

# Game 6 -- October 19, 2002, 3:30 EDT Kickoff

Furman Paladins (4-2, 2-1 SoCon) vs. The Citadel Bulldogs (2-4, 1-2 SoCon) Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — Natural Grass

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#### 2002 FURMAN RESULTS/SCHEDULE Score/Time Result Date Opponent Sept. Sept. 21 ..... @ Richmond ....... W Sept. 28 ..... @ VMI ...... 55-28 ...... W 5 ...... WESTERN CAROLINA ....... 24-23 ....... W Oct. Oct. 26 ..... @ East Tennessee State (CSS TV) ...... 3:30 Nov.

#### **THE GAME**

Saturday's Furman-Citadel game will highlight Homecoming Weekend at Furman University and mark the 82nd renewal of one of the Southern Conference's longest running and most historic football rivalries. Furman, ranked sixth in the latest Sports Network NCAA I-AA Poll, also puts its school record I4-game Southern Conference home winning streak and I9-game regular season home winning streak on the line against the Bulldogs.

# **THE COACHES**

Furman: Bobby Lamb (Furman '86) 4-2 (.667), 1st Year at Furman 4-2 (.667), 1st Year Overall Lamb vs. The Citadel (0-0)

The Citadel: Ellis Johnson (Furman '75)
5-11 (.313), 2nd Year at The Citadel
5-11 (.313), 2nd Year Overall
Johnson vs. Furman (0-1)

# **THE SERIES**

In a series that began in 1913, Furman owns a commanding 50-28-3 series advantage and has won the last three and six of the last seven contests

#### **FURMANTY BROADCAST TEAM**

Furman Television
Comcast (CSS)
Chuck Hussion, play-by-play;
Will Bouton, analyst;
Gordon Higgins, sideline



#### **FURMAN RADIO BROADCAST TEAM**

Furman Radio WCSZ-AM 1070, WGOG-FM 96.3 Dave Cohen, play-by-play; John Ingles, analyst; Sarah Smith, sideline



2001 FINAL SOCON STANDINGS						
	SoCon Overall				all	
Team	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	I	7	.125	3	8	.273
VMI	I	7	.125	- 1	10	.091

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	SoCo	n		Over	all
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3	- 1	.750	4	2	.667
2	- 1	.667	4	2	.667
2	- 1	.667	4	2	.667
2	2	.250	3	4	.429
I	2	.333	2	4	.333
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October 12
Appalachian State 16, Furman 15
VMI 27, Wofford 16
The Citadel 26, East Tennessee State 7
Georgia Southern 41, Western Carolina 24

2002 SOCON STANDINGS



#### October 19

Western Carolina @ Wofford, 1:30 Elon @ East Tennessee State, 2:00 The Citadel @ Furman, 3:30 (CSS TV) Appalachian State @ Georgia Southern, 3:30 VMI @ Chattanooga, 6:00



#### 2002 SEASON HONORS

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

# **2002 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

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

All-Southern Conference (Coaches)

OG Trevor Kruger (Ist Team)
OT Steven Cain (Ist Team)
TE Willis Sudderth (Ist Team)
CB Rodney Johnson (Ist Team)
RS Brian Bratton (Ist Team)

QB Billy Napier (2nd Team) WR Bear Rinehart (2nd Team) DT LeBryan Sperling (2nd Team) PK Danny Marshall (2nd Team) against arch-rival The Citadel, including a 30-7 victory last year in Charleston. Two years ago the Paladins topped the Bulldogs in Greenville, 33-7. The Citadel's last win over Furman came in 1998 with a 25-24 decision in Greenville. Furman sports a 27-12 record versus The Citadel in Greenville; in Charleston the Paladins are 21-16-2. Furman is 2-0-1 in three neutral site contests against The Citadel.

<u>Year</u>	Result	<u>Score</u>	<u>Site</u> Charleston	Furman Coach
			GREENVILLE	
			Charleston	
1921	W	42-0	GREENVILLE	W.L. Laval
			Florence	
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1940	W	36-7	GREENVILLE	A P Mcl end
			Charleston	
			GREENVILLE	
1946	W	14-0	Charleston	R.W. Smith
1947	W	7-0	GREENVILLE	R.W. Smith
			GREENVILLE	
			Charleston	
1950	W	21-7	GREENVILLE	Bill Young
			Orangeburg	
1952	T	7-7	Orangeburg	Bill Young
1953	W	27-0	Charleston	Bill Young
			GREENVILLE	
1955	L	. 19-25	Charleston	Homer Hobbs
1956	W	7-0	GREENVILLE	Homer Hobbs
1957	L	. 14-18	Charleston	Homer Hobbs
1958	L	6-24	GREENVILLE	Bob King
1959	L	. 14-18	Charleston	Bob King
1960	L	6-7	GREENVILLE	Bob King
1961	L	8-9	Charleston	Bob King
			GREENVILLE	
			Charleston	
			GREENVILLE	
1965	L	0-28	Charleston	Bob King
			GREENVILLE	
			Charleston	
			GREENVILLE	
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1971	Ļ	. 33-35	Charleston	Bob King
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1 704	٧٧	. 74-17	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan

1985 W 42-0		
1986 W 37-14	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1987 W 58-13	Charleston	Jimmy Satterfield
1988 W 30-17		
1989 W 44-9	Charleston	Jimmy Satterfield
1990 W 30-17	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1991 L 6-10	Charleston	Jimmy Satterfield
1992 L 14-20	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1993 L 10-20	Charleston	Jimmy Satterfield
1994 L 44-52	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1995 W 24-3		
1996 W 35-25	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1997 W 21-7	Charleston	Bobby Johnson
1998 L 24-25	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1999 W 31-17		
2000 W 33-7	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
2001 W 30-7	Charleston	Bobby Johnson

In Greenville: Furman leads 27-12-0 In Charleston: Furman leads 21-16-2 Neutral Sites: Furman lead

# **THE OFFENSES**

Furman: Multiple	The Citadel: Multiple
'02 Points/Game — 31.0	'02 Points/Game — 25.3
'02 Yards/Game — 447.8	'02 Yards/Game — 394.0
Rushing — 203.8	Rushing — 168.7
Passing — 244.0	Passing — 225.3

# SPORTS NETWORK NCAA I-AA FOOTBALL POLL (October 14, 2002)

Rnk	,	2002 Record	Points	Previous
1)	<u> Team</u> Montana (97)	5-0	2,497	I
2)	McNeese State (I)	4-1	2,397	3
	Appalachian State (2)			
4)	Villanova	6-1	2,153	6
5)	Northwestern State	5-1	2,019	7
6)	Furman	4-2	1,892	5
7)	Eastern Illinois	4-2	1,869	9
	Maine			
9)	Grambling State	5-1	1,560	11
,	Western Illinois		,	
	Bethune-Cookman			
	Portland State			
	Georgia Southern			
	William & Mary			
	Northeastern			
16)	Northern Arizona	4-2	970	8
	Youngstown State			
18)	South Carolina State	5-1	676	25
	Lehigh			
20)	Massachusetts	4-2	496	NR
21)	Northern Iowa	3-3	421	12
22)	Eastern Kentucky	4-3	417	19
	Stephen F.Austin			
	Idaho State			
25)	Southern Illinois	4-3	211	NR

#### **FURMAN WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE POLLS**

Date	TSN	Date	TSN
Preseason	7	Oct.	146
Sept. 2	4	Oct.	21
Sept. 9	7	Oct.	28
Sept. 16	7	Nov.	4
Sept. 23	7	Nov.	11
Sept. 30	5	Nov.	18
Oct. 7	5	Final	

#### **THE DEFENSES**

Furman: 43	The Citadel: 35
'02 Points/Game — 21.7	'02 Points/Game — 28.3
'02 Yards/Game — 336.2	'02 Yards/Game — 392.7
Rushing — 179.5	Rushing — 180.2
Passing — 156.7	Passing — 212.5

#### **LAST MEETING**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (Oct. 13, 2001) -- Louis Ivory rushed 29 times for 131 yards and a touchdown en route to setting Furman's all-time rushing record in the Paladins' 30-7 victory over The Citadel in front of 16,982 fans at Johnson Hagood Stadium.

lvory pushed his career rushing total to 4,868 yards, eclipsing Carl Tremble's record of 4,746 yards. The Furman senior also registered the 25th 100-yard rushing performance of his career to tie the school standard for most career 100-yard games.

Furman got the ball rolling early and never looked back as the Paladins scored at the 6:23 mark in the first quarter when freshman fullback Eric Emerson rumbled 11 yards for a touchdown. The run capped a 12-play, 59yard drive that lasted 5:57.

Furman's offense then capitalized on the strong play of its defense as sophomore placekicker Danny Marshall converted a 27-yard field goal his school record 11th straight — at the 1:49 mark in the first quarter to give the Paladins a 10-0 lead.

