28-22 win over fifth-ranked Appalachian State, catching six passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns on the way to earning league freshman-of-the-week honors...scoring catches, which came off play action, covered 39 and 30 yards...had a key 21-yard touchdown catch in 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Butler High School...football coach was David Land...played an amazing eight positions during his prep career, including quarterback, running back, wide receiver, and defensive back...also handled the team's punting and placekicking chores, as well as punt and kickoff returns...caught 48 passes for 762 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year...returned one kickoff for a touchdown and totaled 70 tackles, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery...top game as a receiver came in a 27-19 loss to Cedar Shoals when he caught eight passes for 142 yards and three touchdowns...connected on a 40-yard field goal versus Josey and averaged over 40.0 yards on punts...earned first team all-metro,



all-area, and all-state AAAA honors...caught 34 passes for 550 yards and five touchdowns his junior year...also starred in baseball, wrestling, tennis, and track at Butler...pitched and played centerfield and second base in baseball...specialized in the sprints, relays, high jump, and triple jump in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Isaac West, III...son of Rev. Isaac and Millicent West...born April 5, 1982, in Hampton, Virginia...undeclared major

WEST'S CAREER STATISTICS											
YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	10-0	20	277	13.9	2	39	1	-11	-11.0	0	-11

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	10-0	16	158	9.9	0	22

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2001	10-0	2	21	10.5	0	13

factors in body weight and lifts in the bench press, squat, and power clean. **2001** — Logged action in nine regular season games and collected four tackles...tallied three stops in 24-20 win over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Pepperell High School...football coach was Lynn Hunnicutt...played defensive back during his prep career...served as a team captain and totaled 40 tackles, two interceptions, and two fumble recoveries on an 8-3 state playoff team his senior year...racked up 45 tackles and a pair of interceptions in helping lead Pepperell to an 11-3 record and state semifinal finish his junior year...also participated in track and basketball during his tenure at Pepperell.

**Personal:** Full name is Timothy Mannings Wilson...son of Tim and April Wilson...born July 9, 1982, in Rome, Georgia...undeclared major.

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS											
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU	
2001	9-0	3	1	4	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	1	0	



**KEITO WHETSTONE** 21  
**LB, 6-0, 222, Junior**  
**Orangeburg, South Carolina**  
**Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School**

**Furman:** Heads into the preseason as Furman's projected starter at strong side linebacker following the graduation of John Thrift...ranks as the most experienced member of a relatively young Paladin linebacking corps...has solid all-around ability and strength...bench pressed 405 pounds and recorded

a squat of 505 pounds in spring testing. **2001** — Served primarily as a backup role to John Thrift at strong side linebacker but also as a key contributor on special teams...in 11 regular season games tallied 30 tackles...played a key role in Furman's strong playoff run, stepping in for an injured John Thrift early in the Paladins' 24-17 win over Georgia Southern in semifinal playoff action...contributed five tackles in win over the Eagles, snapping GSU's 39-game home winning streak...earned first start of his career the following week in 13-6 loss to Montana in national championship contest...notched a season high seven tackles against Elon (46-7 win). **2000** — Fashioned a solid first season, seeing action in all 11 regular season games as a backup linebacker and member of special teams...totaled 19 tackles and a caused fumble...had a season high five stops in a 34-10 win over William & Mary and four tackles each against Elon (16-3) and Georgia Southern (45-10)...caused fumble, which was recovered by teammate Richie Jackson, halted a Wofford fourth quarter scoring threat, helping Furman preserve a 27-18 win. **1999** — Member of scout team...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Defensive Scout Award...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1999 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School...football coach was Tommy Brown...played linebacker and tight end...serving as a team captain, led the state with 224 tackles and earned all-area, all-region, and state AAAA honors his senior year...captured South Carolina North-South All-Star Game Defensive MVP honors...tallied 110 tackles as a junior...also starred in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Keito Jermaine Whetstone...son of Mortistine Whetstone...born January 2, 1981, in Orangeburg, South Carolina...undeclared major.

