



Game 5 -- October 5, 2002, 2:00 EDT Kickoff
Furman Paladins (3-1, 1-0 SoCon) vs. Western Carolina Catamounts (3-2; 1-1 SoCon)
Greenville, South Carolina, Paladin Stadium (16,000) — 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	55-28	W
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
East Tennessee State	2	0	1.000	3	2	.600
Furman	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Appalachian State	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Wofford	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Western Carolina	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Georgia Southern	1	1	.500	2	2	.500
Chattanooga	0	1	.000	0	5	.000
VMI	0	2	.000	2	3	.400
The Citadel	0	2	.000	1	3	.250

THE GAME

Winners of 13 consecutive Southern Conference home games, NCAA I-AA fifth-ranked Furman opens its 2002 league home schedule when it entertains Western Carolina at Paladin Stadium to highlight Family Weekend at Furman University.

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Lamb (Furman '86)
 3-1 (.750), 1st Year at Furman
 3-1 (.750), 1st Year Overall
 Lamb vs. Western Carolina (0-0)

Western Carolina: Kent Briggs (Western Carolina '79)
 3-2 (.600), 1st Year at Western Carolina
 3-2 (.600), 1st Year Overall
 Briggs vs. Furman (0-0)

THE SERIES

Furman holds an 18-9-2 series advantage over Western Carolina and heads into Saturday's contest riding a four-game winning streak over the Catamounts. Last year the Paladins claimed a 31-13 win in Cullowhee. Two years ago when Furman and Western Carolina squared off in Greenville, the Paladins rolled to a 38-14 win. In all games played in Greenville, the Paladins own a 9-5-1 record versus Western Carolina; in Cullowhee, Furman is 9-4-1 against the Catamounts.

Year	Result	Score	Site	Furman Coach
1971	W	21-14	GREENVILLE	Bob King
1972	L	15-20	Cullowhee	Bob King
1975	W	34-0	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1977	T	24-24	GREENVILLE	Art Baker
1978	W	24-7	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1979	W	23-14	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan

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 28

Furman 55, VMI 28
 Appalachian State 37, The Citadel 28
 Georgia Southern 38, Chattanooga 10
 East Tennessee State 27, Western Carolina 7
 Maryland 37, Wofford 8



October 5

VMI @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Western Carolina @ Furman, 2:00
 The Citadel @ Wyoming, 2:00
 Chattanooga @ Wofford, 3:00
 Appalachian State @ East Tennessee State, 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)	

1980	W	28-14	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1981	W	31-27	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1982	W	12-6	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1983	T	17-17	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1983	L	7-14	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1984	L	19-20	GREENVILLE	Dick Sheridan
1985	W	31-27	Cullowhee	Dick Sheridan
1986	L	13-19	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1987	L	14-20	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1988	W	31-0	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1989	W	17-3	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1990	W	42-9	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1991	W	42-14	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1992	L	27-29	GREENVILLE	Jimmy Satterfield
1993	L	20-23	Cullowhee	Jimmy Satterfield
1994	L	24-35	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1995	W	31-21	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
1996	W	45-30	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1997	L	16-17	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
1998	W	31-7	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
1999	W	27-19	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson
2000	W	38-14	GREENVILLE	Bobby Johnson
2001	W	31-13	Cullowhee	Bobby Johnson

In Greenville: Furman leads 9-5-1
In Cullowhee: Furman leads 9-4-1

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple	Western Carolina: Multiple Pro
'02 Points/Game — 36.8	'02 Points/Game — 22.8
'02 Yards/Game — 480.0	'02 Yards/Game — 381.8
Rushing — 219.5	Rushing — 140.0
Passing — 260.5	Passing — 241.8

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43	Western Carolina: 43
'02 Points/Game — 22.8	'02 Points/Game — 24.6
'02 Yards/Game — 364.8	'02 Yards/Game — 387.0
Rushing — 205.0	Rushing — 195.4
Passing — 159.8	Passing — 191.6

LAST MEETING

CULLOWHEE, N.C (Sept. 29, 2001) -- Louis Ivory rushed for 159 yards and two touchdowns to lead NCAA I-AA fourth-ranked Furman to a 31-13 Southern Conference win over Western Carolina.

Ivory scored on runs of 3 and 67 yards to help stake Furman to a 21-0 first quarter lead. The 158-yard effort, his 10th straight 100-yard performance and 24th century rushing outing of his career, upped his career rushing total to 4,697 yards, leaving him just 49 yards shy of Carl Tremble's school career rushing standard.

Furman, which scored on its first four possessions of the game, took a 7-0 lead on a 3-yard run by freshman fullback Eric Emerson that capped a 5-play, 55-yard drive.

On Western Carolina's second possession, Paul Billingsly recorded Furman's third blocked punt in its last two games and recovered it at the Catamount 15-yard line. Three plays later Ivory bulled over from three yards out with 5:55 left in the first quarter to give the Paladins a 14-0 lead.

Furman struck for its third touchdown with only seconds left in the opening period when Ivory took a handoff from quarterback Billy Napier and bolted 67 yards to give the Paladins a 21-0 advantage.