The Paladins struck for two more scores late in the second quarter when Ivory finished off a seven-play, 51-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run and quarterback Billy Napier connected with flanker Bear Rinehart on a 24-yard touchdown pass to take a 23-0 advantage into half-

The Citadel seized momentum on the first play of the second half when James Greene recovered a fumble after the Bulldogs'T.J. Rose sacked Napier at the Furman 24-yard line. Two plays later Nate Mahoney jaunted 13 yards for the touchdown to slice the Furman lead to 23-7.

The Paladins' defense, however, dashed any Bulldog comeback bid by halting the Bulldogs on their next two possessions, which ended on fourth down, 10-yard sack by strong safety Shelvis Smith at the Furman 35 and with a Smith interception at the Paladin 26.

Furman freshman fullback Al Means ran 10 yards with 4:52 left in the game to account for the Paladins' final score of the contest.

Napier helped lead the Paladins, completing 9-of-18 passes for 133 yards and a touchdown, and rushing 12 times for 58 yards. Rinehart paced the Furman receiving corps with five receptions for 82 yards and a score.

In addition to Smith, who posted nine stops, including two-for-loss, a sack, and an interception, the Paladins also received a strong effort from linebacker John Thrift, who led the team with 13 tackles, two tackles-forloss, a fumble recovery, and a sack.

The win was Furman's third straight, sixth triumph in the last seven meetings with the Bulldogs, and 50th victory in the historic series.

# **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Furman	10	13	0	7	_	30
The Citadel	0	0	7	0	_	7
SCORING SUMMARY						
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F — Eric Emerson II run (Danny Marshall kick) 6:23-1Q
12 plays, 59 yards, TOP 5:57
F — Danny Marshall 27 FG 1:49-1Q
7 plays, 25 yards, TOP 2:26
F — Louis Ivory 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:30-2Q
7 plays, 51 yards, TOP 3:15
F — Bear Rinehart 24 pass from Billy Napier (kick failed) 1:07-2Q
5 plays, 45 yards, TOP 1:15
C — Nate Mahoney 13 run (Nick Haas kick) 14:12-3Q
2 plays, 24 yards, TOP 0:024
F — Al Means 10 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:52-4Q
13 plays, 77 yards, TOP 6:55

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing: F — Ivory 29-131, Napier 12-58, Emerson 7-27, O'Neal 2-13, Means 2-10, Moore 1-5, Rembert 1-4, Team 3-(-5). C — Mahoney 16-69, Murphy 10-39, Drummond 15-31, Broughton 1-1, Doyle 1-(-7).

**Passing:** F — Napier 9-18-0-133. C — Drummond 4-12-1-27.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 5-82, Sansbury 3-39, Thomas I-12. C — Johnson I-12, Hollingsworth I-9, Healy I-5, Murphy I-1.

Field Goals: F — Marshall I-I (27G). C — None.

Defense: F — Thrift 13 (9 solo, 4 ast., 2 TFL, 1 FR, 2 Sacks), Bouton 11 (6 solo, 5 ast., 1 TFL, 1 PBU), Smith 11 (6 solo, 5 ast., 2 TFL, 1 Sack, 1 Int., I PBU), Cooper 7 (4 solo, 3 ast.), Poole 4 (3 solo, I ast., I FR). C—Howard 14 (8 solo, 6 ast.), Stephens 14 (6 solo, 8 ast., 1 FF), Corley 13 (5 solo, 8 ast., I FR, I PBU).

TEAM STATISTICS					
	FUR	CIT			
First Downs	26	12			
Rushing	57-243	43-133			
Passing					
C/A/I					
Total Offense	376	160			
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-2			
Penalties	5-31	8-58			
Punts	3-25.3	6-36.2			
Punt Returns	2-20	1-(-1)			
Kickoff Returns	2-45	4-8 ĺ			
Possession Time	34:13	25:47			
Third Down Conversions	9-15	2-12			
Fourth Down Conversions					
Sacks By	4-17	1-9			

#### **NOTING THE PALADINS**

NIGHTMARE IN BOONE: PART II...Furman's shocking 16-15 loss to Apppalachian State on Saturday marked the Paladins' second straight heartbreaking setback to the Mountaineers in Boone. Two years ago the Paladins led Appalachian State 17-11 and had the football at the Appalachian State 2-yard line with just seven minutes left in the game, but an interception in the end zone breathed life into the Mountaineers, who proceeded to cover 80 yards for the game winning touchdown and 18-17 triumph. Saturday's shocking loss at Kidd Brewer Stadium managed to top the 2000 meltdown as an intercepted two-point conversion pass attempt and subsequent 96-yard return with 7.4 seconds left allowed Appalachian State to escape an almost certain loss after quarterback Billy Napier connected with split end Bear Rinehart on a 12-yard touchdown pass for a 15-14 Paladin lead.

▼ SILVER LININGS...Though Furman's unlikely last second collapse on Saturday against Appalachian State proved decisive, the contest did yield its share of bright spots for the Paladins. For starters, Furman's defense, which includes only two seniors, stepped up with an outstanding performance by manhandling a Mountaineer offense on all but one possession, and yielding a scant seven points. Appalachian State managed only 44 plays and 203 total yards, including only 17 snaps and 87 yards over the game's final two quarters (109 yards over the last three quarters). In addition Appalachian State managed to control the football for a mere 19:39. Offensively, the promising news is Furman rolled up 216 yards in the second half after totaling only 106 over the first two quarters, and the Paladins, who in all controlled the football for 40:21, fashioned an impressive, pressurepacked 13-play, 73-yard touchdown drive over the game's final 5:39 to erase a 14-9 Mountaineer lead — all against possibly the league's most experienced defensive front that boasts three seniors.

▼ (VIRTUALLY) NO BLOWOUTS HERE...While Furman owns a solid 35-11 record (.761) in its last 46 games, in 10 of the 11 losses the Paladins have proven to be tough competition, losing by a combined total of 46 points. Two of the 10 aforementioned setbacks have been one-point losses to Appalachian State (in 2000 and '02), and only one in double figures (10 points vs. Georgia Southern in 2001).

#### **FURMAN LOSSES SINCE 1999**

Opponent (Year)		<u>Margin</u>
Appalachian State (2000)	I-AA Semifinalist 17-18	I
Appalachian State (2002)	I-AA No. 4 15-16	I
Elon (1999)	22-24	2
East Tennessee State (2000)	21-23	2
Ga. Southern (1999) I-AA	National Champion 38-41	3
Wyoming (2001)	ICAA I-A Opponent 14-20	6
Massachusetts (1999) ot	I-AA Playoffs 23-30	7
Hofstra (2000)	I-AA Playoffs 24-31	7
Montana (2001) I-AA Na	tional Championship 6-13	7
Ga. Southern (2001)	I-AA Semifinalist 10-20	10
Vanderbilt (2002)	ICAA I-A Opponent 18-49	3 I

► STREAKING AT HOME...Furman's 24-23 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 5 extended the Paladins' home winning streak to 10 games and also improved the program's regular season home winning streak to 19 games dating back to 1999. Furman, which sports a 108-28-1 record (.792) in 21-plus seasons of play in the beautiful facility, also owns a school record 14-game home winning streak against Southern Conference opposition.

#### **FURMAN CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES (10-0)**

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

# FURMAN CONSECUTIVE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE HOME VICTORIES (14-0)

<u>Date</u>	Opponent	<u>Score</u>	<u>Result</u>
Nov. 21, 1998	Chattanooga	31-28	W
Sept. 25, 1999	VMI	58-0	W
Oct. 9, 1999	Appalachian State	35-21	W
	East Tennessee State		
Nov. 13, 1999	Wofford	30-3	W
	Western Carolina		
Oct. 14, 2000	The Citadel	33-7	W
	Georgia Southern		
	Chattanooga		
	VMI		
Oct. 6, 2001	Appalachian State	28-22	W
	East Tennessee State		
Nov. 10, 2001	Wofford	45-14	W
	Western Carolina		

# FURMAN CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON HOME VICTORIES (19-0)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Result</u>
Sept. 25, 20	00 ∨Mİ	58-0	W
	00 Appalachian State		
Oct. 23, 20	00 East Tennessee State	48-21	W
Nov. 13, 20	00 Wofford	30-3	W
	000 Elon		
	000 Newberry		
Sept. 16, 20	00 William & Mary	34-10	W
Sept. 30, 20	00 Western Carolina	38-14	W
Oct. 14, 20	00 The Citadel	33-7	W
Nov. 4, 20	000 Georgia Southern	45-10	W
Nov. 18, 20	00 Chattanooga	45-44	W
Sept. 8, 20	01 Elon	46-7	W
Sept. 22, 20	01 VMI	65-7	W
Oct. 6, 20	01 Appalachian State	28-22	W
Oct. 20, 20	01 East Tennessee State	31-6	W
	01 Wofford		
	01 Presbyterian		
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Sept.	14, 2002	. Elon		57-7	W
Oct.	5, 2002	. Western (	Carolina	24-23	W

➤ **VERSUS THE SOCON IN PALADIN STADIUM...**Furman has compiled a 57-18-1 record (.757) in Paladin Stadium against current members of the Southern Conference.