WHETSTONE'S CAREER STATISTICS										
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2000	11-0	18	12	30	1 (-1)	0	0	0.0	0	1



**T.J. WISON** 4  
**CB, 5-10, 182, Sophomore**  
**Rome, Georgia**  
**Pepperell High School**

**Furman:** Heads into the preseason locked in a battle with Chris Lowery for the starting job at left cornerback but either way figures to play a key role in the Paladin secondary this fall...will also likely be a central figure on special teams...ranked 10th overall in strength testing in spring according to power index, which



**DAVID WRIGHT** 77  
**LB, 6-2, 280, R-Freshman**  
**Blacksburg, South Carolina**  
**Blacksburg High School**

**Furman:** Will look to contend for the first action of his career this season as a reserve at right tackle behind returning starter Steven Cain and redshirt freshman Brian Laggis...recorded a squat of 500 pounds in spring testing. **2001** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2001 graduate of Blacksburg High School...football coach was Robbie Blanton...played offensive tackle and defensive tackle...earned all-region and all-state honors...named *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* Academic Player-of-the-Year...Wendy's High School Heisman finalist...national Merit Scholarship finalist.

**Personal:** Full name is David Allen Wright...son of Harold and Judy Wright...born November 26, 1982...undeclared major.



**KEN YUHAS** 40  
**DE, 6-2, 231, Sophomore**  
**Marietta, Georgia**  
**Pope High School**

**Furman:** Joins a group of several young defensive ends who will compete for playing time this fall behind returning veterans Eddie Overdyke, Brandon Poole, and Travis Jones...best shot at playing time will probably come on special teams. **2001** — Saw limited action on special teams...did not letter. **2000** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2000 graduate of Pope High School...football coach was Steve Sparks...played defensive end and saw action on special teams during his prep career...served as a team captain and earned all-county and all-region honors after totaling 74 tackles and 11.5 sacks his senior year...tallied a school record three sacks in one contest...was selected to play in Georgia's North-South All-Star Game.

**Personal:** Full name is Kenneth Karolyi Yuhas...son of John and Sue Yuhas...born September 18, 1981, in Atlanta, Georgia...undeclared major.



**CASEY BAXTER, SE**

6-2, 185, Freshman  
Calhoun, Georgia (Calhoun High School)



Outstanding three-sport standout who caught 83 passes for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns in his two seasons of football...football coach was Hal Lamb, the brother of Furman head coach Bobby Lamb...earned first team AA all-state honors as a free safety in 2001 after totaling 91 tackles...named *Chattanooga News Free-Press* North Georgia Player-of-the-Year in basketball after averaging 19.0 points and leading Calhoun to a second straight 26-5 record in 2001-02...scored 36 points in state championship game loss to East Hall his junior year...pitched a no-hitter versus Northgate in 2002 state baseball playoffs.

**Personal:** Full name is Casey Joe Baxter...son of Brian and Vicki Baxter...born June 28, 1983, in Dalton, Georgia.

**BRAD BELL, TE**

6-2, 215, Freshman  
Watkinsville, Georgia (Oconee County High School)



Started at tight end and defensive end on a pair of region 8-AAAA championship teams his junior and senior seasons...caught 26 passes for 356 yards and earned All-Northeast Georgia honors in 2001 after helping pace Oconee County to an 11-1 record and third round state playoff appearance...registered 10 receptions for 250 yards on 9-4, state playoff squad his junior year...lettered as a sophomore on Oconee County' state championship team (15-0)...program went 35-5 in three seasons of play...high school teammate of Paladin freshman cornerback signee Tristian Owusu-Yaw...football coach was Jeff Arnette...also competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Robert Bradford Bell...son of Steve and Leesa Bell...born September 6, 1983, in Hartwell, Georgia.

