Game 9 -- November 9, 2002, 3:30 ET Kickoff



Furman Paladins (6-2, 4-1 SoCon) vs. Georgia Southern Eagles (7-2, 6-1 SoCon) Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Surface

TV: Fox Sports Net South (Live)
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2002 FURMAN RESULTS/SCHEDULE

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Score/Time	<u>Result</u>
Sept.	7 @ Vanderbilt (Charter TV)	18-49 .	L
Sept.	14 ELON	57-7 .	W
Sept.	21 @ Richmond	17-7 .	W
Sept.	28 @ VMI	55-28 .	W
Oct.	5 WESTERN CAROLINA	24-23 .	W
Oct	12 @ Appalachian State (Fox TV)	15 14	1

Sept.	21 @ Richmond	17-7 .	W
Sept.	28 @ VMI	55-28 .	W
Oct.	5 WESTERN CAROLINA	24-23 .	W
Oct.	12 @ Appalachian State (Fox TV)	15-16 .	L
Oct.	19 THE CITADEL (CSS TV)	37-10 .	W
	26 @ East Tennessee State (CSS TV).		
Nov.	9 GEORGIA SOUTHERN (Fox TV)	3:30	
Nov.	16 @ Wofford	1:30	
Nov.	23 CHATTANOOGA	2:00	

THE GAME

Saturday's Furman-Georgia Southern game features two NCAA I-AA top-ranked teams in a contest with 2002 Southern Conference title and playoff implications. Idle last week, Furman, ranked No. 4 in the latest Sports Network poll and winners of six of its last seven games, needs a victory to remain in the league championship race with Georgia Southern and Wofford. The Eagles, ranked No. 9 this week following a 40-7 rout of East Tennessee State on Saturday, come into the contest sporting a one half game lead over Wofford and a full game advantage over Furman in the league standings. With a win, Georgia Southern could clinch at least a share of this year's championship. Furman, meanwhile, must defeat Georgia Southern and Wofford (Nov. 16) to gain at least a share of conference crown.

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Lamb (Furman '86) 6-2 (.750), 1st Year at Furman 6-2 (.750), 1st Year Overall Lamb vs. Georgia Southern (0-0)

Georgia Southern: Mike Sewak (Virginia '81) 7-2 (.778), 1st Year at Georgia Southern

7-2 (.778), 1st Year Overall Sewak vs. Furman (0-0)

THE SERIES

In a series that began in 1985 with a 44-42 Georgia Southern win over Furman in the NCAA I-AA national championship game, the Eagles own a 9-4 lead over the Paladins, but Furman has won two of the last three clashes, including a 24-17 decision last year in I-AA semifinal playoff action in Statesboro. That win snapped ended Georgia Southern's NCAA I-AA record 39-game home winning streak and avenged a 20-10 Paladin regular

FURMAN RADIO BROADCAST TEAM

Furman Radio WCSZ-AM 1070 Chuck Hussion, play-by-play; John Ingles, analyst; Gordon Higgins, sideline



2001 FINAL SOCON STANDINGS						
SoCon Overall				all		
Team	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Furman	7	- 1	.875	12	3	.800
Georgia Southern		- 1	.875	12	2	.857
Appalachian State	6	2	.750	9	4	.692
Western Carolina	5	3	.625	7	4	.636
East Tennessee State	4	4	.500	6	5	.545
Wofford	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
The Citadel	2	6	.250	3	7	.300
Chattanooga	I	7	.125	3	8	.273
VMI	I	7	.125	- 1	10	.091

2002 SOCON STANDINGS	<u>S</u>				
	SoC	on		Ove	rall
Team W	/ L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Georgia Southern	5 I	.857	7	2	.778
Wofford	5 I	.857	7	2	.778
Furman	4 I	.800	6	2	.750
Appalachian State	4 2	.667	6	3	.667
Western Carolina	3 4	.200	5	5	.500
VMI	2 4	.400	5	5	.500
East Tennessee State	2 4	.500	4	6	.400
The Citadel	l 5	.250	2	7	.222

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November 2 Georgia Southern 40, East Tennessee State 7 Wofford 27, The Citadel 14 Western Carolina 35, VMI 23 Appalachian State 20, Chattanooga 17



Chattanooga @ The Citadel, 2:00 VMI @ Appalachian State, 2:00 Georgia Southern @ Furman, 3:30 (FOXSS) Wofford @ East Tennessee State, 6:00



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2002 SEASON HONORS

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Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week QB Billy Napier (vs. Elon)

2002 PRE-SEASON HONORS

Sports Network NCAA I-AA All-America RS Brian Bratton (2nd Team)

All-Southern Conference (Coaches)

OG Trevor Kruger (1st Team) OT Steven Cain (1st Team) TE Willis Sudderth (1st Team) CB Rodney Johnson (1st Team) RS Brian Bratton (1st Team) QB Billy Napier (2nd Team) WR Bear Rinehart (2nd Team) DT LeBryan Sperling (2nd Team) PK Danny Marshall (2nd Team)



season loss to the Eagles, also in Statesboro. Two years ago Furman, behind tailback Louis Ivory's Southern Conference record 301-yard, three-touchdown performance, handed Georgia Southern its most decisive loss in league history with a 45-10 setback in Greenville. Furman registered its first win over Georgia Southern in the 1988 NCAA I-AA championship game with a 17-12 triumph.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u>	Furman Coach
1985	L	. 42-44	. Tacoma, WA	. Dick Sheridan
1988	W	. 17-12	. Pocatello, ID	. Jimmy Satterfield
1992	L	0-21	. GREENVILLE	. Jimmy Satterfield
		. 19-31	. Statesboro	
1994	L	. 26-31	. GREENVILLE	. Bobby Johnson
1995	L	. 20-27	. Statesboro	. Bobby Johnson
1996	W	. 21-14	. GREENVILLE	. Bobby Johnson
1997	L	. 13-30	. Statesboro	. Bobby Johnson
1998	L	. 17-45	. GREENVILLE	. Bobby Johnson
1999	L	. 38-41	. Statesboro	. Bobby Johnson
2000	W	. 45-10	. GREENVILLE	. Bobby Johnson
2001	L	. 10-20	. Statesboro	. Bobby Johnson
	W	. 24-17	. Statesboro	. Bobby Johnson

In Greenville: Georgia Southern leads 3-2 In Statesboro: Georgia Southern leads 5-1 Neutral Sites: Tied 1-1

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple	Georgia Southern: Spread
'02 Points/Game — 31.0	'02 Points/Game — 35.2
'02 Yards/Game — 449.0	'02 Yards/Game — 474.4
Rushing — 222.1	Rushing — 387.0
Passing — 226.9	Passing — 87.4

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43	Georgia Southern: 43
'02 Points/Game — 17.5	'02 Points/Game — 14.2
'02 Yards/Game — 319.9	'02 Yards/Game — 294.4
Rushing — 168.1	Rushing — 134.4
Passing — 151.8	Passing — 160.0

LAST MEETING

STATESBORO, GA. -- Georgia Southern's Paulson Stadium is known to the GSU faithful as "Our House", but the Furman Paladins served an eviction notice by bouncing the Eagles 24-17 to advance to the NCAA I-AA championship game against Montana.

Winners of 39 straight games at Paulson and 27-0 in home playoff contests over the years, Georgia Southern saw its impressive runs end when Furman converted a pair of early third quarter fumbles into 10 points, helping to erase a 17-7 halftime deficit on the way to the win.

Trailing 7-3, slotback Mark Myers put the Eagles ahead 10-7 when he took an option pitch from quarterback J.R. Revere and raced 51 yards for a score with 3:22 left. Then, after forcing a punt, Georgia Southern used a 58-yard pass from Revere to Derrick Owens to quickly cover 84 yards for its second touchdown of the game, which came on 11-yard run by Revere with only 20 seconds left before intermission.

Furman's fortunes, however, dramatically improved in the third quarter.

On the second half kickoff, the Eagles' Justin Wright botched the reception, and Cam Newton picked up the ball and returned it to the Eagle 18. From there Furman drove to the 2 before settling for a Danny Marshall 19-yard field goal that cut the Georgia Southern lead to 17-10.

On the Eagles' next play from scrimmage, Furman's Eddie Overdyke pounced on a Zzream Walden fumble at the Georgia Southern 21, and one play later quarterback Billy Napier connected with flanker Bear Rinehart on a 21-yard touchdown strike to knot the game at 17-17.

After yielding 224 yards in the first half, Furman's defense tightened the screws, recording a shutout and limiting the Eagles to only 55 yards and 20 plays over the final two quarters.

Furman' offense, meanwhile, established control up front to produce

the game winning points, putting together a 13-play, 56-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Eric Emerson with 8:24 left.

From that point, Furman's defense, led by linebacker Will Bouton's 10 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and sack, slammed the door, forcing a punt and an interception on the Eagles' last two possessions.

Furman outgained Georgia Southern 345-279 and outrushed the Eagles 186-184. Playing in the last game of his collegiate career, Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson, the Southern Conference's all-time leading rusher, was held to a career low 68 yards on 18 carries.

Napier tied David Henderson's school record for consecutive completions in a game by going 12-for-12 for 159 yards and a touchdown. His favorite target was Rinehart, who caught five passes for 82 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman 0	7	10	7	_	24
Georgia Southern3	14	0	0	_	17

SCORING SUMMARY

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GS — Scott Shelton 40 FG 0:49-1Q	
15 plays, 52 yards, TOP 6:48	0- 3
F — Toreico O'Neal 7 run (Danny Marshall kick) 5:44-2Q	
I I plays, 92 yards, TOP 5:05	7- 3
GS — Mark Myers 51 run (Scott Shelton kick) 3:22-2Q	
5 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:22	7-10
GS — J.R. Revere 11 run (Scott Shelton kick) 0:20-2Q	
5 plays, 84 yards, TOP 1:06	7-17

SPORTS NETWORK NCAA I-AA FOOTBALL POLL (November 4, 2002)

	Rnk.	<u>Team</u>	2002 Record	Points Points	<u>Previous</u>
	I)	Montana (95)	9-0	2,591	I
	2)	McNeese State (8)	7-1	2,486	2
	3)	Northwestern State.	8-1	2,311	3
	4)	Furman	6-2	2,154	4
	5)	Maine	8-1	2,084	5
	6)	Eastern Illinois	6-2	1,989	6
	7)	Grambling State	8-1	1,878	7
	8)	Western Illinois	8-1	1,842	8
	9)	Georgia Southern	7-2	1,788	9
		Bethune-Cookman(I			
	H)	Villanova	7-2	1,631	11
	12)	Massachusetts	7-2	1,356	13
	13)	Portland State	6-3	1,213	15
	14)	Appalachian State	6-3	1,193	14
	15)	Wofford	7-2	1,010	18
	16)	Lehigh	7-2	928	16
		Eastern Kentucky			
	18)	Northeastern	7-2	773	20
	19)	Western Kentucky	7-3	760	22
	2Ó)	William & Mary	5-3	757	12
		Pennsylvania			
		Nicholls State			
		Idaho State			
		Florida A&M			
		Gardner-Webb			
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F — Danny Marshall 19 FG 11:19-3Q
7 plays, 16 yards, TOP 3:41 10-1
F — Bear Rinehart 21 pass from Billy Napier
(Danny Marshall kick) 10:52-3Q
I play, 21 yards, TOP 0:05
F — Eric Emerson I run (Danny Marshall kick) 8:24-4Q
13 plays, 56 yards, TOP 6:13 24-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 17-58, Rembert 9-48, Emerson 12-34, O'Neal 8-24, Means 5-11, Napier 10-9, Rinehart 1-2. GS — Peterson 18-68, Myers 2-58, Revere 17-51, Walden 3-6, Ford 1-1.

Passing: F — Napier 12-12-0-159. GS — Revere 5-12-1-95.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 5-82, Thomas 3-33, Sansbury 2-27, Bratton I-

10, Brigham 1-7. GS — Owens 3-81, Myers 2-14.

Field Goals: F — Marshall I-2 (19G, 31NG). GS — I-2 (40G, 46NG). Defense: Bouton I0 (8 solo, 2 ast., 3 TFL, I Sack), Frierson 7 (5 solo, 2 ast., 1 TFL, I FF), Sperling 6 (2 solo, 4 ast.), Whetstone 6 (I solo, 4 ast.), Spencer 4 (3 solo, I ast.), Cooper 4 (3 solo, I ast.), Jackson 3 (3 solo, I Int., 2 PBU), Newton I (I solo, I FR). GS — Pesqueira I4 (12 solo, 2 ast., I TFL), Youngblood 9 (8 solo, I ast.), Kearns 9 (5 solo, 4 ast.).

TEAM STATISTICS					
	FUR	GSU			
First Downs	20	14			
Rushing	62-186	41-184			
Passing	159	95			
C/A/I					
Total Offense	345	279			
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2			
Penalties	5-37	3-21			
Punts	4-42.5	4-45.5			
Punt Returns	3-5	I-2			
Kickoff Returns	5-58	5-88			
Possession Time	35:15	24:45			
Third Down Conversions	8-17	4-12			
Fourth Down Conversions					
Sacks By	1-9	3-16			

NOTING THE PALADINS

- FURMAN TO HONOR VINCE PERONE...Saturday's Furman-Georgia Southern game will highlight "Vince Perone Day" at Furman University. A 1954 graduate of the university, Perone earned All-Southern Conference honors as a guard in 1953 after helping Furman to a 7-2 season that included wins over Florida State and Wake Forest, among others. As a junior in 1952, he helped key the Hurricane (as Furman's football team was known then) to a 6-3-1 campaign that featured victories over Florida State and former Southern Conference national power house West Virginia. A native of Hackensack, N.J., Perone served as as assistant football coach at his alma mater in the late 1950s and became a highly successful restauranteur in Greenville. He was inducted into Furman's Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1982. His son, Vince Jr., also starred at Furman as a defensive back and return specialist and twice earned all-conference honors in 1973 and '74.
- ► FIRST SHUTOUT SINCE 1999...Furman's 25-0 blanking of East Tennessee State marked its first shutout since the 1999 season, when the Paladins dumped VMI 58-0, and first road shutout since 1985, when Dick Sheridan's squad blanked The Citadel in Charleston, 42-0. The win over ETSU also snapped the Furman's three-game losing streak in Johnson City.
- ► EVERY 10 YEARS...When senior wide receiver Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.) returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown against East Tennessee State, it marked the first by a Paladin since Andre Worrell returned an unblocked punt 70 yards for a score in a 45-14 victory over East Tennessee State on Oct. 31, 1992. Furman's leading receiver this year (42 rec., 629 yds., 3 TDs), Rinehart also currently ranks first in the SoCon in punt returns, averaging 17.3 yards per return on 10 attempts.

