



**Game 4 -- September 28, 2002, 1:00 EDT Kickoff**  
**Furman Paladins (2-1, 0-0 SoCon) vs. VMI Keydets (2-2; 0-1 SoCon)**  
**Lexington, Virginia, Alumni Memorial Stadium (10,000) — Natural Grass**  
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**2002 FURMAN RESULTS/SCHEDULE**

Date	Opponent	Score/Time	Result
Sept. 7	@ Vanderbilt (Charter TV)	18-49	L
Sept. 14	ELON	57-7	W
Sept. 21	@ Richmond	17-7	W
Sept. 28	@ VMI	1:00	
Oct. 5	WESTERN CAROLINA	2:00	
Oct. 12	@ Appalachian State (Fox TV)	3:30	
Oct. 19	THE CITADEL (CSS TV)	3:30	
Oct. 26	@ East Tennessee State (CSS TV)	3:00	
Nov. 9	GEORGIA SOUTHERN (Fox TV)	3:30	
Nov. 16	@ Wofford	1:30	
Nov. 23	CHATTANOOGA	2:00	

**2001 FINAL SOCON STANDINGS**

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

**2002 SOCON STANDINGS**

Team	SoCon			Overall		
	W	L	.Pct	W	L	.Pct
Wofford	1	0	.000	3	0	1.000
Western Carolina	1	0	.000	3	1	.750
East Tennessee State	1	0	.000	2	2	.500
Furman	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	0	4	.000
The Citadel	0	1	.000	1	2	.333
Georgia Southern	0	1	.000	1	2	.333
VMI	0	1	.000	2	2	.500

**THE GAME**

NCAA I-AA seventh-ranked Furman opens Southern Conference play this Saturday when it travels to Lexington, Va., to take on VMI in the last meeting between the two longtime league rivals. VMI, which will depart the league at the end of the 2002-03 school year, joined the Southern Conference in 1924 and later welcomed Furman to the loop in 1936. Saturday's contest will also highlight Homecoming at VMI, which has dropped 20 straight to Furman since 1980. It will also mark the Paladins' third road game of the 2002 campaign.

**THE COACHES**

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

VMI: Cal McCombs (The Citadel '67)  
 6-31 (.000), 4th Year at VMI  
 6-31 (.000), 4th Year Overall  
 McCombs vs. Furman (0-3)

**THE SERIES**

Furman holds a 22-8 series advantage over VMI, and the Paladins enter Saturday's game riding a 20-game series winning streak over the Keydets dating back to the 1980 season. VMI's last win over Furman was a 21-20 decision in Lexington in 1979. Furman's 20-game series winning streak over VMI is the longest by the Paladins over an opponent in school history. Furman defeated VMI 65-7 last year in Greenville for the 100th win in Paladin Stadium since its opening in 1981. The Paladins topped the Keydets 35-21 during the 2000 campaign in the last clash between the two programs in Lexington. In all games played in Lexington, Furman has posted a 9-5 mark against the Keydets. In Greenville, the Paladins own a 13-3 mark against VMI.

**FURMAN RADIO BROADCAST TEAM**

Furman Radio  
 WCSZ-AM 1070, WGOG-FM 96.3  
 Chuck Hussion, play-by-play;  
 John Ingles, analyst;  
 Gordon Higgins, sideline



**September 21**

Western Carolina 37, The Citadel 34  
 Appalachian State 29, Liberty 22  
 Furman 17, Richmond 7  
 East Tennessee State 35, VMI 21  
 Gardner-Webb 26, Chattanooga 24  
 Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7



**September 28**

Furman @ Richmond, 1:00  
 The Citadel @ Appalachian State, 2:00  
 Georgia Southern @ Chattanooga, 6:00  
 East Tennessee State @ Western Carolina, 6:00  
 Wofford @ Maryland, 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 (1st Team)	QB Billy Napier (2nd Team)
OT Steven Cain (1st Team)	WR Bear Rinehart (2nd Team)
TE Willis Sudderth (1st Team)	DT LeBryan Sperling (2nd Team)
CB Rodney Johnson (1st Team)	PK Danny Marshall (2nd Team)
RS Brian Bratton (1st Team)	

Year	Result	Score	Site	Furman Coach
1946	L	7-26	GREENVILLE	R.W. Smith
1970	L	0-13	Lexington	Bob King
1971	W	14-0	GREENVILLE	Bob King
1972	L	7-31	Lexington	Bob King
1973	W	19-13	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1974	L	0-7	Lexington	Art Baker
1975	L	10-13	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1976	L	3-17	Lexington	Art Baker
1977	L	28-31	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1979	L	20-21	Lexington	Dick Sheridan
1980	W	21-16	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1981	W	33-21	Lexington	Dick Sheridan
1982	W	38-3	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1983	W	49-0	Lexington	Dick Sheridan
1986	W	34-3	Lexington	Jimmy Satterfield
1987	W	38-0	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1988	W	31-13	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1989	W	30-6	Lexington	Jimmy Satterfield
1990	W	51-22	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1991	W	46-28	Lexington	Jimmy Satterfield
1992	W	41-13	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1993	W	24-0	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1994	W	28-11	Lexington	Bobby Johnson
1995	W	55-24	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1996	W	31-14	Lexington	Bobby Johnson
1997	W	35-14	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1998	W	51-14	Lexington	Bobby Johnson
1999	W	58-0	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
2000	W	35-21	Lexington	Bobby Johnson
2001	W	65-7	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson

**In Greenville:** Furman leads 13-3  
**In Lexington:** Furman leads 9-5

### THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple	VMI: Run and Shoot
'02 Points/Game — 30.7	'02 Points/Game — 30.0
'02 Yards/Game — 426.7	'02 Yards/Game — 402.0
Rushing — 160.3	Rushing — 155.8
Passing — 266.3	Passing — 246.2

### THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43	VMI: 50
'02 Points/Game — 21.0	'02 Points/Game — 34.3
'02 Yards/Game — 356.0	'02 Yards/Game — 420.2
Rushing — 213.7	Rushing — 170.5
Passing — 142.3	Passing — 249.8

### LAST MEETING

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

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

The Paladins wasted little time in beginning the scoring parade as Lamar Rembert blocked a Keydet punt on the game's first possession, and teammate James Thomas returned it 38 yards to the VMI 9. Two plays later tailback Louis Ivory covered three yards to put the Paladins ahead 7-0 less than three minutes into the contest.

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

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

A blocked punt by Shelvis Smith at the Furman 43 led to the Paladins'

next score. After quarterback Billy Napier connected on a 41-yard pass to tight end Trent Sansbury to the Keydet 16, Louis Ivory ripped off a 13-yard run to the 3, and Napier completed the 3-play, 57-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 31-0 with 6:27 left in the half.