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>.Pct</u>
VMI	10-0	1.000
Wofford	6-0-I	928
East Tennessee State	10-1	909
Appalachian State	8-3	727
Chattanooga	7-3	700
The Citadel	7-3	700
Western Carolina	7-5	584
Georgia Southern	2-3	400
	57-18-1	

▼ 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 start to the 2002 campaign, and that was evidenced again in Saturday's 16-15 loss to Appalachian State in Boone when he caught eight passes for 84 yards, including a key 12-yard touchdown pass with seven seconds left for what should have been a Paladin victory. Rinehart's work against the Mountaineers included several other significant grabs, including a 22-yard reception on the Paladins' key I 3-play, 73-yard late fourth quarter scoring drive. His work against Appalachian State followed 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 big play split end Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.) to injury. A very accomplished guitarist and singer/ songwriter, Rinehart, who is nicknamed for legendary Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, has a team high 34 receptions for 555 yards and three touchdowns on the year and appears well on the way to making a run at Furman's single season receptions standard and finishing his career ranked among the school's all-time leaders in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdown receptions (see following charts). He also returns punts for Furman and has averaged a solid 11.9 yards per return on nine attempts this

#### **CAREER RECEPTIONS**

Rank Player					
I) Luther Broughton	. 1993-96	123	1,565	12.7	6
2) Des Kitchings	. 1996-99	112	1,808	16.1	11
3) Adrick Harrison	. 1992-95	111	1,342	12.1	11
4) Josh Cole	. 1993-96	110	1,506	13.7	11
5) Chas Fox	. 1982-85	106	2,045	19.3	26
6) Tommy Southard	. 1974-77	101	1,342	13.3	8
7) Byron Trotter	. 1968-70	98	1,112	11.3	3
8) Bear Rinehart	1999	90	1,497	16.6	11
9) Jimmy Jordan	. 1966-68	85	1,188	14.0	4
10) Brette Simmons	. 1974-78	82	1,197	14.6	5
Damon Bradley					
12) Billy Risher	. 1979-83	81	1,447	17.9	18
13) Donald Lipscomb	. 1988-91	80	1,827	22.8	8
14) Robbie Hahn	. 1966-67	79	1,375	17.4	16
15) Stanford Jennings	. 1980-83	76	865	11.4	4
16) Paul Siffri					
17) Kirk Burnett	. 1983-86	70	1,259	18.0	6

#### **CAREER RECEIVING YARDS**

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12) Damon Bradley	1989-93 82 1,204 14.7 7
13) Brette Simmons	1974-78 82 1,197 14.6 5
14) Jimmy Jordan	1966-68 85 1,188 14.0 4
15) Byron Trotter	1968-70 98 1,112 11.3 3
16) Jody Wade	1994-97 66 1,106 16.7 11
17) Paul Siffri	1988-91 71 1.101 15.5 9

#### **CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS**

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

#### SEASON RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Year	Re	eceptions
I)	Robbie Hahn	1967	53	(840 yds.)
2)	Adrick Harrison	1995	48	(629 yds.)
3)	Josh Cole	1996	43	(699 yds.)
	Des Kitchings			
5)	Luther Broughton	1996	40	(489 yds.)
6)	Jimmy Kiser	1978	39	(692 yds.)
,	Tommy Southard	1976	39	(510 yds.)
	Luther Broughton	1995	39	(475 yds.)
9)	Chas Fox	1984	38	(723 yds.)
,	Jimmy Jordan	1968	38	(502 yds.)
	Tommy Southard	1977	38	(499 yds.)
	Byron Trotter	1969	38	(421 yds.)

Bear Rinehart ...... 2002 ...... 34 (555 yds.)

# **SEASON RECEIVING YARDS**

Rank	Player	Year	Yard	ds
I)	Robbie Hahn	1967	. 840	(53 rec.)
2)	Des Kitchings	1999	. 828	(43 rec.)
3)	Donald Lipscomb	1991	. 753	(32 rec.)
4)	Donald Lipscomb	1990	. 743	(34 rec.)
5)	Chas Fox	1984	. 723	(38 rec.)
6)	Josh Cole	1996	. 699	(43 rec.)
7)	Jimmy Kiser	1978	. 692	(39 rec.)
8)	Chas Fox	1985	. 649	(34 rec.)
9)	Adrick Harrison	1995	. 629	(48 rec.)
10)	Ray Siminski	1956	. 568	(35 rec.)
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Bear Rinehart ...... 2002 ...... 555 (34 rec.)

PALADINS DISPLAYING IMPRESSIVE DEPTH IN RECEIV-ING CORPS...Since big play sophomore split end Issac West (Augusta, Ga.) exited the lineup with a fractured collarbone in the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21, the Paladins have relied on the impressive depth in its receiving corps to keep its Southern Conference leading passing attack moving. In addition to Bear senior Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.), who has contributed 34 catches for 555 yards and three touchdowns, Furman has gotten strong play from West's replacement, sophomore Brian Bratton (Augusta, Ga.), who has claimed 19 receptions for 263 yards and three scores, including a career best 76-yard touchdown catch against VMI (55-28 win). In addition, three other Paladin wideouts—redshirt freshman Daric Carter (Fuqay-Varina, N.C.) and seniors James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.) and Andy Rump (Sherborn, Mass.)—have combined for 10 receptions for 167 yards, and sophomore tight end Willis Sudderth (Lilburn, Ga.) has added six for 67 yards and

a score. All told, 12 Paladins have claimed receptions thus far this season, including four running backs, who have combined for 20 catches for 147 yards. Prior to his injury, West collected 10 passes for 242 yards and three touchdowns (24.2 ypc), including three receptions for 160 yards (78, 71, and 11-yard scoring grabs) in the Paladins' 57-7 rout of Elon on Sept. 14.

NAPIER EFFICIENT WITH ARM, PLAYING TIME...Senior All-Southern Conference quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.), the nation's leader in passing efficiency with a 175.46 rating, completed 20of-29 passes for 170 yards and a touchdown in Saturday's 16-15 loss to Appalachian State. That outing followed a 15-of-22, career high 252-yard, two-touchdown display in the Paladins' 24-23 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 5. with three stitches on the index finger knuckle on his throwing hand. His performance against the Catamounts, which marked the ninth best single game passing performance in school history, followed on the heels of 9-of-11, 222-yard, two-touchdown outing against VMI (55-28 win), against whom he played less than two quarters. In earlier action in the Paladins' 57-7 rout of Elon Sept. 14, he fashioned the best single game passing efficiency performance in Southern Conference history (411.08 rating) by completing 8-of-10 passes for 237 yards and four touchdowns before exiting the game (after only 17 snaps) with Furman leading 42-0. Through six games the Paladin signal caller has completed 92-of-129 passes (71.3%) for 1341 yards and nine touchdowns.

# **BILLY NAPIER GAME-BY-GAME STATS, HIGHLIGHTS IN 2002**

<u>Opponent</u>	Statistics/Highlights
Vanderbilt	
Elon	8-of-10, 237 yds., 4 TDs
	ses 78, 71, 7, 11 yds; exited game after 17 snaps
set new SoCo	on single game passing efficiency record (411.08)
Richmond	
	top receiver Isaac West injured in first quarter
VMI	9-of-11, 222 yds., 2 TDs, 1-yard TD run
TD passes 76, 2 y	ds; exited game after two second quarter series
Western Carolina	
TD passes 15, 44 yds;	8-of-9 in second half, new career high passing yds.
Appalachian State	20-of-29, 170 yds., 1 TD,
TD pass 12	yds with 7 seconds left gave Furman 15-14 lead

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. Fifteen wins, a league title, and a national runnerup finish later, questions about Napier's abilities are now extinct. A consensus second team All-Southern Conference choice in 2001 and the son of high school coach, Napier delivered solid play a year ago, 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 II league championships. Heading into the Saturday's game against Appalachian State, Napier ranks sixth on Furman's career passing yardage chart and 10th in career passing touchdowns.

# **FURMAN CAREER PASSING YARDAGE**

Rank	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards TD	
I)	B. Bonaventure	1992-96.	672	412	17	5,379 39	
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90.	575	304	27	4,984 32	
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	449	249	17	4,186 41	
4)	Clyde Hewell	1966-68.	563	313	21	3,993 20	
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95.	515	306	16	3,721 23	
6)	Billy Napier	1999	402	259 .	16	3,622 21	
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	
H)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81.	428	197	24	2,945 31	
12)	Billy Canty	1958-61	446	214	22	2,460 24	
13)	Billy Baker	1956-59	400	207	23	2,315 13	
14)	Cleve Hightower	1968-70	336	139	25	1.866 14	

#### **CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

Rank Player	Years	TD
I) Bobby Lamb	1982-85	41
2) Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	39
3) Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	32
4) Tim Sorrells	1977-81	31
5) Justin Hill		
Billy Canty		
7) Philly Jones		
8) David Whitehurst		
David Henderson	1976-79	22
10) Billy Napier	1999	21
12) David Charpia		
I 0) Billy Napier		21 20 19

\*\*AIR" FURMAN...For a program that's made plenty of championship hay over the past 25 years by running the football, and only two years ago produced NCAA I-AA's leading rusher in Walter Payton Award winning tailback Louis Ivory (2,079 yards), it's definitely news to see the Paladins getting it done offensively — and in a big way — through the air, but that's exactly what first year head coach Bobby Lamb has signaled a willingness to do this fall with the senior quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) and an experienced receiving corps. Last year Furman's run/pass ratio was 69.2% vs. 30.8%. Through six games this year Furman is still running the football significantly more than passing it (65.2% vs. 34.8%), but those figures may be a little deceiving in that they include a pair of blowout wins over Elon (57-7) and VMI (55-28) where the Paladins pretty much abandoned the passing game in the second half of both contests.