- ► GEORGIA ON OUR MINDS...When Furman and Georgia Southern square off this Saturday at Paladin Stadium, there will be plenty of the pride on the line between two stalwart NCAA I-AA programs. In addition, there will be the battle for Southern Conference and intrastate bragging rights among the game's participants — most of whom hail from Georgia, a major Paladin recruiting artery. Furman, whose program includes 40 Georgians, counts 12 peach state products in its starting lineup (14 if including the kicker and punter). On offense they include quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth/Murray County H.S.), fullback Eric Emerson (Newnan/East Coweta H.S.), split end Isaac West (Augusta/Butler H.S.), tight end Willis Sudderth (Lilburn/Parkview H.S.), left tackle Ben Bainbridge (Acworth/Harrison H.S.), and right guard Trevor Kruger (Moultrie/Colquitt County H.S.). On defense, the Georgians include defensive end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn/Brookwood H.S.), defensive tackle LeBryan Sperling (Decatur/Southwest DeKalb H.S.), nose guard Justin Porter (Elberton/Elbert County H.S.), middle linebacker Mike Killian (Atlanta/Chamblee H.S.), left cornerback T.J. Wilson (Rome/Pepperell H.S.), and strong safety Paul Billingsly (College Park/Woodward Academy). Placekicker Danny Marshall (Atlanta/Marist H.S.) and punter Bo Moore (Madison/Morgan County H.S.) also hail from Georgia as do a couple of other players who will see significant action on Saturday, including tailback Toreico O'Neal (Barnesville/Lamar County H.S.) and linebacker Andrew Knight (Snellville/Brookwood H.S.).
- ▼ STAFF TIES TO GEORGIA ALSO STRONG...In addition to the strong ties to Georgia among Furman's players, the Paladin coaching staff has deep roots in the peach state. Head coach **Bobby Lamb** and associate head coach Clay Hendrix are products of Commerce, Ga., High School, where they starred under Lamb's father, Ray. Defensive coordinator Steve Wilson played his high school football at Gainesville, Ga., and counts high school coaching stints there and at Buford High School. Defensive ends coach Julius Dixon is a product of Toccoa, Ga., and Stephens County High School, and tight ends coach Ben Hall is a native of Royston and former standout at Franklin County High School. Furman wide receivers coach **Drew Cronic** is a Sharpsburg, Ga., product, who played for his father, Danny, at East Coweta High School before going on to the University of Georgia. Offensive assistant Tye Crews and defensive backs coach Jeff Farrington also have Georgia ties. Crews hails from St. George, Ga., and Farrington counts a five-year tenure as defensive coordinator at West Georgia College in Carrollton.
- NINTERCEPTION LEADERS...Furman's two interceptions in the 25-0 win over East Tennessee State increased its Southern Conference leading total to 15. Almost half of the Paladins' haul has come over the last three games as Furman has combined for seven interceptions in the span, including four in its 37-10 win over The Citadel. Junior free safety Cam Newton (Bennettsville, S.C.) has six pickoffs to lead the league, and right behind him with five is senior preseason all-conference cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.). The last Paladin to lead the league in interceptions was safety John Keith, who had four pickoffs in 1997.
- N THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY...Furman heads into the Georgia Southern game sporting the league's top third down conversion rate (56.1%, 64×114), but the Eagles top the conference in third down percentage defense (30.8%, 42×136). In its win over East Tennessee State, Furman made good on 9-of-13 third down plays (69.2%). Counting a 15-of-20 third down performance in a 37-10 win over The Citadel on Oct. 19, Furman has cashed in on 24-of-33 third down plays in its last two games (72.7%).
- NAND ON FOURTH DOWN ...In addition to pacing the SoCon in third down efficiency, Furman has proven to be the league's best on fourth down, having converted on all nine fourth down tries (100.0%) this fall.
- No IMPRESSIVE BALANCE...Furman sports the Southern Conference's most balanced offense, averaging 222.1 yards rushing and 226.9 yards passing per game through eight games. Currently ranked second in the league in total offense (449.0 ypg), Furman hasn't boasted the kind of offensive balance seen this year since 1996, when the Paladins averaged 175.1 yards per game on the ground and 184.2 yards per game through the air on the way to a 9-4 record and NCAA I-AA playoff appearance.

MORE BALANCE IN 2002

<u>2001</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>2002 (8 Games)</u>
218.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	222.1
166.8	Passing Yards Per Game	226.9

- ► **GETTING THE UPPER HAND EARLY**...Furman has outscored the opposition 91-24 in the first quarter this year, and over the last seven contests the Paladins' first quarter scoring differential is 91-10. In its last four outings the Paladins have outscored the opposition 53-6 in the first half, limiting Western Carolina and The Citadel to a pair of field goals while shutting out Appalachian State and East Tennessee State.
- ★ KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR POCKET...Furman heads into Saturday's game against Georgia Southern as the least penalized team in the Southern Conference (34 penalties for 287 yards). The Paladins were not penalized in their 17-7 win over Richmond a first for a Furman squad since 1995, when Furman went unflagged in a 24-3 win over The Citadel.
- NAPIER ON THE HUNT (FOR LAMB)...Currently fifth on Furman's career passing yards chart with 3,973 yards, senior quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) needs 214 yards versus Georgia Southern to move past Paladin head coach Bobby Lamb (4,186 yards, 1982-85) into third place on Furman's all-time passing yards ledger.
- ▼ THE AUGUSTA FACTOR...Furman's deep and talented receiving corps includes a pair of speedy wideouts from the Augusta, Ga., area. Sophomore Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga./Lakeside H.S.) currently ranks second on the squad with 25 receptions for 354 yards and a team leading four touchdowns. Fellow sophomore Issac West (Augusta, Ga./Butler H.S.) is third on the team with 18 receptions for 351 yards and three touchdowns, one of which covered 19 yards in the Paladins' last outing, a 25-0 win over East Tennessee State on Oct. 26. When West was sidelined with a broken collarbone in early in the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21, it was Bratton who moved into the starting lineup. Combined the duo has notched 43 catches for 705 yards and seven scores this year. In addition to his work as a receiver, Bratton has averaged a solid 22.9 yards on 20 kickoff returns. Last year he earned All-America and Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors as a return specialist after leading NCAA I-AA in kickoff returns (37.2 ypa) — three of which went for touchdowns. Prior to his injury in the Richmond game, West had displayed plenty of big play prowess, catching 10 passes for 242 yards and three touchdowns, including three grabs for 160 yards and three scores covering 78, 71, and 11 yards in the Paladins' 57-7 win over Elon on Sept. 14. A year ago as a redshirt freshman he nabbed 20 passes for 277 yards and a pair of touchdowns, both of which came in the Paladins' 28-22 win over then nationally fifth-ranked Appalachian State in Greenville. He also helped key the Paladins come-from-behind, 24-21 win over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action with a 21-yard touchdown reception.
- ▶ **DEFENSIVE MATURITY**...Forced to replace seven starters, among whom were a consensus All-American and six All-Southern Conference performers, the Paladins, it was widely believed, would need time to rebuild defensively this fall. For the most part that proved to be an accurate forecast, but now, eight games into the 2002 campaign, the Paladin defense, which sports only three seniors, is showing some maturity. In its last contest, Furman's stop troops recorded a 25-0 shutout of East Tennessee State, thus following on the heels of stellar outings against The Citadel (37-10 win) and Appalachian State (16-15 loss) when the Paladins held the Bulldogs to 252 yards and Mountaineers to 204 yards, respectively. All told, Furman has yielded only 8.7 points and 248.7 yards per game in its last three contests. If discounting the nine points surrendered to Appalachian State with Furman's offense on the field, the points yielded by the Paladin defense over the past three games is actually 17 (5.7 ppg).

FURMAN DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT

<u>First Five Games</u>		<u>Last Three Games</u>
39.4	Scoring Defense	8.6
	Rushing Defense	
4.8	Average Yards Per Rush	3.7
	Passing Defense	
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114.76	Passing Efficiency Defense	82.57
362.6	Total Defense	248.7
4.7	Average Gain Per Play	4.3

- ► FIRST START...Sophomore Micheal Burant (Lexington, Va.) earned the first start of his career in the Paladins' 25-0 win over East Tennessee State and certainly made the most of his opportunity, totaling four tackles, including two for loss, and a pair of pass deflections.
- STREAKING AT HOME...Furman's 37-10 win over The Citadel on Oct. 19 extended the Paladins' home winning streak to 11 games and stretched the program's record consecutive home winning streak versus Southern Conference opposition to 15 games. Furman, which has won 20 regular season home games dating back to 1999, now sports a 109-28-1 record (.796) in 21-plus seasons of play in the beautiful facility. The last Southern Conference team to beat Furman at home was Georgia Southern, which downed the Paladins 45-17 on Nov. 7, 1998.

FURMAN CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES (11-0)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Result</u>
Sept. 8, 2001	Elon	46-7	W
Sept. 22, 2001	VMI	65-7	W
Oct. 6, 2001	Appalachian State	28-22	W
Oct. 20, 2001	East Tennessee State	31-6	W
Nov. 10, 2001	Wofford	45-14	W
Nov. 24, 2001	Presbyterian	47-28	W
Dec. 1, 2001	Western Kentucky	24-20	W
Dec. 8, 2001	Lehigh	34-17	W
Sept. 14, 2002	Elon	57-7	W
Oct. 5, 2002	Western Carolina	24-23	W
Oct. 19, 2002	The Citadel	37-10	W

FURMAN CONSECUTIVE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE HOME VICTORIES (15-0)

<u>Date</u>	Opponent	Score	<u>Result</u>
Nov. 21, 1998	. Chattanooga	31-28.	W
Sept. 25, 1999	. VMI	58-0 .	W
Oct. 9, 1999	. Appalachian State	35-21 .	W
Oct. 23, 1999	. East Tennessee State	48-21 .	W
Nov. 13, 1999	. Wofford	30-3 .	W
Sept. 20, 2000	. Western Carolina	38-14.	W
Oct. 14, 2000	. The Citadel	33-7 .	W
Nov. 4, 2000	. Georgia Southern	45-10.	W
Nov. 18, 2000	. Chattanooga	(ot) 45-44.	W
Sept. 22, 2001	. VMI	65-7 .	W
	. Appalachian State		
Oct. 20, 2001	. East Tennessee State	31-6.	W
Nov. 10, 2001	. Wofford	45-14 .	W
	. Western Carolina		
Oct. 19, 2002	. The Citadel	37-10 .	W

FURMAN CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON HOME VICTORIES (20-0)

<u>Date</u>	Opponent	Score	Result
Sept. 25, 2000	VMİ	58-0	W
	Appalachian State		
Oct. 23, 1999	East Tennessee State	48-21	W
Nov. 13, 1999	Wofford	30-3	W
Sept. 2, 2000	Elon	16-3	W
Sept. 9, 2000	Newberry	44-10	W
Sept. 16, 2000	William & Mary	34-10	W
Sept. 30, 2000	Western Carolina	38-14	W
Oct. 14, 2000	The Citadel	33-7	W
Nov. 4, 2000	Georgia Southern	45-10	W
Nov. 18, 2000	Chattanooga	45-44	W
Sept. 8, 2001	Elon	46-7	W
Sept. 22, 2001	VMI	65-7	W
	Appalachian State		
Oct. 20, 2001	East Tennessee State	31-6	W
Nov. 10, 2001	Wofford	45-14	W
Nov. 24, 2001	Presbyterian	47-28	W
Sept. 14, 2002	Elon	57-7	W

Oct.	5, 2002	. Western Carolina	24-23	W
Oct.	19, 2002	. The Citadel	37-10	W

CONSISTENTLY COMPETITIVE...Furman owns a solid 37-11 record (.771) in its last 48 games, and in only two of the 11 losses have the Paladins been beaten by more than seven points.

FURMAN LOSSES SINCE 1999

Opponent (Year)	<u>Score</u> <u>Mar</u>	gin
Appalachian State (2000).	I-AA Semifinalist 17-18	- 1
Appalachian State (2002).	I-AA No. 4 15-16	- 1
Elon (1999)	22-24	- 2
East Tennessee State (200	0) 21-23	- 2
Ga. Southern (1999)	I-AA National Champion 38-41	- 3
Wyoming (2001)	NCAA I-A Opponent 14-20	- 6
Massachusetts (1999) ot	I-AA Playoffs 23-30	- 7
Hofstra (2000)	I-AA Playoffs 24-3 I	- 7
Montana (2001) I-	AA National Championship 6-13	7
Ga. Southern (2001)	I-AA Semifinalist 10-20	-10
Vanderbilt (2002)	NCAA I-A Opponent 18-49	-3 I

N TAILBACK BY COMMITTEE...After watching two-time All-America tailback Louis Ivory run into the record books last year with a Southern Conference leading 1,492 yards and 19 TDs, Furman has filled its high profile backfield slot with three juniors and a redshirt freshman in 2002: Hindley Brigham (Birmingham, Ala.), Lamar Rembert (Ocala, Fla.), Toreico O'Neal (Barnesville, Ga.), and Brandon Mays (Arden, N.C.). Through eight games this year, Brigham, Rembert, O'Neal, and the now sidelined Mays have totaled 1,308 yards and six touchdowns (163.5 ypg, 5.9 ypc). In the Paladins' latest outing, a 25-0 shutout of East Tennessee State, no Furman player rushed for 100 yards, but Brigham, Rembert, and O'Neal combined to rush 34 times for 175 yards (5.1 ypc).

FURMAN TAILBACK PRODUCTION (2001)

<u>Player</u>	Att.	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>YPG</u>
Louis Ivory	251	1492	5.9	19	. 135.6
Hindley Brigham	17	230	13.5	2	20.9
Toreico O'Neal	30	146	4.9	1	13.3
Lamar Rembert	21 <u></u>	108	<u>5.1</u>	<u>0</u>	9.8
Totals					

FURMAN TAILBACK PRODUCTION (2002)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	Avg.	<u>TD</u>	<u>YPG</u>
Hindley Brigham	82	485	5.9	I	60.6
Lamar Rembert	65	405	6.2	3	50.6
Toreico O'Neal	56	322	5.7	2	40.3
Brandon Mays	<u></u> 18	<u> 96</u>	<u> 5.3</u>	<u> 0</u>	<u></u> 16.0
Totals	221	1308	5.9	6	163.5

▼ THE BIG BEAR...Senior All-Southern Conference flanker Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.), the leader of Furman's experienced receiving corps, has fashioned an outstanding 2002 campaign, and that was evidenced again in the Paladins' 25-0 blanking of East Tennessee State when he caught six passes for 57 yards and returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown to break open a 6-0 game late in the second quarter. In the Paladins' 37-10 win over The Citadel on Oct. 19, he scored on a 47-yard reverse that finished off the Bulldogs, only a week after the Appalachian State game when he caught eight passes for 84 yards, including a key 12-yard touchdown pass with 7.4 seconds left for what could have easily been a Paladin victory before a botched two-point conversion pass led to a 16-15 loss. His work against Appalachian State followed on the heels of a strong outing in Furman's 24-23 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 5, when he caught five passes for a career best 153 yards and a touchdown, which covered 44 yards. Rinehart began the season against Vanderbilt with seven receptions for 127 yards. In the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21, he came up especially big, catching a career high nine passes for 94 yards while steadying the Paladin receiving corps following the departure of split end Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.) to injury. A very accomplished guitarist and singer/songwriter, Rinehart, who is nicknamed for legendary Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, has a team high 42 receptions for 629 yards and three touchdowns on the year and appears well on the way to making a run at Furman's single season receptions standard and finishing his career ranked among the school's all-time leaders in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdown receptions (see following charts).