A 20-play, 80-yard drive put Western Carolina on the board with a 2-yard touchdown run by Donnie Bryant at the 5:10 juncture of the second quarter, but Furman answered with another impressive scoring drive under the direction of true freshman quarterback Bo Moore, who came off the bench for a shaken up Napier.

Using a 26-yard run by Lamar Rembert and a key 13-yard pass to James Thomas for a first down, Moore moved the Paladins 77 yards in nine plays and connected with Bear Rinehart on a 22-yard strike with only 45 seconds remaining in the first half to make it 28-7.

Napier, who returned to the field on Furman's first possession of the second half, set up the Paladins' final score of the contest when he hooked up with James Thomas on a 41-yard pass to the Catamount 8-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. Three plays later Danny Marshall booted his school record tying 10th straight field goal to give Furman a 31-7 lead.

Western Carolina finished off the scoring against Paladin reserves when Brian Gaither connected with Brendan Roy on a 32-yard touchdown pass with a little over a minute left in the contest.

Underscoring Furman's offensive efficiency was the fact that the Paladins outgained Western Carolina 349-319 despite recording only 47 offensive plays to the Catamounts' 71.

Paced by senior linebacker John Thrift's two quarterback takedowns, Furman's defense registered four sacks in the contest. Senior All-America linebacker Will Bouton led all Paladin tacklers with 12 stops and two tackles-for-loss.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	21	7	0	3	—	31
Western Carolina	0	7	0	6	—	13

SCORING SUMMARY

- F — Eric Emerson 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 10:37-1Q
5 plays, 55 yards, TOP 1:46 7- 0
- F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Danny Marshall kick) 5:55-1Q
3 plays, 15 yards, TOP 0:43 14- 0
- F — Louis Ivory 67 run (Danny Marshall kick) 0:14-1Q
3 plays, 78 yards, TOP 1:03 21- 0

**SPORTS NETWORK NCAA I-AA FOOTBALL POLL
(September 30, 2002)**

Rnk.	Team	2002 Record	Points	Previous
1)	Montana (95)	4-0	2,613	1
2)	McNeese State (10)	4-0	2,480	2
3)	Maine	5-0	2,348	3
4)	Appalachian State	3-1	2,203	5
5)	Furman	3-1	2,089	7
6)	Northern Iowa	3-1	2,080	6
7)	Villanova	4-1	1,822	8
8)	Western Illinois	4-0	1,696	12
9)	Northwestern State	3-1	1,631	10
10)	Florida A&M	4-1	1,582	11
11)	Northeastern	4-0	1,467	14
12)	Northern Arizona	3-1	1,350	16
13)	Eastern Illinois	2-2	1,347	13
14)	Lehigh	3-1	1,337	4
15)	Grambling State	4-1	1,100	15
16)	Portland State	2-2	885	9
17)	William & Mary	2-2	878	17
18)	Georgia Southern	2-2	824	18
19)	Bethune-Cookman	5-0	823	20
20)	Wofford	3-1	632	19
21)	Eastern Kentucky	3-2	601	21
22)	Youngstown State	2-2	472	22
23)	Pennsylvania	2-0	353	NR
24)	Nicholls State	4-1	294	NR
25)	Harvard	2-0	207	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	5	Nov. 18	
Oct. 7		Final	

- W — Donnie Bryant 2 run (Shon Rowser kick) 5:10-2Q
20 plays, 80 yards, TOP 10:04 21 - 7
- F — Bear Rinehart 22 pass from Bo Moore
(Danny Marshall kick) 0:45-2Q
9 plays, 77 yards, TOP 4:25 28 - 7
- F — Danny Marshall 25 FG 7:02-4Q
8 plays, 52 yards, TOP 3:14 31 - 7
- W — Brendan Roy 32 pass from Brian Gaither (kick failed) 1:01-4Q
4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:00 31 - 13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Ivory 22-159, Rembert 3-32, Emerson 5-17, Napier 3-9, Moore 1-(-1), West 1-(-11). W — Boateng 16-52, Bryant 12-48, DeShauteurs 4-18, Cilento 10-11, Gary 1-6, Gaither 3-1.

Passing: F — Napier 7-10-0-109, Moore 2-2-0-35. W — Gaither 9-13-0-114, Cilento 8-12-0-69.

Receiving: F — Rinehart 5-68, Thomas 2-54, Sansbury 1-15, Ivory 1-7. W — Banks 5-49, Seward 4-53, Gary 3-12, Lane 2-31, Boateng 2-6, Roy 1-32.

Field Goals: F — Marshall 1-1 (25G). W — None.

Defense: F — Bouton 12 (8 solo, 4 ast., 2 TFL), Frierson 11 (7 solo, 4 ast., 1 TFL, 1 Sack), Cooper 10 (8 solo, 2 ast.), Thrift 8 (8 solo, 2 TFL, 2 Sacks), Smith 7 (6 solo, 1 ast., 3 TFL, 1 PBU), Ritter 4 (4 solo, 1 TFL, 1 Sack). W — Dunlap 6 (5 solo, 1 ast, 1 TFL), Fryer 6 (4 solo, 2 ast.), Norman 5 (4 solo, 1 ast.).

