



Game 11 -- November 23, 2002, 2:00 ET Kickoff
Furman Paladins (7-3, 5-2 SoCon) vs. Chattanooga Mocs (2-9, 2-5 SoCon)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Surface
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2002 FURMAN RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	Result
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)	15-16	L
Oct. 19	THE CITADEL (CSS TV)	37-10	W
Oct. 26	@ East Tennessee State (CSS TV)	25-0	W
Nov. 9	GEORGIA SOUTHERN (Fox TV)	21-41	L
Nov. 16	@ Wofford	23-21	W
Nov. 23	CHATTANOOGA	2:00	

THE GAME

Saturday's Furman-Chattanooga game has NCAA I-AA playoff implications on the line for the Paladins, who need a win to solidify their case for the program's fourth straight playoff bid and 12th overall invitation to postseason play, which gets underway on Nov. 30. Furman ranks eighth in this week's Sports Network Poll.

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Lamb (Furman '86)
 7-3 (.700), 1st Year at Furman
 7-3 (.700), 1st Year Overall
 Lamb vs. Chattanooga (0-0)

Chattanooga: Donnie Kirkpatrick (Lenoir-Rhyne '82)
 10-23 (.303), 3 Years Year at Chattanooga
 10-23 (.303), 3 Years Overall
 Kirkpatrick vs. Furman (0-2)

THE SERIES

In a series that got its start in 1928 in Greenville with a 15-0 Chattanooga win, Furman holds an 18-13 advantage. Furman has won the last seven meetings and 12 of the last 14 clashes with Chattanooga, including a 42-10 decision last year in Chattanooga. Two years ago in Greenville Paladin cornerback Andre Stroman had to knock down a game winning two-point conversion pass in overtime to hold off the Mocs, 45-44, and secure a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs. Chattanooga's last win in the series came in 1994 by a 34-20 score. Furman sports an 8-7 record versus the Mocs in Greenville and 10-6 mark in Chattanooga.

Year	Result	Score	Site	Furman Coach
1928	L	0-15	GREENVILLE	T.B. Amis
1929	L	7-20	Chattanooga	T.B. Amis

FURMAN RADIO BROADCAST TEAM

Furman Radio
 WCSZ-AM 1070
 Chuck Hussion, play-by-play;
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2001 FINAL SOCON STANDINGS

Team	SoCon			Overall		
	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Furman	7	1	.875	12	3	.800
Georgia Southern	7	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	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
VMI	1	7	.125	1	10	.091

2002 SOCON STANDINGS

Team	SoCon			Overall		
	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Wofford	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Appalachian State	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Furman	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
VMI	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Western Carolina	3	5	.375	5	6	.454
Chattanooga	2	5	.286	2	9	.181
East Tennessee State	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
The Citadel	1	7	.125	2	9	.181

November 16

Furman 23, Wofford 21
 Georgia Southern 41, Jacksonville State 3
 Chattanooga 27, East Tennessee State 10
 VMI 23, The Citadel 21
 Appalachian State 24, Western Carolina 14



November 21

The Citadel @ Charleston Southern, 7:00

November 23

Chattanooga @ Furman, 2:00
 Wofford @ Elon, 2:00



2002 SEASON HONORS

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

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

1957	.....	L	.....	0-34	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Homer Hobbs
1959	.....	L	.....	7-20	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bob King
1968	.....	L	.....	14-31	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bob King
1970	.....	W	.....	18-16	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Bob King
1977	.....	W	.....	17-7	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Art Baker
1978	.....	L	.....	9-13	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Dick Sheridan
1979	.....	L	.....	14-45	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Dick Sheridan
1980	.....	W	.....	42-28	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Dick Sheridan
1981	.....	L	.....	28-31	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Dick Sheridan
1982	.....	L	.....	13-16	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Dick Sheridan
1983	.....	W	.....	28-14	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Dick Sheridan
1984	.....	L	.....	7-14	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Dick Sheridan
1985	.....	W	.....	28-0	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Dick Sheridan
1986	.....	W	.....	21-10	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1987	.....	L	.....	14-16	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1988	.....	W	.....	10-7	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1989	.....	W	.....	27-17	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1990	.....	W	.....	38-21	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1991	.....	W	.....	24-21	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1992	.....	W	.....	35-7	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1993	.....	L	.....	42-45	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Jimmy Satterfield
1994	.....	L	.....	20-34	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Bobby Johnson
1995	.....	W	.....	23-21	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bobby Johnson
1996	.....	W	.....	42-21	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Bobby Johnson
1997	.....	W	.....	43-21	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bobby Johnson
1998	.....	W	.....	31-28	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Bobby Johnson
1999	.....	W	.....	40-35	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bobby Johnson
2000	.....	W	.....	45-44	.....	GREENVILLE	.....	Bobby Johnson
2001	.....	W	.....	42-10	.....	Chattanooga	.....	Bobby Johnson

In Greenville: Furman leads 8-7
In Chattanooga: Furman leads 10-6

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple	Chattanooga: Multiple
'02 Points/Game — 29.2	'02 Points/Game — 20.5
'02 Yards/Game — 417.3	'02 Yards/Game — 316.7
Rushing — 196.3	Rushing — 91.3
Passing — 221.0	Passing — 225.5

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43	Chattanooga: 43
'02 Points/Game — 20.3	'02 Points/Game — 31.1
'02 Yards/Game — 342.7	'02 Yards/Game — 440.9
Rushing — 201.3	Rushing — 221.5
Passing — 141.4	Passing — 219.4

LAST MEETING

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (Nov., 17, 2002) -- Billy Napier passed for a career high 218 yards and accounted for four touchdowns and Furman's defense converted a pair of second half turnovers into scores to lead the NCAA I-AA fourth-ranked Paladins to a 42-10 win over Chattanooga and 2001 Southern Conference championship.

Furman's title, its second in three years, marked the program's 11th overall — the most by any school in the conference's 80-year football history.

Napier completed 16-of-23 passes and connected on strikes of 19, 6, and 16 yards while also scoring on a 1-yard run to pace Furman to 468 yards offense. Two of Napier's strikes went to flanker Bear Rinehart, and the other covered 16 yards to tight end Trent Sansbury, who caught a career high seven passes for 77 yards.

Tailback Louis Ivory headlined the ground attack with 158 yards and touchdown and, in the process, recorded the 29th 100-yard game of his career.

A 48-yard return by Brian Bratton on the game's first play set up a 27-yard touchdown run by Ivory at the 13:57 mark that put the Paladins ahead 7-0.

After Chattanooga tied the game, the Paladins regained the lead on a 30-yard Danny Marshall field goal early in the second quarter.

Less than a minute later Furman struck again following a 28-yard interception return to the UTC 19 by free safety Josh Cooper. On the next play Napier hit Rinehart in the corner of the end zone to give the Paladins a 16-7 advantage with 13:43 left in the first half.

Chattanooga hung tough in the third quarter and sliced Furman's lead to 16-10 with a 30-yard Andy Ladebauche field goal, but the Paladins took control with a 26-point fourth period.

A spectacular, diving 6-yard touchdown reception by Rinehart at the 14:13 juncture extended Furman's lead to 22-10, and less than two minutes later a 13-yard interception return by linebacker John Thrift led to the Paladins' next tally, which came on a 16-yard strike from Napier to Sansbury that made it 28-10.

The Paladin onslaught continued a little more than a minute later when cornerback Richie Jackson scooped up a fumble by the Mocs' Joey Peters and raced 31 yards for another score at the 11:30 mark, giving Furman a 35-10 advantage. Napier's 1-yard touchdown plunge with 4:07 left capped the Paladins' fourth-quarter outburst.

Cooper headlined Furman's defensive effort with 10 tackles, two interceptions, two pass deflections, and a caused fumble.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	.....	7	9	0	26	—	42
Chattanooga	.....	7	0	3	0	—	10

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Louis Ivory 27 run (Danny Marshall kick) 13:57-1Q
 3 plays, 47 yards, TOP 1:03 7- 0

SPORTS NETWORK NCAA I-AA FOOTBALL POLL
 (November 18, 2002)

Rnk.	Team	2002 Record	Points	Previous
1)	McNeese State (88)	9-1	2,483	2
2)	Eastern Illinois (1)	8-2	2,233	3
3)	Georgia Southern (3)	9-2	2,221	4
4)	Montana (4)	10-1	2,188	1
5)	Western Illinois (1)	10-1	2,132	5
6)	Grambling State (1)	10-1	1,981	6
7)	Appalachian State	8-3	1,761	8
8)	Furman	7-3	1,716	9
9)	Maine	9-2	1,654	11
10)	Northeastern	9-2	1,530	12
11)	Bethune-Cookman (2)	10-1	1,339	13
12)	Northwestern State	8-3	1,308	7
13)	Villanova	8-3	1,282	14
14)	Wofford	8-3	1,166	10
15)	Western Kentucky	8-3	1,164	15
16)	Pennsylvania	8-1	982	17
17)	Nicholls State	7-3	891	18
18)	Idaho State	7-3	866	20
19)	Gardner-Webb	9-1	620	22
20)	Lehigh	8-3	433	23
21)	Duquesne	11-0	354	24
22)	Eastern Kentucky	7-4	322	25
23)	William & Mary	6-4	280	16
24)	Southeast Missouri	8-4	251	NR
25)	Fordham	8-2	235	NR

FURMAN WEEK-BY-WEEK IN

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Preseason 7
Sept. 2 4
Sept. 9 7
Sept. 16 7
Sept. 23 7
Sept. 30 5
Oct. 7 5
Oct. 14 6
Oct. 21 4
Oct. 28 4
Nov. 4	..... 4
Nov. 11	..... 9
Nov. 18	..... 8
Final	.....