RINEHART'S CAREER STATISTICS

<u>YEAR G-GS</u>	<u>REC</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LNGR</u>	<u>JSH</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD I</u>	<u>LNG</u>
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
2002 8-8.	42	629 .	15.0	3	44	4	46 .	. 23.0	<u>I</u>	47
Tot 41-19	98	1571.	. 16.0	11	55	8 .	80	10.0	3 .	47

CAREER RECEPTIONS

Rank Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
I) Luther Broughton	. 1993-96	123	1,565	12.7	6
2) Des Kitchings	. 1996-99	112	1,808	16.1	11
3) Adrick Harrison	. 1992-95	111	1,342	12.1	11
4) Josh Cole	. 1993-96	110	1,506	13.7	11
5) Chas Fox	. 1982-85	106	2,045	19.3	26
6) Tommy Southard	. 1974-77	101	1,342	13.3	8
7) Bear Rinehart	1999	98	1,571	16.0	11
Byron Trotter	. 1968-70	98	1,112	11.3	3
9) Jimmy Jordan	. 1966-68	85	1,188	14.0	4
10) Brette Simmons	. 1974-78	82	1,197	14.6	5
Damon Bradley	. 1989-93	82	1,204	14.7	7

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

Rank Playe	r	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
 I) Chas I 	ox	. 1982-85	106	2,045	19.3	26
2) Donal	d Lipscomb	. 1988-91	80	1,827	22.8	8
3) Des K	itchings	. 1996-99	9 112	1,808	16.1	11
4) Bear	Rinehart	1999	98	1,571	16.0	11
5) Luther	Broughton	. 1993-96	5 123	1,565	12.7	6
6) Josh C	Cole	. 1993-96	I I 0	1,506	13.7	11
7) Billy R	isher	. 1979-83	8 81	1,447	17.9	18
8) Robbi	e Hahn	. 1966-67	7 79	1,375	17.4	16
9) Tomm	y Southard	. 1974-77	7 101	1,342	13.3	8
Adrick	Harrison	. 1992-95	5 111	1,342	12.1	11

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

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I) Chas Fox	1982-85	26
2) Billy Risher	1979-83	18
3) Robbie Hahn	1966-67	16
4) Bear Rinehart	1999	11
5) Adrick Harrison		
Josh Cole		
Jody Wade	1994-97	11
Des Kitchings		
Paul Siffri		
10) Tommy Southard	1974-77	8
Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	8
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SEASON RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Year	Receptions
I)	Robbie Hahn	1967	53 (840 yds.)
2)	Adrick Harrison	1995	48 (629 yds.)
3)	Josh Cole	1996	43 (699 yds.)
,	Des Kitchings	1999	43 (828 yds.)
5)	Bear Rinehart	2002	42 (629 yds.)
6)	Luther Broughton	1996	40 (489 yds.)
7)	Jimmy Kiser	1978	39 (692 yds.)
,	Tommy Southard	1976	39 (510 yds.)
	Luther Broughton	1995	39 (475 yds.)
10)	Chas Fox	1984	38 (723 yds.)
,	Jimmy Jordan	1968	38 (502 yds.)
	Tommy Southard	1977	38 (499 yds.)
	Byron Trotter		

SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Year	Yard	ds
I)	Robbie Hahn	1967	′ 840	(53 rec.)

2)	Des Kitchings	1999	828	(43 rec.)
3)	Donald Lipscomb	1991	753	(32 rec.)
4)	Donald Lipscomb	1990	743	(34 rec.)
5)	Chas Fox	1984	723	(38 rec.)
6)	Josh Cole	1996	699	(43 rec.)
7)	Jimmy Kiser	1978	692	(39 rec.)
		1985		
9)	Bear Rinehart	2002	629	(42 rec.)
,	Adrick Harrison	1995	629	(48 rec.)

▶ **BEAR TRACKS..**."That No. 7, Bear Rinehart, he's a good football player. I was really impressed with this tenacity and grit. He has everything you need to be a great football player."

Appalachian State Head Coach Jerry Moore

- ▼ THE NAMES BEHIND THE "D"...Furman's defense is headlined by three seniors—tackle **LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.)**, cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.), and defensive end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) — plus a strong cast of talented underclassmen. Sperling, a consensus second team All-Southern Conference selection a year ago and the anchor along the Paladin defensive front, counts 40 starts in his career and has 29 tackles on the year. Johnson, a preseason all-conference choice by league coaches and owner of 37 career starts, has lived up to his billing with 26 tackles, seven pass deflections, and five interceptions, including a pair of thefts in the Paladins' recent 37-10 win over The Citadel. Overdyke, meanwhile, has 22 tackles, five tackles-for-loss, a sack, a fumble recovery, and a forced fumble this year. Other regulars who have stepped up with strong play on defense include sophomore free safety Cam Newton (Bennettsville, S.C.), junior defensive end Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.), and three talented and very mobile linebackers: sophomore Cedrick Ritter (Fairfax, S.C.), sophomore Mike Killian (Atlanta, Ga.), and junior Keito Whetstone (Orangeburg, S.C.). Newton, who moved into the lineup following the graduation of allconference Josh Cooper, has compiled 44 tackles and leads the Southern Conference with six interceptions. Poole, who counts 28 career starts, has 20 tackles and a team leading two sacks. Ritter is Furman's tackle leader with 83 stops and a pair of fumble recoveries, and Killian has stepped in for departed All-America middle linebacker Will Bouton with 63 tackles. Whetstone, meanwhile, has 66 tackles in his first full season as a regular.
- ▼ CLEARING THE WAY UP FRONT...With a good bit of attention deservedly going to Furman's highly efficient passing game, it should be noted that the Paladins haven't forgotten how to run the football. Despite losing three All-American offensive linemen to graduation, the Paladins head into Saturday's game against Georgia Southern averaging a solid 221.0 yards per game on the ground after tallying 218.9 rushing yards per game last year. Fueling Furman's strong ground attack this fall are a pair of proven veterans in preseason All-Southern Conference picks right guard Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.) and right tackle Steven Cain (Anderson, **S.C.**). Cain, in particular, has already gained the attention on many NFL scouts and checks in as Furman's biggest player at 6-foot-5, 310 pounds. He counts 23 career starts, also ranks as one of the Paladins' strongest players in the weight room with a bench press of 415 pounds, a squat of 500 pounds, and a power clean lift of 352 pounds. Kruger, meanwhile, sports a unit high 35 starts in his career and the squad's best season blocking grades, making him another in a long line of strong SoCon Jacobs Blocking Award candidates. Other members of the Paladin offensive front who are getting it done include senior left guard Justin Price (Mauldin, S.C.), sophomore center Craig Morgan (Huntington, W.Va.), and sophomore left tackle Ben Bainbridge (Acworth, Ga.).
- NAPIER HEADLINES FURMAN OFFENSE...Senior All-Southern Conference quarterback and Walter Payton Award finialist Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.), has been a major reason behind Furman's 6-2 start, displaying strong leadership and impressive efficiency as a passer. In Furman's last game, a 25-0 shutout of East Tennessee State, he completed 17-of-26 passes for 188 yards and a touchdown. Napier's strong performance against the Buccaneers came only two weeks after the low point of his collegiate career in the Paladins' 16-15 loss at Appalachian State, when he had a two-point conversion pass attempt picked off and returned for two points with 7.4 seconds left in the game. Napier heads into this week's game against Georgia Southern as the Southern Conference's

completion percentage (68.6 percent) leader and ranked second nationally in passing efficiency (161.79 rating). Among his top performances this season are a 15-of-22, career high 252-yard, two-touchdown display in the Paladins' 24-23 win over Western Carolina; a 9-of-11, 222-yard, two-touchdown outing against VMI (55-28 win), against whom he played less than two quarters; and an 8-of-10, 237-yard, four-touchdown outing versus Elon (57-7 win). His performance against Elon covered all of 17 snaps and established a new Southern Conference passing efficiency standard of 411.08. Through eighth games the Paladin signal caller has completed 120-of-175 passes (68.6%) for 1692 yards and 10 touchdowns.

MORE ON NAPIER...A year ago senior quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) was labeled in the preseason as the only significant question mark on an otherwise veteran team. Sixteen wins, a league title, and a national runnerup finish later, questions about Napier's abilities are now extinct. A consensus second team All-Southern Conference choice in 2001 and the son of a high school coach, Napier delivered solid play a year ago, completing 62.3 percent of his passes (129×207) for 1,772 yards and 10 TDs in 2001. Included in his campaign was a perfect 12-of-12, 159-yard, TD performance in a 24-17 win over Georgia Southern in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action in Statesboro that snapped the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak. He is the latest in a long line of outstanding Furman quarterbacks who, since 1978, have combined to garner 12 all-conference citations, and it's no coincidence that over the past 23 seasons the Paladins have won 11 league championships.

NAPIER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR G-GS	<u>ATT</u>	CMP .	<u>INT</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>COM%</u>	EFF RU	<u>ISH</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
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
2002 8-8	<u>. 175</u> .	<u> 120</u>	<u> 6 .</u>	1692 _.	<u>10</u>	<u>68.6</u>	<u>161.79</u>	<u>. 42</u>	<u> 24</u>	<u> 0.6</u>	<u></u> 3
Totals 33-20	. 448 .	. 287	18.	3973.	22	64.1	151.23	149	173	1.2	8

FURMAN CAREER PASSING YARDAGE

Rank	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards TD
I)	B. Bonaventure	1992-96.	672	412	17	5,379 39
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90.	575	304	27	4,984 32
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85.	449	249	17	4,186 41
4)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68.	563	313	21	3,993 20
5)	Billy Napier	1999	448	287 .	18 .	3,973 22
6)	Philly Jones	1991-95.	515	306	16	3,721 23
7)	Justin Hill	1997-00.	421	232	15	3,607 24
8)	David Henderson	1976-79.	467	259	23	3,582 22
9)	David Whitehurst.	1973-76.	468	245	23	3,122 22
10)	David Charpia	1980-83.	361	211	15	3,032 19

CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Rank P	Player	Years	TD
I) B	Sobby Lamb	1982-85	. 41
2) B	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	. 39
3) F	rankie DeBusk	1987-90	. 32
4) T	im Sorrells	1977-81	. 31
5) Ju	ustin Hill	1997-00	. 24
B	silly Canty	1958-61	. 24
7) P	hilly Jonés	1991-95	. 23
8) B	Billy Napier	1999	22
D	David Whitehurst	1973-76	. 22
D	David Henderson	1976-79	. 22

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

Rank	Player	Years	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
I)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	848	656	4,984 .	5,640	45
2)	Louis Ivory	1998-01	847	5,353	0 .	5,353	53
3)	B. Bonaventure	1992-96	891	30	5,379 .	5,349	43
4)	Justin Hill	1997-00	809	. 1,741	3,607.	5,348	40
5)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	661	659	4,186.	4,845	50
6)	David Whitehurst.	1973-76	918	1,270	3,122.	4,392	40
7)	Philly Jones	1991-95	727	561	3,721.	4,282	27
8)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	697	4,149	0 .	4,149	48
9)	Billy Napier	1999	597	173 .	. 3,973	. 4, 146	30
10)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	650	3 868	37	3 905	40

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RESPONSIBILITIES

Rank Player	Years	Rush TD	Pass TD	TDR
I) Louis Ivory	. 1998	53 .	0	53
2) Bobby Lamb	. 1982-85	9.	41	50
3) Frankie DeBusk	. 1987-90	13.	32	45
4) Robbie Gardner	. 1982-85	43 .	0	43
Carl Tremble	. 1989-92	43 .	0	43
6) B. Bonaventure	. 1992-96	4.	39	42
7) David Whitehurst				
Tim Sorrells	. 1977-81	9 .	31	40
Stanford Jennings				
Justin Hill				
II) Derek Russell				
12) Billy Canty	. 1958-61	8 .	24	32
I3) Billy Napier				
14) Mike Glenn				
15) Philly Jones				

SEASON PASSING YARDAGE

Year	Yards (Comp., Att.)
1990	2,035 (125 of 234)
1996	2,030 (151 of 234)
1967	1,873 (132 of 220)
1985	1,856 (106 of 181)
1984	1,781 (106 of 191)
	1,772 (129 of 207)
1978	1,732 (112 of 187)
2002	1,692(120 of 175)
	1,687 (96 of 177)
1994	1,674 (127 of 220)

► FURMAN PASSING STANDARDS WATCH....Furman's efficient passing attack this fall has put several school records well within reach. Among the most notable:

TEAM

<u>Record (Year)</u>	<u>Category</u>	2002 (8 Games)
162 (1995)	<u>Category</u> Most Completions	129
2,076 (1990)	Most Yards	1,815
208.8 (1967)	Most Yards Per Game	226.9
64.7% (1996)	Completion Percentage	67.2%
162.45 (1985)	Passing Efficiency	159.25

INDIVIDUAL

Record, Player (Year)	<u>Category</u>	<u>2002 (8 Games)</u>
238, Hightower (1969)	Most Attempts	175, Napier
151, Bonaventure (1995)	Most Completions	120, Napier
2,035, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards	1,692, Napier
185.0, DeBusk (1990)	. Most Yards Per Game .	211.5, Napier
64.5, Bonaventure (1995) Completion %	68.6, Napier

THE MARSHALL PLAN...Furman's placekicking chores are handled by junior Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.), who earned second team All-Southern Conference honors a year ago after converting 10-of-12 field goals (.833). Marshall, who at one point a year ago extended a consecutive made field goals streak to a school record 12 straight, has converted 10-of-13 field goal tries and 24-of-27 PAT attempts this year. In Furman's earlier 55-28 win over VMI, he nailed a career long 46-yarder, and he came back in the third period to hit a 42-yarder. Furman's leading scorer with 54 points, he already ranks fourth on Furman's career kick scoring chart with 205 points, having knocked down 33-of-42 field goals (.786) and 113-of-121 PATs (.941).

MARSHALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>U29</u>	<u> 30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>LNG</u>	<u>PTS</u>
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
2002	. 24-27 .	<u>889</u>	<u>10-13.</u>	<u>.769</u>	<u>3-3</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>. 0-1</u>	<u> 46.</u>	<u> 54</u>
Totals 1	13-122	926	33-42	786	15-16	14-17	4-8	0-1	46	212

CAREER KICK SCORING

Rank Player	Years	XP	FG	Points
I)Jason Wells	1996-99	. 143-151	35-57	248
2) Mike Wood	1986-89	. 134-141	29-49	221
3)Jim Richter	1992-95	85-92	43-63	214
4) Danny Marshall	2000	113-122.	33-42 .	212
5) Keven Esval	1982-85	. 135-141	17-34	186
6) Tim Tanguay	1980-82	. 105-111	24-41	177
7) Glenn Connally	1987-90	30-42	49-60	139
8) Andy Goss	1974-76	56-62	23-38	125

CAREER SCORING

Rank Player	Years	TD	XP	FG	Points
I)Louis Ivory	1998-01	53	0-0	0-0	318
2) Stanford Jennings	1980-83	43	2-2	0-0	262
3) Carl Tremble	1989-92	43	0-0	0-0	258
Robbie Gardner	1982-86	43	0-0	0-0	258
5) Jason Wells	1996-99	0	143-151	35-57	248
6) Mike Wood	1986-89	0	134-141	29-49	221
Jim Richter	1992-95	0	85-92	43-63	214
8) Danny Marshall	2000	0	113-122	.33-42	212
Derek Russell	1997-00	34	0-1	0-0	204
10) Mike Glenn	1978-80	32	0-0	0-0	192

▶ BLOODLINES...Furman starting junior defensive end Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.) is the son of former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winning running back George Rogers.

▼ KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY...Redshirt freshman linebacker Andrew Carson (Newnan, Ga.) is the brother of former Clemson All-America linebacker Chad Carson. Andrew's father, Tom Carson, played football at Georgia Tech, and his grandfather, Earle Carson, was an end, three-year letterman, and an honorable mention All-American at Furman (1928-30). A great uncle, M.A. Carson, was a two-time letterwinner as an offensive guard at Furman (1926-27), and another great uncle, Tom Carson, was an All-South offensive tackle selection and threeyear letterman who serve as captain of Furman's 1931 squad. Sophomore placekicker Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.) is the son of former Paladin defensive end Tommy Marshall (1974-76), who later served as an assistant coach on the Furman staff for eight years (1986-93), during which time the Paladins captured three Southern Conference titles and the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship. Redshirt freshman cornerback Jon MacDonald (Greer, S.C.) is the son of former Furman wide receiver Norman MacDonald (1972-74). Sophomore tight end Will Keller (Clayton, Ga.) is the nephew of former Paladins fullback Elliott Keller (1962-63), who led the league in rushing in 1962 with 724 yards.

NINE PALADINS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-SOCON...Nine Furman Paladins have been named to the Southern Conference coaches preseason all-league team. They include first team selections Steven Cain (Anderson, S.C.), offensive guard Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.), tight end Willis Sudderth (Lilburn, Ga.), cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.), and return specialist Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.). Second team picks include quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.), wide receiver Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.), defensive tackle LeByran Sperling (Decatur, Ga.), and placekicker Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.).

► FURMAN AND THE NFL...After starting the preseason with seven Furman products in NFL camps, the Paladins currently have two on rosters. Linebacker Orlando Ruff '99 is in his fourth season with the San Diego Chargers, having started in all but one game at middle linebacker last year, where he totaled 60 tackles. Safety John Keith '00, was resigned by the San Francisco 49ers to their practice squad after being released by the



team at the end of preseason camp. Keith worked his way into the starting lineup as a rookie before sustaining a fractured forearm midway through the season, and last year he sustained torn knee ligaments on the opening kickoff in the first game of 2001 campaign. Cuts by NFL teams proved costly for six-year veteran **Luther Broughton '97** (Chicago Bears), wide receiver **Des Kitchings '00 (Indianapolis Colts)**, offensive tackle **losh**

Moore '01 (Philadelphia Eagles), linebacker Will Bouton '02 (Pittsburgh Steelers), and tight end **Trent Sansbury '02** (Carolina Panthers).

NOCON COACHES' TELECONFERENCE...The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly teleconference throughout the 2002 season featuring the league's nine football coaches. The weekly teleconference is open to the media each Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. Eastern. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions. The toll-free number to call is 1-866-375-5101.

THE BOBBY LAMB FILE

PERSONAL

Name: Robert Emory Lamb

Born: December 24, 1962, in Augusta, Georgia
Wife: Allyson Acker of Greenville, South Carolina
Married: July 22, 1989, in Greenville, South Carolina

Children: Sallie Emory (May 21, 1992), Taylor Boyd (April 12, 1994)

EDUCATION

Commerce (Ga.) High School, 1982

Furman University, B.A. in Health and Exercise Science, 1987 Furman University, M.Ed. in Health and Exercise Science, 1992

PLAYING CAREER

Commerce High School, 1978-81, QB

- ▼ Four-Year Letterman, Three-Year Starter
- ▲ AA State Champion, 1981 (13-1-1)
- ★ Atlanta Journal-Constitution Georgia AA Back-of-the-Year, 1981

Furman University, 1982-85, QB

- ▼ Four-Year Letterman, Two-Year Starter
- N All-Southern Conference, 1984 & '85
- Now Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year, 1985 Now Southern Conference Player-of-th
- Now Southern Conference Champion/NCAA I-AA Runner-Up, 1985 (12-2) Now Southern Conference Champion/NCAA I-AA Runner-Up, 1985 (12-2)
- NCAA I-AA National Passing Efficiency Leader, 1985 (171.20)
- ➤ South Carolina Athletic Hall-of-Fame State Male Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year, 1985
- Charlotte Athletic Club Carolinas Male Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year, 1985



The Lambs: Sallie, Bobby, Allyson, and Taylor

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER

Year	School	Position Overall	SoCon	Finish	Highlights
1982	Furman	Backup Quarterback9-3	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist,
					d. South Carolina 28-23
1983	Furman	Backup Quarterback 10-2-1	6-0-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA-I-AA Semifinalist, d. Ga. Tech 17-14
1984	Furman	Starting Quarterback 8-3	3-3	4th	d. N.C. State 34-30, All-SoCon
1985	Furman	Starting Quarterback	6-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Runnerup, d. N.C. State 42-20
					SoCon Player-of-the-Year NCAA I-AA Pass Efficiency Leader

COLLEGIATE PLAYING RECORD

Furman — 39-10-1, 4 Years (.790)

COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER

Year	School	Responsibility Overall	SoCon	Finish	Highlights
1986	Furman	Student Assistant/Quarterbacks	4-2-1	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist, t. Ga. Tech 17-17
1987	Furman	Defensive Ends7-4	4-3	3rd	
1988	Furman	Defensive Ends	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Champion
1989	Furman	Quarterbacks	7-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Semifinalist
1990	Furman	Quarterbacks	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1991	Furman	Quarterbacks7-4	4-3	4th	
1992	Furman	Quarterbacks 6-5	4-3	5th	
1993	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 5-5-1	4-4	4th	
1994	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord	2-6	6th	
1995	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 6-5	5-3	3rd	
1996	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 9-4	6-2	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1997	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord	5-3	3rd	
1998	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 5-6	3-5	6th	
1999	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord 9-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Playoffs, d. UNC 28-3
2000	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord 9-3	6-2	2nd	NCAA I-AA Playoffs
2001	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Runnerup
2002	Furman	Head Coach6-2	4-1		

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Furman — 6-2, 1st Year (.750)

ASSISTANT COACHING RECORD

Furman — 126-65-3, 16 Years, (.657)

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2002 FURMAN PALADINS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Ĭ	Brian Bratton					
ż	Maurice Duncan	CB	5-8	178	R-Fr	Aiken, S.C./Silver Bluff
3	lames Thomas	SE	5-10	206	Sr	Marianna, Fla./Marianna
4	T.J. Wilson	CB	5-10	180	Şo	Rome, Ga./Pepperell
5	Cam Newton	FS	6-1	190	<u>S</u> o	Bennettsville, S.C./Marlboro County
6	Keith Johnson	CB	5-9	179	R- <u>F</u> r	North Augusta
7	Bear Rinehart	FLK	6-0	195	<u>S</u> r	Seneca, S.C./Seneca
8 9	David Latimer	55	6-0	200	K-Fr	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Southeast Raleigh
10	Daniel South	2E	6-2 4 0	205 204	K-Fr	ruquay-varina, in.C./Southeast Kaleigh
ii	Josh Stepp	F3 ∩B	6-0 5_11	206	30 Fr	Pelion S.C. /Pelion
iż	Bo Moore	OB	6-I	176	So	Madison Ga /Morgan County
i3	Matt Cain	ÕB	6-2	194	R-Fr	Easley, S.C./Easley
14	Paul Billingsly	SS	6-2	208	r	College Park, Ga./Woodward Academy Hartwell, Ga./Hart County Augusta, Ga./Butler
15	Jeremiah Van Dora	QB	6-0	196	So	Hartwell, Ga./Hart County
16	Ísaac West	ŠE	6-0	184	So	Augusta, Ga./Butler
17	Chris Lowery	C.B	5-9	1 / 8	Sr	Knoxville. Lenn./Austin-East
18	Casey Baxter	<u>SE</u>	6-0	197	Fr	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun
19	Billy Napier	QB	6-3	218	<u>S</u> r	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
20	Lockwood Holmes	CB	5-9	1/9	K-Իր	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles
21	Keito Whetstone	LB	6-0	228		Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
22	Lamar Rembert Cedrick Ritter	IB	5-8	182	Jr	Ocala, Fla./Belleview
23	T : 01/1 1	TD	г о	104		D 11 C /1 C
24 25	Podpovijeknogo	IB	3-8	184	jr	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County Marion, N.C./McDowell Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson Hodges, S.C./Greenwood McCormick, S.C./McCormick
26	Lindley Brigham	CD TR	3-7 5 Q	1/4	3F In	Rirmingham Ala /Mountain Brook
28	Brandon Borry	ID		203	، ال	Hondorsonville N.C./Fast Handarson
29	leremy Blocker	FLN	6-0 5_11	203 177	30 Fr	Hodges S.C./Greenwood
30	John Mark Shiflet	PK	5-10	177		McCormick & C/McCormick
31	Brandon Mays	TR	5-11	189	R-Fr	Arden NC/TC Roberson
32	Brandon MaysAl Means	FR	5-11	222	IX I I	Charlotte N.C./Butler
33	Tristian Owusu-Yaw	CB	6-0	172	Fr	Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County
35	Corey Tant	FB	5-11	200	So	Easley S.C./Easley
36	Rrett Merrill	FIK	5-8	157	R_Fr	Ormond Beach Fla /Seabreeze
37	Jon MacDonald Justin Stepp	СВ	5-9	180	R-Fr	Greer, S.C./Riverside
38	Justin Stepp	FLK	5-11	178	Fr	Pelion, S.C./Pelion
39	Nick Dean	SS	5-7	157	R-Fr	Decatur. Ga./Towers
40	Ken Yuhas	DE	6-2	234	So	Marietta, Ga./Pope
41	Andrew Knight	LB	6-0	214	Sr	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
42	Elton Daniels	FLK	6-0	180	R-Fr	Leland, N.C./North Brunswick
43	Nick Marra	FB	5-9	187	R- <u>F</u> r	Conyers, Ga./Heritage
44	Mike Killian	<u>LB</u>	6-2	226	So	Atlanta, Ga./Chamblee
45	Eric Emerson	FB	5-11	229	······i 50· ·····	Newnan, Ga./East Coweta
46	Rory O'Day	F5	5-10	202	K-Fr	Dallas, Ga./Lovett
47	Eddie Overdyke	DE	6-2	234	5r	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood Newnan, Ga./Woodward Academy
48	William Freeman	LB	6-5	222	K-Fr	Newnan, Ga./VVoodward Academy
49 51	VVIIIIam rreeman	LD	6-1 4 0	216	K-Fr D En	Swansea, S.C./Swansea Momphie Tonn / Momphie University School
52	Craig Morgan	LD	6-0 4 0	220	N-Fr	Luntington W/Va /Luntington
54	losh Slagle	C	5-0 5-9	203 196	30 R_Fr	Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School Huntington,W.Va./Huntington Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
55	Corey Stewart		6-2	269	K-11. Fr	Lilburn Ga /Brookwood
56	Trevor Kruger	OG	6-2	275	Sr	Moultrie, Ga./Colquitt County
57	Travis Iones	DF	6-I	252	So	Greenville S.C./Southside
58	Travis JonesRoy Ravenell	LB	6-2	226	Fr.	Goose Creek, S.C./Stratford
60	Josh McWhorter	OG	6-2	284	lr	Cartersville. Ga./Cartersville
62	lustin Price	OG	6-5	282	Šr	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
64	Patrick Covington	OT	6-3	270	Fr	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
65	Patrick CovingtonStephen Schroeder	OT	6-4	262	So	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
66	Brant Glover	NG	6-0	264	R-Fr	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
67	Nick Stavrakis	<u>OG</u>	5-10	246	So	Garden City Beach, S.C./Socastee
71	Ty Sellers	<u>DT</u>	6-3	261	<u>.</u> <u>F</u> r	Dalton, Ga./Dalton
72	Brian Laggis	OT	6-3	265	R- <u>F</u> r	Stockbridge, Ga./Heritage
73	Clayton Dyson	OG/ <u>C</u>	6-1	2/9	K-Fr	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
74	Steven Cain	···· 61 ···	6-5	310	2r	Anderson, S.C./VVestside
76 70	Tony Palazzo	DE	6-5	245	Fr	Grayson, Ga./South Gwinnett
78 79	Ben BainbridgeJohn Marks	01	6-6	201 272	30	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
80	Justin Perdue	OG	6-0 4 2	2/2	30 D E _r	Anden N.C./T.C. Pohenson
81	John Rust	····· += ···		220	IX-I I D Er	Rurlington N.C./Milliams
82	Glann Smith	DE	6-3 6-3	203	۱۸ - ۱۱	Mobile, Ala./St. Paul's Episcopal
83	Danny Marshall	PK	5-3 5-11	203 191		Atlanta Ga /Marist
84	Willis Sudderth	TF	6-3	244		Lilburn Ga /Parkview
85	Keenan Adams	DE	6-3	224	R-Fr	Columbia, S.C./Richland Northeast
87	Andy Rump	SE	6-1	189	Sr	Sherborn, Mass./Dover-Sherborn
88	Brian Kovach	PK	6-1	176	Sr	Flowery Branch. Ga./lohnson
89	Will Keller	TÈ	6-1	224	So	Clayton, Ga./Rabun County
90	Michael Burant	NG	6-3	282	So	Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County
93	Brandon Poole	DE	6-0	259	r	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
94	Wesley Bray	DT	6-2	262	Fr	Cave Spring, Ga./Coosa
95	lustin Porter	DT	6-2	258	R-Fr	Bowman, Ga./Elbert County
97	Ken Striggles N	G/DT	6-1	262	R-Fr	Stockbridge, Ga./Riverdale ´
98	LeBryan Sperling	<u>D</u> Ţ	6-2	303	<u>.</u> . <u>S</u> r	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb Nashville,Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
99	Johnny Shields	DE	6-8	236	K-Fr	Nashville, Ienn./Christ Presbyterian Academy