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	WCU
First Downs	15	19
Rushing	35-205	46-136
Passing	144	183
C/A/I	9-12-0	17-25-0
Total Offense	349	319
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	3-22	9-71
Punts	5-31.6	6-29.5
Punt Returns	3-19	3-9
Kickoff Returns	3-34	4-93
Possession Time	25:08	34:52
Third Down Conversions	3-9	4-15
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	3-5
Sacks By	4-38	1-2

NOTING THE PALADINS

↖ **AAA TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERS**...After playing three of its first four games on the road and rolling up over 2,200 miles on the way to clashes against Vanderbilt, Richmond, and VMI, Furman returns home this Saturday to face Western Carolina in the Paladins 2002 home conference opener.

↖ **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's perfect 8-0 slate marked the program's second undefeated home campaign (1988) since moving 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 — a stretch that seen the Paladins win by an average margin of 25.7 points per game.

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

Average Margin Of Victory: 27.6 Points (41.8 vs. 14.2)

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

Average Margin Of Victory: 25.7 Points (40.9 vs. 15.2)

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

Average Margin Of Victory: 28.4 Points (41.4 vs. 13.0)

↖ **VERSUS THE SOCON IN PALADIN STADIUM**...Furman has compiled a 56-18-1 record (.753) in Paladin Stadium against current members of the Southern Conference. Interestingly, Saturday's opponent, Western Carolina, has posted more wins (5) in Paladin Stadium than any other league foe; Furman, however, has won the last three clashes with the Catamounts in the facility.

Opponent	Record	Pct
VMI	10-0	1.000
Wofford	6-0-1	.928
East Tennessee State	10-1	.909
Appalachian State	8-3	.727
Chattanooga	7-3	.700
The Citadel	7-3	.700
Western Carolina	6-5	.545
Georgia Southern	2-3	.400
Totals	56-18-1	.753

↖ **QUICK STARTS IN SOCON**...Furman's 55-28 win over VMI extended the Paladins' record in Southern Conference season openers to 8-0 since 1995 and 14-1 since 1988. Going back to 1980, the Paladins have now compiled a 21-2 worksheet in conference inaugurals.

↖ **NCAA I-AA ROAD WARRIORS**...Furman is 7-1 against NCAA I-AA road opposition in its last eight games and 12-4 versus divisional foes since 1999.

↖ **SUCCESS VERSUS THE OLD DOMINION**...Furman's victory over VMI marked the Paladins' 12th consecutive triumph over teams from Virginia and improved the program's record against Old Dominion teams to 30-2 since 1980. The win over the Keydets also extended Furman's

school record series winning streak over an opponent to 21 games.

FURMAN VS. THE OLD DOMINION SINCE 1980

Team (Last)	Record	Pct	Streak
VMI (W 55-28, 2002)	21-0	1.000	W21
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	30-2	.935	W12

➤ **OFFENSIVE SHOWCASE VERSUS VMI**...In piling up 640 yards in total offense against VMI, Furman fashioned the second most productive offensive performance in school history, trailing only the 676 yards the Paladins compiled in a 58-13 win over The Citadel in Charleston in 1986. Furman's offensive display featured impressive balance as the Paladins rushed for 397 yards and five touchdowns and passed for 243 yards and two scores. Furman currently leads the Southern Conference in scoring offense (36.8 ppg), total offense (480.0 ypg), and passing offense (260.5 ypg).

➤ **NAPIER EFFICIENT WITH ARM, PLAYING TIME**...Senior All-Southern Conference quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** had his fourth straight solid passing outing of the 2002 campaign on Saturday in the Paladins' 55-28 thumping of VMI, completing 9-of-11 passes for 222 yards and two touchdowns in less than two quarters of action. With starting split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** sidelined with a fractured collarbone sustained in the Paladins' 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 14, Napier still posted a perfect first quarter against the Keydets, engineering Furman to 280 total yards (on 21 plays) and touchdowns in the Paladins' first four possessions for a 28-0 lead by going 7-for-7 for 159 yards and two touchdowns. His scoring strikes covered two yards to sophomore tight end **Willis Sudderth (Lilburn, Ga.)** and 76 yards to sophomore split end **Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.)**, West's replacement. Napier also scored a touchdown on a 1-yard sneak in the game's opening quarter. So efficient was his early game work against VMI that he gave way to backup **Bo Moore (Madison, Ga.)** on the first series of the second quarter before returning for two late second quarter possessions, including a lightning quick, two-play, 63-yard burst that consumed only 26 seconds on the way to a Danny Marshall 46-yard field goal that gave the Paladins a 38-14 halftime lead. Napier's blitzkrieg performance against VMI mirrored 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 the Southern Conference single game standard of 404.78, previously held by VMI's **Tony Scales**, who completed 9-of-12 passes for 314 yards and four TDs against William & Mary in 1990. Through four games Napier has completed 57-of-78 passes (73.1%) for 919 yards and six touchdowns, all of which works out to an impressive, NCAA I-AA best 192.30 passing efficiency rating. He also leads the SoCon in passing (229.8 ypg) and total offense (237.5 ypg).