**JEREMY BLOCKER, FS**

6-0, 175, Freshman  
Hodges, South Carolina (Greenwood High School)



Member of two AAAA state championship teams during his prep career...started at defensive back, where he played both cornerback and safety...earned all-state honors with 28 tackles, two interceptions, three pass deflections, three blocked punts, and a blocked field goal in 2001 while helping Greenwood to a 9-3 record and into state playoffs...fashioned a fine junior season on state championship squad (14-0), totaling 45 tackles, four interceptions, and seven pass deflections...saw action on special teams on state title team (13-2) in 1999...helped Greenwood to 36-6 record in three seasons of play...football coach was Shell Dula...also competed in wrestling and track & field...won state triple jump title in 2002.

**Personal:** Full name is Jeremy Demetrius Blocker...son of John and Janet Blocker...born August 13, 1984, in Greenwood, South Carolina.

**WESLEY BRAY, DE**

6-3, 247, Freshman  
Cave Spring, Georgia (Coosa High School)



Earned second team all-area honors and team defensive player-of-the-year accolades in 2001 after totaling 73 tackles and eight sacks...registered 50 tackles and seven sacks as a junior...in 1999 helped Coosa post its first winning season since 1994 with a 6-4 record...football coach was Preston Cash.

**Personal:** Full name is Wesley Demetrius Bray...son of Demetrius and Sharon Bray...born July 19, 1984.

**PATRICK COVINGTON, OG**

6-3, 270, Freshman  
Charlotte, North Carolina (Myers Park High School)



Played on both offensive and defensive lines during his prep tenure...three-year starter...served as team captain and garnered team most outstanding lineman award, All-Mecklenburg County, and All-Southwestern AAAA Conference honors as a senior...in all was a three-time all-conference selection at Myers Park, including his sophomore season when he helped lead his team to a 9-3 record and into the state playoffs...football coach was Tommy Strahan...also played baseball and competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Patrick Alexander Covington...son of Margaret and Dwight Covington...born January 1, 1984, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**JEFF FAMBROUGH, OG**

6-1, 245, Freshman  
Dunwoody, Georgia (Greater Atlanta Christian)



Two-year starter at both offensive and defensive tackle...played on a pair of region 8-AA championships his junior and senior seasons, posting 9-3 and 11-1 records, respectively...served as team captain, totaled 90 tackles, and earned all-region and All-Gwinnett County honors in 2002...starred as a catcher and designated hitter in baseball, playing on a pair of region championship squads...also excelled in weightlifting, posting a squat mark of 600 pounds and power clean of 340 pounds...football coach was Jimmy Chupp.

**Personal:** Full name is Jeffrey Chandler Fambrough...son of Mike and Ann Chandler...father was an outstanding golfer at Georgia and team captain in 1974-75...born May 12, 1984, in Dunwoody, Georgia.

**ADI FILIPOVIC, OT**

6-3, 250, Freshman  
Martinez, Georgia (Lakeside High School)



Three-year starter who saw action primarily at offensive tackle during his time at Lakeside...served as a team captain and earned all-county, all-region, and All-Metro Augusta accolades after yielding only one sack in 2001...played center and defensive tackle his junior season, helping Lakeside to a 7-4 record and appearance in AAAA state playoffs...football coach was Edward Koester.

**Personal:** Full name is Adnan Filipovic...son of Damir and Sevlata Filipovic...born August 20, 1983, in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina...family emigrated to the United States in 1995.

**CHIP GIBSON, C**

6-1, 240, Freshman  
Morristown, Tennessee (Morristown-East High School)



Three-year letterman who earned first team Intermountain Athletic Conference honors as an offensive lineman...punted and played center, offensive guard, and defensive end during his prep career...recipient of Tennessee Football Hall-of-Fame & Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award...football coach was Randy Frazier.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph Edward Gibson, III...son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe E. Gibson, Jr...born November 24, 1983, in Memphis Tennessee.

**MIKE GILES, TE**

6-1, 215, Freshman  
Kingstree, South Carolina (Kingstree High School)



Played defensive end on a pair of region 7-AA championship teams...defeated Aynor to win crown in 2002...football coach was Reggie Kennedy.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Antonio Giles, Jr...son of Thomas and Verly B. McClary-Moore...born September 21, 1984, in Florence, South Carolina.

