Furman Paladins (2-0) vs. Belmont Bruins (1-1)

FURMAN SOCCER GAME NOTES

The Furman men's soccer team won the 1999 UAB Nike Classic last weekend with impressive wins over South Florida and UAB. Thanks to those wins, the Paladins solidified a spot in the major national polls. Furman is 17th in the nation in the NSCAA poll, 18th in the Soccer Times national poll, and 19th in the Soccer America national poll. In addition, the Paladins are third in the NSCAA South Region Poll.

South Florida, ranked 18th in the Soccer America preseason poll, was the Paladins' first victim of the season. Sophomore John Barry Nusum, the Paladins' leading scorer last season, put Furman on the board first off assists from John Bradford and Paul Leese. After USF evened the score at 1-1 early in the second half, Nusum scored the game winner in the match's 78th minute off a Seth Marks assist. Goalkeeper Scott Blount notched 11 saves in the match, including a remarkable save in the match's final minute to preserve the victory.

In the second match of the tournament, Blount was the hero again. Blount earned tournament MVP honors after notching six saves, including several late in the second half when Furman was down a player thanks to a Ryan Conway red card in the 65th minute. Seven minutes into the first overtime period, Matt Goldsmith won the match for the Paladins with a goal off a John Bradford, Carl Junot assist.

Joining Blount on the all-tournament team were John Bradford (2 assists), John Barry Nusum (2 goals), and Matt Goldsmith (1 goal). Blount was also named Southern Conference co-Player of the Week.

Furman opens the season 2-0 for the third straight year.

Furman is the favorite to win the Southern Conference as the Paladins edged UNC Greensboro in the Southern Conference preseason coaches poll. Matt Goldsmith, a U.S. Under 20 National Team member, is a preseason second team *College Soccer Weekly* All-American. He was an honorable mention All-American as a freshman.

Furman returns eight seniors this season, six of which could be regular starters.

Series Record: This is the first meeting between the schools.

Next Match: Furman travels to Atlanta to face Georgia State at 2 p.m. Furman's next home match will be against Elon on September 19.

FURMAN PLAYER PROFILE

John Barry Nusum

1999: Furman's leading scorer after two matches with two goals...scored both goals in 2-1 win over #18 South Florida...named to the UAB/Nike Classic All-Tournament Team.

1998: Furman's leading scorer with 10 goals and 11 assists for 31 points...point total places him seventh on Furman's single season scoring chart, while assists place him second among single season assist leaders...scored four goals and recorded one assist in Furman's 6-0 victory over Appalachian State on October 18 to tie Furman single game records for goals and points (9) in a match...a second team All-Southern Conference pick.

High School/Club Soccer: Led Berkeley Institute in goals scored for four years...guided Berkeley to three first place league finishes and a third place finish...participated in all-star game during junior and senior seasons...has been a member of the Bermuda National Team for 5 years and is currently a member of the under-23 national team

1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SOCCER STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall				
Team	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**
UNC Greensboro	1	0	0	2	1	0	8	3
#17 Furman	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
VMI	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	2
Appalachian State	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
College of Charleston	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Wofford	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Georgia Southern	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	10
The Citadel	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	21
#5 Davidson	0	1	0	2	1	0	5	4

1999 BELMONT ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Jarod Mullins	GK	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
1	David Kopko	GK	So	Hendersonville, Tenn.
2	Adam MacDonald	D	Sr.	Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
4	Sean Carpenter	MF	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ark.
5	Matt Photivihok	D/MF	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
6	Ryan Troglen	MF	Fr.	Hendersonville, Tenn.
7	Jason Taylor	D	Sr.	Spring Hill, Fla.
8	Leif Sherry	D/MF	So.	Hendersonville, Tenn.
9	Luke Photivihok	F	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.
10	Luke Tidwell	MF/F	Jr.	Clinton, Miss.
11	Carlos Macioch	F/MF	So.	Oldsmar, Fla.
13	Adam McBride	MF	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
14	Yann Gerville-Reache	D	So.	Dickson, Tenn.
15	Jonathan Wayland	F	Jr.	Calvert City, Ky.
16	Will Emery	D	Jr.	Hermitage, Tenn.
17	Ryan Hager	F	So.	Hermitage, Tenn.
18	Sanel Filipovic	MF	Fr.	Klujc, Bosnia
19	Johnathan Davis	MF	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
20	David Potts	D/MF	Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn.
21	Bryan Norman	MF	Fr.	Franklin, Tenn.
22	Tim Mazzolini	F	Fr.	Cleveland, Tenn.

Head Coach: Earle Davidson (Vanderbilt, '89)

Assistant Coaches: Chris Bosworth, Dennis Cheatham

BRUIN NOTES

Belmont is 1-1 after losing to Mercer 3-0 and defeating Winthrop 4-1 to open the season. Luke Photivihok is the Bruins' leading scorer with two goals on the year. Carlos Macioch has one goal and one assist.

Next Match: Belmont's faces VMI Thursday at home.

NATIONAL SOCCER POLLS

NSCAA
1. UCLA
2. St. Louis
3. Indiana
4. Penn State
5. Davidson
6. Creighton
7. St. John's
8. Maryland
9. Stanford
10. Duke
11. U Conn
12. SMU
13. Santa Clara
14. Virginia
15. Rutgers
16. Notre Dame
17. Furman
18. CS Fullerton
19. Washington
20. Georgetown
21. Hofstra
22. Bowling Green
22. Brown
24. Wake Forest
25. Akron

Soccer America
1. UCLA
2. St. Louis
3. Indiana
4. Maryland
5. Davidson
6. Penn State
7. SMU
8. Brown
9. Stanford
10. St. John's
11. Santa Clara
12. CS Fullerton
13. Creighton
14. Duke
15. Jacksonville
16. Washington
17. Virgina
18. U Conn
19. Furman
20. Gonzaga

Soccer Times
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