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

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

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

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman .....	14	24	14	13	—	65
VMI .....	0	0	0	7	—	7

### SCORING SUMMARY

- F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 12:02-1Q  
2 plays, 9 yards, TOP 0:38 ..... 0- 7
- F — Eric Emerson 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 7:16-1Q  
6 plays, 74 yards, TOP 2:30 ..... 0-14
- F — Josh Cooper 85 fumble return (Danny Marshall kick) 14:15-2Q.. 0-21

### SPORTS NETWORK NCAA I-AA FOOTBALL POLL (September 23, 2002)

Rnk.	Team	2002 Record	Points	Previous
1)	Montana (99) .....	4-0 .....	2,642 .....	1
2)	McNeese State (6) .....	3-0 .....	2,488 .....	2
3)	Maine .....	4-0 .....	2,320 .....	4
4)	Lehigh (1) .....	3-0 .....	2,250 .....	3
5)	Appalachian State .....	2-1 .....	2,181 .....	5
6)	Northern Iowa .....	2-1 .....	2,099 .....	6
7)	Furman .....	2-1 .....	2,048 .....	7
8)	Villanova .....	3-1 .....	1,580 .....	14
9)	Portland State .....	2-1 .....	1,527 .....	8
10)	Northwestern State .....	3-1 .....	1,445 .....	15
11)	Florida A&M .....	3-1 .....	1,437 .....	15
12)	Western Illinois .....	3-0 .....	1,347 .....	20
13)	Eastern Illinois .....	1-2 .....	1,304 .....	13
14)	Northeastern .....	3-0 .....	1,247 .....	18
15)	Grambling State .....	3-1 .....	1,245 .....	16
16)	Northern Arizona .....	2-1 .....	844 .....	19
17)	William & Mary .....	1-2 .....	743 .....	17
18)	Georgia Southern .....	1-2 .....	722 .....	9
19)	Wofford .....	3-0 .....	676 .....	NR
20)	Bethune-Cookman .....	4-0 .....	631 .....	24
21)	Eastern Kentucky .....	2-2 .....	579 .....	21
22)	Youngstown State .....	1-2 .....	548 .....	11
	Missouri State .....			
23)	James Madison .....	3-1 .....	435 .....	NR
24)	Hofstra .....	2-2 .....	399 .....	12
25)	Western Kentucky .....	2-2 .....	316 .....	NR

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

Date	TSN	Date	TSN
Preseason .....	7	Oct. 14	
Sept. 2 .....	4	Oct. 21	
Sept. 9 .....	7	Oct. 28	
Sept. 16 .....	7	Nov. 4	
Sept. 23 .....	7	Nov. 11	
Sept. 30 .....		Nov. 18	
Oct. 7 .....		Final	

F — Danny Marshall 26 FG 8:37-2Q 9 plays, 29 yards, TOP 5:17 .....	0-24
F — Billy Napier 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 6:27-2Q 3 plays, 57 yards, TOP 0:49 .....	0-31
F — Toreico O'Neal 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:00-2Q 11 plays, 69 yards, TOP 4:33 .....	0-38
F — Brian Bratton 91 kickoff return (Danny Marshall kick) 14:42-3Q .....	0-45
F — Hindley Brigham 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 4:00-3Q 6 plays, 64 yards, TOP 2:54 .....	0-52
VMI — Titus Green 2 run (Matt Sharpe kick) 13:22-4Q 13 plays, 69 yards, TOP 5:38 .....	7-52
F — Lamar Rembert 77 kickoff return (kick failed) 13:06-4Q ...	7-58
F — Corey Tant 2 run (Danny Marshall kick) 3:34-4Q 4 plays, 46 yards, TOP 1:23 .....	7-65

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

**Field Goals:** F — Marshall 1-1 (26G). VMI — None.

**Defense:** F — Smith 8 (4 solo, 4 ast., 1 PBU, 1 blocked punt), South 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.), Ritter 6 (4 solo, 2 ast., 1 PBU), Billingsly 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.), Cooper 4 (3 solo, 1 ast., 1 FR), Killian 3 (3 solo, 1 TFL, 1 PBU, 1 Sack). VMI — Screen 8 (4 solo, 4 ast.).

### TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	VMI
First Downs .....	23	15
Rushing .....	55-346	23-32
Passing .....	89	191
C/A/I .....	7-10-0	26-45-1
Total Offense .....	435	223
Fumbles-Lost .....	2-1	1-1
Penalties .....	3-37	4-35
Punts .....	0-0-0	7-31-7
Punt Returns .....	3-79	0-0
Kickoff Returns .....	2-168	9-250
Possession Time .....	29:25	30:35
Third Down Conversions .....	4-8	5-16
Fourth Down Conversions .....	0-2	0-3
Sacks By .....	3-24	0-0

### NOTING THE PALADINS

✎ **VIRGINIA: PART II**...Having toppled Richmond 17-7 on Saturday in the first meeting between the Paladins and Spiders since 1977, Furman returns to Virginia for a second straight week to play VMI in the last meeting between the two longtime Southern Conference rivals before the Keydets' departure from the league at the end of this school year. The last time Furman played back-to-back games in Virginia was 1966: vs. George Washington (28-49) and Richmond (14-24).

✎ **SUCCESS VERSUS THE OLD DOMINION**...Since 1980, Furman has gone 29-2 versus teams from Virginia, and the Paladins are currently riding an 11-game winning streak against teams from the Old Dominion. Over two thirds of Furman's 29 victories over Virginia programs since 1980 have been registered against VMI (20-0), with the others coming over Liberty (3-0), James Madison (2-0), William & Mary (3-2), and Richmond (1-0). The Tribe's 28-26 triumph over the Paladins in Greenville in 1994 marked the last time a team from Virginia downed Furman. Since that contest, Furman has recorded back-to-back wins (52-6 in 1999; 34-10 in 2000) over the Tribe, as well as eight straight victories over VMI to run its winning streak to 11. William & Mary's 38-28 win over Furman in Williamsburg in 1990 marks the last time the Paladins lost a football game

in Virginia.

### FURMAN VS. THE OLD DOMINION SINCE 1980

Team (Last)	Record	Pct	Streak
VMI (W 65-7, 2001) .....	20-0	1.000	W20
Liberty (W 31-13, 1992) .....	3-0	1.000	W3
James Madison (W 17-10, 1982) .....	2-0	1.000	W2
Richmond (W 17-7, 2002) .....	1-0	1.000	W1
William & Mary (W 34-10, 2000) .....	3-2	.600	W2
Totals .....	29-2	.935	W11

✎ **THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD**...At the rate Furman has logged highway miles this year, the Paladins probably should look into buying a bus company. After rolling up over 700 miles in its season opener against Vanderbilt in Nashville on Sept. 7, the Paladins added over 800 miles to the odometer over the weekend on their trip to Richmond, and this week Furman will travel over 700 miles round trip to take on VMI in the Paladins' Southern Conference season opener. All told, by next Saturday night, Furman will have traveled over 2,200 miles in September to play three away games.

✎ **QUICK STARTS IN SOCON**...Furman has gone 7-0 in Southern Conference season openers since 1995 and 13-1 in league season inaugurals since 1988. Going back to 1980, the Paladins have compiled a 20-2 worksheet in conference openers. The last setback in a league lid lifter happened in 1994 with a 35-24 loss to Western Carolina in Greenville. Furman's most frequent victim in its 22 league season openers since 1988 has been VMI (11-0). Other Furman season opening opponents over the last 22 years include Marshall (2-0), East Tennessee State (2-0), Appalachian State (1-0), Chattanooga (1-0), Western Carolina (3-2).

✎ **NCAA I-AA ROAD WARRIORS**...Counting Saturday's 17-7 win over Richmond, Furman is now 6-1 against NCAA I-AA road opposition in its last seven games and an 11-4 against divisional foes since 1999.

✎ **STREAKING AT HOME**...Furman's 57-7 triumph over Elon on Sept. 14 extended the Paladins' home winning streak to nine games and also improved the program's regular season home winning streak to 18 games dating back to 1999. Last year Furman went 8-0 at home and, along the way, recorded the 100th victory in Paladin Stadium history with a 65-7 triumph over VMI. Last year's perfect 8-0 slate marked the program's second undefeated home campaign (1988) since Furman moved into Paladin Stadium in 1981. Furman, which sports a 107-28-1 record (.790) in 21-plus seasons of play in the beautiful facility, also owns a school record, 13-game home winning streak against Southern Conference opposition.