#### **FURMAN RUN-PASS RATIO**

<u>2001</u>	<u>Category</u>	2002 (6 Games)
492 (69.2%)	. Rushing Attempts (Ratio)	
218.9	. Rushing Yards Per Game	203.8
218 (30.8%)	Passing Attempts (Ratio)	146 (34.8%)
166.8	Passing Yards Per Game	244.0

► FURMAN PASSING STANDARDS WATCH....If Furman's increased emphasis on the passing game continues, several season team and individual passing standards could come under assault this year. Among the most notable:

	I CA/YI	
Record (Year)	<u>Category</u> Most Completions	2002 (6 Games)
162 (1995)	Most Completions	101
	Most Yards	
	Most Yards Per Game	
64.7% (1996)	Completion Percentage	69.2%
	Passing Efficiency	

## INDIVIDUAL

Record, Player (Year)	<u>Category</u>	2002 (6 Games)
238, Hightower (1969)	Most Attempts	129, Napier
151, Bonaventure (1995)	Most Completions	92, Napier
2,035, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards	
185.0, DeBusk (1990)	. Most Yards Per Game .	223.5, Napier
64.5, Bonaventure (1995)	Completion %	71.3, Napier
170.89, Lamb (1985)	Passing Efficiency	175.46, Napier

N TIGHT END TRADITION POISED TO CONTINUE...Since 1977 Furman has produced 16 All-Southern Conference tight ends, including Trent Sansbury, who last year earned his second all-league scroll after catching 36 passes for 479 yards and two touchdowns. With Sansbury graduated, the Paladins have turned to a pair of newcomers to fill the void, and it appears sophomore Willis Sudderth (Lilburn, Ga.), a preseason All-Southern Conference selection, may be emerging as the top candidate to extend Furman's strong tight ends tradition. In Furman's win over VMI on Sept. 28, he caught four passes for 35 yards, including his first career touchdown — a 2-yard catch on a fourth down play that gave the Paladins a 21-0 first quarter lead. That followed a two-reception, 32-yard

outing in the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21. Redshirt freshman **John Rust (Burlington, N.C.)**, who sat out the VMI game due to injury, has contributed two catches for 23 yards on the season.

- NOT FORGETTING THE RUN...With all the talk about Furman's highly efficient passing game, it should be noted that the Paladins haven't forgotten how to run the football something Furman has done as effectively as anybody over the last 25 years. Despite losing three All-American offensive linemen to graduation off last year's 12-3 team, the Paladins head into Saturday's game against The Citadel averaging a solid 203.8 yards per game on the ground (a year ago the Paladins averaged 218.9 yards per per game rushing).
- ► 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.), Brandon Mays (Arden, N.C.). Last year when Ivory was forced to the sideline with a knee injury late in the Paladins' 24-20 first round playoff win over Western Kentucky, the trio of Brigham, Rembert, and O'Neal stepped up to combine for 299 yards and three touchdowns the following week in a 34-17 triumph over previously undefeated Lehigh. Through six games this year, Brigham, Mays, O'Neal, and Rembert have combined to rush for 891 yards and four touchdowns (148.5 ypg). In Saturday's loss at Appalachian State, Furman's tailbacks combined for 102 yards on 28 carries.
- KRUGER, CAIN CARRY LOAD ON OL...After saying goodbye to 135 career starts from three All-America offensive linemates last year (174 if including tight end Trent Sansbury), senior right guard Trevor Kruger (Moultrie, Ga.) and senior right tackle Steven Cain (Anderson, S.C.) are the true veterans of Furman's offensive line this fall. A major plus is both players are regarded by Southern Conference head coaches as tops at their respective positions as indicated by their selection to the preseason all-league team. 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. A solid candidate for Southern Conference Jacobs Blocking Award consideration in 2002, Cain, who counts 21 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 (in testing last spring). Kruger, meanwhile, sports a unit high 33 starts in his career.
- N QUICK STRIKE PALADINS...Through six games, Furman has outscored the opposition 80-24 in the first quarter. Over the last five contests, Furman has posted an 80-10 scoring differential in the first quarter.
- THE EXPERIENCE FACTOR...With only 11 starters back off last year's squad that went 12-3, won a share of the Southern Conference championship, and finished as NCAA I-AA national runnerup, Furman had the tough task of filling several shoes and several quality ones at that. Eleven all-conference performers and five All-Americans graduated, including tailback Louis Ivory, the school's all-time leading rusher (5,353 yards, 53 TDs, 6.3 ypc) and middle linebacker Will Bouton (445 tackles, 50 starts). In addition, three All-American offensive linemen (and 135 career starts) departed center Chris Stewart, guard Marty Priore, and tackle Donnie Littlejohn, who garnered the league's Jacobs Blocking Award as well as two-time all-conference tight end Trent Sansbury and three all-conference veterans in the secondary: cornerback Richie Jackson and safeties Shelvis Smith and Josh Cooper. The departure of quality is significant, as is the overall level of experience as evidenced by the chart below:

# **CAREER STARTING EXPERIENCE COMPARISON**

<u> 200 I</u>	Career Starts	2002 Career Starts
TE	Trent Sansbury 39	Willis Sudderth 6
LT	Donnie Littlejohn 48	Ben Bainbridge 6
LG	Marty Priore 47	Justin Price 6
С	Chris Stewart 40	Craig Morgan 6
		Trevor Kruger 33

RT	Steven Cain 15	Steven Cain21
SE	James Thomas 18	Brian Bratton 3
FLK	Bear Rinehart 15	Bear Rinehart 21
QB	Billy Napier 15	Billy Napier22
FB	Eric Emerson 15	Eric Emerson21
<u>TB</u>	Louis Ivory 42	O'Neal, Brigham, & Rembert 8
	nse Totals 321	Offense Totals 153
DE	Brandon Poole 20	Brandon Poole26
DT	LeBryan Sperling 32	LeBryan Sperling 38
NG	Ryan Spencer 29	Justin Porter 5
DE	Eddie Overdyke 13	Eddie Overdyke18
WLB	Sterling Frierson 15	Cedrick Ritter 6
	Will Bouton 50	Mike Killian 15
SLB	John Thrift 40	Keito Whetstone 7
LCB	Richie Jackson 50	T.J. Wilson 8
RCB	Rodney Johnson 29	Rodney Johnson 35
SS	Shelvis Smith 27	Paul Billingsly 7
<u>FS</u>	<u>Josh Cooper</u> 27	<u>Cam Newton</u> 6
	nse Totals 332	Defense Totals171
200 I	Combined Totals 653	2002 Combined Totals 324

NEWTON, JOHNSON ON THE CHARTS..Sophomore free safety Cam Newton (Bennettsville, S.C.) and senior cornerback Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.) head into Saturday's game against The Citadel ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in the Southern Conference in interceptions. Newton, who claimed his fourth pickoff of the season on Saturday against Appalachian State, returned his interception 38 yards to set up the first of three Paladin field goals in the contest. He also added a fumble recovery and a pass deflection to improve his team leading deflections total to seven. Johnson, meanwhile, has notched three interceptions as is providing outstanding play in the Paladin secondary that features three new starters. Selected by his teammates as a team cocaptain. Johnson returned from a season ending knee injury in the first game of the 2000 campaign to reclaim his starting job and proceeded to register 43 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, a pair of interceptions, and seven pass deflections last year. He's also a two-time Verizon District III All-Academic selection.

■ WILSON STEPS UP AT CB...After yielding a 43-yard touchdown pass to Vanderbilt on the Paladins' first defensive play of the season in the first start of his career, sophomore cornerback **T.J. Wilson (Rome, Ga.)** has shown improvement each week in his new role as regular in the Paladin lineup. In the Paladins' 24-23 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 5, Wilson put together an impressive outing with a season high seven tackles, a fumble recovery, and his first career interception. He also recovered a fumble (though its not credited as such in the statistics) by teammate Eddie Overdyke in the first quarter after Overdyke had scooped up a Western Carolina miscue and returned it to the Catamount 15 before coughing it up. Wilson's possession saving recovery led to the Paladins' first touchdown of the game and gave Furman a 7-3 lead. His "regular" fumble recovery at the Paladin 18-yard line in the third quarter, with Furman holding a 14-10 lead, halted a Western Carolina scoring threat, and his interception at the Furman 27 also snuffed a Catamount foray into Paladin territory.