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		FFENSE (Multiple)	(4.0.105.0.)			SOUTHERN OFENSE (Sprea	,
FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	` '	WR	5	DERRICK OWENS	` ,
	I	Brian Bratton	• •		84	Eric Irby	· • ,
LT	78	BEN BAINBRDIGE	,	LT	61	JAMES MCCOY	` ,
	72	Brian Laggis			76	Clint Barbour	
LG	62	JUSTIN PRICE	,	LG	73	ALBERT TURNER	` '
	73	Clayton Dyson	,		79	Leonard Daggett	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
С	52	CRAIG MORGAN	,	С	74	CHARLES CLARKE	, , ,
	55	Corey Stewart	,		72	Will Lord	` ,
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	,	RG	66	TRAVIS HAMES	(' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '
	64	Patrick Covington	` '		71	Chad Motte	,
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN	,	RT	77	PAUL COLLINS	,
	65	Stephen Schroeder	,		64	Charlie Hopkins	,
TE	84	WILLIS SUDDERTH	,	WR	80	CARL KEARNEY	` ,
	80	Justin Perdue	,		81	Anthony Williams	
SE	16	ISAAC WEST	` ,	QB	10	CHAZ WILLIAMS	,
	I	Brian Bratton	` ,		14	Trey Hunter	,
QB	19	BILLY NAPIER	(6-3, 218, Sr.)	FB	6	JERMAINE AUSTIN	(5-7, 200, Fr.)
	12	Bo Moore	,		31	Brandon Andrews	` ,
FB	45	ERIC EMERSON	(5-11, 229, So.)	SB	34	MARK MYERS	,
	35	Corey Tant	(5-11, 200, So.)		36	Kevin Davis	(5-9, 170, So.)
ТВ	26	HINDLEY BRIGHAM (or)	(5-9, 203, Jr.)	SB	22	ZZREAM WALDEN	(5-8, 176, Sr.)
	24	Toreico O'Neal	(5-8, 184, Jr.)		28	T.J. Anderson	(5-10, 175, So.)
		EFENSE (43)				SOUTHERN DEFENSE (43)	
DE	47	EDDIE OVERDYKE	` '	DT	44	FREDDY PESQUERIA	` ,
	57	Travis Jones			96	Matt Rio	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	,	NT	70	ERIC MCINTIRE	,
	95	Justin Porter	,		99	Shannon Williams	,
NG	95	JUSTIN PORTER (or)	,	DT	98	ERIC HADLEY	,
	90	Michael Burant	,		90	Victor Cabral	` ,
DE	93	BRANDON POOLE	• /	DE	54	WINSTON HARDISON	` ,
	47	Eddie Overdyke			45	DeShawn Jude	,
SLB	21	KEITO WHETSTONE	• /	LB	43	DERRICK BUTLER	, ,
	48	Andrew Carson	,		41	Eric White	,
MLB	44	MIKE KILLIAN	,	LB	56	JOE SCOTT	(5-10, 216, Sr.)
	41	Andrew Knight	(6-0, 214, Sr.)			T.J. Rutledge	(5-10, 215, Fr.)
WLB	23	CEDRICK RITTER	,	LB	51	JAMES BURCHETT	• ,
	49	William Freeman	,		47	Mike Ward	` ,
LCB	4	T.J. WILSON	(5-10, 180, So.)	СВ	26	AARON WHITAKER	,
	2	Maurice Duncan	,		33	Ronnie Abrams	(5-10, 174, So.)
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON	• •	FS	ı	JAMES YOUNG	,
	6	Keith Johnson	(5-9, 179, R-Fr.)		13	A.J. Bryant	, ,
SS	14	PAUL BILLINGSLY	(6-2, 208, Jr.)	SS	18	DAVID YOUNG	(6-2, 190, Sr.)
	8	David Latimer	(6-0, 200, R-Fr.)		23	Tariq Muhammad	` ,
FS	5	CAM NEWTON	(6-1, 190, So.)	СВ	29	JONATHAN WILKERSON	(6-0, 180, Fr.)
	10	Daniel South	(6-0, 206, So.)		16	A.K. Keyes	(5-10, 170, Jr.)
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		PECIALISTS	/F			SOUTHERN SPECIALISTS	(F. 10. 104 C.)
PK	83	DANNY MARSHALL	• •	PK	40	SCOTT SHELTON	
KO	88	BRIAN KOVACH	• •	KO	40	SCOTT SHELTON	
P	12	BO MOORE	,	P	40	SCOTT SHELTON	,
SSN	64	PATRICK COVINGTON	,	SSN	53	JOSH SCHUYLER	• ,
LSN	82	GLENN SMITH	,	LSN	53	JOSH SCHUYLER	, - ,
НО	15	JEREMIAH VAN DORA	,	HO	17	MELVIN COX	• /
PR	7	BEAR RINEHART	,	PR	81	ANTHONY WILLIAMS	,
KOR	I	BRIAN BRATTON	(5-10, 1/4, 50.)	KOR	81	ANTHONY WILLIAMS	(5-7, 170, 5r.)

2002 Furman Football Furman Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 04, 2002)

RECORD: ALL GAMES CONFERENCE NON-CONFERENCE		OVERAL (6-2-0 (4-1-0 (2-1-0))	HOM (3-0 (2-0 (1-0	-0) -0)			NEUTRAL (0-0-0) (0-0-0) (0-0-0)
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RUSHING Hindley Brigham Lamar Rembert Toreico O'Neal Eric Emerson Al Means Brandon Mays Bear Rinehart Brian Bratton Corey Tant Nick Marra Billy Napier J. Van Dora Isaac West Brandon Berry Matt Cain Team Bo Moore Total Opponents	8 8 6 5 5 5 6 6 1 1 4 8 4 8 6 3 1 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 37	5 449 6 343 2 167 2 120 8 102 2 47 4 35 1 32 5 30	21 44 21 2 0 6 1 0 0 8 5 0 0 4 24 24 28	Net 485 405 322 1650 946 35 32 30 24 13 12 0 0 -4 -77 1345	Avg 5.9 6.2 5.8 3.2 5.5 3.0 8.8 2.9 6.0 0.6 13.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 4.5	1 3 2 3 4 0 1 1 0 0 4 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Ong Avg/ 63 60. 83 50. 58 40. 10 20. 38 20. 24 16. 47 5. 19 8. 11 7. 23 3. 13 1. 12 2. 0 0. 9 -0. 9 22. 61 168.	66360084050600055 1
PASSING Billy Napier Bo Moore Total Opponents	8 16 8 13 8 15	3.13	175-1 <u>2</u> 17-9- 192-1 2	20-6 -0 29-6	52.9 67.2	1692	1 68 11 78	Avg/G 211.5 15.4 226.9 151.8

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RECEIVING
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Bear Rinehart
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Brian Bratton
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                                           76
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Isaac West
                      18
                          351
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Toreico O'Neal
                      14
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                                               23.0
Willis Sudderth 8
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Lamar Rembert
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James Thomas
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Daric Carter
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Andy Rump
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Hindley Brigham
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Eric Emerson
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John Rust
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Total.....
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Opponents....
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FIELD GOALS
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Danny Marshall
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SCORING
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Al Means
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Billy Napier
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Lamar Rembert
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Isaac West
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Toreico O'Neal
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Hindley Brigham
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J. Van Dora
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John Marks
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Opponents..... 19 2-6 18-19
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BY QUARTER
             1st 2nd 3rd
                             4th
                                    Total
Team..... 91
Opponents... 24
                   62
                         36
                              59
                                      248
                   31
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                         35
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                No. 101
INTERCEPTIONS
                            Avg TD Long
Cam Newton
                           16.8
                                 Ω
                                      38
                           9.6
Rodney Johnson
                   5
                      48
                                      26
                       2.8
                                      2.8
T.J. Wilson
                           14.0
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Cedrick Ritter
                       11
                           11.0
                                      11
David Latimer
                   1
                       5
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                                      5
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Total....
                           12.9
                   6 138
                           23.0
Opponents.....
                                      48
PUNTING
                 No.
                      Yds
                            Ava Lona
                                      TB
                                           FC I20 Blkd
Bo Moore
                  24
                      959
                           40.0
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Team
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J. Van Dora
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Total....
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Opponents.....
PUNT RETURNS
                      Yds
                 No.
                            Avg TD Long
                10
                     173
Bear Rinehart
                           17.3 1
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Brian Bratton
                  1
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Total....
                  11
                           16.1
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                13
                      75
                           5.8
                                      43
Opponents....
KICK RETURNS
                 No.
                      Yds
                            Avg TD Long
Brian Bratton
                      458
                  20
                           22.9
                                0
                                      48
                           23.7
Brandon Mays
                  3
                       71
                       17
Daric Carter
                           17.0
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Toreico O'Neal
                  25 547
                           21.9
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Total.....
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TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays				Avg/G							
Billy Napier	8	217		1692		214.5							
Hindley Brigham	8	82	485	0	485	60.6							
Lamar Rembert	8	65	405	0	405	50.6							
Toreico O'Neal	8	56	322	0	322								
Eric Emerson	8	52	165	0	165								
Total	8		1777			449.0							
Opponents	8	497	1345	1214	2559	319.9							
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21 Keito Whetstor	ne	8	34	32	66	3/3					•		
44 Mike Killian		8	35	28	63				1		2		
14 Paul Billings	lу	8	21	27	48	4/13	1.5-4		3		1		
5 Cam Newton		8	27	17	44			6-101	9	. 1-0			
41 Andrew Knight		8	19	21	40	6/16	0.5-4				•		
4 T.J. Wilson		8	24	10	34			2-28	4	. 1-0	•		
98 L. Sperling		8	15	14	29						•		
25 Rodney Johnson		8	12	13	25	1/1		5-48	7	. 2-0	•	1	
47 Eddie Overdyke	9	8	13	9	22	5/10	1.0-3		2	. 1-14	1		
93 Brandon Poole		8	13	7	20	5/16	2.0-10		1			•	•
90 Michael Burant		7	9	10	19	2/2			2			•	
49 William Freema	an	8	11	8	19						•		
10 Daniel South		6	11	5	16	1/1			1		•		
57 Travis Jones		8	7	8	15	2/1			1		•		
95 Justin Porter		8	6	8	14	1/1	1.0-1		•			•	
6 Keith Johnson		8	8	5	13	•			•			•	•
48 Andrew Carson		8	7	6	13						•		
2 Maurice Duncar	n	8	8	4	12	•			1				
54 Josh Slagle		7	5	6	11						•		
8 David Latimer		6	5	6	11	1/0		1-5	1			•	•
82 Glenn Smith		8	2	7	9	1/1			•		1		
39 Nick Dean		5	7		7	•	•		•				
37 Jon MacDonald		8	4	3	7	•	•		•				
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2002 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

40 Ken Yuhas

Total....

Opponents.....

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8 367

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8 339 292

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305

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^{*} Furman employed a 3-5 defensive alignment against VMI, featuring only three down linemen and an extra defensive back (David Latimer).

2002 Furman Football Furman Game Superlatives (as of Nov 04, 2002)

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	16	Hindley Brigham at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)
Yards Rushing	133	Lamar Rembert at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
TD Rushes	2	Al Means at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Long Rush	83	Lamar Rembert vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Pass attempts	31	Billy Napier at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Pass completions	21	Billy Napier at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
_	252	
Yards Passing		Billy Napier vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
TD Passes	4	Billy Napier vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Long Pass	78	Billy Napier vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Receptions	9	Bear Rinehart at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
Yards Receiving	160	Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
TD Receptions	3	Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Long Reception	78	Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Field Goals	3	Danny Marshall at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Field Goal	46	Danny Marshall at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Danny Marshall at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Punts	4	Bo Moore at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
		Bo Moore at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Bo Moore vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		Bo Moore at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Punting Avg	54.0	Bo Moore at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)
Long Punt	54	Bo Moore at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)
9		
Long Punt Return	66	Bear Rinehart at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return.	48	Brian Bratton at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Tackles	14	Cedrick Ritter at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		Cedrick Ritter vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
~ 1		Cedrick Ritter vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Sacks	1	Eddie Overdyke vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
		Paul Billingsly at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Andrew Knight at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Justin Porter at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Brandon Poole vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		Brandon Poole at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
		Paul Billingsly vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Interceptions	2	Rodney Johnson vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
		2002 Furman Football
		Furman Game Superlatives (as of Nov 04, 2002)
		TEAM GAME HIGHS
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Rushes	53	vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Yards Rushing	397	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Yards Per Rush	7.9	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
TD Rushes	5	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
12 Rabited	5	vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Pass attempts	32	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Pass completions	22	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Passing	327	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Yards Per Pass	19.2	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
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3 at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)

vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)

Interceptions By.... 4 vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)

Total Offense..... 640 at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Yards Per Play..... 9.1 at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Points...... 57 vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)

Sacks By.....

2002 Furman Football Furman Game Superlatives (as of Nov 04, 2002)

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes Yards Rushing TD Rushes Long Rush Pass attempts Pass completions	17 117 3 61 38 22	Gaven Varner, at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002) Fred Boateng, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Joey Gibson, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Joey Gibson, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Yards Passing	215	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Passes	2	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Long Pass	59	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Receptions	7	T.J. Snelling, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Yards Receiving	132	Dan Stricker, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Receptions	2	Dan Stricker, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Long Reception	59	Dan Stricker, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Field Goals	1	Chris Vought, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		Travis Zobel, vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Long Field Goal	32	Chris Vought, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Punts	6	A. Turowski, vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
		Brent Barth, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Punting Avg	54.6	Nate McKinney, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Punt	61	Nate McKinney, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Punt Return	43	DaVon Fowlkes, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return.	30	Xavier Godard, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Tackles	14	Mark Thompson, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		Nygel Rogers, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Sacks	2	Clifton Coker, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
Interceptions	1	Danny Young, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		Musa Sarki, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Randy Thompson, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		Jay Lyles, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
		Avery Dingle, vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
		Lamar Beam, at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)

2002 Furman Football Furman Game Superlatives (as of Nov 04, 2002)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	44	vs	Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Yards Rushing	344	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Per Rush	8.2	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Rushes	5	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Pass attempts	39	at	VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Pass completions	23	at	VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Yards Passing	213	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Per Pass	13.3	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Passes	2	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Total Plays	76	at	VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Total Offense	557	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Per Play	9.6	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Points	49	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Sacks By	4	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
		at	Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
First Downs	26	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Penalties	7	at	Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Penalty Yards	88	at	Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Turnovers	4	vs	Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		VS	The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Interceptions By	1	at	Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		at	VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		vs	Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		at	Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
		vs	The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
		at	East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)

GAME I

Vanderbilt 49, Furman 18

September 7, 2002

Vanderbilt Stadium Attendance: 28,568

NASHVILLE, TENN. -- Quarterback Jay Cutler totaled 322 yards in offense and five touchdown responsibilities to lead the Vanderbilt Commodores to a 42-18 win over NCAA I-AA fourth-ranked Furman in front of 28,568 fans at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Cutler completed 11-of-14 passes for 215 yards and a pair of touchdowns to senior wide receiver Dan Stricker, and also rushed for 107 yards and three touchdowns, including a 61-yard third quarter sprint, to deliver to head coach Bobby Johnson his first victory at Vanderbilt after eight seasons as head coach at Furman.