### FURMAN CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES (9-0)

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

### FURMAN CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON HOME VICTORIES (18-0)

Date	Opponent	Score	Result
Sept. 25, 2000 .....	VMI	58-0	W
Oct. 9, 2000 .....	Appalachian State	35-21	W
Oct. 23, 2000 .....	East Tennessee State	48-21	W
Nov. 13, 2000 .....	Wofford	30-3	W
Sept. 2, 2000 .....	Elon	16-3	W
Sept. 9, 2000 .....	Newberry	44-10	W
Sept. 16, 2000 .....	William & Mary	34-10	W
Sept. 30, 2000 .....	Western Carolina	38-14	W
Oct. 14, 2000 .....	The Citadel	33-7	W
Nov. 4, 2000 .....	Georgia Southern	45-10	W
Nov. 18, 2000 .....	Chattanooga	45-44	W

Sept. 8, 2001	Elon	46-7	W
Sept. 22, 2001	VMI	65-7	W
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
Sept. 14, 2002	Elon	57-7	W

**FURMAN CONSECUTIVE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
HOME VICTORIES (13-0)**

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

✎ **KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR POCKET**...Furman was not penalized in Saturday's 17-7 win over Richmond. The Paladins' penalty-free outing against the Spiders was the first 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 since 1999.

✎ **DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT**...After being gored for 49 points and 557 yards in its season opening loss to Vanderbilt, Furman's young defense recorded its second straight solid performance against Richmond, yielding only seven points and 249 total yards while also putting up an impressive second half goal line stand that stopped a Spiders' scoring threat at the one-foot line. Through three games Furman is yielding 21.0 points and 356.0 yards per game. The Paladins' defense includes only two seniors in the starting lineup: defensive tackle **LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.)** and cornerback **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)**. A year ago Furman started nine seniors on defense and ranked first in the league in rushing defense (124.8 ypg), second in scoring defense (14.0 ppg), and third in total defense (273.6 ypg).

✎ **NAPIER EFFICIENT WITH ARM, PLAYING TIME**...Senior All-Southern Conference quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** had his third straight solid passing outing of the 2002 campaign on Saturday in the Paladins' 17-7 triumph over Richmond, completing 19-of-26 passes for 219 yards. Despite losing speedy sophomore split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** to a fractured collarbone late in the first quarter, Napier and the rest of Furman's receiving corps regrouped to lead the Paladins to the win. Napier's 219-yard passing outing against Richmond (246 yards when including 27 rushing yards and touchdown) followed an outstanding 237-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 57-7 triumph over Elon on Sept. 14 — a contest that saw him register just 17 snaps and complete only 8-of-10 passes before exiting the game early in the second quarter with the Paladins ahead 42-0. His passing efficiency rating against Elon of 411.08 shattered Furman and Southern Conference single game standards. The previous school standard of 318.92 had been held by **Justin Hill**, who went 9-for-9 for 156 yards and two touchdowns in a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State in 1999. The previous league single game standard of 404.78 had been held by VMI's **Tony Scales**, who completed 9-of-12 passes for 314 yards and four TDs against William & Mary in 1990. After throwing for a career high 241 yards in the season opener against Vanderbilt, Napier in three games has connected on 48-of-67 pass attempts (71.6%) for 697 yards and four touchdowns, which translates into an outstanding 175.74 efficiency rating.

✎ **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. Twelve 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, completing 62.3 percent of his passes (129x207) for 1,772 yards and 10 TDs in 2001. Included in his campaign was a perfect 12-of-12, 159-yard, TD performance in a 24-17 win over Georgia Southern in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action in Statesboro that snapped the Eagles' 39-game home winning streak. He is the latest in a long line of outstanding Furman quarterbacks who, since 1978, have combined to garner 12 all-conference citations, and it's no coincidence that over the past 23 seasons the Paladins have won 11 league championships. Heading into the Saturday's game at VMI, Napier ranks 10th on Furman's career passing yardage chart and 12th in career passing touchdowns. His 219-yard passing performance against Richmond moved him ahead of former Paladin standout and current Furman offensive coordinator Tim Sorrells (2,945 yards, 1977-81) on the school's career passing yards ledger.

**FURMAN CAREER PASSING YARDAGE**

Rank	Player	Years	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD
1)	B. Bonaventure	1992-96	672	412	17	5,379	39
2)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	575	304	27	4,984	32
3)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	449	249	17	4,186	41
4)	Clyde Howell	1966-68	563	313	21	3,993	20
5)	Philly Jones	1991-95	515	306	16	3,721	23
6)	Justin Hill	1997-00	421	232	15	3,607	24
7)	David Henderson	1976-79	467	259	23	3,582	22
8)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	468	245	23	3,122	22
9)	David Charpia	1980-83	361	211	15	3,032	19
10)	<b>Billy Napier</b>	<b>1999-</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>16</b>
11)	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
15)	Hugh Swilling	1989-92	215	120	10	1,824	16

**CAREER PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**

Rank	Player	Years	TD
1)	Bobby Lamb	1982-85	41
2)	Braniff Bonaventure	1992-96	39
3)	Frankie DeBusk	1987-90	32
4)	Tim Sorrells	1977-81	31
5)	Justin Hill	1997-00	24
	Billy Canty	1958-61	24
7)	Philly Jones	1991-95	23
8)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	22
	David Henderson	1976-79	22
10)	Clyde Howell	1966-68	20
11)	David Charpia	1980-83	19
12)	<b>Billy Napier</b>	<b>1999-</b>	<b>16</b>
	Hugh Swilling	1989-92	16
14)	Cleve Hightower	1968-70	14

✎ **"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 a host of talented and experienced receivers led by senior flanker **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)**. Last year Furman's run/pass ratio was 69.2% vs. 30.8%. Through three games this year Furman is still running the football more than passing it (62.6% vs. 37.3%), but those figures may be somewhat misleading due to the fact that the Paladins pretty much abandoned the passing game in the second half of its Sept. 14 game against Elon after racing to a 49-0 halftime lead, mainly on the strength of a lethal passing attack that generated 318 yards and five touchdown passes in the game's first two quarters.

**FURMAN RUN-PASS RATIO**

2001	Category	2002
492 (69.2%)	Rushing Attempts (Ratio)	126 (62.6%)
218.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	160.3

218 (30.8%) ..... Passing Attempts (Ratio) ..... 75 (37.3%)  
 166.8 ..... Passing Yards Per Game ..... 266.3

∞ **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:

TEAM		
Record (Year)	Category	2002 (3 Games)
303 (1969)	Most Attempts	75
162 (1995)	Most Completions	54
2,076 (1990)	Most Yards	799
208.8 (1967)	Most Yards Per Game	266.3

INDIVIDUAL		
Record, Player (Year)	Category	2002 (3 Games)
238, Hightower (1969)	Most Attempts	67, Napier
151, Bonaventure (1995)	Most Completions	48, Napier
2,035, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards	697, Napier
185.0, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards Per Game	232.3, Napier

∞ **BIG CHALLENGE IN RECEIVING CORPS**...Furman heads into Saturday's Southern Conference season opener against VMI facing its first big personnel challenge of the season as a result of injury. Sophomore split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** will be sidelined anywhere from three to six weeks after sustaining a fractured collarbone late in the first quarter of Saturday's 17-7 win over Richmond. The loss of West is significant as in Furman's first two games he had accounted for 10 receptions for 242 yards and three touchdowns, including three touchdowns covering 78, 71, and 11 yards in the Paladins' 57-7 dismantling of Elon on Sept. 14. Fortunately for Furman, the team's best depth is located in the receiving corps, where the Paladins sport a pair of experienced seniors in **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)** and **James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.)**. In addition, sophomore speedster **Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.)**, who had an impressive preseason following an All-America freshman campaign as a return specialist, will likely be West's replacement in the starting lineup. He stepped up with five receptions for 60 yards against Richmond.