C	— Charles McNeill 45 pass from Justin Barnes (Andy Ladebauche kick) 8:04-1Q 6 plays, 79 yards, TOP 2:54.....	7- 7
F	— Danny Marshall 30 FG 14:16-2Q 14 plays, 54 yards, TOP 7:48	10- 7
F	— Bear Rinehart 19 pass from Billy Napier (kick failed) 13:43-2Q 1 play, 19 yards, TOP 0:08	16- 7
C	— Andy Ladebauche 30 FG 10:36-3Q 11 plays, 65 yards, TOP 4:24	16-10
F	— Bear Rinehart 6 pass from Billy Napier (pass failed) 14:13-4Q 11 plays, 66 yards, TOP 4:27	22-10
F	— Trent Sansbury 16 pass from Billy Napier (kick failed) 12:49-4Q 1 play, 16 yards, TOP 0:07	28-10
F	— Richie Jackson 31 fumble return (Danny Marshall kick) 11:30-4Q	35-10
F	— Billy Napier 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:07-4Q 11 plays, 68 yards, TOP 5:29	42-10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Ivory 28-158, Rembert 5-31, Emerson 4-20, Napier 6-17, O'Neal 2-16, Brigham 1-4, Tant 1-4. C — McNeil 20-133, Barnes 10-22, Chesterfield 2-2.

Passing: F — Napier 16-23-0-218. C — Barnes 27-42-3-185.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 7-77, Rinehart 3-48, Thomas 2-45, Ivory 2-12, Bratton 1-26, Emerson 1-10. C — Grier 7-35, Rankin 6-52, McNeill 4-60, Jones 4-23, Bandy 4-19, Peters 2-(-4).

Field Goals: F — Marshall 1-2 (30G, 30NG). C — Ladebauche 1-1 (30G).

Defense: F — Bouton 12 (9 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL), Sperling 7 (6 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL, 1 Sack), Smith 6 (4 solo, 2 ast., 1 PBU), Thrift 6 (2 solo, 4 ast., 1 Int.), Johnson 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL), Jackson 4 (4 solo, 1 TFL, 1 FR), Cooper 4 (3 solo, 1 ast., 1 FF, 2 Int., 2 PBU). C — Knight 9 (7 solo, 2 ast., 1 PBU), Lamar 8 (6 solo, 2 ast.), Cain 7 (3 solo, 4 ast., 1 PBU).

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	UTC
First Downs	25	19
Rushing	47-250	32-157
Passing	218	185
C/A/I	16-23-0	27-42-3
Total Offense	468	342
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties	3-20	5-37
Punts	2-37.5	4-38.3
Punt Returns	1-13	1-12
Kickoff Returns	3-68	7-117
Possession Time	28:33	31:27
Third Down Conversions	7-12	4-15
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	2-4
Sacks By	3-11	0-0

NOTING THE PALADINS

✎ **TAKING AIM AT NCAA I-AA PLAYOFFS**...After being eliminated from the 2002 Southern Conference race with its 42-21 loss to Georgia Southern on Nov. 9, Furman regrouped on Saturday by knocking off nationally 10th-ranked Wofford, 23-21, in Spartanburg to keep alive its candidacy for an NCAA I-AA at-large playoff bid. If Furman defeats Chattanooga this Saturday and garners an invitation to the playoffs, it will mark the fourth straight and 12th overall for the Furman program. Furman has never made four consecutive playoff appearances in its history. This year's playoffs begin Nov. 30, and the national championship is scheduled for Dec. 20 in Chattanooga, Tenn., at Finley Stadium.

✎ **SENIOR DAY**...When Furman takes to the field Saturday against Chattanooga, it will mark the final regular season home game for 13 Paladin seniors. Furman's seniors include offensive tackle **Steven Cain (Anderson, S.C.)**, cornerback **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)**, linebacker **Andrew Knight (Snellville, Ga.)**, placekicker **Brian Kovach (Flowery Branch, Ga.)**, offensive guard **Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.)**, cornerback **Chris Lowery (Knoxville, Tenn.)**, defensive end **Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.)**, quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)**, offensive guard **Justin Price (Mauldin, S.C.)**, flanker **Bear**

Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.), split end **Andy Rump (Sherborn, Mass.)**, defensive tackle **LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.)**, and split end **James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.)**.

✎ **SUCCESSFUL SENIOR CLASS**...Furman's 13 seniors have enjoyed noteworthy success during their four-year tenure, helping the Paladins to a 37-12 overall record (.755%) and 25-6 Southern Conference mark (.806%). Included in the span are four NCAA I-AA national Top 20 rankings, three I-AA playoff appearances, two league championships (1999 & 01), and a national runner-up finish (2001). Furman's 25 Southern Conference wins since 1999 are the most in any four-year stretch of Paladin football.

MOST SUCCESSFUL FURMAN SENIOR CLASSES (Overall Winning Percentage)

Class	Overall Record	.Pct
1982-85	39-10-1 .....	.790
1980-83	36-9-2 .....	.787
1988-91	41-12 .....	.774
1987-90	41-12 .....	.774
1983-86	37-10-3 .....	.770
1999-02	37-12 .....	.755
1981-84	35-11-1 .....	.755

(Southern Conference Winning Percentage)

Class	SoCon Record	.Pct
1980-83	24-3 .....	.889
1982-85	21-4-1 .....	.826
1988-91	23-5 .....	.821
1987-90	23-5 .....	.821
1999-02	25-6 .....	.806
1983-86	19-5-2 .....	.769
1981-84	20-6-1 .....	.759

✎ **"THE DRIVE"**...Holding a 10-0 lead over Wofford heading into the fourth quarter, Furman saw its advantage evaporate and turn to a 21-17 deficit following a 41-yard touchdown run by Terrier fullback J.R. McNair with 4:41 left. That's when Furman's offense, led by senior quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** took over and won the game, moving 74 yards in 11 plays for the game winning score, which came on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Napier to flanker **Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.)** with 29 seconds left. It was Napier's poise under pressure that proved to be the difference in the decisive drive as he completed all five of his attempts for 63 yards, including a 17-yard strike to split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)**, three to flanker **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)** covering 39 yards, and the game winner to Bratton. Napier's work and the performance of his receiving corps during the game winning drive was even more impressive considering the rain and field that was as muddy and as torn up as many veteran coaches on both sides could ever recall. Napier, who completed all eight of his second half passes (and his last 10 overall), went 14-of-17 for 145 yards and two touchdowns in the contest, including a 31-yard strike to West in the first half to give the Paladins' a 7-0 lead.

✎ **NAPIER SETS SINGLE SEASON PASSING RECORD**...It was probably fitting that Furman quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** set a new school single season passing yardage standard during the Paladins' 11-play, 74-yard game winning drive against Wofford. In passing for 145 yards against the Terriers, he improved his season passing yardage total to 2,071 yards, thereby breaking the previous standard of 2,035 yards established by former Paladin great **Frankie DeBusk** in 1990. Napier now has 4,352 career passing yards, good for third all-time, and 4,549 yards in total offense, which ranks sixth in Furman history.

✎ **NAPIER TAKES AIM ON TWO SOCON STANDARDS**...**Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** heads into Saturday's game against Chattanooga having established a new Furman single season passing standard (see previous note) and is on the verge of breaking several more. In addition, he appears a likely candidate to establish two new Southern Conference standards for single season and career completion percentage — marks currently held by former Marshall quarterback **Michael Payton**.

FURMAN INDIVIDUAL PASSING RECORDS

Record, Player (Year)	Category	2002 (10 Games)
238, Hightower (1969)	Most Attempts	220, Napier
151, Bonaventure (1995)	Most Completions	151, Napier
2,035, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards	2,071, Napier
185.0, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards Per Game	207.1, Napier
.645, Bonaventure (1995)	Completion %	.686, Napier

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PASSING RECORDS

Record, Player	Category	2002 (10 Games)
.662, Payton (1991)	Season Completion %	.686, Napier
.617, Payton (1989-92)	Career Completion %	.645, Napier

✎ **RINEHART TIES SEASON RECEPTIONS MARK**...With seven receptions for 60 yards in Saturday's 23-21 win over Wofford, senior flanker **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)** tied Furman's single season receptions record of 53 catches set by **Robbie Hahn** in 1967. Rinehart, who now has 744 receiving yards this season — the fourth best mark in Furman history — moved from sixth to fifth on the school's career receptions ledger, surpassing former great **Chas Fox** (106 rec., 1982-85), with 109 catches for 1,686 yards. Next up for him are **Josh Cole** (110 rec., 1993-96), **Adrick Harrison** (111 rec., 1992-95), and **Des Kitchings** (112 rec., 1996-99). **Luther Broughton** (123 rec.) is Furman's all-time receptions leader.

✎ **OVERDYKE ON THE SPOT, AGAIN**...When senior defensive end **Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.)** recovered a fumble and returned it 21 yards to the Wofford 11 to set up a 28-yard Danny Marshall field goal that gave Furman a 10-0 lead, it marked the his second fumble recovery and return of the 2002 campaign. Earlier, in a 24-23 win over Western Carolina in Greenville, Overdyke scooped up a Catamount fumble at the WCU 27 and returned it 14 yards to set up a Furman touchdown. As a sophomore in 2000, Overdyke scored a touchdown following a recovery and 20-yard return in a 35-21 victory over VMI. He now has four fumble recoveries in his career.

✎ **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 third on the squad with 26 receptions for 361 yards and five touchdowns. Last week it was his 7-yard touchdown catch with 29 seconds left that lifted the Paladins to the 23-21 win over Wofford. Sophomore **Issac West (Augusta, Ga./Butler H.S.)** is second on the team with 27 receptions for 528 yards and six touchdowns, including a 31-yard hookup in the second quarter against Wofford that gave the Paladins a 7-0 lead. When West was sidelined with a broken collarbone 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 53 catches for 889 yards and 11 scores this year. In addition to his work as a receiver, Bratton has averaged 20.0 yards on 29 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.