The loss was the worst suffered by Furman since a 33-0 season opening setback in Clemson in 1998, and the 49 points were the most surrendered by a Paladin squad since a 58-28 loss to East Tennessee State in 1997. Furman committed three fumbles and yielded 557 yards to the Commodores, including 344 on the ground.

Vanderbilt wasted no time in taking the lead, capitalizing on a fumble recovery by Chuck Losey at the Furman 43 to set up a quick strike on the next play — the Commodores' first snap of the game. Cutler connected with Stricker behind the Paladin secondary for a 43-yard touchdown to put Vanderbilt up 7-0 at the 13:15 mark.

Following a 41-yard Bo Moore punt to the Vanderbilt 2, the Commodores' got a key 10-yard run on a third down draw play by Ronald Hatcher to the 15. From there Cutler hit Stricker for 14 yards to the 29 and two plays later zipped his second scoring strike to Stricker for 59 yards to make it 14-0 at the 5:51 juncture.

Furman answered on its next possession, moving 64 yards on 13 plays to the Vanderbilt 14, where Danny Marshall booted a 31-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter to make it 14-3. Marshall's field goal, however, proved to be a mild solace for the Paladins, who failed to convert a first and goal situation at the Vanderbilt 4. Two straight losses backed Furman up to the 9, and a delay of game penalty pushed it back to the 14, where quarterback Billy Napier's fade pass in the end zone failed.

A second Paladin fumble led to the Commodores' third touchdown of the game. Fielding a punt at his own 13, Bear Rinehart raced up the middle and broke outside for a 26-yard return, but Jonathan Straub stripped the ball and it was recovered by Vanderbilt's Nick Getter at the Furman 39. From there, Vanderbilt covered the distance in eight plays before Cutler scored on a 1-yard dive for a 21-3 Vanderbilt advantage.

The Commodores finished off an impressive first half with a 6-play, 78-yard drive that Cutler completed on a 12-yard draw with only 11 seconds left in the half for a 28-3 margin.

The Paladins scored first in the second half, getting a 22-yard Marshall field goal to close the gap to 28-6, but Vanderbilt responded a little over a minute later with Cutler's 61-yard run to give the Commodores a 35-6 advantage.

Furman used a 1-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Al Means and a 2-yard scoring run from Napier to close the gap to 35-18, but Vanderbilt effectively ended any Paladin comeback bid when Noval McKenzie eluded a host of defenders with a 57-yard touchdown run at the 10:49 juncture of the fourth quarter to make it 42-18.

Napier paced Furman offensively, completing 21-of-31 passes for 241 yards. His favorite target was senior flanker Bear Rinehart, who nabbed seven receptions for 127 yards, and sophomore split end Isaac West, who had seven catches for 82 yards. Junior tailback Hindley Brigham headed up Furman's ground game with 70 yards on seven carries.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman0	3	9	6	_	18
Vanderbilt 14	14	7	14		49

SCORING SUMMARY

V — Dan Stricker 43 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 13:15-1Q I play, 43 yards, TOP 0:08
V — Dan Stricker 59 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 5:51-1Q
7 plays, 97 yards, TOP 3:15 0-14 F — Danny Marshall 31 FG 14:55-2Q
13 plays, 64 yards, TOP 5:56 3-14
V — Jay Cutler I run (Greg Johnson kick) 9:21-2Q
8 plays, 39 yards, TOP 3:41 3-21
V — Jay Cutler 12 run (Greg Johnson kick) 0:11
6 plays, 78 yards, TOP 1:02 3-28
F — Danny Marshall 22 FG 9:58-3Q
7 plays, 37 yards, TOP 3:02 6-28
V — Jay Cutler 61 run (Greg Johnson kick)
3 plays, 72 yards, TOP 1:25 6-35
F — Al Means I run (Billy Napier rush fumbled) 2:00-3Q
12 plays, 73 yards, TOP 6:33 12-35
F — Billy Napier 2 run (Billy Napier pass failed) 12:00-4Q
6 plays, 46 yards, TOP 3:00 18-35
V — Norval McKenzie 57 run (Greg Johnson kick) 10:49-4Q
3 plays, 65 yards, TOP 1:11
V — Bara Cola 3 run (Greg Johnson kick) 5:09-4Q
9 plays, 80 yads, TOP 4:22
, plays, 55 /4ds, 1 G1 1.22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 7-70, Emerson 5-24, O'Neal 3-17, Rembert 11-2, Means 3-1, Napier 6-(-1), Team 1-(-1), Moore 1-(-12). V — Cutler 6-107, McKenzie 11-99, Doster 12-75, Tant 3-21, Bourque 2-16, Hatcher 3-15, Cola 3-8, Brandon 1-3, Rojas 1-0.

Passing: F — Napier 21-31-0-241, Moore 1-1-0-12. V — Cutler 11-14-1-215. Walker 1-2-0-(-2).

Receiving: F — Rinehart 7-127, West 7-82, Rembert 2-12, O'Neal 2-11, Carter 1-12, Emerson 1-6, Bratton 1-3, Brigham 1-(-1). V — Stricker 4-132, McKenzie 2-34, Smith 2-11, Brancheau 1-16, Simone 1-14, Getter 1-8, Williams 1-(-2).

Field Goals: F — Marshall 2-2 (31G, 22G). V — None.

Defense: F — Newton 9 (6 solo, 3 ast.), Whetstone 9 (5 solo, 4 ast.), Ritter 8 (4 solo, 4 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FR), Billingsly 6 (5 solo, 1 ast., 2 TFL), Wilson 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 PBU). V — Hillenmeyer I I (8 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL, 1 PBU), Shaub 7 (6 solo, 1 ast., 1 FF), Osemwegie 7 (4 solo, 3 ast., 3 TFL, 1 Sack), Morris 6 (6 solo).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	VAN
First Downs	22	26
Rushing	37-100	42-344
Passing	253	213
C/A/I		
Total Offense	353	557
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties	4-30	7-59
Punts	4-39.8	2-45.0
Punt Returns		
Kickoff Returns	8-178	3-58
Possession Time		
Third Down Conversions	7-13	3-6
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-1
Sacks By	0-0	3-29

Furman 57, Elon 7



September 14, 2002

Paladin Stadium Attendance: 4,680

GREENVILLE -- A two-hour lightning delay didn't faze NCAA I-AA seventh-ranked Furman as quarterback Billy Napier threw for 237 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Paladins to a 57-7 romp over Elon and hand head coach Bobby Lamb his first collegiate victory.

Napier, a senior from Chatsworth, Ga., connected with split end Issac West on three of his four touchdown strikes, including a 78-yarder on the Paladins' first offensive play to give Furman a quick 7-0 lead. The duo later hooked up on scoring tosses covering 71 and 11 yards to help put the Paladins ahead 35-0 after the first quarter.

"I told the guys in the locker room that we should start every game at 9:00 p.m.," said Lamb after his team was forced to wait two hours before kickoff due to lightning and heavy rains. "I was really proud of the defense after what happened last week (Furman's 49-18 loss to Vanderbilt). Offensively our plan was to go up top. When Billy hit Isaac striding, that really got us going and jump started us for a big first half."

"It was bang, bang so quickly in the first quarter that we really didn't have much of a chance to get in the game," said Elon coach Al Seagraves. "They gashed us and took us to the wood shed early."

Furman's 35-point first quarter matched the highest scoring quarter in school history, and West's three touchdown receptions tied a school record held by two others. Napier, who completed 8-of-10 passes, exited the game along with many of Furman's offensive starters early in the second quarter after fullback Al Means' I-yard touchdown plunge put the Paladins ahead 42-0 at the 12:11 mark.

The Paladins, who found the end zone on their first six possessions, closed out the first half scoring outburst when backup quarterback Bo Moore connected with Brian Bratton on a 9-yard touchdown pass with 0:36 left to make it 49-0.

Elon avoided the shutout when James Murdaugh hit Kyle Belkoski on a 23-yard touchdown pass with 1:32 left in the game.

Furman, which turned to reserves for the entire second half, rolled up 542 yards in offense, including 327 through the air. West's three receptions went for touchdowns and accounted for 160 yards, and redshirt freshman tailback Brandon Mays paced all rushers with 88 yards on 15 carries

SCORING SUMMARY

F —	Isaac West 78 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 14:36-1Q
	I play, 78 yards, TOP 0:24 0- 7
F —	Brian Bratton 9 run (Danny Marshall kick)
	7 plays, 54 yards, TOP 3:19 0-14
F —	Isaac West 71 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 8:19-1Q
	I play, 74 yards, TOP 0:12 0-21
F —	Bear Rinehart 7 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 6:24-1Q
	4 plays, 24 yards, TOP 1:36 0-28
F —	Isaac West 11 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 3:33-2Q
	4 plays, 27 yards, TOP 1:41 0-35
F —	Al Means I run (Danny Marshall kick) 12:11-2Q
	6 plays, 50 yards, TOP 2:12 0-42
F —	Brian Bratton 9 pass from Bo Moore (Danny Marshall kick) 0:36-2Q
	4 plays, 80 yards, TOP 1:52 0-49
F —	Lamar Rembert 4 run (John Marks pass) 4:09-4Q
	8 plays, 57 yards, TOP 4:50 0-57
E —	Kyle Belkoski 23 pass from James Murdaugh (A. Turowski kick) 1:32-4Q
	7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 2:37 7-57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F—Mays 15-88, Marra 5-30, Brigham 4-28, Emerson 4-18, West 1-12, Rembert 3-11, Bratton 1-9, Means 1-9, Moore 1-4, O'Neal 3-4, Tant 1-2, Cain 1-0. E—Fulmore 9-43, Palmer 12-36, Singeltary 9-35, Swindell 6-22, Murdaugh 3-13, Mitchell 2-8, Banks 1-3, Johnson 2-3.

Passing: F — Napier 8-10-0-237, Moore 5-7-0-90. E — Singletary 5-13-2-36, Murdaugh 5-5-0-63.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 4-58, West 3-160, Rust 2-23, Rump 2-9, Carter I-68, Bratton I-9. E — Belkoski 2-33, Smith 2-20, Mitchell 2-15, Utz I-21, Neal I-7, Banks I-2, Johnson I-1.

Field Goals: F — None. E — None.

Defense: F — Knight 7 (5 solo, 2 ast., I TFL), Latimer 5 (3 solo, 2 ast.), Slagle 5 (2 solo, 3 ast.), South 4 (4 solo), Whetstone 4 (4 solo, I TFL, I FR), Porter 3 (3 solo), Overdyke 3 (2 solo, I ast., 2 TFL, I Sack). E — Warren 7 (3 solo, 4 ast.), Conner 5 (4 solo, I ast.), Harris 4 (4 solo), Geter 4 (3 solo, I ast.).

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	35	14	0	8	_	57
Elon	0	0	0	7		7

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	ELON
First Downs	23	15
Rushing	43-215	44-163
Passing	327	99
C/A/I		
Total Offense	542	262
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties	2-15	4-35
Punts		
Punt Returns	1-11	1-(-1)
Kickoff Returns		
Possession Time	28:42	31:18
Third Down Conversions	7-10	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Sacks By	I-3	0-0

GAME 3

Furman 17, Richmond 7

September 21, 2002

University of Richmond Stadium Attendance: 7,189

RICHMOND,VA. -- Billy Napier threw for 219 yards and rushed for 27 yards and a key fourth quarter touchdown to lead NCAA I-AA seventh-ranked Furman to a 17-7 win over 22nd-ranked Richmond at University of Richmond Stadium.

Napier, a senior from Chatsworth, Ga., and the Southern Conference's top rated passer, completed 19-of-26 passes to pace Furman's offense, but it was his 1-yard sneak into the end zone with 10:38 left in the game that broke open a 10-7 contest and gave the Paladins a 17-7 lead. Furman's decisive drive covered 69 yards in 10 plays and included a 32-yard run by tailback Toreico O'Neal to the Spiders 3-yard line.

The key fourth quarter score came two possessions after the Paladins stopped Richmond on downs as the Furman I. Trailing 10-7, the Spiders' Danny Young picked off a Billy Napier pass and returned it II yards to the Paladins 34. Three plays later quarterback D'Arcy Wills connected with Dan McNair for 20 yards to the Furman 8. Two rushes by Lee Williams and a run by Wills moved the ball at the I, but Wills was stopped a foot short of the goal line on fourth down.

In the first meeting between the Paladins and Spiders since 1977, Furman grabbed an early 7-0 after taking the opening kickoff and moving 71 yards in 11 plays for a 4-yard touchdown run by tailback Hindley Brigham.

Richmond answered on its first possession by marching 81 yards in 15 plays for a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Wills to knot the game at 7-7.

Late in the first quarter Furman suffered a big blow when sophomore split end Isaac West, the Southern Conference's leading receiver, sustained a fractured collarbone. West, who last week caught three touchdown passes in the Paladins' 57-7 win over Elon, will be out from three to six weeks.

With its speedy wide receiver out of the contest, the Paladins turned to senior All-Southern Conference flanker Bear Rinehart, and the Seneca, S.C., native responded with a career high nine receptions for 94 yards, including a pair of catches covering 25 yards to help set up a 39-yard Danny Marshall field goal midway through the second quarter to give Furman a 10-7 advantage.

Furman's goal line stand highlighted a scoreless third quarter that saw the Paladins' offense saddled with poor field position, starting a pair of drives at the 3 and 1 yard lines.

Not until its third possession of the second half was Furman able to grab good field position following a 10-yard punt return by Rinehart to the Paladin 31, which initiated the Paladins' decisive 69-yard touchdown drive.

Furman outgained Richmond 385-249 and displayed solid balance, rushing for 166 yards and passing for 219. Other than one interception, the Paladins played error free football and recorded their first penalty free game since the 1995 season in a 24-3 win over The Citadel in Charleston. Furman has been the least penalized team in the conference over the last three years.

Brigham paced all rushers with 60 yards on 14 carries, and sophomore Brian Bratton stepped in for the injured West to nab five catches for 60 yards. Sophomore linebackers Mike Killian and Cedrick Ritter paced Furman's defensive effort with 11 and 10 tackles respectively, with Ritter also adding a tackle-for-loss, a fumble recovery, and a pass deflection.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman 7	7	3	0	7	_	17
Richmond 7	7	0	0	0		7

SCORING SUMMARY

F —	Hindley Brigham 4 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:20-1Q	
	11 play, 71 yards, TOP 4:40 7-	- (
R —	D'Arcy Wills I run (Doug Kirchner kick) 2:35-IQ	
	15 plays, 81 yards, TOP 7:45 7-	- 7
F —	Danny Marshall kick 39 FG 7:43-2Q	
	11 plays, 70 yards, TOP 4:01 10-	- 7
F —	Billy Napier I run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:38-4Q	
	10 plays, 69 yards, TOP 4:22 17-	- 7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 14-60, O'Neal 4-40, Napier 10-27, Emerson 7-18, Means 5-15, Rembert 4-8, Team 2-(-2). R — Wills 14-38, Edwards 8-34, Dantzler 5-33, Williams 12-29.