N KICK IT DEEP (IF YOU DARE)...A year ago Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.) earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year and All-America honors after leading NCAA I-AA in kickoff returns, averaging 37.2 yards on 14 returns, three of which he ran back for touchdowns. Bratton recorded his first kickoff return for a score in a 65-7 win over VMI, covering 91 yards. Later, in a key matchup against nationally fifth-ranked Appalachian State, he took the opening kickoff back 100 yards to help propel Furman to a 28-22 win. And in the Paladins' 45-14 whitewash of Wofford, he notched his second 100-yard return (and third touchdown of the season). Bratton was so effective a year ago that many opponents simply chose to pooch kick it short or out of bounds, often giving the Paladins excellent field position — a tactic the Paladins have seen several times already in 2002. Bratton's kickoff return exploits follow on the heels of another great Paladin kick returner, Des Kitchings (1996-99), who returned three kickoffs for touchdowns in 1999 on the way to earning All-America honors. All told, Furman has returned seven kickoffs for touchdowns over the last three-plus seasons.

Rank Player

▼ 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 9-of-II field goal tries and all 19 PAT attempts this year, with his only misses being a 51-yard attempt against Richmond and 40-yard attempt versus Western Carolina. In Saturday's 16-15 loss to Appalachian State, Marshall converted all three of his field goal tries, knocking down efforts from 20, 46, and 36 yards. Against VMI two weeks ago, he nailed a career long 46yarder with no time left in the first half to give Furman a 38-14 halftime lead, and he came back in the third period to hit a 42-yarder. Furman's leading scorer the Southern Conference's top kick scorer with 46 points, he already ranks fourth on Furman's career kick scoring chart with 204 points, having knocked down 32-of-40 field goals (.800) and 108-of-114 PATs (.947).

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**Points** 

I) Jason Wells	1994 99	143 151	25 57	249
2) Mike Wood	1986-89	. 134-141	29-49	221
3)Jim Richter	. 1992-95	85-92	43-63	214
4) Danny Marshall	. 2000	108-114	32-40	204
5) Keven Esval	. 1982-85	. 135-141	17-34	186
6) Tim Tanguay	. 1980-82	. 105-111	24-41	177
7) Glenn Connally	. 1987-90	30-42	49-50	139
8) Andy Goss	. 1974-76	56-62	23-38	125

#### **CAREER SCORING**

Rank Player	Years	TD	ΧP	FG	<b>Points</b>
I) Louis Ivory	1998-01	53	0-0	0-0	318
2) Stanford Jennings	1980-83	43	2-2	0-0	262
3) Carl Tremble	1989-92	43	0-0	0-0	258
Robbie Gardner	1982-86	43	0-0	0-0	258
5) Jason Wells	1996-99	0	143-151	35-57	248
6) Mike Wood	1986-89	0	134-141	29-49	221
Jim Richter	1992-95	0	85-92	43-63	214
8) Danny Marshall					
Derek Russell					
10) Mike Glenn	1978-80	32	0-0	0-0	192
II) Keven Esval	1982-85	0	135-141	17-34	186
Chas Fox	1982-85	30	3-3	0-0	186
13) Tim Tanguay	1980-82	0	105-111	24-41	177

▶ KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR POCKET...Although Furman was flagged six times for a season high 51 yards against Appalachian State, the Paladins still rank as the least penalized team in the Southern Conference through six games (24 for 197 yards). Furman was not penalized in its 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21 — a first for a Paladin squad since 1995, when Furman went unflagged in a 24-3 win over The Citadel in Charleston. The Paladins have been the Southern Conference's least penalized team each year since 1999.

NEW CROP OF FURMAN LBs...No area in the Furman program was hit harder by graduation than at linebacker, where the Paladins said goodbye to all three starters and a combined 105 career starts, including 50 by All-America and two-time Southern Conference defensive player-ofthe-year Will Bouton. While no one expects Furman to be as strong at linebacker as they were a year ago, through six games the new Paladin linebackers have already gained some quality playing time and have the makings of being even stronger athletically than their predecessors. At middle linebacker senior Andrew Knight (Snellville, Ga.) and sophomore Mike Killian (Atlanta, Ga.) have taken over for Bouton and have combined for 80 tackles. Taking over for graduated strong side linebacker John Thrift is junior Keito Whetstone (Orangeburg, S.C.), and at the weak side post sophomore Cedrick Ritter (Fairfax, S.C.) is the heir to Sterling Frierson. Whetstone (30 tackles in '01), a two-year letterman, started for an injured Thrift versus Montana, and Ritter was very impressive in a backup role, totaling 43 tackles four tackles-for-loss, two sacks, and a pair of interceptions in 2001. At the midway point of the 2002

campaign, Whetstone has compiled 48 tackles while Ritter has totaled a team leading 64 stops, including three-for-loss, and a squad leading two fumble recoveries.

- N SPERLING IS STERLING...Although not blessed with the experienced depth like last year, Furman's defensive front is headed up by senior tackle LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.), who serves as a team cocaptain. Sperling earned second team All-Southern Conference honors last year, and he's been tabbed by league head coaches to the 2002 preseason all-league team. In 10 regular season starts last year, Sperling tallied 37 tackles, including seven-for-loss, three sacks, and a fumble recovery to help headline a Paladin defense that paced the league in rushing defense (124.8 ypg) and finished second in scoring defense (14.0 ppg). This year Sperling has totaled 20 stops on a young and improving defensive unit.
- ► PALADIN POINTERS...Furman's 327 passing yards versus Elon on Sept. 14 represented the seventh highest single game passing total in school history. The five touchdown passes against Elon were the most by a Paladin squad since 1991, when **Hugh Swilling** tossed a school record five scores in a 46-28 win over VMI. Isaac West's three-reception, 160-yard, threetouchdown performance against Elon marked the eighth best single game receiving yards mark in school history and his 78-yard touchdown catch on Furman's first play of the game represented Billy Napier's longest career toss, the 12th longest pass in school history, and longest pass by a Paladin since 1998, when quarterback Justin Hill connected with Des Kitchings on an 87-yard scoring strike in 51-24 win over VMI. West's 53.3 yards per catch also marked the third best game per catch average in Southern Conference history. Furman converted its first two-point conversion in five years against Elon when offensive guard John Marks (Fort Mill, S.C.) gathered in a deflected pass by Jeremiah Van Dora (Hartwell, Ga.) with just over four minutes to go in the game. Marks' conversion was the first for the Paladins since tailback Ernest Crosby ran for two points in a 24-22 Furman win over Appalachian State in Greenville during the 1997 season. The two-hour kickoff delay against Elon due to lightning marked the second time in Paladin Stadium history a game had been delayed or interrupted by adverse weather conditions. The Furman-Elon game ended at 11:19 EDT and is believed to be the latest finish to a Furman game played in the eastern time zone. In ringing up the Phoenix for 35 points in the first quarter, Furman matched the most prolific quarter scoring standard in school history first set against Davidson in Greenville in 1982 (63-14 win). Furman's 49-point first half represented the highest first half scoring total in school history.
- ▶ **BLOODLINES**...Furman starting junior defensive end **Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.)** is the son of former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winning running back **George Rogers**.
- ★ KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY...Redshirt freshman linebacker Andrew Carson (Newnan, Ga.) is the brother of former Clemson All-America linebacker Chad Carson. Andrew's father, Tom Carson, played football at Georgia Tech, and his grandfather, Earle Carson, was an end, three-year letterman, and an honorable mention All-American at Furman (1928-30). A great uncle, M.A. Carson, was a two-time letterwinner as an offensive guard at Furman (1926-27), and another great uncle, Tom Carson, was an All-South offensive tackle selection and threeyear letterman who serve as captain of Furman's 1931 squad. Sophomore placekicker Danny Marshall (Atlanta, Ga.) is the son of former Paladin defensive end Tommy Marshall (1974-76), who later served as an assistant coach on the Furman staff for eight years (1986-93), during which time the Paladins captured three Southern Conference titles and the 1988 NCAA I-AA national championship. Redshirt freshman cornerback Jon MacDonald (Greer, S.C.) is the son of former Furman wide receiver Norman MacDonald (1972-74). Sophomore tight end Will Keller (Clayton, Ga.) is the nephew of former Paladins fullback Elliott Keller (1962-63), who led the league in rushing in 1962 with 724 yards.
- ▶ PALADINS IN PRESEASON POLLS...A consensus preseason third place Southern Conference pick by league head coaches and media, Furman also earned a No. 7 national ranking in the Sports Network NCAA I-AA football preseason poll. The Paladins entered the 2001 campaign as a consensus No. 2 league pick and a No. 6 national ranking, but Furman managed to top the prognosticators by earning a share of the conference

crown on the way to a 12-3 record, NCAA I-AA national runnerup finish, and No. 2 final national ranking.