✎ **DEPTH TESTED AT FULLBACK**...Furman entered the 2002 season with three experienced fullbacks, but season ending injuries have now reduced the Paladins to only one, sophomore **Corey Tant (Easley, S.C.)**. Two weeks ago against Georgia Southern, starting sophomore fullback **Eric Emerson (Newnan, Ga.)** exited the game in the first half after tearing the anterior cruciate in his right knee. Emerson's departure followed an exit by sophomore **Al Means (Charlotte, N.C.)**, who sustained torn ligaments in this lower right leg in the Paladins' 16-15 loss to Appalachian State on Oct. 12. Emerson had started in 24 consecutive

games and this season had rushed for 167 yards three touchdowns. Tant had seven rushes for 24 yards in the Paladins' 23-21 victory over Wofford. Tant's backup is sophomore **Brandon Berry (Hendersonville, N.C.)**, who began the season at flanker.

✎ **COIN FLIP CONUNDRUM**...Furman is only 1-9 in coin flips this year; consequently, the Paladins have only received the football to start the second half in only one game (vs. East Tennessee State).

✎ **GETTING THE UPPERHAND EARLY**...Due in some measure to its coin toss setbacks but also to solid defensive work, Furman has proven to be a pretty good first quarter team this year, outscoring the opposition 91-31 over the first 15 minutes. When Georgia Southern scored a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead six minutes into the Nov. 9 game with Furman, it marked the first touchdown yielded by the Paladins in the first quarter since the Richmond game on Sept. 21. Prior to the Georgia Southern contest, Furman had outscored its previous five foes 49-3 in the first quarter.

✎ **KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR POCKET**...Furman heads into Saturday's game against Chattanooga as the least penalized team in the Southern Conference (41 penalties, 340 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.

✎ **INTERCEPTION LEADERS**...Furman currently leads the Southern Conference with 15 interceptions, and the Paladins boast the top two interception leaders. 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.)**.

✎ **THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY CONTRAST**...Furman leads the Southern Conference in third down efficiency, having converted a strong 51.8 percent of their chances this year (73x141). As impressive as Furman has been on third down on offense, the Paladins rank next to last in the league in third down efficiency defense, yielding chain movers to the opposition at a 47.0 percent clip (60x130).

✎ **...AND 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 11-of-13 attempts (.846%) this fall. Unlike its troubles in stopping the opposition on third down, Furman leads the league in fourth down percentage defense (.438%, 7x16)

✎ **IMPRESSIVE BALANCE**...Furman sports the Southern Conference's most balanced offense, averaging 196.3 yards rushing and 221.0 yards passing per game through 10 games. Currently ranked second in the league in total offense (417.3 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

2001	Category	2002 (10 Games)
218.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	196.3
166.8	Passing Yards Per Game	221.0

✎ **CONSISTENTLY COMPETITIVE**...Furman owns a solid 38-12 record (.760) in its last 50 games, and in only three of the 12 losses have the Paladins been beaten by more than seven points.

FURMAN LOSSES SINCE 1999

Opponent (Year)	Score	Margin
Appalachian State (2000)	I-AA Semifinalist	17-18
Appalachian State (2002)	I-AA No. 4	15-16
Elon (1999)		22-24
East Tennessee State (2000)		21-23
Ga. Southern (1999)	I-AA National Champion	38-41
Wyoming (2001)	NCAA I-A Opponent	14-20
Massachusetts (1999)	I-AA Playoffs	23-30
Hofstra (2000)	I-AA Playoffs	24-31

Montana (2001)..... I-AA National Championship..... 6-13..... -7
Ga. Southern (2001)..... I-AA Semifinalist..... 10-20..... -10
Ga. Southern (2002)..... 21-41..... -20
Vanderbilt (2002)..... NCAA I-A Opponent..... 18-49..... -31

✎ **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 10 games this year, Brigham, Rembert, O'Neal, and the now sidelined Mays have totaled 1,431 yards and seven touchdowns (148.8 ypg).

FURMAN TAILBACK PRODUCTION (2001)

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
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	108	5.1	0	9.8
Totals	319	1976	6.2	22	179.6

FURMAN TAILBACK PRODUCTION (2002)

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Hindley Brigham	103	580	5.6	2	58.0
Lamar Rembert	75	416	5.5	3	46.2
Toreico O'Neal	69	339	4.9	2	33.9
Brandon Mays	18	96	5.3	0	16.0
Totals	265	1431	5.4	7	143.1

✎ **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' 23-21 win over Wofford on Saturday when he caught seven passes for 60 yards, including three critical receptions for 39 yards on the Paladins' game winning 11-play, 74-yard drive. In a 25-0 blanking of East Tennessee State on Oct. 26 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.)**, who exited the game with a fractured collarbone. A very accomplished guitarist and singer/songwriter, Rinehart is nicknamed for legendary Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

RINEHART'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LN	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LN	G
1999	11-0	3	38	12.7	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
2000	11-0	19	385	20.3	2	55	2	22	11.0	2	14	14
2001	11-11	34	519	15.3	6	44	2	12	6.0	0	15	15
2002	10-10	53	744	14.0	3	44	2	46	23.0	1	47	47
Tot.	43-20	109	1686	15.5	11	55	6	80	13.3	3	47	47

CAREER RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1)	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)	Bear Rinehart	1999-	109	1,686	15.5	11
6)	Chas Fox	1982-85	106	2,045	19.3	26
7)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	101	1,342	13.3	8

8)	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	Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1)	Chas Fox	1982-85	106	2,045	19.3	26
2)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	80	1,827	22.8	8
3)	Des Kitchings	1996-99	112	1,808	16.1	11
4)	Bear Rinehart	1999-	109	1,686	15.5	11
5)	Luther Broughton	1993-96	123	1,565	12.7	6
6)	Josh Cole	1993-96	110	1,506	13.7	11
7)	Billy Risher	1979-83	81	1,447	17.9	18
8)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	79	1,375	17.4	16
9)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	101	1,342	13.3	8
	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	111	1,342	12.1	11

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Years	TD
1)	Chas Fox	1982-85	26
2)	Billy Risher	1979-83	18
3)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	16
4)	Bear Rinehart	1999-	11
	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	11
	Josh Cole	1993-96	11
	Jody Wade	1994-97	11
	Des Kitchings	1996-99	11
9)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	9
10)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	8
	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	8
	Issac West	2001-	8

SEASON RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Year	Receptions
1)	Robbie Hahn	1967	53 (840 yds.)
	Bear Rinehart	2002	53 (744 yds.)
3)	Adrick Harrison	1995	48 (629 yds.)
4)	Josh Cole	1996	43 (699 yds.)
	Des Kitchings	1999	43 (828 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	1969	38 (421 yds.)

SEASON RECEIVING YARDS

Rank	Player	Year	Yards
1)	Robbie Hahn	1967	840 (53 rec.)
2)	Des Kitchings	1999	828 (43 rec.)
3)	Donald Lipscomb	1991	753 (32 rec.)
4)	Bear Rinehart	2002	744 (53 rec.)
5)	Donald Lipscomb	1990	743 (34 rec.)
6)	Chas Fox	1984	723 (38 rec.)
7)	Josh Cole	1996	699 (43 rec.)
8)	Jimmy Kiser	1978	692 (39 rec.)
9)	Chas Fox	1985	649 (34 rec.)
10)	Adrick Harrison	1995	629 (48 rec.)

SEASON TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Year	TD
1)	Chas Fox	1985	11
2)	Robbie Hahn	1967	9
3)	Chas Fox	1984	8
4)	Robbie Hahn	1966	7
	Billy Risher	1980	7
6)	Tim Crawford	1965	6
	Paul Siffri	1991	6

..... Adrick Harrison	1995	6
..... Jody Wade	1997	6
..... Bear Rinehart	2001	6
.... Isaac West	2002	6

🔍 **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

🔍 **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 Chattanooga averaging a solid 196.3 yards per game on the ground after tallying 218.9 rushing yards per game last year. Fueling Furman's 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 25 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 37 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 finalist **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)**, has enjoyed a solid 2002 campaign, displaying strong leadership and impressive efficiency as a passer. In Saturday's 23-21 win over Wofford, Napier put together Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week performance in pacing the Paladins to the victory, completing 14-of-17 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns on a muddy Gibbs Stadium field. Most impressively, though, was his work over the game's final four minutes when, with the Paladins trailing 21-17, he engineered an 11-play, 74-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Brian Bratton with 29 seconds left. On the game winning drive Napier completed all five of his pass attempts for 63 yards and, in all, he completed his last 10 attempts en route to setting a new Furman single season passing yards record of 2,071 yards, breaking the previous standard of 2,035 yards held by Frankie DeBusk (1990). Two weeks ago against Georgia Southern he overcame a slow start (3x8 in first quarters) to complete 17-of-28 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns. That followed a 17-of-26 performance for 188 yards and a touchdown in the Paladins' 25-0 shutout of East Tennessee State. Napier heads into this week's game against Chattanooga as the Southern Conference's completion percentage leader (.686%) and ranked second nationally in passing efficiency (163.85 rating). Among his other 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, career high 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 10 games the Paladin signal caller has completed 151-of-220 passes (.686%) for 2,071 yards and 15 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. Nineteen wins, a league title, and a national runnerup finish later, all questions have been answered. A consensus second team All-Southern Conference choice in 2001 and the son of a high school coach, Napier delivered solid play last year, completing 62.3 percent of his passes (129x207) 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	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
1999	7-0	16	11	0	156	1	68.7	171.20	16	44	2.8	1
2000	7-1	50	27	3	353	1	54.0	107.90	30	64	2.1	1
2001	11-11	207	129	9	1772	10	62.3	141.47	61	41	0.7	3
2002	10-10	220	151	7	2071	15	68.6	163.85	56	48	0.9	4
Totals	35-22	493	318	19	4352	27	64.5	149.02	163	197	1.2	9