BILLY NAPIER GAME-BY-GAME IN 2002

Opponent	Statistics/Highlights
Vanderbilt	21-of-31, 241 yds., 2-yard TD run career high passing yards
Elon	8-10, 237 yds., 4 TDs TD passes 78, 71, 7, 11 yards; exited game after 17 snaps established new SoCon single game passing efficiency record (411.08)
Richmond	19-of-26, 219 yds., 1-yard TD run top receiver Isaac West injured in first quarter
VMI	9-of-11, 222 yds., 2 TDs, 1-yard TD run TD passes 76, 2 yards; exited game after two second quarter series

➤ **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, 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 against Western Carolina, Napier ranks eighth on Furman's career passing yardage chart and 12th in career passing touchdowns. His 222-yard passing performance against VMI moved him ahead of a pair of Furman Athletic Hall-of-Famers, David Whitehurst (1973-76) and David Charpia (1980-83), 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 Hewell	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)	Billy Napier	1999-	351	224	14	3,200	18
9)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	468	245	23	3,122	22
10)	David Charpia	1980-83	361	211	15	3,032	19
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 Hewell	1966-68	20
11)	David Charpia	1980-83	19
12)	Billy Napier	1999-	18
	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.)**. Last year Furman's run/pass ratio was 69.2% vs. 30.8%. Through four games this year Furman is still running the football more than passing it (64.9% vs. 35.1%), but those figures may be somewhat misleading due to the fact that the Paladins pretty much abandoned the passing game in the second half against Elon after racing to a 49-0 halftime lead and in Saturday's win over VMI after building a 38-14 halftime lead.

FURMAN RUN-PASS RATIO

2001	Category	2002
492 (69.2%)	Rushing Attempts (Ratio)	176 (64.9%)
218.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	219.5
218 (30.8%)	Passing Attempts (Ratio)	95 (35.1%)
166.8	Passing Yards Per Game	260.5

➤ **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 (4 Games)
303 (1969)	Most Attempts	95
162 (1995)	Most Completions	66
2,076 (1990)	Most Yards	1,042
208.8 (1967)	Most Yards Per Game	260.5
64.7% (1996)	Completion Percentage	69.5%
162.45 (1985)	Passing Efficiency	181.71

INDIVIDUAL		
Record, Player (Year)	Category	2002 (4 Games)
238, Hightower (1969)	Most Attempts	78, Napier
151, Bonaventure (1995)	Most Completions	57, Napier
2,035, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards	919, Napier
185.0, DeBusk (1990)	Most Yards Per Game	229.8, Napier
64.5, Bonaventure (1995)	Completion %	73.1, Napier
170.89, Lamb (1985)	Passing Efficiency	181.71, Napier

↖ **QUICK STRIKE PALADINS**...When tailback **Toreico O'Neal (Barnesville, Ga.)** reeled off a 58-yard run on the Paladins' second snap from scrimmage against VMI on Saturday, it marked the third straight game Furman had drawn first blood. Against Elon on Sept. 14, the Paladins tallied on their first play from scrimmage when quarterback **Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.)** connected with split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** on a 78-yard touchdown pass to ignite a 35-point Paladin first quarter. O'Neal's touchdown sprint against VMI sparked a 28-point Furman first quarter scoring spree. Furman, which has outscored its opposition 70-0 in the first quarter in its last three games, has also recorded some rather quick first period scoring drives in that span as the chart below indicates:

FIRST QUARTER SCORING DRIVES (Last Three Games)

Opponent	Scoring Drive
Elon	1 play, 78 yards, TOP 0:24
Elon	7 plays, 54 yards, TOP 3:19
Elon	1 play, 71 yards, TOP 0:12
Elon	4 plays, 24 yards, TOP 1:36
Elon	4 plays, 24 yards, TOP 1:36
Richmond	11 plays, 71 yards, TOP 4:40
VMI	2 plays, 74 yards, TOP 0:38
VMI	10 plays, 65 yards, TOP 4:23
VMI	5 plays, 46 yards, TOP 2:17
VMI	4 plays, 90 yards, TOP 1:53

↖ **BIG CHALLENGE IN RECEIVING CORPS**...Furman heads into Saturday's Southern Conference clash with Western Carolina without sophomore split end **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)**, who will be sidelined at the minimum another week after sustaining a fractured collarbone late in the first quarter of Furman's 17-7 win over Richmond on Sept. 21. The absence 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.)**, as well as senior **Andy Rump (Sherborn, Mass.)** and sophomore **Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.)**.

↖ **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, and in the Paladins' 57-7 whitewash of Elon he collected four passes for 58 yards and his first touchdown of the season. In the Paladins' 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. And in Saturday's win he nabbed a reception for 39 yards, helping to spark Furman to a quick 28-0 first quarter lead. The nine catches against Richmond 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 12.0 yards per return on seven attempts this season.