∞ **THE BEAR ROARS**...Senior All-Southern Conference flanker **Bear Rinehart (Seneca, S.C.)**, who headlines an experienced Furman receiving corps, is off to a solid start in 2002. Against Vanderbilt in the season opener, he caught seven passes for 127 yards. In the Paladins' 57-7 whitewash of Elon he collected four passes for 58 yards and his first touchdown of the season. In Saturday's 17-7 win over Richmond, he came up especially big, catching a career high nine passes for 94 yards while steadying the Paladin receiving corps following the departure of starting split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** to injury. The nine catches represented the fifth best single game total in school history. A very accomplished guitarist and singer/songwriter, Rinehart, who is nicknamed for legendary Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, appears well on the way to finishing his career ranked among the school's all-time leaders in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdown receptions. He also returns punts for Furman and has averaged a solid 13.5 yards per return on four attempts this year.

#### CAREER RECEPTIONS

Rank	Player	Years	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	TD
1)	Luther Broughton	1993-96	123	1,565	12.7	6
2)	Des Kitchings	1996-99	112	1,808	16.1	11
3)	Adrick Harrison	1992-95	111	1,342	12.1	11
4)	Josh Cole	1993-96	110	1,506	13.7	11
5)	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)	Jimmy Jordan	1966-68	85	1,188	14.0	4
9)	Brette Simmons	1974-78	82	1,197	14.6	5
	Damon Bradley	1989-93	82	1,204	14.7	7
11)	Billy Risher	1979-83	81	1,447	17.9	18
12)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	80	1,827	22.8	8
13)	Robbie Hahn	1966-67	79	1,375	17.4	16
14)	<b>Bear Rinehart</b>	<b>1999-</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9</b>

..... Stanford Jennings ..... 1980-83 ..... 76 ..... 865 ..... 11.4 ..... 4  
 16) ..... Paul Siffri ..... 1988-91 ..... 71 ..... 1,101 ..... 15.5 ..... 9  
 17) ..... Kirk Burnett ..... 1983-86 ..... 70 ..... 1,259 ..... 18.0 ..... 6

#### CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

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

∞ **THIS 'N THAT**...Furman's 327 passing yards versus Elon on Sept. 14 represented the seventh highest single game passing total in school history. Senior quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** completed 8-of-10 passes for 237 yards and four touchdowns while sophomore backup **Bo Moore (Madison, Ga.)** hit on 5-of-7 attempts for 90 yards and a score. The five touchdown passes 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, three-touchdown 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. Furman's 57-7 win over Elon on Sept. 14 marked the first win over head coach Bobby Lamb's career. 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.

∞ **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

Place	Team (1st place votes)	Points
1)	Appalachian State (35)	346
2)	Georgia Southern (2)	278
3)	Furman (2)	260
4)	Western Carolina	218
5)	East Tennessee State	217
6)	The Citadel	157
7)	Wofford	126
8)	Chattanooga	105
9)	VMI	48

### 2002 SOCON FOOTBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Place	Team	Points
1)	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.)**.

✎ **COMPETITIVE, EVEN IN DEFEAT**...While Furman owns a solid 33-10 record (.767) in its last 43 games, in the nine of the 10 losses the Paladins have proven to be tough competition, losing by a combined total of 45 points.

Opponent (Year)	Score	Margin
Appalachian State (2000)	I-AA Semifinalist	17-18 - 1
Elon (1999)		22-24 - 2
East Tennessee State (2000)		21-23 - 2
Ga. Southern (1999)	I-AA National Champion	38-41 - 3
Wyoming (2001)	NCAA I-A Opponent	14-20 - 6
Massachusetts (1999) ot	I-AA Playoffs	23-30 - 7
Hofstra (2000)	I-AA Playoffs	24-31 - 7
Montana (2001)	I-AA National Championship	6-13 - 7
Ga. Southern (2001)		10-20 - 10
Vanderbilt (2002)	NCAA I-A Opponent	18-49 - 31

✎ **THE EXPERIENCE FACTOR**...With only 11 starters returning 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 has set about 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) are gone — 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

2001 Career Starts	2002 Career Starts
TE Trent Sansbury 39	Willis Sudderth 3
LT Donnie Littlejohn 48	Ben Bainbridge 3
LG Marty Priore 47	Justin Price 3
C Chris Stewart 40	Craig Morgan 3
RG Trevor Kruger 27	Trevor Kruger 30
RT Steven Cain 15	Steven Cain 18
SE James Thomas 18	Brian Bratton 0
FLK Bear Rinehart 15	Bear Rinehart 18
QB Billy Napier 15	Billy Napier 18
FB Eric Emerson 15	Eric Emerson 18
TB Louis Ivory 42	Hindley Brigham 3
Offense Totals 321	Offense Totals 117
DE Brandon Poole 20	Brandon Poole 23
DT LeByran Sperling 32	LeByran Sperling 35
NG Ryan Spencer 29	Justin Porter 3
DE Eddie Overdyke 13	Eddie Overdyke 15
WLB Sterling Frierson 15	Cedrick Ritter 3
MLB Will Bouton 50	Mike Killian 12
SLB John Thrift 40	Keito Whetstone 4
LCB Richie Jackson 50	T.J. Wilson 3
RCB Rodney Johnson 29	Rodney Johnson 32
SS Shelvis Smith 27	Paul Billingsly 4
FS Josh Cooper 27	Cam Newton 3
Defense Totals 332	Defense Totals 137
2001 Combined Totals 653	2002 Combined Totals 254

✎ **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 fills its high profile backfield slot with three juniors and a redshirt freshman in 2002: **Hindley Brigham (Birmingham, Ala.)**, **Lamar Rembert (Ocala, Fla.)**, **Toreico O'Neal (Barnesville, Ga.)**, and **Brandon Mays (Arden, N.C.)**. 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 three games, Brigham, Mays, O'Neal, and Rembert have combined to rush for 328 yards and two touchdowns (109.3 ypg). Brigham led all Paladins rushers in the win over Richmond with 14 carries for 60 yards and a touchdown, and he's the Paladins' leading rusher on the season with 158 yards and a solid 6.3 yards per carry average. Counting his 2001 regular season campaign, he's rushed 42 times for 388 yards and three touchdowns, which works out to an outstanding 9.2 yards per carry.

✎ **THE CONTRAST IS CLEAR**...Last year no fullback in the Furman program could claim one play of experience at the collegiate level heading into the season. This year, the Paladins have three experienced sophomore fullbacks in **Eric Emerson (Newnan, Ga.)**, **Al Means (Charlotte, N.C.)**, and **Corey Tant (Easley, S.C.)**. Emerson started in all 15 games last year and rushed for 218 yards and six touchdowns in the regular season. Means, meanwhile, ran for 129 yards and three scores, including a game winning 19-yard, fourth quarter touchdown burst in a 24-20 triumph over Western Kentucky in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action.

✎ **HE'S THE MAN NOW**...With the departure of head coach **Bobby Johnson**, the new top "Johnson" in the Furman program is senior cornerback **Rodney Johnson (Marion, N.C.)**. As outstanding a person as he is a football player, Johnson is the only returning regular in the Paladins secondary, which graduated three All-Southern Conference performers. Selected by his teammates as a team co-captain, 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. An excellent cover man and preseason all-league pick by conference head coaches, he



has already recorded a pair of interceptions this year to up his career pickoffs total to six. He's also a two-time Verizon District III All-Academic selection.

✎ **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 being counted on heavily this year. 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 NFL scouts and checks in as Furman's biggest player at 6-foot-5, 310 pounds. Cain 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 spring testing).

✎ **ONE RECEPTION**...A year ago Furman tight ends **Trent Sansbury** and **Willis Sudderth (Lilburn, Ga.)** combined to register 37 receptions for 489 yards, and a pair of touchdowns between them. The only problem is Sansbury, a graduated two-time All-Southern Conference performer, accounted for 36 of the 37 receptions and both touchdowns. That left Furman with only one career reception (and no career starts) in its returning tight end corps, which now sports Sudderth, a sophomore, and redshirt freshman **John Rust (Burlington, N.C.)**. Sudderth has started in the Paladins' first three games and is coming off a two-reception performance against Richmond. Rust, meanwhile, had two receptions for 23 yards in the Paladins' win over Elon.