FURMAN CAREER PASSING YARDAGE

Rank	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
1)	B. Bonaventure	1992-96	672	412	17	5,379	39
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	575	304	27	4,984	32
3)....	Billy Napier	1999-	493	318	19	4,352	27
4)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	449	249	17	4,186	41
5)	Clyde Howell	1966-68	563	313	21	3,993	20
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	Player	Years	TD
1)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	41
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	39
3)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	32
4)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	31
5)....	Billy Napier	1999-	27
6)	Justin Hill	1997-00	24
	Billy Canty	1958-61	24
8)	Philly Jones	1991-95	23
	David Whitehurst	1973-76	22
	David Henderson	1976-79	22

CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE

Rank	Player	Years	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR
1)	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)....	Billy Napier	1999-	656	197	4,352	4,549	36
7)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	918	1,270	3,122	4,392	40
8)	Philly Jones	1991-95	727	561	3,721	4,282	27
9)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	697	4,149	0	4,149	48
10)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	650	3,868	37	3,905	40

CAREER TOUCHDOWN RESPONSIBILITIES

Rank	Player	Years	Rush TD	Pass TD	TDR
1)	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	1973-76	18	22	40
	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	9	31	40
	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	39	1	40
	Justin Hill	1997-00	16	24	40
11)....	Billy Napier	1999-	9	27	36
12)	Derek Russell	1997-00	34	0	34
13)	Billy Canty	1958-61	8	24	32
14)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	29	0	29
15)	Philly Jones	1991-95	4	23	27

SEASON PASSING YARDAGE

Rank	Player	Year	Yards (Comp., Att.)
1)	Billy Napier	2002	2,071 (151 of 220)
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1990	2,035 (125 of 234)
3)	Braniff Bonaventure	1996	2,030 (151 of 234)
4)	Clyde Hewell	1967	1,873 (132 of 220)
5)	Bobby Lamb	1985	1,856 (106 of 181)
6)	Bobby Lamb	1984	1,781 (106 of 191)
7)	Billy Napier	2001	1,772 (129 of 207)
8)	David Henderson	1978	1,732 (112 of 187)
9)	Frankie DeBusk	1989	1,687 (96 of 177)
10)	Braniff Bonaventure	1994	1,674 (127 of 220)

✎ **FURMAN PASSING STANDARDS WATCH**...Furman's efficient passing attack this fall has allowed the Paladins to eclipse several individual and team school passing standards and put others within reach.

TEAM

Record (Year)	Category	2002 (10 Games)
162 (1995)	Most Completions	162
2,076 (1990)	Most Yards	2,210
208.8 (1967)	Most Yards Per Game	221.0
64.7% (1996)	Completion Percentage	66.7%

✎ **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 11-of-14 field goal tries and 29-of-32 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 62 points, he now ranks third on Furman's career kick scoring chart with 220 points, having surpassed former great Jim Richter (214 points, 1992-95). Marshall has knocked down 34-of-43 field goals (.791) and 118-of-127 PATs (.929) in his career.

MARSHALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	PAT	PCT	FG	PCT	U29	30-39	40-49	50+	LNG	PTS
2000	44-45	.977	13-17	.765	6-7	6-7	1-3	0-0	43	83
2001	45-50	.900	10-12	.833	6-6	4-5	0-1	0-0	39	75
2002	29-32	.906	11-14	.786	4-4	4-5	3-4	0-1	46	62
Totals	118-127	.929	34-43	.791	16-17	14-17	4-8	0-1	46	220

CAREER KICK SCORING

Rank	Player	Years	XP	FG	Points
1)	Jason Wells	1996-99	143-151	35-57	248
2)	Mike Wood	1986-89	134-141	29-49	221
3)	Danny Marshall	2000-	118-127	34-43	220
4)	Jim Richter	1992-95	85-92	43-63	214
5)	Keven Esva	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
1)	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
7)	Danny Marshall	2000-	0	118-127	34-43	220
8)	Jim Richter	1992-95	0	85-92	43-63	214
9)	Derek Russell	1997-00	34	0-1	0-0	204
10)	Mike Glenn	1978-80	32	0-0	0-0	192

✎ **STREAKS END**...Georgia Southern's 41-21 win over Furman on Nov. 9 ended three impressive Paladin winning streaks: an 11-game home winning streak, a school record 15-game Southern Conference run of success in Paladin Stadium, and a 20-game regular season home winning

streak. Prior to the loss to GSU, Furman's last defeat to a league foe had been Georgia Southern during the 1998 season. It's probably fitting that Georgia Southern halted Furman's victory parade at home, as the Paladins did the same to the Eagles in 2001 with a 24-17 win in NCAA I-AA semifinal action, snapping GSU's 39-game home winning streak and 27-game home playoff run of success.

✎ **THREE PALADINS NAMED VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III**...Furman defensive end **Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.)**, linebacker **Andrew Knight (Snellville, Ga.)**, and defensive back **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)** paced a contingent of seven players from Southern Conference schools named to the Verizon Wireless Academic All-District III squad, which is comprised of all Division I and I-AA schools in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. To be eligible a player must have cumulative grade point average of 3.2 in the classroom and be a starter or key reserve on the field. All three Paladins are now eligible for the national Academic All-America team, which will be announced on December 2.

✎ **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 three-year letterman who served 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/fullback **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 active 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**, resigned by the San Francisco 49ers to their practice squad after being released by the team at the end of preseason camp, was activated to the 49ers roster last week. He 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 **Josh Moore '01** (Philadelphia Eagles), linebacker **Will Bouton '02** (Pittsburgh Steelers), and tight end **Trent Sansbury '02** (Carolina Panthers).



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)



The Lambs: Sallie, Bobby, Allyson, and Taylor

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
 ✎ All-Southern Conference, 1984 & '85
 ✎ Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year, 1985
 ✎ 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

COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER

Year	School	Position	Overall	SoCon	Finish	Highlights
1982	Furman	Backup Quarterback	9-3	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	12-2	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	7-3-2	4-2-1	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist, t. Ga. Tech 17-17
1987	Furman	Defensive Ends	7-4	4-3	3rd	
1988	Furman	Defensive Ends	13-2	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Champion
1989	Furman	Quarterbacks	12-2	7-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Semifinalist
1990	Furman	Quarterbacks	9-4	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1991	Furman	Quarterbacks	7-4	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.	3-8	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.	7-4	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.	12-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Runnerup
2002	Furman	Head Coach	7-3	5-2		

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Furman — 7-3, 1st Year (.700)

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
1	Brian Bratton	FLK	5-10	174	So.	Evans, Ga./Lakeside
2	Maurice Duncan	CB	5-8	178	R-Fr.	Aiken, S.C./Silver Bluff
3	James Thomas	SE	5-10	206	Sr.	Marianna, Fla./Marianna
4	T.J. Wilson	CB	5-10	180	So.	Rome, Ga./Pepperell
5	Cam Newton	FS	6-1	190	So.	Bennettsville, S.C./Marlboro County
6	Keith Johnson	CB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
7	Bear Rinehart	FLK	6-0	195	Sr.	Seneca, S.C./Seneca
8	David Latimer	SS	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
9	Daric Carter	SE	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Southeast Raleigh
10	Daniel South	FS	6-0	206	So.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
11	Josh Stepp	QB	5-11	169	Fr.	Pelion, S.C./Pelion
12	Bo Moore	QB	6-1	176	So.	Madison, Ga./Morgan County
13	Matt Cain	QB	6-2	194	R-Fr.	Easley, S.C./Easley
14	Paul Billingsly	SS	6-2	208	Jr.	College Park, Ga./Woodward Academy
15	Jeremiah Van Dora	QB	6-0	196	So.	Hartwell, Ga./Hart County
16	Isaac West	SE	6-0	184	So.	Augusta, Ga./Butler
17	Chris Lowery	CB	5-9	178	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Austin-East
18	Casey Baxter	SE	6-0	197	Fr.	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun
19	Billy Napier	QB	6-3	218	Sr.	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County
20	Lockwood Holmes	CB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles
21	Keito Whetstone	LB	6-0	228	Jr.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
22	Lamar Rembert	TB	5-8	182	Jr.	Ocala, Fla./Bellevue
23	Cedrick Ritter	LB	6-2	222	So.	Fairfax, S.C./Allendale-Fairfax
24	Toreico O'Neal	TB	5-8	184	Jr.	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County
25	Rodney Johnson	CB	5-9	174	Sr.	Marion, N.C./McDowell
26	Hindley Brigham	TB	5-9	203	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook
28	Brandon Berry	FLK/FB	6-0	203	So.	Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson
29	Jeremy Blocker	FS	5-11	177	Fr.	Hodges, S.C./Greenwood
30	John Mark Shiflet	PK	5-10	172	R-Fr.	McCormick, S.C./McCormick
31	Brandon Mays	TB	5-11	189	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
32	Al Means	FB	5-11	222	So.	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	Brett Merrill	FLK	5-8	157	R-Fr.	Ormond Beach, Fla./Seabreeze
37	Jon MacDonald	CB	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	LB	5-9	187	R-Fr.	Conyers, Ga./Heritage
44	Mike Killian	LB	6-2	226	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Chamblee
45	Eric Emerson	FB	5-11	229	So.	Newnan, Ga./East Coweta
46	Rory O'Day	FS	5-10	202	R-Fr.	Dallas, Ga./Lovett
47	Eddie Overdyke	DE	6-2	234	Sr.	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
48	Andrew Carson	LB	6-5	222	R-Fr.	Newnan, Ga./Woodward Academy
49	William Freeman	LB	6-1	216	R-Fr.	Swansea, S.C./Swansea
51	Brent Blankenship	LB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School
52	Craig Morgan	C	6-0	283	So.	Huntington, W.Va./Huntington
54	Josh Slagle	LB	5-9	196	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
55	Corey Stewart	C	6-2	269	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
56	Trevor Kruger	OG	6-2	275	Sr.	Moultrie, Ga./Colquitt County
57	Travis Jones	DE	6-1	252	So.	Greenville, S.C./Southside
58	Roy Ravenell	LB	6-2	226	Fr.	Goose Creek, S.C./Stratford
60	Josh McWhorter	OG	6-2	284	Jr.	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville
62	Justin Price	OG	6-5	282	Sr.	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
64	Patrick Covington	OT	6-3	270	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
65	Stephen Schroeder	OT	6-4	262	So.	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
66	Brant Glover	NG	6-0	264	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
67	Nick Stavakis	OG	5-10	246	So.	Garden City Beach, S.C./Socastee
71	Ty Sellers	DT	6-3	261	Fr.	Dalton, Ga./Dalton
72	Brian Laggis	OT	6-3	265	R-Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Heritage
73	Clayton Dyson	OG/C	6-1	279	R-Fr.	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
74	Steven Cain	OT	6-5	310	Sr.	Anderson, S.C./Westside
76	Tony Palazzo	DE	6-5	245	Fr.	Grayson, Ga./South Gwinnett
78	Ben Bainbridge	OT	6-6	281	So.	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
79	John Marks	OG	6-0	272	So.	Fort Mill, S.C./Fort Mill
80	Justin Perdue	TE	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
81	John Rust	TE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Burlington, N.C./Williams
82	Glenn Smith	DE	6-3	203	So.	Mobile, Ala./St. Paul's Episcopal
83	Danny Marshall	PK	5-11	191	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist
84	Willis Sudderth	TE	6-3	244	So.	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./Johnson
89	Will Keller	TE	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	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
94	Wesley Bray	DT	6-2	262	Fr.	Cave Spring, Ga./Coosa
95	Justin Porter	DT	6-2	258	R-Fr.	Bowman, Ga./Elbert County
97	Ken Striggles	NG/DT	6-1	262	R-Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Riverdale
98	LeBryan Sperleng	DT	6-2	303	Sr.	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb
99	Johnny Shields	DE	6-8	236	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy

FURMAN PALADINS TWO DEEP VS. CHATTANOOGA MOCS

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple)

FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	(6-0, 195, Sr.)
	1	Brian Bratton	(5-10, 174, So.)
LT	78	BEN BAINBRIDGE	(6-6, 281, So.)
	72	Brian Laggis	(6-3, 275, R-Fr.)
LG	62	JUSTIN PRICE	(6-5, 282, Sr.)
	73	Clayton Dyson	(6-1, 279, R-Fr.)
C	52	CRAIG MORGAN	(6-0, 283, So.)
	55	Corey Stewart	(6-2, 269, Fr.)
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	(6-2, 275, Sr.)
	64	Patrick Covington	(6-3, 270, Fr.)
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN	(6-5, 310, Sr.)
	65	Stephen Schroeder	(6-4, 262, So.)
TE	84	WILLIS SUDDERTH	(6-3, 244, So.)
	80	Justin Perdue	(6-2, 220, R-Fr.)
SE	16	ISAAC WEST	(6-0, 184, So.)
	1	Brian Bratton	(5-10, 174, So.)
QB	19	BILLY NAPIER	(6-3, 218, Sr.)
	12	Bo Moore.....	(6-1, 176, So.)
FB	35	COREY TANT	(5-11, 200, So.)
	28	Brandon Berry	(6-0, 203, So.)
TB	26	HINDLEY BRIGHAM.....	(5-9, 203, Jr.)
	24	Toreico O'Neal	(5-8, 184, Jr.)

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

DE	47	EDDIE OVERDYKE	(6-2, 234, Sr.)
	57	Travis Jones	(6-1, 252, So.)
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	(6-2, 303, Sr.)
	95	Justin Porter	(6-2, 258, R-Fr.)
NG	95	JUSTIN PORTER.....	(6-2, 256, R-Fr.)
	97	Ken Striggles	(6-1, 262, R-Fr.)
DE	93	BRANDON POOLE	(6-0, 259, Jr.)
	47	Eddie Overdyke	(6-2, 234, Sr.)
SLB	21	KEITO WHETSTONE.....	(6-0, 228, Jr.)
	48	Andrew Carson	(6-5, 222, R-Fr.)
MLB	44	MIKE KILLIAN	(6-2, 226, So.)
	41	Andrew Knight	(6-0, 214, Sr.)
WLB	23	CEDRICK RITTER.....	(6-2, 222, So.)
	49	William Freeman	(6-1, 216, R-Fr.)
LCB	4	T.J. WILSON	(5-10, 180, So.)
	2	Maurice Duncan	(5-8, 178, R-Fr.)
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON	(5-9, 174, Sr.)
	6	Keith Johnson	(5-9, 179, R-Fr.)
SS	14	PAUL BILLINGSLEY	(6-2, 208, Jr.)
	8	David Latimer	(6-0, 200, R-Fr.)
FS	5	CAM NEWTON (or)	(6-1, 190, So.)
	10	Daniel South	(6-0, 206, So.)

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

PK	83	DANNY MARSHALL.....	(5-11, 191, Jr.)
KO	88	BRIAN KOVACH	(6-1, 176, Sr.)
P	12	BO MOORE	(6-1, 176, So.)
SSN	64	PATRICK COVINGTON	(6-3, 270, Fr.)
LSN	82	GLENN SMITH	(6-3, 203, So.)
HO	15	JEREMIAH VAN DORA	(6-0, 196, So.)
PR	7	BEAR RINEHART	(6-0, 195, Sr.)
KOR	1	BRIAN BRATTON	(5-10, 174, So.)

CHATTANOOGA OFFENSE (Multiple)

TE	87	Barrett Brightwell	(6-6, 240, So.)
	85	Wes Greene	(6-3, 268, Jr.)
LT	53	Labrint Smith	(6-4, 312, Sr.)
	70	Josh Morris	(6-4, 260, Fr.)
LG	78	Heath Adams	(6-4, 288, Sr.)
	79	Theo Harris	(6-4, 298, Jr.)
C	51	Chris Cook.....	(6-1, 285, Jr.)
	62	Josh Goodin	(6-2, 270, Fr.)
RG	77	Zach Davis	(6-2, 280, Jr.)
	79	Theo Harris	(6-4, 298, Jr.)
RT	74	Josh Shinpaugh	(6-5, 280, Fr.)
	53	Labrint Smith	(6-4, 312, Sr.)
QB	7	Ryan McCann	(6-4, 215, Sr.)
	5	Justin Barnes	(6-3, 190, Jr.)
RB	32	Jason Ball	(5-10, 210, Jr.)
	33	Mario Hain	(5-10, 200, Jr.)
H	12	Jason Jones	(5-10, 210, Jr.)
	86	Ebrahim (Pedy) Tehrani	(5-11, 160, So.)
FLK	15	Cortez Rankin	(5-11, 178, Sr.)
	14	Todd Campbell.....	(6-2, 200, Sr.)
WR	1	Jeremy Grier	(6-2, 200, So.)
	10	Joey Peters	(6-0, 196, Sr.)

CHATTANOOGA DEFENSE (43)

DE	13	Emmanuel DeWalt.....	(6-3, 218, Sr.)
	55	Jason Michael.....	(6-3, 212, Fr.)
NG	46	Sheldon Green	(6-1, 245, Sr.)
	90	Tim Powers	(6-2, 240, So.)
DT	92	Renaldo Jackson	(6-2, 245, Fr.)
	91	Derek Rogers.....	(6-2, 244, Sr.)
DE	88	Troy Blackwell	(6-7, 245, Fr.)
	8	Leonard Mays	(6-3, 224, Jr.)
WLB	50	Blaz Ruzic	(6-1, 225, Sr.)
	24	Jason Jackson	(5-10, 208, Jr.)
MLB	49	Josh Cain	(6-1, 230, Sr.)
	45	Bernard Snowden	(6-1, 248, Jr.)
SLB	36	Blake Kirkland	(5-11, 205, Jr.)
	31	Bryan Lamar	(5-11, 206, Sr.)
RCB	19	Greg Knight	(5-8, 165, Sr.)
	11	Ryan Andrews	(5-9, 170, Fr.)
LCB	11	Ryan Andrews	(5-9, 170, Fr.)
	25	Frank Goodwyn	(5-10, 180, Sr.)
FS	28	Quentin Harris	(5-9, 170, So.)
	16	Tommy Holloway	(5-9, 160, So.)
SS	21	Jerrol Jackson	(6-1, 200, Sr.)
	34	Demetrius King	(6-2, 180, Fr.)

CHATTANOOGA SPECIALISTS

PK	18	Patrick Shutters	(6-3, 180, Jr.)
KO	18	Patrick Shutters	(6-3, 180, Jr.)
P	20	Travis Grubb	(6-0, 184, Sr.)
SSN	73	Jay Thompson	(6-4, 278, Sr.)
LSN	73	Jay Thompson	(6-4, 278, Sr.)
H	10	Joey Peters	(6-0, 196, Sr.)
PR	14	Todd Campbell.....	(6-2, 200, Sr.)
KR	1	Jeremy Grier	(6-2, 200, So.)
	6	Michael Dodd.....	(6-0, 185, Fr.)