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)...	Bear Rinehart	1999-	77	1,260	16.4	9
15)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	76	865	11.4	4
16)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	71	1,101	15.5	9
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CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

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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)...	Bear Rinehart	1999-	9
	Paul Siffri	1988-91	9
10)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	8
	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	8

↖ **BRATTON STEPS UP**...Sophomore split end **Brian Bratton (Evans, Ga.)** fashioned a solid performance in his first career start in the Paladins' win over VMI, catching three passes for 94 yards and a touchdown, which covered a career long 76 yards in a 28-point Furman first quarter scoring spree. Bratton's new role as a starter came after **Isaac West (Augusta, Ga.)** sustained a fractured collarbone in the first quarter of the Paladins' 17-7 triumph over Richmond on Sept. 21. The Furman speedster has 10 receptions for 166 yards and two touchdowns through four games this fall.

↖ **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 numerous 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.

✎ **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 Saturday's win over VMI, 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.

✎ **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.), **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 four games this year, Brigham, Mays, O'Neal, and Rembert have combined to rush for 643 yards and four touchdowns (160.8 ypg). In Saturday's win over VMI, the foursome combined for 315 of the Paladins' season high 397 rushing yards and two touchdowns, with Rembert leading the way with a career high 133 yards on 11 carries, including a career long 52-yard scoring burst.

✎ **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 5-of-6 field goal tries and all 16 PAT attempts this year, with his only miss being a 51-yard attempt against Richmond. Against VMI on Saturday, he nailed a career long 46-yarder 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 this season with 31 points, he already ranks fourth on Furman's career kick scoring chart with 189 points, having knocked down 28-of-35 field goals (.800) and 105-of-111 PATs (.946).

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)...	Danny Marshall	2000-	105-111	28-35	189
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	XP	FG	Points
1)	Louis Ivory	1998-01	53	0-0	0-0	318
2)	Stanford Jennings	1980-83	43	2-2	0-0	262
3)	Carl Tremble	1989-92	43	0-0	0-0	258
	Robbie Gardner	1982-86	43	0-0	0-0	258
5)	Jason Wells	1996-99	0	143-151	35-57	248
6)	Mike Wood	1986-89	0	134-141	29-49	221
	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)...	Danny Marshall	2000-	0	105-111	28-35	189
11)	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

✎ **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 testing last spring).

✎ **KEEP THE FLAG IN YOUR POCKET**...Although Furman was flagged six times for 50 yards against VMI, the Paladins still rank as the least penalized team in the Southern Conference through four games. Two weeks ago Furman was not penalized in its 17-7 win over Richmond — 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.

✎ **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	4
LT	Donnie Littlejohn 48	Ben Bainbridge	4
LG	Marty Priore 47	Justin Price	4
C	Chris Stewart 40	Craig Morgan	4
RG	Trevor Kruger 27	Trevor Kruger	31
RT	Steven Cain 15	Steven Cain	19
SE	James Thomas 18	Brian Bratton	1
FLK	Bear Rinehart 15	Bear Rinehart	19
QB	Billy Napier 15	Billy Napier	20
FB	Eric Emerson 15	Eric Emerson	19
TB	Louis Ivory 42	Hindley Brigham	3
Offense Totals	321	Offense Totals	128
DE	Brandon Poole 20	Brandon Poole	24
DT	LeBryan Sperling 32	LeBryan Sperling	36
NG	Ryan Spencer 29	Justin Porter	3
DE	Eddie Overdyke 13	Eddie Overdyke	16

WLB Sterling Frierson	15	Cedrick Ritter	4
MLB Will Bouton	50	Mike Killian	13
SLB John Thrift	40	Keito Whetstone	5
LCB Richie Jackson	50	T.J. Wilson	4
RCB Rodney Johnson	29	Rodney Johnson	33
SS Shelvis Smith	27	Paul Billingsly	5
FS Josh Cooper	27	Cam Newton	4
Defense Totals	332	Defense Totals	147
2001 Combined Totals	653	2002 Combined Totals	275

🔍 **COMPETITIVE, EVEN IN DEFEAT...** While Furman owns a solid 34-10 record (.772) in its last 44 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

🔍 **JOHNSON HEADS UP PALADIN SECONDARY...** 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 Paladin 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 picked up his third interception of the season and seventh career theft in Saturday's win over VMI. He's also a two-time Verizon District III All-Academic selection.

🔍 **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.)** have taken over for Bouton. 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.

🔍 **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 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).

🔍 **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, 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. 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 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.

🔍 **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.)**.

✎ **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.