✎ **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 in 2001 that many opponents simply chose to pooch kick it short or out of bounds, often giving the Paladins excellent field position. 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.

✎ **SPEHLING 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 co-captain. 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).

✎ **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-of-the-year **Will Bouton**. While no one expects Furman to be as strong at linebacker as they were a year ago, at least in the early going, the new crop of Paladin linebackers already possess 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.)** are attempting to fill Bouton's shoes. Last year Knight registered 37 tackles while Killian, who played linebacker in high school, notched 42 tackles, a pair of sacks, and a fumble recovery in nine starts at defensive end. 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.

✎ **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 3-of-4 field goal tries and all nine PAT attempts this year, with his only miss being a 51-yard attempt against Richmond. He already ranks sixth on Furman's career kick scoring chart with 176 points, having knocked down 26-of-33 field goals (.788) and 98-of-104 PATs (.942).

**CAREER KICK SCORING**

Rank	Player	Years	XP	FG	Points
1)	....Jason Wells .....	1996-99 .....	143-151 .....	35-57 .....	248
2)	....Mike Wood .....	1986-89 .....	134-141 .....	29-49 .....	221
3)	....Jim Richter .....	1992-95 .....	85-92 .....	43-63 .....	214
4)	....Keven Esva .....	1982-85 .....	135-141 .....	17-34 .....	186
5)	....Tim Tanguay .....	1980-82 .....	105-111 .....	24-41 .....	177
6)	... <b>Danny Marshall .....</b>	<b>2000- .....</b>	<b>98-104 .....</b>	<b>26-33 .....</b>	<b>176</b>
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	XP	FG	Points
1)	....Louis Ivory .....	1998-01 .....	53 .....	0-0 .....	0-0 .....	318
2)	....Stanford Jennings .....	1980-83 .....	43 .....	2-2 .....	0-0 .....	262
3)	....Carl Tremble .....	1989-92 .....	43 .....	0-0 .....	0-0 .....	258
	....Robbie Gardner .....	1982-86 .....	43 .....	0-0 .....	0-0 .....	258
5)	....Jason Wells .....	1996-99 .....	0 .....	143-151 .....	35-57 .....	248
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	....Jim Richter .....	1992-95 .....	0 .....	85-92 .....	43-63 .....	214
8)	....Derek Russell .....	1997-00 .....	34 .....	0-1 .....	0-0 .....	204
9)	....Mike Glenn .....	1978-80 .....	32 .....	0-0 .....	0-0 .....	192
10)	....Keven Esva .....	1982-85 .....	0 .....	135-141 .....	17-34 .....	186
	....Chas Fox .....	1982-85 .....	30 .....	3-3 .....	0-0 .....	186
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✎ **BLOODLINES**...Furman starting junior defensive end **Brandon Poole (Columbia, S.C.)** is the son of former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winning running back **George Rogers**.

✎ **KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY**...Redshirt freshman linebacker **Andrew Carson (Newnan, Ga.)** is the brother of former Clemson All-America linebacker **Chad Carson**. Andrew's father, **Tom Carson**, played football at Georgia Tech, and his grandfather, **Earle Carson**, was an end, three-year letterman, and an honorable mention All-American at Furman (1928-30). A great uncle, **M.A. Carson**, was a two-time letterwinner as an offensive guard at Furman (1926-27), and another great uncle, **Tom Carson**, was an All-South offensive tackle selection and three-year letterman who 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.

✎ **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).

✧ **SOCON 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.

<u>Time (Eastern)</u>	<u>Coach, School</u>
10:00-10:07 .....	Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07-10:14 .....	Ellis Johnson, The Citadel
10:14-10:21 .....	Paul Hamilton, East Tennessee State
<b>10:21-10:28 .....</b>	<b>Bobby Lamb, Furman</b>
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

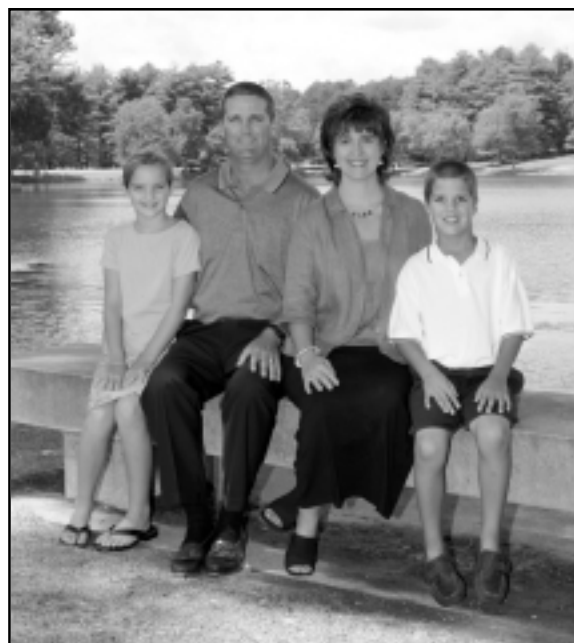




## THE BOBBY LAMB FILE

### 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)



*The Lambs: Sallie, Bobby, Allyson, and Taylor*

### EDUCATION

Commerce (Ga.) High School, 1982  
 Furman University, B.A. in Health and Exercise Science, 1987  
 Furman University, M.Ed. in Health and Exercise Science, 1992

### PLAYING CAREER

Commerce High School, 1978-81, QB  
 ✎ Four-Year Letterman, Three-Year Starter  
 ✎ AA State Champion, 1981 (13-1-1)  
 ✎ *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Georgia AA Back-of-the-Year, 1981  
 Furman University, 1982-85, QB  
 ✎ Four-Year Letterman, Two-Year Starter  
 ✎ All-Southern Conference, 1984 & '85  
 ✎ Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year, 1985  
 ✎ Southern Conference Champion/NCAA I-AA Runner-Up, 1985 (12-2)  
 ✎ NCAA I-AA National Passing Efficiency Leader, 1985 (171.20)  
 ✎ South Carolina Athletic Hall-of-Fame State Male Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year, 1985  
 ✎ Charlotte Athletic Club Carolinas Male Amateur Athlete-of-the-Year, 1985

### COLLEGIATE PLAYING CAREER

Year	School	Position	Overall	SoCon	Finish	Highlights
1982	Furman	Backup Quarterback .....	9-3	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist, d. South Carolina 28-23
1983	Furman	Backup Quarterback .....	10-2-1	6-0-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Semifinalist, d. Ga. Tech 17-14
1984	Furman	Starting Quarterback .....	8-3	3-3	4th	d. N.C. State 34-30, All-SoCon
1985	Furman	Starting Quarterback .....	12-2	6-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA 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 .....	7-3-2	4-2-1	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist, t. Ga. Tech 17-17
1987	Furman	Defensive Ends .....	7-4	4-3	3rd	
1988	Furman	Defensive Ends .....	13-2	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Champion
1989	Furman	Quarterbacks .....	12-2	7-0	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Semifinalist
1990	Furman	Quarterbacks .....	9-4	6-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1991	Furman	Quarterbacks .....	7-4	4-3	4th	
1992	Furman	Quarterbacks .....	6-5	4-3	5th	
1993	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	5-5-1	4-4	4th	
1994	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	3-8	2-6	6th	
1995	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	6-5	5-3	3rd	
1996	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	9-4	6-2	3rd	NCAA I-AA Quarterfinalist
1997	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	7-4	5-3	3rd	
1998	Furman	Quarterbacks/Receivers, Passing Game Coord. ....	5-6	3-5	6th	
1999	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord. ....	9-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA Playoffs, d. UNC 28-3
2000	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord. ....	9-3	6-2	2nd	NCAA I-AA Playoffs
2001	Furman	Quarterbacks, Passing Game Coord. ....	12-3	7-1	1st	SoCon Champ, NCAA I-AA National Runner-up
2002	Furman	Head Coach .....	2-1			

