



# #8 Furman Paladins (12-1-1, 6-0 SoCon) vs. VMI Keydets (6-9, 0-6 SoCon)



## FURMAN SOCCER GAME NOTES

The Furman men's soccer team is currently 12-1-1 on the season and ranked in all three national polls. The Paladins are ranked 8th in this week's Soccer America poll, giving Furman its highest-ever national ranking. Furman is also 10th in the NSCAA listing and 12th in the Soccer Times national poll. Furman is ranked third in the South Region.

The Paladins, 6-0 in the Southern Conference, can lock up their 14th Southern Conference championship with a win today. The Paladins have one conference match left, so a win today would secure the #1 seed at the tournament and at least a share of the conference title. Furman has won the Southern Conference championship in every year except one in the 1990's.

Furman just concluded a three match road trip against the second, third, and fourth place teams in the conference and came away with three wins. Furman downed Appalachian State 1-0, beat UNC Greensboro 3-1, and blanked Davidson 1-0. Furman's win over UNCG was its third in the last four meetings between the two rivals. Vaughan Bethell, Carl Junot, and Stephen Rodriguez scored for the Paladins in that key match.

On Friday, John Barry Nusum scored the lone goal as Furman defeated Davidson 1-0. Despite Davidson's 7-10 record, they had posted a 2-0 record against top ten teams this season before falling to Furman.

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 eighth in the nation in assists per match. He is Furman's all-time leader in assists with 34 during his career. Scott Blount ranks 16th in the nation in goals against average. If he finishes in the nations' top 20, it will mark the third straight year that Furman's keeper was among the nation's leaders in goals against average.

Furman has not allowed more than one goal in any match this season. Furman has trailed in only 20 out of the 1299 minutes played this season.

**Series Record:** Furman owns a 19-1-1 all-time series advantage over VMI. The Paladins have won 19 straight matches over VMI dating back to 1978.

**Next Match:** Furman will host in-state rival Clemson on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Paladins final regular season match will be next Sunday at 2 p.m. against Georgia Southern.

## FURMAN PLAYER PROFILE

### Andy Foy



**1999:** Started three matches and scored four goals this season...named to the all-tournament team at the Clemson/Nike Invitational...a two-time recipient of the Furman Bisher Award, given annually to the athlete with the highest grade point average.

**1998:** Provided valuable contribution off the bench as he saw action in 21 contests...played extremely well in big matches...scored four goals and recorded one assist on the season...scored biggest goal of the year for the Paladins with game-winner in 4-3 win over UNC

Greensboro...also scored game-winner against The Citadel.

**1997:** Registered playing time in 17 matches...scored goals in Furman victories over Erskine, Vanderbilt, and The Citadel.

**1996:** Registered playing time in 17 games...recorded seven points with three goals and one assist...scored goals in Furman victories over Marshall, Winthrop, and Wofford...registered an assist in Furman's 4-2 SoCon title clinching win over Georgia Southern.

**High School/Club Soccer:** 1996 graduate of Spackenkil High School, where he played midfield and striker...helped Spackenkil to an 18-1 record his senior year, when he tallied 35 goals and 20 assists...named to the New York All-State first team...chosen *Poughkeepsie Journal* Player-of-the-Year.

## 1999 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Conference			Overall			GF	GA
	W	L	T	W	L	T		
#8 Furman	6	0	0	12	1	1	34	9
UNC Greensboro	6	1	0	9	6	0	40	18
Appalachian State	5	2	0	8	7	0	24	21
Davidson	4	3	0	7	10	0	27	29
College of Charleston	4	4	0	5	10	1	19	26
Georgia Southern	3	4	0	5	9	1	32	46
Wofford	2	4	0	4	10	0	17	49
The Citadel	0	5	0	2	11	0	16	54
VMI	0	6	0	6	9	0	31	30

## 1999 VMI ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Jon Cabrera	GK	Jr.	Greenwell Spr., La.
3	T. J. Claytor	MF	Fr.	Richmond, Va.
4	Paul DeRose	MF	Sr.	Williamsburg, Va.
5	Sean Brown	MF	Fr.	Port St. Lucie, Fla.
6	Michael Gengler	F	Fr.	Shoreham, N.Y.
7	Brad Thompson	MF/F	So.	Cleveland, Ohio
8	Tony Conway	B	Jr.	Reading, England
9	Scott Watts	B	So.	Chesterfield, Va.
10	Jonathan Rios	MF	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va.
11	Keane Jones (C)	MF	Sr.	Locust Grove, Va.
12	Zach Johnson	MF	Jr.	Shawsville, Va.
13	Kenny Sykes	F	Sr.	Midlothian, Va.
14	Daniel Whitehall	F	Fr.	Royal PalmB., Fla.
15	Brent Pasko	MF	So.	Sterling, VA
17	Jason Seagle	F/MF	Jr.	Richmond, Va.
18	Adam Maneen	B	Jr.	Greenville, S.C.
19	Patrick Szvetitz	MF	Fr.	Valrico, Fla.
20	Ian Doyle	B	Sr.	New Port Richey, Fl.
21	Mark Carr	B/MF	Fr.	Bloomington, Minn.
22	Eric Edwards	B/MF	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va.
23	B.J. Lafon	B	Jr.	Blacksburg, Va.
24	Stephen Fern (C)	B	Sr.	W. Terre Haute, Ind.
25	Patrick Atchison	B	Fr.	Fisherville, Va.
27	John Simmons	GK	So.	Chillicothe, Ohio
28	Steve Swann	GK	So.	Hudson, Ohio
29	Patrick Collins	GK	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.

## KEYDET NOTES

VMI is 6-9 on the year, 0-6 in the Southern Conference. The Keydets have lost seven of their last eight matches, including a 3-1 loss to Wofford on Friday. Kenny Sykes is VMI's leading scorer with 10 goals and one assist.

**Next Match:** VMI finishes the season next Saturday at The Citadel.

## NATIONAL SOCCER POLLS

### NSCAA

- Duke
- St. Louis
- Indiana
- UCLA
- San Diego
- Wake Forest
- Maryland
- SW Missouri
- Penn State
- Furman**
- Santa Clara
- U Conn
- St. John's
- Creighton
- VCU
- Jacksonville
- California
- Rutgers
- Akron
- Virginia
- Cornell
- UMBC
- Brown
- CS Fullerton
- SMU

### Soccer America

- Indiana
- UCLA
- St. Louis
- San Diego
- SW Missouri
- Maryland
- Duke
- Furman**
- Wake Forest
- Rutgers
- Penn State
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- Ohio State
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### Soccer Times

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- SMU
- CS Fullerton
- Akron
- Portland
- 23t. North Carolina
- 23t. Virginia
- Cincinnati

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