Time (Eastern)	Coach, School
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
10:21-10:28	Bobby Lamb, Furman
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	3-1			

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Furman — 3-1, 1st Year (.750)

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. WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple)

FLK	7	BEAR RINEHART	(6-0, 195, Sr.)
	1	Brian Bratton	(5-10, 174, So.)
LT	78	BEN BAINBRIDGE	(6-6, 281, So.)
	72	Brian Laggis	(6-3, 275, R-Fr.)
LG	62	JUSTIN PRICE	(6-5, 282, Sr.)
	73	Clayton Dyson	(6-1, 279, R-Fr.)
C	52	CRAIG MORGAN	(6-0, 283, So.)
	55	Corey Stewart	(6-2, 269, Fr.)
RG	56	TREVOR KRUGER	(6-2, 275, Sr.)
	64	Patrick Covington	(6-3, 270, Fr.)
RT	74	STEVEN CAIN	(6-5, 310, Sr.)
	65	Stephen Schroeder	(6-4, 262, So.)
TE	84	WILLIS SUDDERTH	(6-3, 244, So.)
	80	Justin Perdue	(6-2, 220, R-Fr.)
SE	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 (or)	(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 BILLINGSLEY	(6-2, 208, Jr.)
	8	David Latimer	(6-0, 200, R-Fr.)
FS	5	CAM NEWTON	(6-1, 190, So.)
	10	Daniel South	(6-0, 206, So.)

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

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

WESTERN CAROLINA OFFENSE (Multiple Pro)

WR	8	LAMONT SEWARD	(5-11, 195, Jr.)
	15	Michael Reeder	(6-3, 200, So.)
LT	76	JON VAUGHAN	(6-4, 270, Jr.)
	69	Josh Galloway	(6-6, 275, RFr.)
LG	55	THOMAS PRUETT	(6-2, 300, Sr.)
	68	Chase Patterson	(6-4, 275, RFr.)
C	65	LINDEN RYAN	(6-3, 270, RFr.)
	66	Jarrett Wishon	(6-1, 275, RFr.)
RG	74	JASON WHALEY	(6-3, 270, Jr.)
	72	Morris Sanders	(6-3, 300, So.)
RT	64	CALEB QUEEN	(6-4, 285, Sr.)
	73	Adam Donaldson	(6-4, 270, So.)
TE	91	TODD BARGELLA	(6-5, 255, Jr.)
	82	Brian Pesci	(6-1, 225, Jr.)
WR	83	BRENDEN ROY	(6-3, 210, Sr.)
	36	Mario Brown	(5-9, 205, Jr.)
QB	6	BRIAN GAITHER	(6-3, 215, Jr.)
	2	Pat Cilentto	(6-2, 200, Sr.)
RB	32	MANNY DESHAUTEURS	(5-7, 205, Jr.)
	21	Fred Boateng	(6-2, 220, Jr.)
WR	10	MICHAEL BANKS	(5-10, 170, Sr.)
	85	Xavier Godard	(5-10, 170, Fr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA DEFENSE (43)

DE	75	NICK MCNEIL	(6-4, 245, Jr.)
	99	Rico Reese	(6-2, 225, RFr.)
DT	96	LUIS HERRON	(6-3, 290, RFr.)
	92	Kevin McAlmont	(6-3, 280, Fr.)
NT	57	JEB HALL	(6-3, 280, Sr.)
	90	Dwain Johnson	(6-2, 280, So.)
DE	97	MICHAEL SPICER	(6-3, 240, Jr.)
	58	Steven Nace	(6-3, 240, Jr.)
SLB	26	JADA SULLIVAN	(5-11, 200, RFr.)
	59	James Conklin	(5-9, 215, Fr.)
MLB	7	ROD DUNLAP	(6-1, 220, Jr.)
	51	Lamar Barnes	(6-0, 245, Fr.)
WLB	49	DUNSTAN KENDRICK	(6-1, 205, Sr.)
	29	Ricky Rainey	(6-1, 205, So.)
CB	19	RANDY THOMPSON	(5-9, 170, Jr.)
	46	Bruce Lee	(5-8, 150, Fr.)
CB	22	DEONTE COOK	(5-10, 165, RFr.)
	46	Bruce Lee	(5-8, 150, Fr.)
SS	1	PAT LEACH	(5-9, 175, Sr.)
	13	Otis Powell	(5-11, 190, Jr.)
FS	5	TEDDY BURGIS	(6-0, 190, So.)
	20	Lamont Reid	(6-2, 195, Fr.)

WESTERN CAROLINA SPECIALISTS

PK	43	CHRIS VOUGHT	(5-11, 170, Jr.)
KO	25	TIM MAYSE	(5-11, 200, Fr.)
P	11	STANTON HORNE	(5-10, 175, Jr.)
SSN	61	JAMES HANCOCK	(6-2, 240, So.)
LSN	61	JAMES HANCOCK	(6-2, 240, So.)
HO	11	STANTON HORNE	(5-10, 175, Jr.)
PR	10	MICHAEL BANKS	(5-10, 170, Sr.)
KOR	30	SCOOTER DALTON	(6-0, 215, So.)