### HEAD COACHING RECORD

Furman — 2-1, 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
1	Brian Bratton	FLK	5-10	174	So.	Evans, Ga./Lakeside
2	Maurice Duncan	CB	5-8	178	R-Fr.	Aiken, S.C./Silver Bluff
3	James Thomas	SE	5-10	206	Sr.	Marianna, Fla./Marianna
4	T.J. Wilson	CB	5-10	180	So.	Rome, Ga./Pepperell
5	Cam Newton	FS	6-1	190	So.	Bennettsville, S.C./Marlboro County
6	Keith Johnson	CB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
7	Bear Rinehart	FLK	6-0	195	Sr.	Seneca, S.C./Seneca
8	David Latimer	SS	6-0	200	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
9	Daric Carter	SE	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Southeast Raleigh
10	Daniel South	FS	6-0	206	So.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
11	Josh Stepp	QB	5-11	169	Fr.	Pelion, S.C./Pelion
12	Bo Moore	QB	6-1	176	So.	Madison, Ga./Morgan County
13	Matt Cain	QB	6-2	194	R-Fr.	Easley, S.C./Easley
14	Paul Billingsly	SS	6-2	208	Jr.	College Park, Ga./Woodward Academy
15	Jeremiah Van Dora	QB	6-0	196	So.	Hartwell, Ga./Hart County
16	Isaac West	SE	6-0	184	So.	Augusta, Ga./Butler
17	Chris Lowery	CB	5-9	178	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn./Austin-East
18	Casey Baxter	SE	6-0	197	Fr.	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun
19	Billy Napier	QB	6-3	218	Sr.	Chatsworth, Ga./Murray County
20	Lockwood Holmes	CB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles
21	Keito Whetstone	LB	6-0	228	Jr.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson
22	Lamar Rembert	TB	5-8	182	Jr.	Ocala, Fla./Bellevue
23	Cedrick Ritter	LB	6-2	222	So.	Fairfax, S.C./Allendale-Fairfax
24	Toreico O'Neal	TB	5-8	184	Jr.	Barnesville, Ga./Lamar County
25	Rodney Johnson	CB	5-9	174	Sr.	Marion, N.C./McDowell
26	Hindley Brigham	TB	5-9	203	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook
28	Brandon Berry	FLK	6-0	203	So.	Hendersonville, N.C./East Henderson
29	Jeremy Blocker	FS	5-11	177	Fr.	Hodges, S.C./Greenwood
30	John Mark Shiflet	PK	5-10	172	R-Fr.	McCormick, S.C./McCormick
31	Brandon Mays	TB	5-11	189	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
32	Al Means	FB	5-11	222	So.	Charlotte, N.C./Butler
33	Tristian Owusu-Yaw	CB	6-0	172	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County
35	Corey Tant	FB	5-11	200	So.	Easley, S.C./Easley
36	Brett Merrill	FLK	5-8	157	R-Fr.	Ormond Beach, Fla./Seabreeze
37	Jon MacDonald	CB	5-9	180	R-Fr.	Greer, S.C./Riverside
38	Justin Stepp	FLK	5-11	178	Fr.	Pelion, S.C./Pelion
39	Nick Dean	SS	5-7	157	R-Fr.	Decatur, Ga./Towers
40	Ken Yuhas	DE	6-2	234	So.	Marietta, Ga./Pope
41	Andrew Knight	LB	6-0	214	Sr.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
42	Elton Daniels	FLK	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Leland, N.C./North Brunswick
43	Nick Marra	LB	5-9	187	R-Fr.	Conyers, Ga./Heritage
44	Mike Killian	LB	6-2	226	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Chamblee
45	Eric Emerson	FB	5-11	229	So.	Newnan, Ga./East Coweta
46	Rory O'Day	FS	5-10	202	R-Fr.	Dallas, Ga./Lovett
47	Eddie Overdyke	DE	6-2	234	Sr.	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
48	Andrew Carson	LB	6-5	222	R-Fr.	Newnan, Ga./Woodward Academy
49	William Freeman	LB	6-1	216	R-Fr.	Swansea, S.C./Swansea
51	Brent Blankenship	LB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Memphis University School
52	Craig Morgan	C	6-0	283	So.	Huntington, W.Va./Huntington
54	Josh Slagle	LB	5-9	196	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
55	Corey Stewart	C	6-2	269	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Brookwood
56	Trevor Kruger	OG	6-2	275	Sr.	Moultrie, Ga./Colquitt County
57	Travis Jones	DE	6-1	252	So.	Greenville, S.C./Southside
58	Roy Ravenell	LB	6-2	226	Fr.	Goose Creek, S.C./Stratford
60	Josh McWhorter	OG	6-2	284	Jr.	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville
62	Justin Price	OG	6-5	282	Sr.	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
64	Patrick Covington	OT	6-3	270	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Myers Park
65	Stephen Schroeder	OT	6-4	262	So.	Mauldin, S.C./Mauldin
66	Brant Glover	NG	6-0	264	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
67	Nick Stavakis	OG	5-10	246	So.	Garden City Beach, S.C./Socastee
71	Ty Sellers	DT	6-3	261	Fr.	Dalton, Ga./Dalton
72	Brian Laggis	OT	6-3	265	R-Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Heritage
73	Clayton Dyson	OG/C	6-1	279	R-Fr.	North Augusta, S.C./North Augusta
74	Steven Cain	OT	6-5	310	Sr.	Anderson, S.C./Westside
76	Tony Palazzo	DE	6-5	245	Fr.	Grayson, Ga./South Gwinnett
78	Ben Bainbridge	OT	6-6	281	So.	Acworth, Ga./Harrison
79	John Marks	OG	6-0	272	So.	Fort Mill, S.C./Fort Mill
80	Justin Perdue	TE	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Arden, N.C./T.C. Roberson
81	John Rust	TE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Burlington, N.C./Williams
82	Glenn Smith	DE	6-3	203	So.	Mobile, Ala./St. Paul's Episcopal
83	Danny Marshall	PK	5-11	191	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist
84	Willis Sudderth	TE	6-3	244	So.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Keenan Adams	DE	6-3	224	R-Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Richland Northeast
87	Andy Rump	SE	6-1	189	Sr.	Sherborn, Mass./Dover-Sherborn
88	Brian Kovach	PK	6-1	176	Sr.	Flowery Branch, Ga./Johnson
89	Will Keller	TE	6-1	224	So.	Clayton, Ga./Rabun County
90	Michael Burant	NG	6-3	282	So.	Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County
93	Brandon Poole	DE	6-0	259	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo
94	Wesley Bray	DT	6-2	262	Fr.	Cave Spring, Ga./Coosa
95	Justin Porter	DT	6-2	258	R-Fr.	Bowman, Ga./Elbert County
97	Ken Striggles	NG/DT	6-1	262	R-Fr.	Stockbridge, Ga./Riverdale
98	LeBryan Sperleng	DT	6-2	303	Sr.	Decatur, Ga./Southwest DeKalb
99	John Shields	DE	6-8	236	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy

## FURMAN PALADINS TWO DEEP VS. VMI KEYDETS

### FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple)

FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART .....	(6-0, 195, Sr.)
	1	Brian Bratton .....	(5-10, 174, So.)
LT	78	BEN BAINBRDIGE .....	(6-6, 281, So.)
	72	Brian Laggis .....	(6-3, 275, R-Fr.)
LG	62	JUSTIN PRICE .....	(6-5, 282, Sr.)
	52	Craig Morgan .....	(6-0, 283, So.)
C	52	CRAIG MORGAN .....	(6-0, 283, So.)
	55	Corey Stewart .....	(6-2, 269, Fr.)
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER .....	(6-2, 275, Sr.)
	73	Clayton Dyson .....	(6-1, 279, R-Fr.)
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN .....	(6-5, 310, Sr.)
	64	Patrick Covington .....	(6-3, 270, Fr.)
TE	84	WILLIS SUDDERTH .....	(6-3, 244, So.)
	81	John Rust .....	(6-3, 220, R-Fr.)
SE	1	BRIAN BRATTON .....	(5-10, 174, So.)
	3	James Thomas .....	(5-10, 206, Sr.)
QB	19	BILLY NAPIER .....	(6-3, 218, Sr.)
	12	Bo Moore .....	(6-1, 176, So.)
FB	45	ERIC EMERSON .....	(5-11, 229, So.)
	32	Al Means .....	(5-11, 222, So.)
TB	26	HINDLEY BRIGHAM .....	(5-9, 203, Jr.)
	24	Toreico O'Neal .....	(5-8, 184, Jr.)

### FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

DE	47	EDDIE OVERDYKE .....	(6-2, 234, Sr.)
	57	Travis Jones .....	(6-1, 252, So.)
DT	98	LEBRYAN SPERLING .....	(6-2, 303, Sr.)
	95	Justin Porter .....	(6-2, 258, R-Fr.)
NG	95	JUSTIN PORTER .....	(6-2, 256, R-Fr.)
	90	Michael Burant .....	(6-3, 282, So.)
DE	93	BRANDON POOLE .....	(6-0, 259, Jr.)
	47	Eddie Overdyke .....	(6-2, 234, Sr.)
SLB	21	KEITO WHETSTONE .....	(6-0, 228, Jr.)
	48	Andrew Carson .....	(6-5, 222, R-Fr.)
MLB	44	MIKE KILLIAN .....	(6-2, 226, So.)
	41	Andrew Knight .....	(6-0, 214, Sr.)
WLB	23	CEDRICK RITTER .....	(6-2, 222, So.)
	49	William Freeman .....	(6-1, 216, R-Fr.)
LCB	4	T.J. WILSON .....	(5-10, 180, So.)
	2	Maurice Duncan .....	(5-8, 178, R-Fr.)
RCB	25	RODNEY JOHNSON .....	(5-9, 174, Sr.)
	6	Keith Johnson .....	(5-9, 179, R-Fr.)
SS	14	PAUL BILLINGSLY .....	(6-2, 208, Jr.)
	8	David Latimer .....	(6-0, 200, R-Fr.)
FS	5	CAM NEWTON .....	(6-1, 190, So.)
	29	Jeremy Blocker .....	(5-11, 177, Fr.)

### FURMAN SPECIALISTS

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

2002 Furman Football  
 Furman Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 23, 2002)  
 All games

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

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
Sep 07, 2002	at Vanderbilt	L	18-49	28568
Sep 14, 2002	ELON	W	57-7	4860
Sep 21, 2002	at Richmond	W	17-7	7189

\* denotes conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	FUR	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	68	55
Rushing.....	32	32
Passing.....	32	22
Penalty.....	4	1
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	481	641
Yards gained rushing...	553	666
Yards lost rushing.....	72	25
Rushing Attempts.....	126	125
Average Per Rush.....	3.8	5.1
Average Per Game.....	160.3	213.7
TDs Rushing.....	7	6
PASSING YARDAGE.....	799	427
Att-Comp-Int.....	75-54-1	53-33-3
Average Per Pass.....	10.7	8.1
Average Per Catch.....	14.8	12.9
Average Per Game.....	266.3	142.3
TDs Passing.....	5	3
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1280	1068
Total Plays.....	201	178
Average Per Play.....	6.4	6.0
Average Per Game.....	426.7	356.0
KICKOFF RETURNS: #-YARDS.	12-261	15-254
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	4-54	5-18
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	3-41	1-11
FUMBLES-LOST.....	8-5	4-3
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	6-45	15-124
PUNTS-AVG.....	9-39.8	13-40.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	30:33	29:27
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	22/38	14/34
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	2/2	2/5

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Hindley Brigham	3	25	160	2	158	6.3	1	21	52.7
Brandon Mays	3	15	94	6	88	5.9	0	24	29.3
Toreico O'Neal	3	10	62	1	61	6.1	0	32	20.3
Eric Emerson	3	16	60	0	60	3.8	0	9	20.0
Nick Marra	2	5	30	0	30	6.0	0	11	15.0
Billy Napier	3	16	58	32	26	1.6	2	16	8.7
Al Means	3	12	25	0	25	2.1	2	5	8.3
Lamar Rembert	3	18	37	16	21	1.2	1	9	7.0
Isaac West	3	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Brian Bratton	3	1	9	0	9	9.0	1	9	3.0
Corey Tant	2	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	0	1.0
Matt Cain	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Team	3	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Bo Moore	3	2	4	12	-8	-4.0	0	4	-2.7
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>160.3</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>213.7</b>

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Billy Napier	3	175.74	67-48-1	71.6	697	4	78	232.3
Bo Moore	3	223.35	8-6-0	75.0	102	1	68	34.0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>180.82</b>	<b>75-54-1</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>266.3</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>137.30</b>	<b>53-33-3</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>142.3</b>

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Bear Rinehart	3	20	279	13.9	1	38	93.0
Isaac West	3	10	242	24.2	3	78	80.7
Brian Bratton	3	7	72	10.3	1	17	24.0
Lamar Rembert	3	3	12	4.0	0	7	4.0
Daric Carter	3	2	80	40.0	0	68	26.7
Toreico O'Neal	3	2	36	18.0	0	6	12.0
Willis Sudderth	3	2	32	16.0	0	25	10.7
John Rust	3	2	23	11.5	0	19	7.7
Andy Rump	3	2	9	4.5	0	5	3.0
Eric Emerson	3	2	8	4.0	0	6	2.7
James Thomas	3	1	7	7.0	0	7	2.3
Hindley Brigham	3	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>266.3</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>142.3</b>

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Danny Marshall	3-4	75.0	0-0	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-1	39	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
Danny Marshall	0	3-4	9-9	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Isaac West	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Brian Bratton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Al Means	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12	
Billy Napier	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-1	0	0	12	
Lamar Rembert	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Bear Rinehart	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Hindley Brigham	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
John Marks	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2	
J. Van Dora	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	0	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92</b>	
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>9-9</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	

BY QUARTER	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Team.....	42	20	9	21	- 92
Opponents...	21	14	7	21	- 63

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rodney Johnson	2	26	13.0	0	26
Cam Newton	1	15	15.0	0	15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Bo Moore	9	358	39.8	45	0	1	2	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bear Rinehart	4	54	13.5	0	26
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Brian Bratton	9	190	21.1	0	31
Brandon Mays	3	71	23.7	0	30
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Bear Rinehart	3	0	279	54	0	0	333	111.0
Brian Bratton	3	9	72	0	190	0	271	90.3
Isaac West	3	12	242	0	0	0	254	84.7
Brandon Mays	3	88	0	0	71	0	159	53.0
Hindley Brigham	3	158	-1	0	0	0	157	52.3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1636</b>	<b>545.3</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1351</b>	<b>450.3</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Billy Napier	3	83	26	697	723	241.0
Hindley Brigham	3	25	158	0	158	52.7
Bo Moore	3	10	-8	102	94	31.3
Brandon Mays	3	15	88	0	88	29.3
Toreico O'Neal	3	10	61	0	61	20.3
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1280</b>	<b>426.7</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>356.0</b>