#### 2002 SOCON FOOTBALL PRESEASON MEDIA POLL

<u>Place</u>	Team (1st place votes)	<u>Points</u>
1)	Appalachian State (35)	346
2)	Georgia Southern (2)	278
3)	Furman (2)	260
4)	Western Carolina	218
<b>5</b> )	East Tennessee State	217
6)	The Citadel	157
<b>7</b> )	Wofford	126
8)	Chattanooga	105
9)	VMI	

#### 2002 SOCON FOOTBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

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<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<b>Points</b>
I)	Appalachian State (8)	64
2)	Georgia Southern	48
3)	Furman	46
4)	East Tennessee State	44
	Western Carolina	44
6)	The Citadel	27
7)	Wofford	25
8)	Chattanooga	18
9)	VMI	8

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 on NFL rosters, the Paladins are down to two. Linebacker Orlando Ruff '99 is in his fourth season with the San Diego Chargers, having started in all but one game at middle linebacker last year, where he totaled 60 tackles. Safety John Keith '00, was resigned by the San Francisco 49ers to their practice squad after being released by the team at the end of



preseason camp. Keith worked his way into the starting lineup as a rookie before sustaining a fractured forearm midway through the season, and last year he sustained torn knee ligaments on the opening kickoff in the first game of 2001 campaign. Cuts by NFL teams proved costly for six-year veteran Luther Broughton '97 (Chicago Bears), wide receiver Des Kitchings '00 (Indianapolis Colts), offensive tackle Josh Moore '01 (Philadelphia Eagles), linebacker Will Bouton '02 (Pittsburgh Steelers), and tight end Trent Sansbury '02 (Carolina Panthers).

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

Time (Eastern)	<u>Coach, School</u>	
10:00-10:07	Jerry Moore,Appalachian State	Ġ
10:07-10:14	Ellis Johnson,The Citadel	Į
10:14-10:21	Paul Hamilton, East Tennessee State	l
10:21-10:28	Bobby Lamb, Furman	4
10:28-10:35	Mike Sewak, Georgia Southern	
10:35-10:42	Donnie Kirkpatrick, Chattanooga	
10.42-10.49	Cal McCombs VMI	

10:49-10:56 ......Kent Briggs, Western Carolina

10:56-11:03 ..... Mike Ayers, Wofford



#### THE BOBBY LAMB FILE

#### **PERSONAL**

Name: Robert Emory Lamb

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

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

#### **EDUCATION**

Commerce (Ga.) High School, 1982

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

#### **PLAYING CAREER**

Commerce High School, 1978-81, QB

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

## Furman University, 1982-85, QB

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



The Lambs: Sallie, Bobby, Allyson, and Taylor

#### **COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER**

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

#### **COLLEGIATE PLAYING RECORD**

Furman — 39-10-1, 4 Years (.790)

# **COLLEGIATE COACHING CAREER**

Year	School	Responsibility Overall	SoCon	Finish	Highlights
1986	Furman	Student Assistant/Quarterbacks	4-2-1	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist, t. Ga. Tech 17-17
1987	Furman	Defensive Ends7-4	4-3	3rd	
1988	Furman	Defensive Ends	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Champion
1989	Furman	Quarterbacks	7-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Semifinalist
1990	Furman	Quarterbacks	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1991	Furman	Quarterbacks7-4	4-3	4th	
1992	Furman	Quarterbacks 6-5	4-3	5th	
1993	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 5-5-1	4-4	4th	
1994	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord	2-6	6th	
1995	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 6-5	5-3	3rd	
1996	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 9-4	6-2	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1997	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord	5-3	3rd	
1998	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord 5-6	3-5	6th	
1999	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord 9-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Playoffs, d. UNC 28-3
2000	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord	6-2	2nd	NCAA I-AA Playoffs
2001	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord 12-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Runner-up
2002	Furman	Head Coach 4-2			

#### **HEAD COACHING RECORD**

Furman — 4-2, 1st Year (.667)

# ASSISTANT COACHING RECORD

Furman — 126-65-3, 16 Years, (.657)

# **HONORS**

1995 — Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame

# 2002 FURMAN PALADINS NUMERICAL ROSTER

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Ĭ	Brian Bratton					
ż	Maurice Duncan	CB	5-8	178	R-Fr	Aiken, S.C./Silver Bluff
3	lames Thomas	SE	5-10	206	Sr	Marianna, Fla./Marianna
4	T.J. Wilson	CB	5-10	180	So	Rome, Ga./Pepperell
5	Cam Newton	FS	6-1	190	<u>S</u> o	Bennettsville, S.C./Marlboro County
6	Keith Johnson	CB	5-9	179	R- <u>F</u> r	North Augusta
7	Bear Rinehart	FLK	6-0	195	<u>S</u> r	Seneca, S.C./Seneca
8 9	David Latimer	55	6-0	200	K-Fr	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Southeast Raleigh
10	Daniel South	2E	6-2 4 0	205 204	K-Fr	ruquay-varina, in.C./Southeast Kaleigh
ii	Josh Stepp	гз ∩В	6-0 5_11	206	30 Fr	Pelion S.C. /Pelion
iż	Bo Moore	OB	5-11 6-1	107 176		Madison Ga /Morgan County
i3	Bo Moore	OB	6-2	194	R-Fr	Fasley, S.C./Fasley
14	Paul Billingsly	SS	6-2	208	lr	College Park, Ga./Woodward Academy Hartwell, Ga./Hart County Augusta, Ga./Butler
15	leremiah Van Dora	OB	6-0	196	So	Hartwell. Ga./Hart County
16	Isaac West	ŠĒ	6-0	184	So	Augusta, Ga./Butler
17	Chris Lowery	C.B	5-9	178	Sr	Knoxville. Lenn./Austin-East
18	Casey Baxter	SF	6-0	197	Fr	Calhoun Ga /Calhoun
19	Billy Napier	QB	6-3	218	Sr	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
20	Lockwood Holmes	CB	5-9	179	R-Fr	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles ´
21	Keito Whetstone	<u>L</u> B	6-0	228	Jr	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
22	Lamar Rembert	IB	5-8	182	Ir	Ocala, Fla./Belleview
23	Cedrick Ritter	<u>L</u> B	6-2	222	So	Fairfax, S.C./Allendale-Fairfax
24	Toreico O'Neal	<u>TB</u>	5-8	<u>  84</u>	Jr	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County
25	Rodney Johnson	<u>CB</u>	5-9	1/4	Sr	Marion, N.C./McDowell
26	Hindley Brigham	IB	5-9	203	Jr	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County Marion, N.C./McDowell Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson Hodges, S.C./Greenwood McCormick, S.C./McCormick
28	Brandon Berry	FLK	6-0	203	50	Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson
29	Jeremy Blocker	F5	5-11	! / /	<u>F</u> r	Hodges, S.C./Greenwood
30	John Mark Shiflet	PK	2-10	1/2	K-Fr	McCormick, S.C./McCormick
31	Brandon Mays	I D	3-11	189	K-Fr	Arden, N.C./ I.C. Koberson
32 33	Al Means	FB	3-11	222	30	Charlotte, IN.C./Butler Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County
35 35	Corey Tant	CB	6-U E II	1/2	Fr	vvatkinsville, Ga./Oconee County
36	Brott Morrill	FD	3-11 5 Q	200	30 D Er	Easiey, 3.C./Easiey Ormond Beach, Fla./Seabreeze
37	Ion MacDonald	I LIX	5-0 5_9	137	IX-I I R_Fr	Green S C /Riverside
38	Jon MacDonald Justin Stepp	FIK	5-7 5-11	100 178	1\-11 Fr	Pelion S C /Pelion
39	Nick Dean	1 212	5-7	1,0 157	R-Fr	Decatur Ga/Towers
40	Ken Yuhas	DF	6-2	234	K 11	Marietta Ga /Pone
41	Andrew Knight	IB	6-0	214	Sr	Snellville Ga/Brookwood
42	Flton Daniels	FI K	6-0	180	R-Fr	Leland N.C./North Brunswick
43	Nick Marra	FB	5-9	187	R-Fr	Convers. 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	DF	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	L <u>B</u>	5-9	196	R- <u>F</u> r	Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School Huntington,W.Va./Huntington Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
55	Corev Stewart	( )	6-2	769	Fr	Lilburn (12 /Brookwood
56	Trevor Kruger	QG	6-2	2/5	Sr	Moultrie, Ga./Colquitt County
57	Travis JonesRoy Ravenell	PE	6-1	252	50	Greenville, S.C./Southside
58	Koy Kaveneli	LB	6-2	226	Fr	Goose Creek, S.C./Strattord
60	Josh McWhorter	0G	6-2	28 <del>4</del>	jr	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville
62 64	Justin Price	09	6-3 4 2	202	3r	Charlette N.C./Myong Park
65	Patrick CovingtonStephen Schroeder	<u>O†</u>	6-3 6 <i>1</i>	2/0	FI	Mauldin S.C./Mauldin
66	Brant Glover	NG	6- <del>-1</del>	202 264	30 R_Fr	Gainesville Ga/Gainesville
67	Nick Stavrakis	NG	5-10	246	IX-11	Garden City Beach, S.C./Socastee
7 i	Ty Sellers	DT	6-3	261	Fr	Dalton Ga /Dalton
72 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 Ediscodal
83	Danny Marshall	PK	5- [ ]	[9]	Jr	Atlanta, Ga./Marist
84	Willis Sudderth	<u>TE</u>	6-3	244	So	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Keenan Adams	ĎĒ	6-3	224	R-Fr	Columbia, S.C./Richland Northeast
87	Andy Rump	<u>SE</u>	6- !	189	§r	Sherborn, Mass./Dover-Sherborn
88	Brian Kovach	<u>PK</u>	6-	176	Sr	Flowery Branch, Ga./Johnson
89	Will Keller	TE	6-1	224	žo	Clayton, Ga./Kabun County
90	I'llchael Burant	NG	6-3	282	So	Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County
93	Brandon Poole	Pt	6-0	<u>2</u> 57	Jr	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
94 95	Wesley Bray	KT	6-Z	∠6∠	Fr D E.	Cave Spring, Ga./Coosa  Royaman, Ga./Fibort County
95 97	Justin PortérN	10/DT	o-∠ ∠₋I	230 242	N-FI' R_Fr	Stockbridge Ga / Riverdale
98	LeBryan Sperling	TO	6-1 6-2	303	1\-111 Sr	Decatur Ga /Southwest DeKalh
99	John Shields	DF	6-2 6-8	233 236	R-Fr	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb Nashville,Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
,,	Joint Official	<b>-</b>	5 -0	250	13 11	Tastivine, fermin eri ise i respycerian Academy