2002 Furman Football
Furman Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 30, 2002)
All Games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-1-0)	(1-0-0)	(2-1-0)	(0-0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-0-0)	(0-0-0)	(1-0-0)	(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
*Sep 28, 2002	at VMI	W	55-28	6235

* denotes conference game

TEAM STATISTICS	FUR	OPP
FIRST DOWNS.....	89	77
Rushing.....	44	41
Passing.....	40	34
Penalty.....	5	2
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	878	820
Yards gained rushing...	989	866
Yards lost rushing.....	111	46
Rushing Attempts.....	176	162
Average Per Rush.....	5.0	5.1
Average Per Game.....	219.5	205.0
TDs Rushing.....	12	8
PASSING YARDAGE.....	1042	639
Att-Comp-Int.....	95-66-2	92-56-6
Average Per Pass.....	11.0	6.9
Average Per Catch.....	15.8	11.4
Average Per Game.....	260.5	159.8
TDs Passing.....	7	4
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	1920	1459
Total Plays.....	271	254
Average Per Play.....	7.1	5.7
Average Per Game.....	480.0	364.8
KICKOFF RETURNS: #-YARDS.	14-283	23-394
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS....	7-84	7-36
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS.....	6-64	2-59
FUMBLES-LOST.....	10-5	5-3
PENALTIES-YARDS.....	12-95	16-129
PUNTS-AVG.....	15-37.3	19-42.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME..	31:00	29:00
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	26/51	19/48
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS.....	3/3	2/7

RUSHING	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Hindley Brigham	4	34	247	11	236	6.9	1	63	59.0
Toreico O'Neal	4	21	161	4	157	7.5	1	58	39.3
Lamar Rembert	4	29	185	31	154	5.3	2	52	38.5
Brandon Mays	4	18	102	6	96	5.3	0	24	24.0
Al Means	4	15	71	0	71	4.7	4	38	17.8
Eric Emerson	4	19	71	0	71	3.7	0	9	17.8
Brian Bratton	4	3	34	0	34	11.3	1	19	8.5
Billy Napier	4	18	63	32	31	1.7	3	16	7.8
Nick Marra	3	5	30	0	30	6.0	0	11	10.0
Isaac West	3	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
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	4	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Bo Moore	4	8	11	24	-13	-1.6	0	4	-3.3
Total.....	4	176	989	111	878	5.0	12	63	219.5
Opponents.....	4	162	866	46	820	5.1	8	61	205.0

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Comp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Billy Napier	4	192.30	78-57-2	73.1	919	6	78	229.8
Bo Moore	4	133.13	17-9-0	52.9	123	1	68	30.8
Total.....	4	181.71	95-66-2	69.5	1042	7	78	260.5
Opponents.....	4	120.52	92-56-6	60.9	639	4	59	159.8

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Bear Rinehart	4	21	318	15.1	1	39	79.5
Isaac West	3	10	242	24.2	3	78	80.7
Brian Bratton	4	10	166	16.6	2	76	41.5
Willis Sudderth	4	6	67	11.2	1	25	16.8
Toreico O'Neal	4	5	86	17.2	0	38	21.5
Andy Rump	4	3	34	11.3	0	25	8.5
Lamar Rembert	4	3	12	4.0	0	7	3.0
Daric Carter	4	2	80	40.0	0	68	20.0
John Rust	3	2	23	11.5	0	19	7.7
Eric Emerson	4	2	8	4.0	0	6	2.0
James Thomas	4	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.8
Hindley Brigham	4	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	4	66	1042	15.8	7	78	260.5
Opponents.....	4	56	639	11.4	4	59	159.8

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Danny Marshall	5-6	83.3	0-0	1-1	2-2	2-2	0-1	46	0

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs				DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass			
Danny Marshall	0	5-6	16-16	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	31
Al Means	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Brian Bratton	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Isaac West	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Billy Napier	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-1	0	0	18
Lamar Rembert	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Toreico O'Neal	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Willis Sudderth	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
Total.....	19	5-6	16-16	0-1	1	1-2	0	0	147
Opponents.....	13	0-1	13-13	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	91

BY QUARTER	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Team.....	70	30	19	28	- 147
Opponents...	21	28	14	28	- 91

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rodney Johnson	3	44	14.7	0	26
Cam Newton	2	15	7.5	0	15
David Latimer	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total.....	6	64	10.7	0	26
Opponents.....	2	59	29.5	1	48

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Bo Moore	13	535	41.2	52	1	1	2	0
Team	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	1
J. Van Dora	1	22	22.0	22	0	0	0	0
Total.....	15	559	37.3	52	1	1	2	1
Opponents.....	19	808	42.5	60	2	3	6	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bear Rinehart	7	84	12.0	0	26
Total.....	7	84	12.0	0	26
Opponents.....	7	36	5.1	0	10

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Brian Bratton	10	211	21.1	0	31
Brandon Mays	3	71	23.7	0	30
Toreico O'Neal	1	1	1.0	0	0
Total.....	14	283	20.2	0	31
Opponents.....	23	394	17.1	0	27

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Brian Bratton	4	34	166	0	211	0	411	102.8
Bear Rinehart	4	0	318	84	0	0	402	100.5
Isaac West	3	12	242	0	0	0	254	84.7
Toreico O'Neal	4	157	86	0	1	0	244	61.0
Hindley Brigham	4	236	-1	0	0	0	235	58.8
Total.....	4	878	1042	84	283	64	2351	587.8
Opponents.....	4	820	639	36	394	59	1948	487.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Billy Napier	4	96	31	919	950	237.5
Hindley Brigham	4	34	236	0	236	59.0
Toreico O'Neal	4	21	157	0	157	39.3
Lamar Rembert	4	29	154	0	154	38.5
Bo Moore	4	25	-13	123	110	27.5
Total.....	4	271	878	1042	1920	480.0
Opponents.....	4	254	820	639	1459	364.8