2002 Furman Football
Furman Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 19, 2002)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(7-3-0)	(3-1-0)	(4-2-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(5-2-0)	(2-1-0)	(3-1-0)	(0-0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(2-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(1-1-0)	(0-0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sep 07, 2002	at Vanderbilt	L	18-49	28568
Sep 14, 2002	ELON	W	57-7	4860
Sep 21, 2002	at Richmond	W	17-7	7189
*Sep 28, 2002	at VMI	W	55-28	6235
*Oct 5, 2002	WESTERN CAROLINA	W	24-23	13125
*Oct 12, 2002	at Appalachian State	L	15-16	14311
*Oct 19, 2002	THE CITADEL	W	37-10	13188
*Oct 26, 2002	at East Tennessee State	W	25-0	5478
*Nov 9, 2002	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	L	21-42	15794
*Nov 16, 2002	at Wofford	W	23-21	9814

* denotes conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	FUR	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	210	174
Rushing.....	104	101
Passing.....	95	68
Penalty.....	11	5
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1963	2013
Yards gained rushing...	2222	2123
Yards lost rushing.....	259	110
Rushing Attempts.....	446	411
Average Per Rush.....	4.4	4.9
Average Per Game.....	196.3	201.3
TDs Rushing.....	21	20
PASSING YARDAGE.....	2210	1414
Att-Comp-Int.....	243-162-8	218-125-15
Average Per Pass.....	9.1	6.5
Average Per Catch.....	13.6	11.3
Average Per Game.....	221.0	141.4
TDs Passing.....	16	6
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	4173	3427
Total Plays.....	689	629
Average Per Play.....	6.1	5.4
Average Per Game.....	417.3	342.7
KICKOFF RETURNS: #-YARDS..	35-689	45-757
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	14-203	17-91
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	15-193	8-154
FUMBLES-LOST.....	24-12	18-11
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	41-340	49-440
PUNTS-AVG.....	39-37.6	44-43.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	32:10	27:43
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	73/141	60/130
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	11/13	7/16

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Hindley Brigham	10	103	615	35	580	5.6	2	63	58.0
Lamar Rembert	9	75	460	44	416	5.5	3	83	46.2
Toreico O'Neal	10	69	371	32	339	4.9	2	58	33.9
Eric Emerson	9	53	169	2	167	3.2	3	10	18.6
Al Means	6	22	120	0	120	5.5	4	38	20.0
Brandon Mays	6	18	102	6	96	5.3	0	24	16.0
Corey Tant	6	19	59	0	59	3.1	0	9	9.8
Billy Napier	10	56	157	109	48	0.9	4	23	4.8
Bear Rinehart	10	2	47	1	46	23.0	1	47	4.6
Brian Bratton	10	4	35	0	35	8.8	1	19	3.5
Nick Marra	6	5	30	0	30	6.0	0	11	5.0
J. Van Dora	10	1	13	0	13	13.0	1	13	1.3
Isaac West	8	2	12	2	10	5.0	0	12	1.3
Bo Moore	10	11	32	24	8	0.7	0	9	0.8
Brandon Berry	5	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Matt Cain	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Team	10	4	0	4	-4	-1.0	0	0	-0.4
Total.....	10	446	2222	259	1963	4.4	21	83	196.3
Opponents.....	10	411	2123	110	2013	4.9	20	71	201.3

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Billy Napier	10	163.85	220-151-7	68.6	2071	15	78	207.1
Bo Moore	10	104.24	23-11-1	47.8	139	1	68	13.9
Total.....	10	158.21	243-162-8	66.7	2210	16	78	221.0
Opponents.....	10	107.14	218-125-15	57.3	1414	6	59	141.4

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Bear Rinehart	10	53	744	14.0	3	44	74.4
Isaac West	8	27	528	19.6	6	78	66.0
Brian Bratton	10	26	361	13.9	5	76	36.1
Toreico O'Neal	10	17	204	12.0	0	38	20.4
Willis Sudderth	10	8	103	12.9	1	28	10.3
Lamar Rembert	9	7	11	1.6	0	7	1.2
James Thomas	10	5	62	12.4	0	19	6.2
Hindley Brigham	10	5	28	5.6	0	16	2.8
Eric Emerson	9	4	16	4.0	0	6	1.8
Daric Carter	10	3	84	28.0	0	68	8.4
Andy Rump	10	3	34	11.3	0	25	3.4
John Rust	9	2	23	11.5	0	19	2.6
Corey Tant	6	1	9	9.0	1	9	1.5
Brandon Berry	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Total.....	10	162	2210	13.6	16	78	221.0
Opponents.....	10	125	1414	11.3	6	59	141.4

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Danny Marshall	11-14	78.6	0-0	4-4	4-5	3-4	0-1	46	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	----- PATs -----				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Danny Marshall	0	11-14	29-32	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	62
Isaac West	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Brian Bratton	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Bear Rinehart	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Al Means	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Billy Napier	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-3	0	0	24
Lamar Rembert	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Eric Emerson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Hindley Brigham	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Toreico O'Neal	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Willis Sudderth	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
J. Van Dora	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	6
Corey Tant	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
John Marks	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Team	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	38	11-14	29-32	0-2	1	1-4	0	0	292
Opponents.....	28	2-6	27-28	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	203

BY QUARTER	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Team.....	91	72	43	86	- 292
Opponents...	31	59	42	71	- 203

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cam Newton	6	101	16.8	0	38
Rodney Johnson	5	48	9.6	0	26
T.J. Wilson	2	28	14.0	0	28
Cedrick Ritter	1	11	11.0	0	11
David Latimer	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	15	193	12.9	0	38
Opponents.....	8	154	19.3	2	48

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Bo Moore	36	1421	39.5	54	3	4	7	1
Team	2	23	11.5	21	0	0	0	1
J. Van Dora	1	22	22.0	22	0	0	0	0
Total.....	39	1466	37.6	54	3	4	7	2
Opponents.....	44	1903	43.3	61	8	7	10	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bear Rinehart	13	199	15.3	1	66
Brian Bratton	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	14	203	14.5	1	66
Opponents.....	17	91	5.4	0	43

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Brian Bratton	29	580	20.0	0	48
Brandon Mays	3	71	23.7	0	30
James Thomas	1	20	20.0	0	20
Daric Carter	1	17	17.0	0	17
Toreico O'Neal	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total.....	35	689	19.7	0	48
Opponents.....	45	757	16.8	0	30

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Bear Rinehart	10	46	744	199	0	0	989	98.9
Brian Bratton	10	35	361	4	580	0	980	98.0
Hindley Brigham	10	580	28	0	0	0	608	60.8
Toreico O'Neal	10	339	204	0	1	0	544	54.4
Isaac West	8	10	528	0	0	0	538	67.3
Total.....	10	1963	2210	203	689	193	5258	525.8
Opponents.....	10	2013	1414	91	757	154	4429	442.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Billy Napier	10	276	48	2071	2119	211.9
Hindley Brigham	10	103	580	0	580	58.0
Lamar Rembert	9	75	416	0	416	46.2
Toreico O'Neal	10	69	339	0	339	33.9
Eric Emerson	9	53	167	0	167	18.6
Total.....	10	689	1963	2210	4173	417.3
Opponents.....	10	629	2013	1414	3427	342.7

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|		|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
		UT	AT	Total	ForLoss	No-Yards	Int-Yds	PD	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
23 Cedrick Ritter	10	59	41	100	4/5	.	1-11	4	.	2-0	2	.	.
44 Mike Killian	10	49	35	84	1/4	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.
21 Keito Whetstone	10	43	35	78	3/3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
14 Paul Billingsly	10	29	28	57	4/13	1.5-4	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
5 Cam Newton	10	35	17	52	.	.	6-101	9	.	2-0	.	.	.
41 Andrew Knight	10	22	21	43	7/17	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 L. Sperling	10	23	16	39	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
4 T.J. Wilson	10	27	10	37	.	.	2-28	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
47 Eddie Overdyke	10	24	10	34	5/10	1.0-3	.	3	.	2-35	1	.	.
25 Rodney Johnson	10	16	13	29	1/1	.	5-48	7	.	2-0	.	1	.
49 William Freeman	10	15	9	24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Michael Burant	8	11	12	23	2/2	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
93 Brandon Poole	10	14	8	22	5/16	2.0-10	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
10 Daniel South	8	15	5	20	1/1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
95 Justin Porter	10	9	11	20	1/1	1.0-1	.	.	.	1/1	.	.	.
57 Travis Jones	10	8	10	18	3/2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48 Andrew Carson	10	7	7	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Keith Johnson	10	9	5	14	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2 Maurice Duncan	10	8	4	12	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
8 David Latimer	8	6	6	12	1/0	.	1-5	1	.	.	.	.	.
54 Josh Slagle	8	5	6	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Glenn Smith	10	2	7	9	1/1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
37 Jon MacDonald	10	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Nick Dean	7	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Ken Yuhas	7	4	2	6	2/4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	10	471	331	802	41/80	6-22	15-193	39	.	11-35	9	1	.
Opponents.....	10	430	314	744	79/258	16-105	8-154	24	.	12-13	10	2	.