Passing: F — Napier 19-26-1-219. R — Wills 11-19-0-115.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 9-94, BRatton 5-60, Sudderth 2-32, Thomas I-7, Emerson I-2, Rembert I-(-I), O'Neal 0-25. R — Ouden 5-55, Edwards 4-37, McNair 2-23.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 39G, 51NG. R — Kirchner 40NG.

Defense: F — Killian I I (5 solo, 6 ast.), Ritter I 0 (2 solo, 8 ast., I TFL, I FR, I PBU), Whetstone 9 (3 solo, 6 ast.), Newton 7 (2 solo, 5 ast.), Sperling 6 (1 solo, 5 ast.). R — Thompson I 4 (4 solo, 9 ast., 3 TFL), Goddard I 2 (9 solo, 3 ast., I TFL), Archie 9 (4 solo, 5 ast.), Slade 9 (3 solo, 6 ast., I TFL, 0.5 Sack).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	RICH
First Downs	23	14
Rushing	46-166	39-134
Passing	219	115
C/A/I	19-26-1	11-19-0
Total Offense	385	249
Fumbles-Lost	I-0	2-I
Penalties	0-0	4-30
Punts	3-37.3	5-44.8
Punt Returns	1-10	1-10
Kickoff Returns	2-40	4-81
Possession Time	32:46	27:14
Third Down Conversions	8-15	6-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	I-2
Sacks By	0-0	2-13

Furman 55,VMI 28



September 28, 2002

Alumni Memorial Stadium Attendance: 6,235

LEXINGTON,VA. -- Billy Napier threw two touchdowns and ran for another in a 28-point first quarter scoring outburst to lead Furman to a 55-28 win over VMI Saturday afternoon at Alumni Memorial Stadium in the final meeting between the two longtime Southern Conference rivals.

The victory, Furman's school record 21st straight triumph over VMI since 1980, concludes the conference football series between the Paladins and Keydets, which began in 1946. VMI, a member of the league since 1923, is leaving the conference at the end of the 2002-03 academic year for the Big South Conference.

Napier, a senior from Chatsworth, Ga., and the conference's leading passer, completed all seven pass attempts for 159 yards in the first quarter, including a 2-yard toss to tight end Willis Sudderth and 76-yard strike to split end Brian Bratton to extend a 14-0 Paladin lead.

Tailback Toreico O'Neal gave Furman a quick 7-0 advantage with a 58-yard touchdown run on the game's second offensive play, and Napier later added a 1-yard sneak for a score at the 8:00 mark to push the Paladins' lead to 14-0.

Furman totaled 280 yards on 21 plays in game's first 15 minutes on the way to a 640-yard afternoon, the second most productive offensive performance in school history.

VMI cut Furman's lead to 28-14 in the second quarter with a 51-yard touchdown run by Sean Mizzer and 48-yard interception return by Musa Sarki, but the Paladins effectively quelled any Keydet comeback when Lamar Rembert reeled off a 52-yard scoring run with 3:29 left in the half to make it 35-14.

Then, just before intermission, Furman needed only 26 seconds to cover 63 yards for its final tally of the half. After safety Cam Newton intercepted a pass at the VMI 9, the Paladins used a 38-yard shovel pass from Napier from Toreico O'Neal to move to the Paladin 47. On the next play Napier hit Andy Rump for 25 yards to the VMI 28, where Danny Marshall booted a career long 46-yard field goal as time expired for a 38-14 advantage.

Playing reserves on both side of the football, the Paladins added a pair of scores in the third quarter, getting a 42-yard Marshall field goal and a 6-yard touchdown run by backup fullback Al Means to extend their lead to 48-21.

The two teams traded scores in the fourth quarter, with backup fullback AI Means scoring his second touchdown of the contest on a 38-yard run in the last minute of play.

Furman rushed for a season high 397 yards and passed for 243. Napier, who didn't play in the second half, finished with 222 yards through the air, completing 9-of-11 attempts. Junior tailback Lamar Rembert paced the Paladin ground attack with a career high 133 yards on 11 carries.

VMI quarterback Joey Gibson completed 22-of-38 passes for 200 yards and a touchdown for the Keydets, but the Keydet senior was picked off three times by Rodney Johnson, David Latimer, and Cam Newton.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman 28	8	10	10	7	_	55
VMI	0	14	7	7		28

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Toreico O'Neal 58 run (Danny Marshall kick) 14:22-1Q
2 plays, 74 yards, TOP 0:38 7- 0
F — Billy Napier I run (Danny Marshall kick) 8:00-1Q
10 plays, 65 yards, TOP 4:23
F — Willis Sudderth 2 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 4:23-1Q
5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 2:17 21 - 0
F — Brian Bratton 76 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 0:52-1Q
4 plays, 90 yards, TOP 1:53
V — Sean Mizzer 51 run (Matt Sharpe kick) 12:42-2Q
7 plays, 85 yards, TOP 3:10 28- 7
V — Musa Sarki 48 interception return (Matt Sharpe kick) 5:13-2Q
28-14
F — Lamar Rembert 52 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:29-2Q
4 plays, 64 yards, TOP 1:44
F — Danny Marshall 46 FG 0:00-2Q
3 plays, 63 yards, TOP 0:26
F — Danny Marshall 42 FG 11:47-3Q
5 plays, 54 yards, TOP 1:42
V — Kevin Solomon I run (Matt Sharpe kick) 4:30-3Q
6 plays, 48 yards, TOP 2:12
F — Al Means 6 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:45-3Q
7 plays, 66 yards, TOP 3:45
V — Pedro Garcia 7 pass from Joey Gibson (Matt Sharpe kick) 7:24-4Q
6 plays, 41 yards, TOP 1:12
F — Al Means 38 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:58-4Q
8 plays, 59 yards, TOP 3:32 55-28

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Rembert II-133, O'Neal II-96, Brigham 9-78, Means 3-46, Bratton 2-25, Emerson 3-II, Mays 3-8, Napier 2-5, Moore 6-(-5). V — Mizzer 8-69, Gibson I3-46, Bell 7-35, Snelling 5-24, Lyles 2-3, Solomon 2-2.

Passing: F — Napier 9-11-1-222, Moore 3-9-0-21. V — Gibson 22-38-3-200.

Receiving: F — Sudderth 4-35, Bratton 3-94, O'Neal 3-50, Rinehart I-39, Rump I-25. V — Snelling 7-41, Garcia 4-37, Carlson 3-44, Burden 2-31, Bell 2-5, Malave-Lopez I-17, Reel I-12, Barnes I-9, Solomon I-8, Johnston I-8.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 46G, 42G. V — None.

Defense: F — Billingsly (6 solo, 6 ast., 1 TFL, 1 Sack), Whetstone 9 (5 solo, 4 ast., 1 TFL), Ritter 8 (3 solo, 5 ast.), Killian 7 (3 solo, 4 ast.), Johnson 6, (4 solo, 2 ast.), Latimer 5 (2 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL, 1 Int.). V — Foxx 9 (5 solo, 4 ast., 2 FTL), Mason 8 (5 solo, 3 ast.), Huggard 7 (4 solo, 3 ast., 2 TFL, 1 Blocked Punt).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	VMI
First Downs	21	22
Rushing	50-397	37-179
Passing	243	212
C/A/I		
Total Offense	640	391
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties	6-50	1-5
Punts	6-33.5	6-47.2
Punt Returns	3-30	2-18
Kickoff Returns	2-22	8-140
Possession Time	32:21	27:39
Third Down Conversions	4-13	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Sacks By	2-7	1-5

GAME 5

Furman 24, Western Carolina 23

October 5, 2002

Paladin Stadium Attendance: 13,125

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Billy Napier passed for a career high 252 yards and two touchdowns as NCAA I-AA fifth-ranked Furman held off Western Carolina for a 24-23 win in Southern Conference action Saturday afternoon in front of 13,125 fans at Paladin Stadium.

Napier, the nation's leader in passing efficiency, completed 15-of-22 passes, including a 15-yard touchdown toss to Brian Bratton and 44-yard scoring strike to Bear Rinehart, who caught five passes for a career high 153 yards. The win was Furman's (4-1, 2-0 SoCon) fifth straight over Western Carolina (3-3, 1-2 SoCon) and the Paladins' 14th-straight home triumph over Southern Conference opposition.

Despite Napier's record setting performance, Furman only managed to escape Western Carolina's upset bid when Chris Vought missed an extra point attempt after Fred Boateng scored on a 4-yard run with 3:43 left to pull the Catamounts to within a point. Instead of attempting and onside kick, the Catamounts kicked deep, and Furman was able to burn most of the remaining time off the clock with a pair of first downs.

The Catamounts regained possession at their 44 with 19 seconds left following a poor 15-yard Furman punt, but a desperation pass by quarterback Brian Gaither was picked off by Furman's Cam Newton to end the game.

Both teams took advantage of miscues to open the scoring. An interception and 36-yard return by cornerback Randy Thompson to the Furman 39 led to a Vought 32-yard field goal that put Western Carolina ahead 3-0 at the 9:39 mark of the first quarter.

Later in the quarter Furman defensive end Eddie Overdyke scooped up a fumble a returned it 14 yards to the Western Carolina 13 to set up a 15-yard touchdown pass from Napier to Bratton to give the Paladins a 7-3 lead with 5:24 left in the first quarter.

Furman extended its lead to 14-3 in the second quarter, using a 33-yard run by tailback Toreico O'Neal and 23-yard option keeper by Napier to the Western 1 before fullback Eric Emerson ran off right tackle into the end zone for the score.

Leading 21-10 after three quarters, Furman watched Western Carolina pull to within four points at 21-17 after quarterback Pat Cilento connected with Lamont Seward on a 34-yard first down pass to the Furman I, where one play later Cilento scored with 12:45 left.

Furman answered with an 11-play, 83-yard drive for a Danny Marshall 20-yard field goal and a 24-17 lead, but Western Carolina appeared poised to tie the game after covering 62 yards in eight plays for Boateng's 4-yard scoring run. On the PAT, however, the snap bounced to holder Stanton Horne and the bad timing led to Vought's kick missing wide right.

Furman outgained Western Carolina 444-354, rushing for 192 yards to go along with Napier's 252 passing yards. Western Carolina's Fred Boateng led all rushers with 117 yards on 16 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	7	7	7	3	_	24
Western Carolina	3	0	7	13	_	23

SCORING SUMMARY

W — Chris Vought 32 FG 9:39-1Q
6 plays, 25 yards, TOP 2:24 3- 0
F — Brian Bratton 15 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 5:24-1Q
3 plays, 13 yards, TOP 0:54 3- 7
F — Eric Emerson I run (Danny Marshall kick)
6 plays, 70 yards, TOP 2:19 3-14
W — Fred Boateng I run (Chris Vougt kick) II:54-3Q
4 plays, 12 yards, TOP 1:14 10-14
F — Bear Rinehart 44 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 2:11-3Q
5 plays, 82 yards, TOP 1:20 10-21
W — Pat Cilento I run (Chris Vought kick) 12:45-4Q
12 plays, 66 yards, TOP 4:26 17-21
F — Danny Marshall 20 FG 6:29-4Q
11 plays, 83 yards, TOP 6:16 17-24
F — Danny Marshall 46 FG 0:00-2Q
3 plays, 63 yards, TOP 0:26
W — Fred Boateng 4 run (Chris Vought kick failed) 3:43-4Q
8 plays, 62 yards, TOP 2:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — O'Neal 10-62, Rembert 9-44, Brigham 9-40, Napier 9-18, Emerson 9-16, Means 3-13, Rinehart I-(-1). W— Boateng 16-117, DeShauteurs 12-26, Cilento 8-13, Bush 3-5, Banks I-4, Gaither I-4, Philyaw I-0.

Passing: F — Napier 15-22-1-252. W — Gaither 5-14-2-68, Cilento 8-12-0-117.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 5-153, Bratton 5-49, Thomas 2-28, O'Neal I-12, Emerson I-6, Carter I-4. W — Banks 3-64, Seard 2-64, DeShauteurs 2-18, Godard 2-15, Roy I-10, Lane I-7, Reeder I-4 Bush I-3.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 40NG, 20G. W — Vought 32G.

Defense: F — Ritter 9 (3 solo, 6 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FF), Killian 9 (1 solo, 8 ast.), Wilson 7 (5 solo, 2 ast., 1 FR, 1 Int.), Sperling 7 (3 solo, 4 ast.), Johnson 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.). W — Burgis 10 (8 solo, 2 ast., 2 TFL), Leach 9 (5 solo, 4 ast., 1 TFL), Kendrick 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL), Dunlap 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	WCU
First Downs	22	17
Rushing	50-192	42-169
Passing	252	185
C/A/I	15-22-1	13-26-2
Total Offense	444	354
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-2
Penalties	6-51	6-55
Punts	4-37.3	5-39.2
Punt Returns	1-4	3-0
Kickoff Returns		
Possession Time	34:59	25:01
Third Down Conversions	8-14	8-15
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Sacks By	0-0	1-7



Appalachian State 16, Furman 15

October 12, 2002

Kidd Brewer Stadium Attendance: 14,311

BOONE, N.C. -- Derrick Black took a pitch following an interception by teammate Josh Jeffries on a Furman two-point conversion attempt and completed a 96-yard return for two points with 7.4 seconds left in the game to lift NCAA I-AA nationally fourth-ranked Appalachian State to a 16-15 win over fifth-rated Furman Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

Appalachian State's improbable last second heroics came after Furman appeared set to finish off the Mountaineers after marching 73 yards in 13 plays for the go-ahead touchdown, which came on a 12-yard strike from quarterback Billy Napier to flanker Bear Rinehart to put the Paladins ahead 15-14. But the Paladins elected to go for two points and Napier's pass was picked off by Jeffries at the 4-yard line. Jeffries ran 20 yards before pitching it to Black, who covered the distance for the game's decisive points.

"I've been a part of some losses over the years but nothing like that," said a despondent head coach Bobby Lamb. "I take full responsibility for what happened. We didn't have a time out and had some confusion about what play to run. We wanted to run a sprint out, but instead we threw the tunnel screen, and they picked it off. Our defense deserved better. They played their rear ends off."

Furman outgained Appalachian State 323-204 and hogged the football for most of the game, piling up 77 snaps and 40:21 of possession to the Mountaineers' 44 offensive plays and 19:39 of possession. Appalachian State only had 17 snaps in the second half and 87 total yards over the game's final 30 minutes, but the Mountaineer defense accounted for nine points on two plays.

The first Appalachian State defensive score came with the Mountaineers trailing 6-0 late in the third quarter and Furman seemingly about to gain the upperhand. Bottled up at its own 2 following a 61-yard Nate McKinney punt, the Paladin offensive line cleared the way for three first downs to the 39, but on the next play Jay Lyles stepped in front of a Napier sideline pass and returned it 43 yards for a touchdown to give the Mountaineers a 7-6 lead with 2:00 to go in the quarter.

Furman then used a 48-yard Brian Bratton kickoff return to set up a 10-play, 33-yard penetration, which resulted in a Danny Marshall 36-yard field goal at the 11:03 mark and a 9-7 Furman advantage.