# FURMAN PALADINS TWO DEEP VS. THE CITADEL BULLDOGS

FURM	AN O	FFENSE (Multiple)		THE	CITAL	DEL OFFENSE (Multiple)	
FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	(6-0, 195, Sr.)	FLK	12	SCOOTER JOHNSON	(6-1, 190, Jr.)
	1	Brian Bratton	` ,		16	Jermaine Anderson	, , ,
LT	78	BEN BAINBRDIGE	,	TE	87	ROSS ARMSTRONG	,
	72	Brian Laggis	` ,		94	Chris Franklin	` ,
LG	62	JUSTIN PRICE	,	LT	54	JARED PERDUE	• • •
	73	Clayton Dyson	,		72	Adam Hastings	, ,
С	52	CRAIG MORGAN	,	LG	74	LEW DAWSON	٠ .
	55	Corey Stewart	,		55	Dusty Benefield	` • /
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	•	С	63	CHAD BOOZER	,
	64	Patrick Covington	, , ,		79	Jason Thomas	,
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN		RG	50	KEVIN OLECKI	,
	65	Stephen Schroeder	. ,		66	David Friedland	` ,
TE	84	WILLIS SUDDERTH		RT	70	DANIEL BLARY	,
	80	Justin Perdue			7 I	Doug Chandler	` ,
SE	I	BRIAN BRATTON		SE	25	BUD POUGH	,
JL.	3	James Thomas	,	JL.	22	Matt Healy	` ,
QB	19	BILLY NAPIER		QB	9	JEFF KLEIN	,
QБ	12	Bo Moore	,	QВ	5	Joe Call	` ,
FB	45		` ,	FB	40	PORTER JOHNSON	, ,
ГБ	35	ERIC EMERSON	,	ГБ	37	•	,
TD		Corey Tant		TD		Ryan Funke NEHEMIAH BROUGHTON	,
ТВ	26	HINDLEY BRIGHAM (or)	• •	ТВ	30		,
	24	Toreico O'Neal	(5-8, 18 <del>4</del> , Jr.)		32	Nate Mahoney	(5-11, 190, Sr.)
ELIDM	4 NI D	SEEENISE (42)		THE C	ITADI	EL DEEENSE (25)	
DE		EFENSE (43)  EDDIE OVERDYKE	(6.2.224 Sm)	LE	11ADE 95	EL DEFENSE (35)	(6 1 250 Em)
DE	47 57		` ,	LE		FRED TOWNSEND	,
БТ	57	Travis Jones		N.T	99	Larry Schreiber	· • •
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING	•	NT	90	RUDY GRIFFIN	` ,
NG	95 05	Justin Porter		D.E.	68	Brandon Talbert	` '
NG	95	JUSTIN PORTER	,	RE	93	CLIFF WASHBURN	,
D.F.	90	Michael Burant	,		85	Antwan Hill	,
DE	93	BRANDON POOLE	` ,	LB	39	T.J. ROSE	` ,
CL D	47	Eddie Overdyke	,		17	Germaine Fields	,
SLB	21	KEITO WHETSTONE	` ,	LB	44	TRAVIS HODGE	· • •
MLD	48	Andrew Carson	, ,		47	Michael Ballentine	
MLB	44	MIKE KILLIAN	,	LB	48	JAMES GREEN	
	41	Andrew Knight	,		27	20	, , ,
WLB	23	CEDRICK RITTER	,	LB	13	LAMAR SALES	,
	49	William Freeman			21	Corinthius Dunbar	,
LCB	4	T.J. WILSON		LCB	45	MARCUS COHEN	, ,
	2	Maurice Duncan			20	Andrew Henderson	, ,
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON	•	RCB	24	MARCUS CARTER	,
	6	Keith Johnson			10	Andrew Knight	,
SS	14	PAUL BILLINGSLY	• • •	SS	49	JULIAN WEST	,
	8	David Latimer			18	Shawn Grant	` ,
FS	5	CAM NEWTON	,	FS	7	KEVIN CORLEY	
	10	Daniel South	(6-0, 206, So.)		6	Avery Dingle	(6-3, 170, Fr.)
		PECIALISTS	( <b>-</b>			DEL SPECIAL TEAMS	(4.4.015.1.)
PK	83	DANNY MARSHALL	• •	PK	91	TRAVIS ZOBEL	` ,
КО	88	BRIAN KOVACH	,	КО	91	TRAVIS ZOBEL	` ,
P	12	BO MOORE	• •	P	91	TRAVIS ZOBEL	٠ .
SSN	64	PATRICK COVINGTON	•	SN	87	ROSS ARMSTRONG	,
LSN	82	GLENN SMITH		HO	22	MATT HEALY	,
НО	15	JEREMIAH VAN DORA		PR	16	JERMAINE ANDERSON	,
PR	7	BEAR RINEHART	•	KOR	8 4E	ERN MILLS	` ,
KOR	ı	BRIAN BRATTON	(5-10, 174, So.)		45	MARCUS COHEN	(6-0, 170, 50.)

# 2002 Furman Football Furman Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 14, 2002) All games

RECORD: ALL GAMES CONFERENCE NON-CONFERENCE		OVERAL (4-2-0 (2-1-0 (2-1-0	) ) ) )	HOMI (2-0- (1-0- (1-0-	-0) -0)	(1-1)	<b>AY</b> 2-0) 1-0) 1-0)		NEUTRAL (0-0-0) (0-0-0) (0-0-0)
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RECEIVING Bear Rinehart Brian Bratton Isaac West Toreico O'Neal Willis Sudderth Lamar Rembert James Thomas Daric Carter Andy Rump Hindley Brigham Eric Emerson John Rust Total Opponents	G No. Yds Avg TD Long Avg/G 6 34 555 16.3 3 44 92.5 6 19 263 13.8 3 76 43.8 3 10 242 24.2 3 78 80.7 6 8 107 13.4 0 38 17.8 6 6 67 11.2 1 25 11.2 6 6 7 1.2 0 7 1.2 6 4 49 12.3 0 19 8.2 6 3 84 28.0 0 68 14.0 6 3 34 11.3 0 25 5.7 6 3 19 6.3 0 16 3.2 6 3 14 4.7 0 6 2.3 5 2 23 11.5 0 19 4.6 6 101 1464 14.5 10 78 244.0 6 80 940 11.8 5 59 156.7	
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PUNTING Bo Moore Team J. Van Dora Total Opponents	Yds     Avg     Long     TB     FC     I20     Blkd       21     831     39.6     52     1     1     5     0       1     2     2.0     2     0     0     0     1       1     22     22.0     22     0     0     0     0       23     855     37.2     52     1     1     5     1       29     1277     44.0     61     4     4     7     0	
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KICK RETURNS Brian Bratton Brandon Mays Toreico O'Neal Total Opponents	Yds     Avg     TD     Long       17     397     23.4     0     48       3     71     23.7     0     30       1     1     1.0     0     0       21     469     22.3     0     48       29     517     17.8     0     30	
ALL PURPOSE Brian Bratton Bear Rinehart Hindley Brigham Toreico O'Neal	Rush Rec PR KOR IR Tot Avg/G 35 263 4 397 0 699 116.5 -1 555 107 0 0 661 110.2 325 19 0 0 0 344 57.3 227 107 0 1 0 335 55.8	