2002 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

	VAN	ELON	RICH	VMI	WCU	ASU	CIT	ETSU	GSU	WOF	UTC
SE.....	West	West	West	Bratton	Bratton	Bratton	West	West	West	West	
LT.....	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	Bainbridge	
LG.....	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	
C.....	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	Morgan	
RG.....	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	Kruger	
RT.....	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	Cain	
TE.....	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	Sudderth	
FLK.....	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	Rinehart	
QB.....	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	Napier	
FB.....	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Emerson	Tant	
TB.....	Brigham	Brigham	Brigham	O'Neal	O'Neal	O'Neal	Brigham	Brigham	Brigham	Brigham	
DE.....	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	Poole	
NG.....	Porter	Porter	Porter	Latimer*	Porter	Porter	Porter	Burant	Burant	Porter	
DT.....	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling	
DE.....	Jones	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	
SLB.....	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	Whetstone	
MLB.....	Knight	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	Killian	
WLB.....	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	Ritter	
LCB.....	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	Wilson	
RCB.....	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	
SS.....	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	Billingsly	
FS.....	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	Newton	

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

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	16	Hindley Brigham at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002) Hindley Brigham at Wofford (Nov 16, 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)
Yards Passing.....	252	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.....	7	Bo Moore at Wofford (Nov 16, 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)
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) 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)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

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) vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Pass attempts.....	34	vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Pass completions....	22	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Passing.....	327	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Yards Per Pass.....	19.2	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
TD Passes.....	5	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Total Plays.....	77	at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 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.....	3	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
First Downs.....	27	at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002)
Penalties.....	7	vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Penalty Yards.....	66	vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)
Turnovers.....	3	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) at East Tennessee State (Oct 26, 2002) vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Interceptions By....	4	vs The Citadel (Oct 19, 2002)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	23	Chaz Williams, vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Yards Rushing.....	117	Fred Boateng, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
TD Rushes.....	3	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
		Chaz Williams, vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Long Rush.....	71	Mark Myers, vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Pass attempts.....	38	Joey Gibson, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Pass completions....	22	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)
		Jimmy Miner, at Wofford (Nov 16, 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)
		F. Pesqueira, vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
		Anthony Jones, at Wofford (Nov 16, 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)
		Joe Scott, vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
		Roland Harris, at Wofford (Nov 16, 2002)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes.....	59	vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Yards Rushing.....	409	vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 2002)
Yards Per Rush.....	8.2	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Rushes.....	5	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
		vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 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.....	10	vs Georgia Southern (Nov 9, 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)

GAME 1

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

Furman	0	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	1 play, 43 yards, TOP 0:08	0- 7
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 1 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 1 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	18-42
V — Bara Cola 3 run (Greg Johnson kick) 5:09-4Q	9 plays, 80 yads, TOP 4:22	18-49

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 (3IG, 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 11 (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	22-32-0	12-16-1
Total Offense	353	557
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties	4-30	7-59
Punts	4-39.8	2-45.0
Punt Returns	2-33	3-9
Kickoff Returns	8-178	3-58
Possession Time	30:12	29:48
Third Down Conversions	7-13	3-6
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-1
Sacks By	0-0	3-29

GAME 2

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, 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' 1-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.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Isaac West 78 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 14:36-1Q	1 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	1 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 1 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, Singletary 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 1-68, Bratton 1-9. E — Belkoski 2-33, Smith 2-20, Mitchell 2-15, Utz 1-21, Neal 1-7, Banks 1-2, Johnson 1-1.

Field Goals: F — None. E — None.

Defense: F — Knight 7 (5 solo, 2 ast., 1 TFL), Latimer 5 (3 solo, 2 ast.), Slagle 5 (2 solo, 3 ast.), South 4 (4 solo), Whetstone 4 (4 solo, 1 TFL, 1 FR), Porter 3 (3 solo), Overdyke 3 (2 solo, 1 ast., 2 TFL, 1 Sack). E — Warren 7 (3 solo, 4 ast.), Conner 5 (4 solo, 1 ast.), Harris 4 (4 solo), Geter 4 (3 solo, 1 ast.).

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	ELON
First Downs	23	15
Rushing	43-215	44-163
Passing	327	99
C/A/I	13-17-0	10-18-2
Total Offense	542	262
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties	2-15	4-35
Punts	2-43.5	6-35.2
Punt Returns	1-11	1-(-1)
Kickoff Returns	2-43	8-115
Possession Time	28:42	31:18
Third Down Conversions	7-10	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Sacks By	1-3	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 1. Trailing 10-7, the Spiders' Danny Young picked off a Billy Napier pass and returned it 11 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 1, 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	3	0	7	—	17
Richmond	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- 0
R — D'Arcy Wills 1 run (Doug Kirchner kick) 2:35-1Q	
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 1 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 1-7, Emerson 1-2, Rembert 1-(-1), 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 11 (5 solo, 6 ast.), Ritter 10 (2 solo, 8 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FR, 1 PBU), Whetstone 9 (3 solo, 6 ast.), Newton 7 (2 solo, 5 ast.), Sperling 6 (1 solo, 5 ast.). R — Thompson 14 (4 solo, 9 ast., 3 TFL), Goddard 12 (9 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL), Archie 9 (4 solo, 5 ast.), Slade 9 (3 solo, 6 ast., 1 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	1-0	2-1
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	1-2
Sacks By	0-0	2-13

GAME 4

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 Al 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	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 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 8:00-1Q	10 plays, 65 yards, TOP 4:23	14- 0
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	28- 0
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	35- 14
F — Danny Marshall 46 FG 0:00-2Q	3 plays, 63 yards, TOP 0:26	38- 14
F — Danny Marshall 42 FG 11:47-3Q	5 plays, 54 yards, TOP 1:42	41- 14
V — Kevin Solomon 1 run (Matt Sharpe kick) 4:30-3Q	6 plays, 48 yards, TOP 2:12	41- 21
F — Al Means 6 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:45-3Q	7 plays, 66 yards, TOP 3:45	48- 21
V — Pedro Garcia 7 pass from Joey Gibson (Matt Sharpe kick) 7:24-4Q	6 plays, 41 yards, TOP 1:12	48- 28
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 11-133, O'Neal 11-96, Brigham 9-78, Means 3-46, Bratton 2-25, Emerson 3-11, Mays 3-8, Napier 2-5, Moore 6-(-5). V — Mizzer 8-69, Gibson 13-46, 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 1-39, Rump 1-25. V — Snelling 7-41, Garcia 4-37, Carlson 3-44, Burden 2-31, Bell 2-5, Malave-Lopez 1-17, Reel 1-12, Barnes 1-9, Solomon 1-8, Johnston 1-8.

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 — Foux 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	12-20-1	23-39-3
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 inside 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 1, 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	1 run (Danny Marshall kick)	6 plays, 70 yards, TOP 2:19	3-14
W — Fred Boateng	1 run (Chris Vought kick) 11:54-3Q	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	1 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	38-14
W — Fred Boateng	4 run (Chris Vought kick failed) 3:43-4Q	8 plays, 62 yards, TOP 2:46	23-24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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 1-12, Emerson 1-6, Carter 1-4. W — Banks 3-64, Seard 2-64, DeShauteurs 2-18, Godard 2-15, Roy 1-10, Lane 1-7, Reeder 1-4, Bush 1-3.

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	5-113	3-72
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

GAME 6

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 advantage.

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 State	0	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) 5:39-4Q	
10 plays, 79 yards, TOP 5:24	9-14
F — Bear Rinehart 12 pass from Billy Napier (pass intercepted) 0:07-4Q	
13 plays, 73 yards, TOP 5:32	15-14
A — Derrick Black PAT return	15-16

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 1-14. A — Little 3-45, Layton 2-9, Fowlkes 2-9, Hoover 1-24, Hayward 1-18, White 1-7, Beard 1-4.

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	1-6	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 16-15 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 Citadel	0	3	7	0	—	10

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Eric Emerson 1 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 5:11	21-0
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 5:58	24-10
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	1-0
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	2-2	1-1
Sacks By	1-2	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 quarterback 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

Furman	0	12	7	6	—	25
East Tennessee State	0	0	0	0	—	0

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Brian Bratton	19 pass from Billy Napier (kick blocked)	14:55-2Q
	13 plays, 67 yards	TOP 6:46 6- 0
F — Bear Rinehart	66 punt return (pass failed)	..... 12- 0
F — Eric Emerson	2 run (Danny Marshall kick)	10:29-3Q
	11 plays, 76 yards, TOP 4:31	..... 19- 0
F — Billy Napier	1 run (kick failed)	11:05-4Q
	18 plays, 80 yards, TOP 8:29	..... 25- 0

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, 4 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	1-23	5-79
Possession Time	34:17	25:43
Third Down Conversions	9-13	7-13
Fourth Down Conversions	2-2	1-2
Sacks By	0-0	0-0

GREENVILLE, S.C.-- Quarterback Chaz Williams ran for three touchdowns and threw for another to lead the NCAA I-AA ninth-ranked Georgia Southern Eagles to a 42-21 Southern Conference title game win over the fourth-ranked Furman Paladins in front of 15,794 fans at Paladin Stadium.

Williams rushed 23 times for 110 yards and threw for 84 yards in pacing Georgia Southern to its eighth straight victory and at least a share of the program's seventh conference championship. The sophomore from Apopka, Fla., registered touchdown runs covering 1, 2, and 3 yards and connected with slotback Zzream Walden on a 40-yard strike to help stake Georgia Southern to a 35-0 halftime lead.

Georgia Southern rolled up 409 yards on the ground on the way to 493 yards in offense. Freshman fullback Jermaine Austin joined Williams in topping the 100-yard rushing plateau, totaling 105 yards on 19 carries. Furman, which was held to a season low 68 yards rushing, got 234 yards from senior quarterback Billy Napier, who completed 17-of-28 passes for three touchdowns.

The defeat snapped Furman's 11-game home winning streak and 15-game Southern Conference home winning streak, and marked the Paladins' first regular season home loss since the 1998 season.

The Eagles wasted little time in taking control of the contest, scoring on their first possession by moving 55 yards in eight plays for a 3-yard touchdown run by Williams at the 9:40 mark.

Williams ignited the Eagles' decisive 28-point second quarter with a 1-yard touchdown plunge at the 9:45 juncture to make it 14-0, capping a 10-play, 77-yard drive.

Two possessions later the Eagles needed only four plays to cover 70 yards, with the final 22 coming off a Williams pitch to Zzream Walden to increase the advantage to 21-0.

A fumble by Furman's Brian Bratton on the ensuing kickoff return was recovered by Georgia Southern's Carl Kearney at the Paladin 18, and two plays later Williams tallied his third touchdown of the contest with a 2-yard plunge with 1:41 remaining in the half.