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	4	25	15	40	2/2	.	.	1	.	2-0	.	.	.	
21 Keito Whetstone	4	21	18	39	2/2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Mike Killian	4	17	10	27	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
14 Paul Billingsly	4	15	12	27	3/11	0.5-2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
41 Andrew Knight	4	10	16	26	4/8	0.5-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 Cam Newton	4	18	6	24	.	.	2-15	3	.	.	.	.	.
4 T.J. Wilson	4	10	4	14	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
98 L. Sperling	4	7	6	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49 William Freeman	4	6	5	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 Josh Slagle	3	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Justin Porter	4	6	4	10	1/1	1.0-1	.	.	.	1/1	.	.	.	
8 David Latimer	3	5	5	10	1/0	.	1-5	1	.	.	.	.	.
47 Eddie Overdyke	4	4	5	9	4/9	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
82 Glenn Smith	4	2	7	9	1/1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
10 Daniel South	2	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 Keith Johnson	4	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 Travis Jones	4	3	5	8	1/0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2 Maurice Duncan	4	4	4	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25 Rodney Johnson	4	4	3	7	1/1	.	3-44	3	.	1-0	.	.	.	
90 Michael Burant	3	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 Brandon Poole	4	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Andrew Carson	4	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 Ken Yuhas	4	3	2	5	2/4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Jon MacDonald	4	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66 Brant Glover	3	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	4	198	157	355	22/39	3-10	6-64	15	.	3-0	2	.	.	
Opponents.....	4	166	129	295	29/112	6-47	2-59	7	.	5-13	3	1	.	

2002 FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

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

* Furman employed a 35 defensive alignment against VMI, featuring only three down linemen and an extra defensive back (David Latimer).

GAME 1

Vanderbilt 49, Furman 18

September 7, 2002

Vanderbilt Stadium

Attendance: 28,568

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

GAME 2

Furman 57, Elon 7

September 14, 2002

Paladin Stadium

Attendance: 4,680

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

Field Goals: F — None. E — None.

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

GAME 3

Furman 17, Richmond 7

September 21, 2002

University of Richmond Stadium

Attendance: 7,189

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

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

GAME 4

Furman 55, VMI 28

September 28, 2002

Alumni Memorial Stadium

Attendance: 6,235

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Furman	28	10	10	7	—	55
VMI	0	14	7	7	—	28

SCORING SUMMARY

F — Toreico O'Neal	58 run (Danny Marshall kick)	14:22-1Q	7-0
F — Billy Napier	1 run (Danny Marshall kick)	8:00-1Q	14-0
F — Willis Sudderth	2 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick)	4:23-1Q	21-0
F — Brian Bratton	76 pass from Billy Napier (Danny Marshall kick)	0:52-1Q	28-0
V — Sean Mizzer	51 run (Matt Sharpe kick)	12:42-2Q	28-7
V — Musa Sarki	48 interception return (Matt Sharpe kick)	5:13-2Q	28-14
F — Lamar Rembert	52 run (Danny Marshall kick)	3:29-2Q	35-14
F — Danny Marshall	46 FG	0:00-2Q	38-14
F — Danny Marshall	42 FG	11:47-3Q	41-14
V — Kevin Solomon	1 run (Matt Sharpe kick)	4:30-3Q	41-21
F — Al Means	6 run (Danny Marshall kick)	0:45-3Q	48-21
V — Pedro Garcia	7 pass from Joey Gibson (Matt Sharpe kick)	7:24-4Q	48-28
F — Al Means	38 run (Danny Marshall kick)	0:58-4Q	55-28

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: F — Rembert 11-133, O'Neal 11-96, Brigham 9-78, Means 3-46, Bratton 2-25, Emerson 3-11, Mays 3-8, Napier 2-5, Moore 6-(-5). V — Mizzer 8-69, Gibson 13-46, Bell 7-35, Snelling 5-24, Lyles 2-3, Solomon 2-2.

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

Receiving: F — Sudderth 4-35, Bratton 3-94, O'Neal 3-50, Rinehart 1-39, Rump 1-25. V — Snelling 7-41, Garcia 4-37, Carlson 3-44, Burden 2-31, Bell 2-5, Malave-Lopez 1-17, Reel 1-12, Barnes 1-9, Solomon 1-8, Johnston 1-8.

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS

	FUR	VMI
First Downs	21	22
Rushing	50-397	37-179
Passing	243	212
C/A/I	12-20-1	23-39-3
Total Offense	640	391
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties	6-50	1-5
Punts	6-33.5	6-47.2
Punt Returns	3-30	2-18
Kickoff Returns	2-22	8-140
Possession Time	32:21	27:39
Third Down Conversions	4-13	5-14
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Sacks By	2-7	1-5