**KELSEY GRODZICKI, OG**

6-2, 235, Freshman  
Atlanta, Georgia (Marist High School)



Played offensive guard and served as team captain his senior year, helping Marist to 9-2 record...team went 12-1 and claimed region title in 2000 after going 13-1, winning region championship, and finishing as state semifinalist in 1999...football coach was Alan Chadwick...qualified for state championships in wrestling, competing in 215-pound class and compiling a 20-8 record...captured his team's Scholar Athlete and Captain Awards.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph Kelsey Grodzicki...son of Rick and Jo Grodzicki...uncle, Ray Grodzicki, starred in baseball and basketball at Jacksonville University in 1956 and '57 and in baseball at Florida State in 1958 and '59...born September 2, 1983, in Columbia, South Carolina.

**CORKY HOWELL, FB**

5-10, 175, Freshman  
Greer, South Carolina (Greer High School)



Started in all 54 games and played a key role in Greer going 47-7 during his four-year prep career...played safety, linebacker, and fullback and also punted...recorded 90 tackles, rushed for 570 yards, and scored 11 touchdowns as a senior while



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keying Greer to a 12-3 record and fourth round finish in state playoffs...earned all-region and academic all-area team honors three times...was an All-Greenville County selection in 2002...had 12 career interceptions.

**Personal:** Full name is Carl Allan Howell...son of Carl and Alyce Howell...born April 8, 1984, in Greer, South Carolina.

**ALONZO JOHNSON, CB**  
5-9, 165, Freshman  
Lithonia, Georgia (Stephenson High School)



Two-year starter as a defensive back...tallied 55 tackles, two interceptions, and eight pass deflections on the way to earning all-county honors in 2001...helped pace Stephenson to a 10-3 record, region 7-AAAAA championship, and state quarterfinal playoff appearance...had 42 tackles, two pickoffs, and six pass deflections on a 9-2 team his junior year...football coach was Ron Gartrell...also competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Alonzo M. Johnson...son of Ronald and Jackie Johnson...born December 30, 1983, in Columbus, Georgia.

**JOHN KIVETT, OT**  
6-3, 235, Freshman  
High Point, North Carolina (Robert B. Glenn High School)



Registered action at six positions during his prep career...two-time all-conference performer...served as team captain for three seasons...was named team MVP in 2001 after helping lead his squad to a 7-4 record...averaged five "decleating" blocks per game as an offensive tackle...caught 18 passes as a tight end and recorded 91 tackles as an outside linebacker in 2000, his junior year...football coach was Dickie Cline...also played basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Jonathan Thomas Kivett...son of Mike and Carol Kivett...born November 27, 1983, in High Point, North Carolina...brother Michael plays football at Wingate.

**WILLIAM MARCUS, LB**  
5-9, 200, Freshman  
Chesterfield, South Carolina (Chesterfield High School)



Three-year starter as a linebacker and offensive guard...two-time all-region selection as a linebacker...tallied 85 tackles and three sacks his senior year...collected 17 tackles and a sack in a 10-7 loss to Andrew Jackson...posted 10 stops, a pair of sacks, and two forced fumbles against Cheraw his junior year...football coach was Richard Clark...claimed a state weightlifting title in 2002...also played basketball and competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is William James Marcus, Jr...son of Jacqueline and William Marcus...born December 17, 1983, in Darlington, South Carolina.

**TRISTIAN OWUSU-YAW, CB**  
6-0, 171, Freshman  
Watkinsville, Georgia (Oconee County High School)



Started at cornerback on a pair of region 8-AAAA championship teams his junior and senior seasons...helped pace Oconee County to 11-1 record and into the state playoffs in 2001 with 39 tackles, three interceptions, and 15 pass deflections...returned one interception for a touchdown...named All-Northeast Georgia for second straight year...notched 36 tackles, two interceptions, and 17 pass deflections in 2000 after helping Oconee County to a 9-4 record and state playoff appearance...high school teammate of Paladin freshman tight end signee Brad Bell...football coach was Jeff Arnette...also competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Tristian Geirin Owusu-Yaw...son of Joe and Inza Owusu-Yaw...born December 12, 1983, in Gainesville, Florida.