The Georgia Southern second quarter onslaught continued after the Eagles forced a Paladin punt and regained possession at Furman 45. Following a five-yard run by Walden to the 40, Williams hit Walden in strike for a 40-yard touchdown strike with only 32 seconds left to give the Eagles a 35-0 halftime advantage.

Furman finally got on the board on its first possession of the second half, covering 64 yards in eight plays for a 21-yard touchdown pass from Napier to split end Isaac West.

Georgia Southern, however, quickly extinguished any Furman comeback attempt when slotback Mark Myers bolted 71 yards for a score midway through the third quarter to make it 42-7.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	0	0	7	14	—	21
Georgia Southern	0	35	7	0	—	42

SCORING SUMMARY

GS — Chaz Williams 3 run (Scott Shelton kick) 9:40-1Q	
8 plays, 55 yards, TOP 3:09	7- 0
GS — Chaz Williams 1 run (Scott Shelton kick) 9:45-2Q	
10 plays, 77 yards, TOP 5:06	14- 0
GS — Z. Walden 22 run (Scott Shelton kick) 2:03-2Q	
4 plays, 70 yards, TOP 1:56	21- 0
GS — Chaz Williams 2 run (Scott Shelton kick) 1:41-2Q	
2 plays, 18 yards, TOP 0:12	28- 0
GS — Z. Walden 40 pass from Chaz Williams (Scott Shelton kick)	
2 plays, 45 yards, TOP 0:28	35- 0
F — Isaac West 21 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 8:42-3Q	
8 plays, 64 yards, TOP 3:36	35- 7
GS — Mark Myers 71 run (Scott Shelton kick) 7:13-3Q	
3 plays, 65 yards, TOP 1:29	42- 7
F — Corey Tant 9 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 14:56-4Q	
10 plays, 74 yards, TOP 3:01	42-14
F — Isaac West 5 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 3:27-4Q	
9 plays, 72 yards, TOP 3:49	42-21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Napier 8-19, Brigham 5-15, Moore 2-12, Rembert 10-11, O'Neal 4-6, Tant 1-3, Emerson 1-2. GS — Williams 23-110, Austin 19-105, Myers 2-73, Walden 7-64, Anderson 2-34, Davis 2-22, Andrews 1-3, Hunter 3(-2).

Passing: F — Napier 17-28-0-234, Moore 2-6-1-16. GS — Williams 5-7-0-84.

Receiving: F — West 6-107, Rinehart 4-55, Sudderth 2-36, O'Neal 1-17, Thomas 1-13, Tant 1-9, Rembert 1-4, Brigham 1-4, Berry 1-3, Emerson 1-2. GS — Walden 2-75, Anderson 2-3, Owens 1-6.

Field Goals: F — None. GS — None.

Defense: F — Ritter 11 (10 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL, Killian 10 (6 solo, 4 ast.), Billingsly 7 (6 solo, 1 ast.), Overdyke 6 (5 solo, 1 ast.) GS — Young 11 (9 solo, 2 ast., 1 TFL), Butler 7 (7 solo), Burchett 5 (5 solo, 0 ast.).

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	GSU
First Downs	18	18
Rushing	31-68	59-409
Passing	250	84
C/A/I	19-34-1	5-7-0
Total Offense	318	493
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-2
Penalties	4-33	10-86
Punts	5-37.6	3-35.7
Punt Returns	1-12	2-1
Kickoff Returns	6-78	1-24
Possession Time	26:25	33:35
Third Down Conversions	9-15	3-12
Fourth Down Conversions	2-4	0-2
Sacks By	0-0	2-13

Furman 23, Wofford 21

November 16, 2002

Gibbs Stadium

Attendance: 9,814

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- It was billed by the Wofford faithful, coaches, and players as the most important football game in the history of the program, and that goes back to 1889.

On Thursday, a pep rally was held and Wofford head coach Mike Ayers guaranteed a win for his team. Furman quarterback Billy Napier was hung and burned in effigy. But Napier recovered nicely from his scorching by grabbing the gas can and matches and lighting up Wofford with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Brian Bratton with 29 seconds left to lift the NCAA I-AA ninth-ranked Paladins to a 23-21 win Saturday at rain-soaked Gibbs Stadium.

The victory, Furman's fourth straight over Wofford and seventh in its last eight meetings with its oldest rival, denied the Terriers a share of their Southern Conference championship since joining the league in 1997.

Napier, a senior All-Southern Conference performer, engineered the Paladins' game winning 11-play, 74-yard drive after Wofford's J.R. McNair scored on a 41-yard run to put the Terriers ahead 21-17 with 4:41 left in the game. Completing all five of his pass attempts for 63 yards on the Paladins' final possession, Napier methodically moved the Furman offense down the field on the strength of a 17 pass to Isaac West, three completions to Bear Rinehart for 39 yards, and the game winning 7-yard strike to a slanting Brian Bratton. Furman's signal caller connected on all eight of second half pass attempts and his last 10 overall. For the contest the nation's second highest rated passer was 14-of-17 for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

Furman took advantage of a pair of first half Wofford turnovers to grab a 10-0 lead.

A fumble on a punt return by Wofford's Drew Hill on the first play of the second quarter was recovered by Furman's Keith Johnson at the Terrier 31, and on the next play, Isaac West beat a pair of Terrier defensive backs on a post route for a 31-yard touchdown catch to give the Paladins a 7-0 lead.

Later in the second quarter Furman defensive end Eddie Overdyke scooped up a fumble by Wofford senior running back Jesse McCoy at the Terrier 32 and rambled 21 yards to the Wofford 11. Three plays later the Southern Conference's top kicker, Danny Marshall, drilled a 28-yard field goal to give the Paladins a 10-0 lead with 3:50 left in the first half.

A scoreless third quarter proved to be only a prelude to a thrilling final period, as Wofford got on the board with a 1-yard touchdown run by fullback J.R. McNair at the 12:12 mark to complete a 17-play, 86-yard drive and make it 10-7.

Furman answered with a 5-play, 67-yard drive that featured a 45-yard touchdown run by junior tailback Hindley Brigham, who took a quick pitch from Napier, avoided a Terrier defender with a cut, and outran the Wofford defense to the end zone to stretch the Paladins' lead to 17-7.

Wofford came back with 9-play, 80-yard possession that ended with a 1-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback Jeff Zolman to make it 17-14 at the 6:21 juncture.

A partially blocked punt by the Terriers' Alex Love put Wofford in business at the Furman 46 with 4:54 left in the game, and two plays later J.R. McNair raced up the middle for 41 yards into the end zone to give the Terriers their first lead of the game, 21-17, with 4:41 to go.

Wofford's joy, however, lasted only a few minutes as the Paladins, starting at their own 26 covered the 74 yards to the end zone, where Bratton gathered in a Napier laser for the game winning score.

Wofford was held almost 100 yards below its season rushing average, but the Terriers still managed 259 yards on the ground on the way to 375 yards in total offense. Furman, meanwhile, compiled 263 yards in offense and got 80 yards on 16 carries from Hindley Brigham.

Bear Rinehart paced the Paladins' passing game with seven catches for 60 yards and, in the process, tied Robbie Hahn's Furman single season receptions record of 53 catches set in 1967.

Napier's work against Wofford made him Furman's new single season passing yardage leader with 2,071 yards, thereby surpassing former standout Frankie DeBusk (1987-90), who threw for 2,035 yards in 1990.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	0	10	0	13	—	23
Wofford	0	0	0	21	—	21

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Isaac West 31 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick) 14:39-1Q	1 play, 31 yards, TOP 0:07	7- 0
F — Danny Marshall 28 FG 3:50-1Q	4 plays, 0 yards, TOP 2:01	10- 0
W — J.R. McNair 1 run (Todd Rhoden kick) 12:12-4Q	17 plays, 86 yards, TOP 7:19	10- 7
F — Hindley Brigham 45 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:00-4Q	5 plays, 67 yards, TOP 2:12	17- 7
W — Jeff Zolman 1 run (Todd Rhoden kick) 6:21-4Q	9 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:39	17-14
W — J.R. McNair 41 run (Todd Rhoden kick) 4:41-4Q	2 plays, 46 yards, TOP 0:13	17-21
F — Brian Bratton 7 pass from Billy Napier (rush failed) 0:29-4Q	11 plays, 74 yards, TOP 4:12	23-21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Brigham 16-80, Tant 7-24, O'Neal 9-11, Napier 6-5, West 1-(-2). W — McNair 19-107, McCoy 13-89, Zolman 10-24, Jones 6-21, Jackson 2-8, Mungin 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Fogle 1-1.

Passing: F — Napier 14-17-1-145. W — Zolman 7-13-0-116.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 7-60, West 3-70, O'Neal 2-3, Bratton 1-7, Brigham 1-5. W — McCoy 2-49, Wood 2-29, Chandler 1-25, Goodpaster 1-11, Jackson 1-2.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 28G. W — None.

Defense: F — Killian 11 (8 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL), Whetstone 8 (6 solo, 2 ast.), Overdyke 6 (6 solo, 1 FR), Ritter 6 (5 solo, 1 ast.). W — Nelson 11 (7 solo, 4 ast.), Basinger 8 (6 solo, 2 ast., 4 TFL), Thrift 6 (3 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL), Benton 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 TFL).

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	WC
First Downs	12	17
Rushing	39-118	53-259
Passing	145	116
C/A/I	14-17-1	7-13-0
Total Offense	263	375
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties	3-20	1-5
Punts	8-36.9	6-37.5
Punt Returns	2-14	2-15
Kickoff Returns	4-64	3-38
Possession Time	29:38	30:22
Third Down Conversions	6-15	4-14
Fourth Down Conversions	2-4	3-4
Sacks By	0-0	2-9