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		UT	AT	Total	ForLoss	No-Yards	Int-Yds	PD	QBH	Rcv-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
23 Cedrick Ritter	3	17	13	30	2/2	.	.	1	.	2-0	.	.	.
21 Keito Whetstone	3	13	13	26	1/1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Andrew Knight	3	8	13	21	3/4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Mike Killian	3	14	6	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5 Cam Newton	3	13	6	19	.	.	1-15	2	.	.	.	.	.
14 Paul Billingsly	3	9	6	15	2/9	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4 T.J. Wilson	3	9	3	12	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
98 L. Sperling	3	6	6	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Justin Porter	3	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Daniel South	2	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 Eddie Overdyke	3	2	5	7	3/6	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54 Josh Slagle	2	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 Rodney Johnson	3	4	3	7	1/1	.	2-26	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
93 Brandon Poole	3	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 Travis Jones	3	2	4	6	1/0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82 Glenn Smith	3	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 Michael Burant	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 David Latimer	2	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Maurice Duncan	3	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 William Freeman	3	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Ken Yuhas	3	3	1	4	1/4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Andrew Carson	3	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Brant Glover	2	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Jon MacDonald	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Keith Johnson	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>14/27</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>3-41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>
<b>Opponents.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>17/69</b>	<b>5-42</b>	<b>1-11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>5-13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>

**2002 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS**

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



**GAME 1**

**Vanderbilt 49, Furman 18**

September 7, 2002

Vanderbilt Stadium

Attendance: 28,568

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

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

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

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

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

Furman answered on its next possession, moving 64 yards on 13 plays to the Vanderbilt 14, where Danny Marshall booted a 31-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter to make it 21-3. Marshall's field goal, however, proved to be a mild solace for the Paladins, who failed to convert a first and goal situation at the Vanderbilt 4. Two straight losses backed Furman up to the 9, and a delay of game penalty pushed it back to the 14, where quarterback Billy Napier's fade pass in the end zone failed.

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

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

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

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

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

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Furman .....	0	3	9	6	—	18
Vanderbilt .....	14	14	7	14	—	49

**SCORING SUMMARY**

V — Dan Stricker 43 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 13:15-1Q	1 play, 43 yards, TOP 0:08 .....	0- 7
V — Dan Stricker 59 pass from Jay Cutler (Greg Johnson kick) 5:51-1Q	7 plays, 97 yards, TOP 3:15 .....	0-14
F — Danny Marshall 31 FG 14:55-2Q	13 plays, 64 yards, TOP 5:56 .....	3-14
V — Jay Cutler 1 run (Greg Johnson kick) 9:21-2Q	8 plays, 39 yards, TOP 3:41 .....	3-21
V — Jay Cutler 12 run (Greg Johnson kick) 0:11	6 plays, 78 yards, TOP 1:02 .....	3-28
F — Danny Marshall 22 FG 9:58-3Q	7 plays, 37 yards, TOP 3:02 .....	6-28
V — Jay Cutler 61 run (Greg Johnson kick)	3 plays, 72 yards, TOP 1:25 .....	6-35
F — Al Means 1 run (Billy Napier rush fumbled) 2:00-3Q	12 plays, 73 yards, TOP 6:33 .....	12-35
F — Billy Napier 2 run (Billy Napier pass failed) 12:00-4Q	6 plays, 46 yards, TOP 3:00 .....	18-35
V — Norval McKenzie 57 run (Greg Johnson kick) 10:49-4Q	3 plays, 65 yards, TOP 1:11 .....	18-42
V — Bara Cola 3 run (Greg Johnson kick) 5:09-4Q	9 plays, 80 yads, TOP 4:22 .....	18-49

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

**Field Goals:** F — Marshall 2-2 (3IG, 22G). V — None.

**Defense:** F — Newton 9 (6 solo, 3 ast.), Whetstone 9 (5 solo, 4 ast.), Ritter 8 (4 solo, 4 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FR), Billingsly 6 (5 solo, 1 ast., 2 TFL), Wilson 5 (4 solo, 1 ast., 1 PBU). V — Hillenmeyer 11 (8 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL, 1 PBU), Shaub 7 (6 solo, 1 ast., 1 FF), Osemwegie 7 (4 solo, 3 ast., 3 TFL, 1 Sack), Morris 6 (6 solo).

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	FUR	VAN
First Downs .....	22	26
Rushing .....	37-100	42-344
Passing .....	253	213
C/A/I .....	22-32-0	12-16-1
Total Offense .....	353	557
Fumbles-Lost .....	3-3	1-1
Penalties .....	4-30	7-59
Punts .....	4-39.8	2-45.0
Punt Returns .....	2-33	3-9
Kickoff Returns .....	8-178	3-58
Possession Time .....	30:12	29:48
Third Down Conversions .....	7-13	3-6
Fourth Down Conversions .....	0-0	1-1
Sacks By .....	0-0	3-29

**Furman 57, Elon 7**

September 14, 2002

Paladin Stadium

Attendance: 4,680

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

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

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

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

Furman's 35-point first quarter matched the highest scoring quarter in school history, and West's three touchdown receptions tied a school record held by two others. Napier, who completed 8-of-10 passes, exited the game along with many of Furman's offensive starters early in the second quarter after fullback Al Means' 1-yard touchdown plunge put the Paladins ahead 42-0 at the 12:11 mark.

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

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

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

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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

**SCORING SUMMARY**

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

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

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

**Field Goals:** F — None. E — None.

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

**TEAM STATISTICS**

	FUR	ELON
First Downs .....	23	15
Rushing .....	43-215	44-163
Passing .....	327	99
C/A/I .....	13-17-0	10-18-2
Total Offense .....	542	262
Fumbles-Lost .....	4-2	1-1
Penalties .....	2-15	4-35
Punts .....	2-43.5	6-35.2
Punt Returns .....	1-11	1-(-1)
Kickoff Returns .....	2-43	8-115
Possession Time .....	28:42	31:18
Third Down Conversions .....	7-10	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions .....	1-1	0-2
Sacks By .....	1-3	0-0

**GAME 3**

**Furman 17, Richmond 7**

September 21, 2002

University of Richmond Stadium

Attendance: 7,189

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

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

The key fourth quarter score came two possessions after the Paladins stopped Richmond on downs as the Furman 1. Trailing 10-7, the Spiders' Danny Young picked off a Billy Napier pass and returned it 11 yards to the Paladins 34. Three plays later quarterback D'Arcy Wills connected with Dan McNair for 20 yards to the Furman 8. Two rushes by Lee Williams and a run by Wills moved the ball at the 1, but Wills was stopped a foot short of the goal line on fourth down.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Furman .....	7	3	0	7	—	17
Richmond .....	7	0	0	0	—	7

**SCORING SUMMARY**

F — Hindley Brigham 4 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:20-1Q	
11 play, 71 yards, TOP 4:40 .....	7- 0
R — D'Arcy Wills 1 run (Doug Kirchner kick) 2:35-1Q	
15 plays, 81 yards, TOP 7:45 .....	7- 7
F — Danny Marshall kick 39 FG 7:43-2Q	
11 plays, 70 yards, TOP 4:01 .....	10- 7
F — Billy Napier 1 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:38-4Q	
10 plays, 69 yards, TOP 4:22 .....	17- 7

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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

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

**Receiving:** F — Rinehart 9-94, BRatton 5-60, Sudderth 2-32, Thomas 1-7, Emerson 1-2, Rembert 1-(-1), O'Neal 0-25. R — Ouden 5-55, Edwards 4-37, McNair 2-23.

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

**Defense:** F — Killian 11 (5 solo, 6 ast.), Ritter 10 (2 solo, 8 ast., 1 TFL, 1 FR, 1 PBU), Whetstone 9 (3 solo, 6 ast.), Newton 7 (2 solo, 5 ast.), Sperling 6 (1 solo, 5 ast.). R — Thompson 14 (4 solo, 9 ast., 3 TFL), Goddard 12 (9 solo, 3 ast., 1 TFL), Archie 9 (4 solo, 5 ast.), Slade 9 (3 solo, 6 ast., 1 TFL, 0.5 Sack).

**TEAM STATISTICS**

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