**TONY PALAZZO, DE**  
6-5, 242, Freshman  
Grayson, Georgia (South Gwinnett High School)



Three-year starter at defensive end...tallied 13 sacks and 32 tackles-for-loss as a senior in helping South Gwinnett to a 7-4 record and appearance in state playoff...two-time all-county and 2001 AAAAA all-state selection...registered 15 sacks as a junior, giving him 28 sacks in his final two seasons at South Gwinnett...football coach was T. McFerrin...also starred in basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Anthony Francis Palazzo...son of Mark and Sheila Palazzo...born March 14, 1984, in Phoenix, Arizona.

**SHELTON RILEY, SS**  
6-2, 185, Freshman  
Charlotte, North Carolina (South Mecklenburg High School)



Saw action as a defensive back and wide receiver as a prep...spent sophomore and junior years at Ridge View (S.C.) High School in Columbia prior to moving to Charlotte for senior season...served as team captain and earned all-conference and team MVP honors in 2001...had 20 and 15 tackle performances, respectively, in wins over Butler and Providence Day...recorded 85 tackles as a junior at Ridge View, where he played under former Furman wide receiver standout Kirk Burnett...football coach at South Mecklenburg was Larry Cooper.

**Personal:** Full name is Shelton Trevell Riley...son of Thelma Walker...born December 16, 1983, in Lexington, South Carolina.

**ROY RAVENELL, LB**  
6-2, 225, Freshman  
Goose Creek, South Carolina (Stratford High School)



Four-year starter at linebacker, where he helped lead a highly successful Stratford program to a 48-6 record that included four region 7-AAAA titles and 1999 state championship (15-0)...2001 Shrine Bowl participant...garnered all-region, all-low country, and all-state honors as a senior after totaling 139 tackles, 14 tackles-for-loss, and a pair of interceptions on an 11-2 squad...named Stratford's 2001 Defensive MVP...had 107 tackles and 10 tackles-for-loss as a junior on the way to earning all-region and all-low country accolades...football coach was Ray Stackley...also played basketball and participated in track and field, competing in the discus, shotput, long jump, and triple jump.

**Personal:** Full name is Wilbur Roy Ravenell, Jr...son of Roy Ravenell and Pamela Banks...born December 22, 1983, in Charleston, South Carolina.

**TY SELLERS, DT**  
6-3, 253, Freshman  
Dalton, Georgia (Dalton High School)



Three-year starter who played five positions during his prep career...slated to begin Furman tenure on the defensive line...returned from knee surgery in the spring of 2001 to play a pivotal role in helping Dalton to 13-2 season and state AAAAA runner-up finish this past fall...earned all-area honors after totaling 87 tackles, eight sacks, and five forced fumbles...had 13 tackles in 21-14 second round playoff win over Sequoyah and 13 stops in 28-24 third round overtime playoff win over Thomson...registered eight tackles and two forced fumbles in 23-3 victory over Paulding County in semi-finals...garnered all-area and All-North Georgia honors as a junior after notching 79 tackles, including 21 for-loss, nine sacks, four forced fumbles, and three fumble recoveries...football coach was Ronnie McClurg.

**Personal:** Full name is Sidney Livingston Sellers V...son of Chip and Denise Sellers...born August 17, 1983, in Dalton, Georgia...uncle Scott Sellers was a three-year letterwinner as an offensive guard at Furman in the late 1970s...grandfather Don Ellis played football at Georgia Tech from 1953-56...cousin Jay Westmoreland played basketball at Tennessee Tech.

**WALKER SIMMONS, SE/PK**  
6-1, 188, Freshman  
Memphis, Tennessee (Evangelical Christian School)



Three-year starter who handled placekicking and punting duties, in addition to seeing action at wide receiver and defensive back during his career...kicked game winning 45-yard field goal to beat Memphis Bishop 3-0 and had two interceptions and 65-yard reception in 14-3 win over Franklin BGA in 2001...played on Division II-A state championship teams his junior (12-1) and sophomore years (13-0)...named all-state as a punter in 2000...kicked 45-yard field goal in 23-20 win over Memphis Briarcrest in state championship game...earned all-state honors as a defensive back in 1999...set a school record with seven interceptions...football coach was Jim Heinz...also played baseball and ran track.