Appalachian State answered with its only noteworthy offensive possession of the contest, moving 79 yards in 10 plays for a 24-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Burchette to a wide open Joey Hoover that put the Mountaineers ahead 14-9 with 5:39 remaining.

Furman then took over at its own 27 and methodically moved down the field with several between the tackle runs and a pair of 22-yard pass plays to Rinehart and Bratton, with the latter moving the football to the ASU 15. From there, the Paladins lost eight yards on a pair of plays before Napier completed a 16-yard pass to tailback Hindley Brigham to the 7, setting up a fourth-and-two play. A quick pitch to Brigham netted five yards and a first down to the ASU 2, but an incomplete pass and two delay of game penalties pushed the ball back to the 12. The Paladins came back, however, when, on third down, Napier drilled a 12-yard scoring strike to Rinehart to give Furman the short-lived 15-14 advatange.

Rinehart paced Furman offensively with eight receptions for 84 yards and Napier, the nation's passing efficiency leader entering the contest, completed 20-of-29 passes for 170 yards and a score. Brigham ran for 49 yards on 10 carries to lead the Paladin ground attack. ASU quarterback Joe Burchette, who was picked off in the first half by free safety Cam Newton to set up a 29-yard Danny Marshall field goal, completed 11-of-17 passes for 117 yards and score.

Cedrick Ritter led Furman's strong defensive effort with 10 tackles.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman 0	3	3	9	_	15
Appalachian State0	0	7	9	_	16

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Danny Marshall 29 FG 13:19-2Q		
8 plays, 18 yards, TOP 3:46	3-	0
F — Danny Marshall 46 FG 7:29-3Q		
13 plays, 49 yards, TOP 5:57	6-	0
A — Jay Lyles 43 interception return (Mark Wright kick)	6-	7
F — Danny Marshall 36 FG 11:03-4Q		
10 plays, 33 yards, TOP 5:57	9-	7
A — Joey Hoover 24 pass from Joe Burchette (Mark Wright kick) 5::	39-4	1Q
10 plays, 79 yards, TOP 5:24	9-	14
F — Bear Rinehart 12 pass from Billy Napier (pass intercepted) 0:0)7-4	łQ
13 plays, 73 yards, TOP 5:32	١5-	14
A — Derrick Black PAT return	١5-	16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 10-49, Rembert 10-45, Means 4-36, Emerson 6-26, O'Neal 8-8, Bratton 1-1, Team 1-(-1), Napier 8-(-11). A — Beard 13-60, Layton 2-17, Jackson 4-13, Burchette 7-0.

Passing: F — Napier 20-29-1-170. A — Burchette 11-17-1-116.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 8-84, Bratton 4-48, Rembert 3-(-5), Brigham 2-20, O'Neal 2-0, Thomas I-14. A — Little 3-45, Layton 2-9, Fowlkes 2-9, Hoover I-24, Hayward I-18, White I-7, Beard I-4.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 29G, 46G, 36G. A — Wright 43NG.

Defense: F—10 (2 solo, 8 ast.), Killian 9 (2 solo, 7 ast.), Billingsly 7 (2 solo, 5 ast., 1 FF), Wilson 6 (3 solo, 3 ast.), Poole 5 (3 solo, 2 ast., 2 TFL, 1 Sack), Newton 2 (2 solo, 1 FR, 1 Int, 1 PBU). A—Rogers 14 (4 solo, 10 ast., 1 TFL, 2 PBU), Smalls 12 (3 solo, 9 ast., 1 TFL), Carter 12 (2 solo, 10 ast.), Cornatzer 11 (6 solo, 5 ast.).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	ASU
First Downs	22	11
Rushing	48-153	27-88
Passing	170	116
C/A/I	20-29-1	11-17-1
Total Offense	323	204
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	2-1
Penalties	6-51	6-88
Punts	4-36.8	5-54.6
Punt Returns	2-23	2-38
Kickoff Returns	2-73	3-51
Possession Time	40:21	19:39
Third Down Conversions	6-16	3-9
Fourth Down Conversions	2-2	0-0
Sacks By	I-6	3-15

GAME 7

Furman 37, The Citadel 10

October 19, 2002

Paladin Stadium Attendance: 13,188

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Lamar Rembert's 83-yard touchdown run keyed a powerful rushing attack that propelled the NCAA I-AA sixth-ranked Furman Paladins to a 37-10 win over arch-rival The Citadel in Southern Conference action at Paladin Stadium.

Rembert's scoring run, which came on the final play of the first quarter, gave Furman a 14-0 lead and keyed the Paladins to their fourth straight win over The Citadel and 15th straight home victory against conference opposition. Rembert, a junior from Ocala, Fla., finished with a game high 87 yards on five carries as Furman piled up 345 yards on the ground and five touchdowns on the way to 508 yards in total offense.

"It was very big the way we came out," said Furman head coach Bobby Lamb, whose team suffered a crushing I6-I5 loss the previous week to Appalachian State on an intercepted two-point conversion pass and return with just over seven seconds left. "I didn't know how we would react psychologically from the loss last week, but we answered that question with the way we came out in the first quarter. We were ready to play."

"Furman is a tremendous team that had a faced a lot of adversity coming into this weekend," said Citadel head coach Ellis Johnson. "I think they did an excellent job of recovering from the loss and coming out here today and taking care of business. We just didn't execute and we missed assignments, reads, passes, and blocks. We didn't do a very good job between the sidelines."

Furman's defense played a significant role in the victory, limiting The Citadel to only 252 total yards and picking off Bulldog quarterback Jeff Klein four times, including a pair by senior cornerback Rodney Johnson. Klein entered the contest having thrown only one interception in 197 attempts.

Furman took command of the game early, moving 73 yards on 13 plays for a 1-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Eric Emerson and 7-0 lead at the 8:17 mark of the first quarter.

After Rembert's 83-yard touchdown sprint increased the Paladins' advantage to 14-0, a Johnson interception at the Furman 25 led to a 12-play, 75-yard drive the produced another score. After lining up for an apparent 30-yard field goal try, Furman holder Jeremiah Van Dora faked it and rolled around left end 13 yards for a touchdown at the 9:30 juncture.

The Citadel got on the board with a Travis Zobel 21-yard field goal with 3:59 left in the half, but Furman countered by moving 60 yards in 12 plays for 32-yard field goal by Danny Marshall with less than a minute left for a 24-3 advantage.

The Citadel attempted to get back in the game on its first possession of the third quarter when Klein scored on a 2-yard run around right end, but the Bulldogs failed to sustain the momentum on their next possession when Furman linebacker Cedrick Ritter picked off a Klein pass at the Paladin 35 at the 4:40 mark.

The Paladins put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter when senior flanker Bear Rinehart collected a reverse and, behind a wall of blockers, glided 47 yards untouched into the end zone to complete a seven-play, 80-yard drive.

Furman's Toreico O'Neal closed out the scoring with an 8-yard run with 1:13 left in the contest.

Furman quarterback Billy Napier connected on 11-of-19 passes for 163 yards, including five for 80 yards to sophomore split end Isaac West, who completed his comeback from a fractured collarbone sustained in the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman 14	10	0	13	_	37
The Citadel0	3	7	0	_	10

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Eric Emerson I run (Danny Marshall kick) 8:17-1Q	
13 plays, 73 yards TOP 6:43 7-	0
F — Lamar Rembert 83 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:00-1Q	
2 plays, 83 yards, TOP 0:47 14-	0
F — Jeremiah Van Dora 13 run (Danny Marshall kick) 9:30-2Q	
12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 5:1121-	0
C — Travis Zobel 21 FG 3:59-2Q	
13 plays, 63 yards, TOP 5:31 21-	. 3
F — Danny Marshall 32 FG 0:52-2Q	
12 plays, 60 yards, TOP 3:07 24-	. 3
C — Jeff Klein 2 run (Travis Zobel kick) 9:02-3Q	
14 plays, 71 yards, TOP 5:5824-	10
F — Bear Rinehart 47 run (kick failed) 10:32-4Q	
7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 2:58 30-	10
F — Toreico O'Neal 8 run (Danny Marshall kick) 1:13-4Q	
9 plays, 45 yards, TOP 4:51 37-	10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Rembert 5-87, Brigham 13-81, O'Neal 11-74, Rinehart 1-47, Emerson 12-35, Tant 7-25, Van Dora 1-13, Napier 3-(-17). C — Broughton 15-59, Mahoney 14-45, Klein 5-4.

Passing: F — Napier 11-20-1-163. C — Klein 17-31-4-144.

Receiving: F — West 5-80, O'Neal 2-50, Rinehart 2-17, Bratton 2-16. C — Pough 5-38, Anderson 3-25, Mahoney 3-10, Healy 2-38, Armstrong 2-24, Johnson 2-9.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 32G. C — Zobel 21G.

Defense: F — Ritter 14 (6 solo, 8 ast., 1 Int., 2 PBU), Whetstone 10 (5 solo, 5 ast.), Killian 8 (5 solo, 3 ast., 1 PBU), Newton 7 (3 solo, 4 ast., 1 Int., 1 PBU), Overdyke 6 (5 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL), Burant 6 (4 solo, 1 ast.). C — Rose 9 (6 solo, 3 ast.), Griffin 7 (4 solo, 3 ast.), Grant 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.), Greene 5 (5 solo, 1 TFL, 1 FF).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	CIT
First Downs	20	15
Rushing	53-345	34-108
Passing	163	144
C/A/I	11-20-1	17-31-4
Total Offense	508	252
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	I-0
Penalties	7-66	4-29
Punts	2-37.0	3-48.7
Punt Returns	0-0	1-1
Kickoff Returns	3-55	7-99
Possession Time	32:32	27:28
Third Down Conversions	15-20	10-16
Fourth Down Conversions		
Sacks By	I-2	2-14

GAME 8

Furman 25, East Tennessee State 0

October 26, 2002

Memorial Center Attendance: 5,478

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. — Bear Rinehart returned a punt 66 yards for a touchdown and Furman's defense recorded its first shutout since 1999 in whipping East Tennessee State 25-0 in Southern Conference football action at the Memorial Center.

With Furman leading 6-0, Rinehart, a senior All-Southern Conference performer, fielded a punt at his own 36 and raced up the middle before breaking a tackle on the way to the end zone with 0:52 left in the first half to give the fourth-ranked Paladins a 12-0 halftime lead.

The Seneca native, who the previous week scored on a 47-yard reverse in the Paladins' 37-10 win over The Citadel, also caught six passes for 57 yards to move ahead of Luther Broughton into fourth place on Furman's career receiving yards list with 1,571 yards. The punt return for a touchdown was the first by a Furman player since Andre Worrell returned a fielded punt 70 yards in a 45-14 Furman win over East Tennessee State in 1992.

"The punt return was huge because it gave us a cushion and helped settle us down offensively," said Furman head coach Bobby Lamb, whose team snapped a three-game losing streak in Johnson City. "In the second half our offensive line took control up front and we got the running game going, which in turn made our play action more effective But I was even more impressed with our defense. They continue to improve and make plays, especially in the secondary and in the linebacking corps. They're athletic and a bunch of no names, but they've played some pretty good ball lately."

Leading 12-0 at intermission, Furman took the second half kickoff and moved 76 yards in 11 plays to seize total control of the contest when fullback Eric Emerson bulled over from two yards out at the 10:29 mark.

The Paladins tacked on their final score on a 1-yard sneak by quarter-back Billy Napier, capping an 18-play, 80-yard drive that consumed 8:29 of clock.

Furman outgained East Tennessee State 397-290 and displayed impressive balance in the process. The Paladins ran for 208 yards, passed for 188 yards, and converted 9-of-13 third down plays against a Buccaneer defense that entered the contest ranked second in the conference in total defense, yielding only 310.2 yards per game.

The Paladins' junior tailback trio of Hindley Brigham, Lamar Rembert, and Toreico O'Neal combined to rush for 175 yards on 34 carries, and Napier, the nation's passing efficiency leader, continued his strong work in the air, completing 17-of-26 attempts for 188 yards and a touchdown, which covered 19 yards to sophomore wide receiver Brian Bratton on the first play of the second quarter. Bratton finished the contest with four receptions for 75 yards.

Furman's defense, meanwhile, kept Buccaneer wide receiver Cecil Moore from big play territory, limiting him to four receptions for 60 yards while picking off a pair of passes by East Tennessee State quarterback Jatavis Sanders. Interceptions by sophomore cornerback T.J. Wilson, and free safety Cam Newton, who recorded his league leading sixth pickoff of the season, improved the Paladins' interception haul to seven over the past three games.

Junior linebacker Keito Whetstone topped the Paladin tackle chart with eight stops, including one-for-loss, and sophomore nose guard Michael Burant, making his first career start, had four tackles, including two-for-loss, and a pair of pass deflections. East Tennessee State's deepest penetration of the contest was to the Furman 18 yard line in the first half, but that threat ended when the Buccaneers' Wes Sands missed a 35-yard field goal.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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SCORING SUMMARY

F —	Brian Bratton 19 pass from Billy Napier (kick blocked)	14:55-20
	13 plays, 67 yards TOP 6:46	6- (
F —	Bear Rinehart 66 punt return (pass failed)	12- (
F —	Eric Emerson 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:29-3Q	
	11 plays, 76 yards, TOP 4:31	19- (
F —	Billy Napier 1 run (kick failed) 11:05-4Q	
	18 plays, 80 yards, TOP 8:29	25 - (

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 16-79, Rembert 12-75, O'Neal 6-21, Emerson 6-17, Moore 1-9, Tant 3-5, Napier 4-3, Berry 1-0. ET — Varner 17-85, Sanders 11-55, Carter 3-17, Spearman 2-4, Barnes 1-(-1).

Passing: F — Napier 17-26-1-188. ET — Sanders 16-32-2-130.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 6-57, Bratton 4-75, O'Neal 4-27, West 3-29. ET — Varner 5-19, Moore 4-60, Nuckolls 3-23, Rader 2-15, Spearman 2-13.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 38NG. ET — Sands 49NG, 35 NG.

Defense: F — Whetstone 8 (3 solo, 5 ast., 1 TFL), Killian 7 (3 solo, 4 ast., 1 FF), Johnson 6 (2 solo, 4 ast., 1 FR), Ritter 5 (3 solo, 2 ast.), Billingsly 5 (1 solo, 4 ast.), Burant 4 (2 solo, 2 ast., 2 TFL, 2 PBU). E — Sensabaugh 12 (6 solo, 6 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FR), Foerster 12 (3 solo, 9 ast., 3 TFL), Brumett 10 (1 solo, 9 ast., 1 TFL).

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	ETS
First Downs	27	19
Rushing	49-209	34-160
Passing	188	130
C/A/I	17-26-1	16-32-2
Total Offense	397	290
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties	3-24	6-48
Punts	2-37.0	3-48.7
Punt Returns	1-66	0-0
Kickoff Returns	I-23	5-79
Possession Time	34:17	25:43
Third Down Conversions	9-13	7-13
Fourth Down Conversions		
Sacks By	0-0	0-0