Isaac West Total Opponents	6	12 <b>1223</b> <b>1077</b>	1464	111	469	108	3375	84.7 <b>562.5</b> <b>457.7</b>
TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg	/G	
Billy Napier	6	$1\overline{64}$	38	1341	1379	229	. 8	
Hindley Brigham	6	53	325	0	325	54	. 2	
Lamar Rembert	6	48	243	0	243	40	.5	
Toreico O'Neal	6	39	227	0	227	37	. 8	
Al Means	6	22	120	0	120	20	. 0	
Total	6	420	1223	1464	2687	447	.8	
Opponents	6		1077	940	2017	336	. 2	
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			Tackles			-SacksPass Def				-Fumbles-	
DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	ÚΤ	AΤ	Total	ForLoss	No-Yards	Int-Yds	PD Q	BH R	cv-Yds	FF
23 Cedrick Ritter	6	35	29	64	3/3	•	•	2		2-0	1
21 Keito Whetstone	6	26	22	48	2/2	•	•	•			•
44 Mike Killian	6	26	21	47		•	•	•			1
14 Paul Billingsly	6	19	19	38	3/11	0.5-2	•	3			1
5 Cam Newton	6	24	10	34		•	4-59	7		1-0	•
41 Andrew Knight	6	15	18	33	5/10	0.5-4	•			•	
4 T.J. Wilson	6	18	9	27		•	1-0	3		1-0	
98 L. Sperling	6	10	11	21		•	•			•	
93 Brandon Poole	6	9	7	16	4/12	1.0-6	•			•	
25 Rodney Johnson	6	8	8	16	1/1	•	3-44	5		1-0	
47 Eddie Overdyke	6	8	7	15	4/9	1.0-3	•	2		1-14	1
49 William Freeman	6	7	5	12	•	•	•			•	
95 Justin Porter	6	6	6	12	1/1	1.0-1	•			•	
6 Keith Johnson	6	7	4	11	•	•	•			•	•
8 David Latimer	5	5	6	11	1/0	•	1-5	1		•	
90 Michael Burant	5	3	7	10	•	•	•			•	
57 Travis Jones	6	5	5	10	1/0	•	•	1	•	•	•
54 Josh Slagle	5	5	5	10	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
82 Glenn Smith	6	2	7	9	1/1	•	•	•	•	•	1
2 Maurice Duncan	6	5	4	9	•	•	•	1	•	•	•
10 Daniel South	4	5	4	9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
48 Andrew Carson	6	5	3	8	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
37 Jon MacDonald	6	3	3	6	:	•	•	•	•	•	•
40 Ken Yuhas	5	3	2	5	2/4	•	•	•	•	•	•
66 Brant Glover	4	3	1	4	•			•	•		<u>:</u>
Total	6	275	230	505	28/54	4-16	9-108	25	•	6-14	5
Opponents	6	255	215	470	49/178	10-69	4-138	16	•	7-13	6

# **2002 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS**

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

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

# 2002 Furman Football Furman Game Superlatives (as of Oct 14, 2002) All games

# INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes. Yards Rushing. TD Rushes. Long Rush. Pass attempts. Pass completions. Yards Passing. TD Passes. Long Pass. Receptions. Yards Receiving. TD Receptions. Long Reception. Field Goals. Long Field Goal. Punts.  Punting Avg. Long Punt Long Punt Long Punt Return. Long Kickoff Return Tackles.  Sacks.	15 133 2 63 31 252 4 78 9 160 3 78 3 46 4	Brandon Mays vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Lamar Rembert at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Al Means at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Hindley Brigham at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Billy Napier at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Billy Napier at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Billy Napier vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Billy Napier vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Billy Napier vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Bear Rinehart at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002) Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Isaac West vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Danny Marshall at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Danny Marshall at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Danny Marshall at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Bo Moore at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Bo Moore at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Bo Moore at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Bo Moore at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Bear Rinehart at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Brian Bratton at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Cedrick Ritter at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002) Cedrick Ritter vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Eddie Overdyke vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Paul Billingsly at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Andrew Knight at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Interceptions	1	Justin Porter at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Brandon Poole at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) Rodney Johnson at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) Cam Newton vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Rodney Johnson vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) Cam Newton at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) David Latimer at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) Rodney Johnson at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) T.J. Wilson vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Cam Newton vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Cam Newton at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
		TEAM GAME HIGHS
Rushes	50	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Yards Rushing Yards Per Rush	397 7.9	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
TD Rushes	5	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Pass attempts Pass completions	32 22	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002) at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Passing	327	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Yards Per Pass	19.2 5	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
TD Passes Total Plays	77	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Total Offense	640	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Yards Per Play	9.1	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
PointsSacks By	57 3	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002) at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
First Downs	23	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
		at Diahmand (Can 21 2002)
Penalties	6	at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002) at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Penalties	6	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Penalties  Penalty Yards	6 51	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		at VMI (Sep 28, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002) vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)

# 2002 Furman Football Furman Game Superlatives (as of Oct 14, 2002) All games

# OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

RushesYards Rushing	16 117 3	Fred Boateng, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Fred Boateng, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002) Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
	61	
Long Rush	~ —	Jay Cutler, at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 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)
Long Field Goal	32	Chris Vought, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Punts	6	A. Turowski, vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
		Brent Barth, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Punting Avg	54.6	Nate McKinney, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Punt	61	Nate McKinney, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Punt Return	43	DaVon Fowlkes, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return.	30	Xavier Godard, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Tackles	14	Mark Thompson, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		Nygel Rogers, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Sacks	2	Clifton Coker, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
Interceptions	1	Danny Young, at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
		Musa Sarki, at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		Randy Thompson, vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		Jay Lyles, at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)

#### OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	44	vs Elon (Sep 14, 2002)
Yards Rushing	344	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Per Rush	8.2	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Rushes	5	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Pass attempts	39	· •
Pass completions	23	_
Yards Passing	213	(225 - 27 - 27 - 7
•		` ± ' '
Yards Per Pass		at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
TD Passes	2	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Total Plays	76	at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
Total Offense	557	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Yards Per Play	9.6	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Points	49	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Sacks By	4	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
		at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
First Downs	26	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Penalties	7	at Vanderbilt (Sep 07, 2002)
Penalty Yards	88	at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)
Turnovers	4	vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
Interceptions By	1	at Richmond (Sep 21, 2002)
1 1		at VMI (Sep 28, 2002)
		vs Western Carolina (Oct 5, 2002)
		at Appalachian State (Oct 12, 2002)

# GAME I

## Vanderbilt 49, Furman 18

September 7, 2002

Vanderbilt Stadium Attendance: 28,568

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

V — Dan Stricker 43 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 13:15-1Q I play, 43 yards, TOP 0:08
V — Dan Stricker 59 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 5:51-1Q
7 plays, 97 yards, TOP 3:15 0-14
F — Danny Marshall 31 FG 14:55-2Q
13 plays, 64 yards, TOP 5:56
V — Jay Cutler I run (Greg Johnson kick) 9:21-2Q
8 plays, 39 yards, TOP 3:41 3-21
V — Jay Cutler 12 run (Greg Johnson kick) 0:11
6 plays, 78 yards, TOP 1:02 3-28
F — Danny Marshall 22 FG 9:58-3Q
7 plays, 37 yards, TOP 3:02 6-28
V — Jay Cutler 61 run (Greg Johnson kick)
3 plays, 72 yards, TOP 1:25 6-35
F — Al Means I run (Billy Napier rush fumbled) 2:00-3Q
12 plays, 73 yards, TOP 6:33
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

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Furman 57, Elon 7



September 14, 2002

Paladin Stadium Attendance: 4,680

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

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

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

Field Goals: F — None. E — None.

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

# **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

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

# GAME 3

## Furman 17, Richmond 7

September 21, 2002

University of Richmond Stadium Attendance: 7,189

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

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

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Furman 55,VMI 28



September 28, 2002

Alumni Memorial Stadium Attendance: 6,235

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

#### SCORING SUMMARY

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

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# GAME 5

## Furman 24, Western Carolina 23

October 5, 2002

Paladin Stadium Attendance: 13,125

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

#### SCORING SUMMARY

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

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Appalachian State 16, Furman 15

October 12, 2002

Kidd Brewer Stadium Attendance: 14,311

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Furman0	)	3	3	9	_	15
Western Carolina0	)	0	7	9	_	16

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

F — Danny Marshall 29 FG 13:19-2Q	
8 plays, 18 yards, TOP 3:46 3	3- 0
F — Danny Marshall 46 FG 7:29-3Q	
13 plays, 49 yards, TOP 5:57 6	i- 0
A — Jay Lyles 43 interception return (Mark Wright kick) 6	5- 7
F — Danny Marshall 36 FG 11:03-4Q	
10 plays, 33 yards, TOP 5:57	) –  7
A — Joey Hoover 24 pass from Joe Burchette (Mark Wright kick) 5:39	)-4Q
10 plays, 79 yards, TOP 5:24	) - I4
F — Bear Rinehart 12 pass from Billy Napier (pass intercepted) 0:07	′-4Q
13 plays, 73 yards, TOP 5:32 15	i - 14
A — Derrick Black PAT return	i - 16

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS		
	FUR	ASU
First Downs	22	11
Rushing	48-153	27-88
Passing	170	116
C/A/I		
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		