#6 Furman Paladins (13-1-1, 6-0 SoCon) vs. Clemson Tigers (8-5-2, 1-1-2 ACC)

FURMAN SOCCER GAME NOTES

The Furman men's soccer team is currently 13-1-1 on the season and ranked in the top ten in all three national polls. The Paladins are ranked 6th in this week's Soccer America poll, giving Furman's its highest-ever national ranking. Furman is also 7th in the NSCAA listing and 10th in the Soccer Times national poll. Furman is ranked third in the South Region.

The Paladins, 7-0 in the Southern Conference, have already locked up the top seed at next week's conference tournament and at least a share of the SoCon title.

In Furman's last match, the Paladins blanked VMI 3-0 on the strength of two Jody Keeling goals. Stephen Rodriguez scored the first goal on a penalty kick, while Keeling added the final two goals.

Sophomore John Barry Nusum is the Paladins leading scorer with ten goals on the season. Nusum is third in the conference in scoring. Senior midfielder Daniel Alvarez currently leads the Southern Conference in assists with nine. Alvarez ranks 13th in the nation in assists per match. He is Furman's all-time leader in assists with 34 during his career. Scott Blount ranks sixth in the nation with a 0.55 goals against average. This is the third straight year that Furman's keeper has been among the nation's leaders in goals against average.

In national team statistics, Furman ranks ninth in team defense and fifth in winning percentage.

Furman has not allowed more than one goal in any match this season. The Paladins have trailed in only 20 out the 1389 minutes played this season.

Doug Allison's current 70-20-7 record at Furman places him third in the nation among active head coaches in winning percentage.

Series Record: Clemson owns a 28-3-1 all-time advantage over Furman. The Paladins last defeated the Tigers in 1995 with a 2-1 win over third ranked Clemson. Doug Allison is 1-2 lifetime against Clemson as a head coach.

Next Match: Furman will conclude the Southern Conference regular season on Sunday at 2 p.m. as the Paladins host Georgia Southern.

FURMAN PLAYER PROFILE

Matt Goldsmith

1999: Started all 14 matches for the Paladins at either defender or outside midfield...an incredibly versatile player...scored one goal and recorded one assist...named to all-tournament team at UAB Tournament after scoring game-winner over UAB...a preseason second team All-American by College Soccer Weekly... a member of the United States Under-20 National Team...represented U.S. in the 1999 FIFA Under-20 World Youth Championships in Nigeria in April '99...was one of only 13 collegiate players on the team...was one of the top collegiate freshman in the nation last season.

1998: Lived up to expectations with a stellar freshman season...started all 22 matches for the Paladins, mostly at defender...also played midfield and forward when needed...scored two goals and recorded three assists...a first team All-Southern Conference pick...selected by College Soccer Weekly as an honorable mention All-American and was one of only six freshman in the nation to earn All-American honors.

High School/Club Soccer: A two-time Parade All-American selection...chosen as the top midfielder in the nation as a senior...One of only four high school members of the Under-20 U.S. National Team...has traveled to Italy, France, Mexico, Germany, Chile, and parts of Africa representing the United States on the Under-18 and Under-20 national teams.

1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SOCCER STANDINGS

	Conference			Overall				
Team	**W**	**L**	**T**	**W**	**L**	**T**	**GF**	**GA**
#6 Furman	**7**	**0**	**0**	**13**	**1**	**1**	**37**	**9**
UNC Greensboro	7	1	0	10	6	0	43	18
Appalachian State	5	3	0	8	8	0	24	24
Davidson	4	3	0	7	10	0	27	29
College of Charleston	4	4	0	5	11	1	19	31
Georgia Southern	3	4	0	5	9	1	32	46
Wofford	2	5	0	4	10	0	17	49
The Citadel	1	6	0	4	12	0	20	55
VMI	0	7	0	6	10	0	31	33

1999 CLEMSON ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Josh Campbell	GK	SR	Baltimore, MD
2	Alan Woods	D	SR	Burtonsville, MD
3	Matt Elliott	D	SR	Tallahassee, FL
4	Mike Potempa	MF	JR	Hunt Valley, MD
5	Jeremy Iwaszkowiec	MF/F	SR	St. Peters, MO
6	Nathan Rawlins	MF/D	SR	Lithonia, GA
7	Bob Cavanagh	F	SR	Wakefield, RI
8	Ross Goodacre	MF	SO	Hastings, New Zealand
9	Ian Fuller	F	SO	Portland, OR
10	Fabio Tambosi	F	FR	Sao Paulo, Brazil
11	Mark Lisi	MF	JR	Englewood, CO
12	Pablo Webster	D	JR	Columbia, MD
13	Russell Keifer	MF	SR	Westerville, OH
14	Christian Baldwin	D	SR	Kenner, LA
15	Fred Pineda	MF	FR	Simpsonville, SC
18	Zach Gottlieb	D	FR	Fairfax, VA
20	Lee Ibrahim	F	SO	Clemson, SC
21	Chuck Peurifoy	F	JR	Clemson, SC
22	Kevin Conaway	D	JR	Largo, FL
23	Chet Sosebee	D	FR	Athens, GA
24	Andy Heck	D	JR	Austin, TX
25	Kyle Goodrich	D	FR	Marietta, GA
27	Carl Thodesen	MF	FR	Asmara, Eritrea
28	Marc Paisant	GK	SO	Norcross, GA
29	Michael Savage	GK	SO	Simpsonville, SC
30	Patrick Fullerton	GK	SO	Martinez, GA

Head Coach: Trevor Adair
Assistant Coaches: Todd Bramble and Andy McMahon

TIGER NOTES

Clemson is 8-5-2 and ranked 6th in the NSCAA South Region poll. The Tigers have won five straight, including a 2-1 win over then 14th-ranked Virginia. Earlier this season, Clemson tied current #1 Duke 0-0. Clemson has sufferered losses to Davidson, Penn State, North Carolina, Santa Clara, and Akron this season. Mark Lisi and Bob Cavanagh each have five goals to lead Clemson, while Ian Fuller has four goals and six assists.

Next Match: Today's match marks the first of three straight matches against top ten teams as Clemson faces #8 Maryland on Saturday and #5 Wake Forest on November 7.

NATIONAL SOCCER POLLS

NSCAA
1. Duke
2. Indiana
3. UCLA
4. Wake Forest
5. Penn State
6. SW Missouri St.
7. Furman
8. CS Fullerton
9. Maryland
10. Creighton
11. U Conn
12. St. Louis
13. Santa Clara
14. Akron
15. St. John's
16. Old Dominion
17t. SMU
17t. Brown
19. Washington
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