



#6 Furman Paladins (14-1-1, 7-0 SoCon) vs. Georgia Southern Eagles (5-10-1, 3-4 SoCon)



FURMAN SOCCER GAME NOTES

The Furman men's soccer team is currently 14-1-1 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 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. A win today would give Furman the outright Southern Conference title.

In Furman's last match, the Paladins defeated Clemson 3-2 in double overtime in front of 2,852 fans at Eugene Stone Soccer Stadium. Carl Junot scored the first goal to even the score at 1-1, while Andy Foy put Furman ahead 2-1 late in the first half. Clemson scored early in the second half, forcing overtime. Furman scored the game-winner with 51 seconds to play in the second overtime period.

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 ten. Alvarez ranks 13th in the nation in assists per match. He is Furman's all-time leader in assists with 35 in his career. Scott Blount entered the week ranked 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.

Doug Allison's current 71-20-7 record at Furman places him third in the nation among active head coaches in winning percentage.

Series Record: Furman owns a 9-1-1 all-time advantage over the Eagles. The Paladins have won the last five meetings as Allison is a perfect 5-0 against Georgia Southern.

Next Match: Furman will travel to Charleston, S.C. for the Southern Conference Tournament this weekend. The Paladins will play either The Citadel at 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

FURMAN PLAYER PROFILE

Daniel Alvarez



1999: Has ten assists and two goals this season...became Furman's all-time leader in assists earlier this season, passing a 12-year old mark set by Jeff Jones in 1987...currently has 35 career assists...only two assists shy of the Furman single season record.

1998: Tallied 11 assists, good for second place on Furman's single season assist charts...also recorded three goals, including two in a 3-1 victory over Georgia Southern...named first team All-Southern Conference for the second straight year and second team NSCAA All-South Region.

1997: Finished with four goals and ten assists for 18 points, tying for the team lead...scored game-winner vs. North Carolina with just over a minute remaining to give the Paladins a 2-1 victory over the Tar Heels...named to the Soccer America Team-of-the-Week following the UNC match...named first team All-Southern Conference and to the NSCAA/Umbro All-South third team.

1996: Started 15 matches as a freshman...scored two goals and notched four assists as a midfielder...scored critical goals against Davidson, and later in the Southern Conference championship game against Georgia Southern...named to Southern Conference All-Tournament team and the Clemson Invitational All-Tournament squad.

High School/Club Soccer: 1996 graduate of Pine Forest High School...holds Pine Forest records for most goals in a season and career...named all-state his senior season...was named all-conference three consecutive years.

1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Conference			Overall			GF	GA
	W	L	T	W	L	T		
#6 Furman	7	0	0	14	1	1	40	11
UNC Greensboro	7	1	0	10	7	0	43	19
Appalachian State	5	3	0	8	9	0	24	26
Davidson	4	3	0	8	10	0	32	29
College of Charleston	4	4	0	5	12	1	21	34
Georgia Southern	3	4	0	5	10	1	32	52
Wofford	2	5	0	4	11	0	18	51
The Citadel	1	6	1	4	12	1	22	57
VMI	0	7	1	6	10	1	33	35

1999 GEORGIA SOUTHERN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
1	John Miglarese	GK	Sr	Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
2	Blake Bironas	MF	Fr	Goshen, Ky.
4	Tony Brown	F	Jr	Hixson, Tenn.
6	Andy Grossman	D	Fr	Indianapolis, Ind.
8	Omar Morales	F	Fr	Thomasville, Ga.
9	Matt Colaluca	F	Sr	Columbus, Ga.
10	Alan Pate	MF	Jr	Marietta, Ga.
11	Alan Woodrum	MF	So	Statesboro, Ga.
12	Martin Cunningham	MF	Fr	Marietta, Ga.
13	Courtney Cummins	D	Fr	Powder Springs, Ga.
14	David Fisk	D	Jr	Clemson, S.C.
15	Jeremy McClure	F	Sr	Dublin, Ga.
16	Stephen Brantley	D	Fr	Griffin, Ga.
17	Florian Scheidat	F	Jr	Hamburg, Germany
18	Elliott Ulmer	D	Fr	Conyers, Ga.
19	Trenton LeBlanc	D	Fr	Roswell, Ga.
20	Craig Valentine	D	Fr	Roswell, Ga.
21	Branden Julien	F	Fr	Columbus, Ga.
22	Jeff Russell	MF	Fr	Macon, Ga.
23	Alex Branch	MF	Fr	Gainesville, Ga.
26	Garrett Lazenby	GK	Fr	Lilburn, Ga.

Head Coach: Kevin Chambers (Georgia Southern, 1992)
Assistant Coach: Mike Burrell (Georgia Southern, 1997)

EAGLE NOTES

Georgia Southern is 5-10-1 overall and 3-4 in the Southern Conference. The Eagles have lost their last two matches to UNC Greensboro and South Florida. Georgia Southern earned conference wins over The Citadel, Wofford, and VMI. Jeremy McClure leads the Eagle with 12 goals and five assists.

Next Match: Georgia Southern will be the sixth seed at next weekend's conference tournament and will face Davidson or Appalachian State on Friday in Charleston.

NATIONAL SOCCER POLLS

NSCAA

- Duke
- Indiana
- UCLA
- Wake Forest
- Penn State
- SW Missouri St.
- Furman
- CS Fullerton
- Maryland
- Creighton
- U Conn
- St. Louis
- Santa Clara
- Akron
- St. John's
- Old Dominion
- SMU
- Brown
- Washington
- UMBC
- North Carolina
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- California
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Soccer America

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