



Furman Paladins (4-0) vs. Elon College Fighting Christians (2-2)



FURMAN SOCCER GAME NOTES

The Furman men's soccer team is currently 4-0 on the season and ranked in all three national polls. Furman is 11th in the nation in the NSCAA poll, 13th in the Soccer Times national poll, and 15th in the Soccer America national poll. In addition, the Paladins are second in the NSCAA South Region Poll. The Paladins' ranking of 11th in the NSCAA poll ties Furman's best-ever mark in that poll. Furman's highest ever national ranking is 10th by Soccer America in 1996.

Last week, the Paladins downed Belmont 4-1 and Georgia State 3-1. In the Belmont match John Barry Nusum scored the first goal, while Daniel Alvarez recorded two assists. Against Georgia State, Andy Foy scored the Paladins first goal, while John Barry Nusum and John Bradford added goals.

Furman's match against UNCC, scheduled for last Wednesday, was cancelled due to Hurricane Floyd.

Sophomore John Barry Nusum is the Paladins leading scorer with four goals on the season, while senior Andy Foy has scored twice. Nusum is fifth in the conference in scoring. Senior midfielder Daniel Alvarez currently leads the Southern Conference in assists, while sophomore Scott Blount leads the conference with a goals against average of 0.74.

Furman opens the season 4-0 for the third time in history. The 1989 and 1993 Paladin teams opened the season 5-0.

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.

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

Next Match: Furman travels to Charleston for a 7 p.m. match against the College of Charleston on Tuesday. The Paladins return home for a big in-state battle against South Carolina next Sunday at 2 p.m.

FURMAN PLAYER PROFILE



Stephen Rodriguez

1999: Started all four matches at midfield for the Paladins...interned with U.S. Soccer over the summer.

1998: Scored four goals and recorded nine assists to finish as the Paladins' second leading scorer with 17 points...started 21 matches for Furman...recorded a goal or an assist in eight of the Paladins' first nine matches...a second team All-Southern Conference pick...a SoCon Honor Roll Member.

1997: Scored four goals and recorded one assist to finish with nine points on the season...started all 20 matches for the Paladins in the midfield...scored goals in Furman's victories over Erksine, College of Charleston, and The Citadel.

1996: Scored four goals and recorded five assists to finish as the Paladins' fifth leading scorer...took part in one of the best plays of the year with his assist against Florida International en route to the Paladins' 3-2 victory over the eventual national runner-ups.

High School/Club Soccer: 1996 graduate of New Braunfels High School, where he played midfield and defender under Bob Rodriguez...selected as one of *Soccer America's* Super 11 recruits for Region III despite suffering a broken leg his senior season...played on the U.S. Under-17 National Team in Concafcac qualifying...named to the Texas All-State team after his junior season.

1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Conference			Overall			GF	GA
	W	L	T	W	L	T		
UNC Greensboro	1	0	0	3	3	0	12	7
#11 Furman	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	3
VMI	0	0	0	3	1	0	17	8
Appalachian State	0	0	0	3	3	0	5	15
Wofford	0	0	0	1	3	0	5	9
The Citadel	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	21
Georgia Southern	0	0	0	1	4	0	10	20
College of Charleston	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	7
Davidson	0	1	0	3	4	0	9	13

1999 ELON ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Hometown
1	Scot Wahl	Jr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
2	Joe Broscius	Sr.	Virginia Beach, VA
3	Mason Oately	Fr.	Bay Village, OH
4	Kevin Johnson	Fr.	Cornelius, NC
5	Jason Diebler	Fr.	Longwood, FL
6	Stuart Reid	R-Fr.	Springfield, VA
7	Chris Gerbino	So.	Deerfield Beach, FL
8	Jake Downs	Fr.	Plano, TX
9	Ben Hoffman	R-Jr.	Blacklick, OH
10	Duran Martin	So.	Denver, CO
11	Scott Wollaston	R-Fr.	Landenberg, PA
12	Brent Sweatman	Fr.	Charleston, SC
13	Stephen Hockman	Fr.	Durham, NC
14	Brad Conklin	Fr.	Myers, FL
15	Ryan Murphy	Fr.	Sanford, NC
16	Devin McCarron	Fr.	Ashland, OH
17	Damian Smith	Jr.	Royal Palm Beach, FL
18	Drew Cheldelin	So.	Richardson, TX
19	Robert Latimer	So.	Deltona, FL
20	Marcus Lages	So.	Ellicott City, MD
21	Tony DeRosa	Fr.	Elm Grove, WI
22	Kavik Henderson	So.	Manassas, VA
24	Clay Grossman	Fr.	Tampa, FL
28	Paul Reuter	Jr.	Chalfont, PA
29	Bret Jacobs	Fr.	York, PA

Head Coach: Mike Reilly

Assistant Coaches: Brian Neiberline, Mike Seabolt

FIGHTING CHRISTIAN NOTES

Elon is 2-2 on the year with wins over Lynchburg and Wofford and losses to Old Dominion and The Citadel.

Next Match: Elon's next match is Wednesday in Raleigh against N.C. State.

NATIONAL SOCCER POLLS

NSCAA Top 25

- Creighton
- Penn State
- St. John's
- Duke
- Maryland
- Santa Clara
- SMU
- Indiana
- CS Fullerton
- Yale
- Furman**
- St. Louis
- San Diego
- VCU
- Hofstra
- UCLA
- Akron
- Wake Forest
- U Conn
- Washington
- Virginia
- San Jose State
- California
- North Carolina
- Cincinnati

Soccer America

- Maryland
- Penn State
- SMU
- Indiana
- UCLA
- St. John's
- Creighton
- Santa Clara
- CS Fullerton
- St. Louis
- Duke
- Yale
- Brown
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Soccer Times

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