**Personal:** Full name is John Walker Simmons...son of John and Jane Simmons...born February 7, 1983, in Memphis, Tennessee...grandmother and great uncle both attended Furman.



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**JOSH STEPP, QB**  
6-0, 175, Freshman

*Pelion, South Carolina (Pelion High School)*



Three-year starter at quarterback...named 2001 Shrine Bowl MVP after completing 5-of-9 passes for 86 yards in helping South Carolina to 17-0 win over North Carolina in annual classic...one completion (29 yards) went to brother Justin, another Paladin signee...two-time all-region, all-state, and Columbia Area Player-of-the-Year selection...career statistics: 387-of-696 completions, 6,194 yards, 65 touchdowns; 1,163 rushing yards, 30 TDs...completed 111-of-216 passes for 2,076 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior in helping Pelion to a 9-3 record and state playoff appearance...also rushed 128 times for 609 yards and 13 TDs in 2001...as a junior completed 146-of-248 passes for 2,211 yards and 27 touchdowns (only four interceptions) in leading Pelion to an 11-1 record, region 5-AA championship, and state playoffs...football coach was Ben Freeman...also played basketball and baseball.  
**Personal:** Full name is Joshua Timothy Stepp...son of Tim and Sherell Stepp...born July 5, 1983, in Columbia, South Carolina.

**JUSTIN STEPP, FLK**  
6-0, 182, Freshman

*Pelion, South Carolina (Pelion High School)*



Three-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back...connected with twin brother Josh (another Furman recruit) for one reception for 29 yards in 2001 Shrine Bowl, helping South Carolina to 17-0 win over North Carolina...three-time all-area and all-state selection...caught 64 passes for 1,272 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior in helping Pelion to a 9-3 record and state playoff appearance...also had 87 tackles and 10 interceptions in 2001...recorded three receptions for 94 yards, seven tackles, and three interceptions — including two he returned for touchdowns — in a win over Swansea...had 56 receptions for 877 yards and 15 TDs on 2000 squad that went 11-1 and claimed region 5-AA title en route to state playoffs...career statistics include 164 receptions for 2,818 yards, 33 touchdowns, and 18

interceptions...football coach was Ben Freeman...also competes in basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Spencer Stepp...son of Tim and Sherell Stepp...born July 5, 1983, in Columbia, South Carolina.

**COREY STEWART, C**  
6-2, 280, Freshman

*Lilburn, Georgia (Brookwood High School)*



Two-year starter at center...started in the prestigious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game in December...graded out 90 percent for the season...named All-Gwinnett County by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and *Gwinnett Daily Post*...tabbed Gwinnett County Lineman-of-the-Year...key member of 2000 Brookwood team that went 11-2 and recorded quarterfinal finish in AAAAA state playoffs...product of same prep program that includes current Paladin linebacker Andrew Knight, defensive end Eddie Overdyke, and free safety Daniel South...football coach was Dave Hunter...also competed in track & field, specializing in the discus event.

**Personal:** Full name is Corey Wesley Stewart...born June 8, 1983, in Knoxville, Tennessee...son of Sam and Wanda Stewart.

**MATT SUMMEY, QB**  
5-11, 175, Freshman

*Asheville, North Carolina (Erwin High School)*



Named all-county after completing 65-of-121 passes for 1,046 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushing for 687 yards and six touchdowns as a senior...helped team go 10-2 and claim Western Athletic Conference championship his junior year...football coach was Travis Noland...also starred in basketball at Erwin...is a volunteer firefighter, certified swiftwater rescue technician, and deepwater recovery diver.

**Personal:** Full name is Matthew Lawrence Summey...son of Mike and Linda Summey...grandfather played basketball and competed in track at Culver Stockton College...born May 16, 1984, in Asheville, North Carolina.



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