



Furman Men's Soccer Game Release
Southern Conference Tournament
November 15-18, 2001
Mt. Pleasant, S.C. -- Patriot's Point



THE GAME

Furman will face Wofford in the first round of the Southern Conference Men's Soccer Tournament on Thursday, November 15 at 4:30 p.m. The Paladins would meet the winner of the College of Charleston-Appalachian State match in the semifinals. Wofford enters with a 1-6-1 league mark and a 4-12-1 overall record.

HEAD COACH

Furman: Doug Allison (South Carolina '89)
 109-29-9 (.772), 7th Year at Furman
 109-29-9 (.772), 7th Year Overall

THE SERIES

Furman commands a 20-3-1 series record against Wofford, a 20-17-1 series record against Appalachian State, and a 9-5-3 record against College of Charleston.

Against teams Furman could face in the finals, the Paladins hold a 22-15-1 record vs. Davidson, a 6-4 record with UNCG, a 22-1-1 record against VMI, and a 12-1-1 record against Georgia Southern.

2001 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (14-4, 8-0 SoCon)

Aug. 31 @Furman 7, Belmont 0
 Sept. 7 @Furman 3, Notre Dame 2 (2OT)
 Sept. 9 @Furman 4, Florida International 1
 Sept. 22 @Furman 5, The Citadel 0
 Sept. 25 Furman 4, @ Coll. of Charleston 0
 Sept. 28 Furman 3, VCU 0 (@ Clemson)
 Sept. 30 Furman 2, Cal-Poly 1 (@ Clemson)
 Oct. 3 South Carolina 3, @ Furman 2 (2OT)
 Oct. 6 Furman 4, @ Appalachian St. 1
 Oct. 10 @ Furman 3, Georgia Southern 0
 Oct. 14 @ UAB 2, Furman 1
 Oct. 17 Clemson 3, @ Furman 2 (2OT)
 Oct. 19 @ Furman 7, VMI 2
 Oct. 26 Kentucky 1, Furman 0 (@ FIU)
 Oct. 28 Furman 4, Michigan 0 (@ FIU)
 Oct. 31 @ Furman 7, Wofford 0
 Nov. 3 Furman 1, @ Davidson 0
 Nov. 10 Furman 3, @ UNCG 1

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **SOCON DOMINANCE**...Furman's dominance of the Southern Conference over the last two decades is remarkable. A few key points:

- Furman has won the last four SoCon regular season titles, 11 of the last 12, and 16 of the last 19.
- Since 1986, the Paladins have won either the regular season or the tournament every season.
- Furman has posted a 108-8 Southern Conference regular season record since 1983.
- Furman has finished the regular season a perfect 8-0 over the last three seasons and the Paladins have a 30 match conference unbeaten streak. The 30 match conference unbeaten streak is the fifth longest in NCAA Division I history, trailing Clemson (1972-1980, 42 matches), Indiana (1995-2000, 38 matches), Appalachian State (1977-1982, 35 matches),

and James Madison (1992-1995, 32 matches).

✓ **THE BIG DANCE**...With a Southern Conference tournament championship, Furman will make its third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. Last year, the Paladins were defeated by Clemson 3-2 on a snowy day at Riggs Field in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. In 1999, Furman advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament with wins over North Carolina (2-1 in OT) and Wake Forest (4-0) before falling to Connecticut (3-2). Furman's first ever NCAA Tournament appearance came in 1991 where the Paladins downed Wake Forest 1-0 before falling to N.C. State 4-1. Then in 1993, Furman received a bid and lost to South Carolina 1-0. Combined, Furman has a 3-4 record in the NCAA Tournament and has matched its opponents with 12 goals a piece.

✓ **STEADY TOP 25**...Furman has been a consistent member of the Soccer America top 25 poll this season. The Paladins have been ranked as high as third in the poll, matching their highest climb ever. The Paladins are currently ranked 18th.

✓ **OFFENSIVE POWER**...Furman currently holds the nation's most potent offense as the Paladins have scored 62 goals thus far this season for an average of 3.44 goals per match. Furman's 62 goals also leads Division I as the most goals scored by a team. Furman led the nation last season as well. Three of the top five scoring teams in the country are from the Carolinas.

Top Scoring Offense

Team	Goals	M	Avg.
1. Furman	62	18	3.44
2. SMU	54	17	3.18
3. Winthrop	53	17	3.12
4. Towson	54	19	2.84
5. North Carolina	51	18	2.83

✓ **STINGY DEFENSE**...Furman has been incredibly stingy on defense this season allowing only 0.97 goals per match. The Paladins have only given up three goals on two occasions this season. Furman has been especially hard on the offenses of Southern Conference opponents. The Paladins are holding conference foes to only 0.50 goals per match.

✓ **SHUTOUT STREAKS**...Furman has had two impressive consecutive shutout streaks this season. The Paladins put together 302 minutes of shutout soccer in matches between September 9th and September 30th. Furman then posted a 359 minute shutout streak from October 28 to November 10.

✓ **THE BEST EVER**... Furman forward John Barry Nusum is in his final season as a Paladin and he will go down as Furman's most prolific player ever. Nusum, from Devonshire, Bermuda, is a finalist this season for the Hermann Trophy and the MAC Awards as the top player in NCAA

2001 SOCON STANDINGS

Team	SoCon	Overall
Furman	8-0	14-4
Davidson	6-2	11-7
UNC Greensboro	6-2	11-7
Appalachian State	4-4	9-7
College of Charleston	4-4	5-10-1
VMI	3-4-1	6-10-1
Georgia Southern	3-5	7-11
Wofford	1-6-1	4-12
The Citadel	0-8	0-14

Thursday, November 2

@ Patriots Point, Charleston, S.C.
 4:30 p.m. Furman vs. The Citadel
 7:00 p.m. Davidson vs. Georgia Southern

Friday, November 3

@ Patriots Point, Charleston, S.C.
 4:30 p.m. UNCG vs. VMI
 7:00 p.m. Appalachian St. vs. C. of Charleston

Saturday, November 4

2:00 p.m. FU/WC winner vs. ASU/CofC winner
 4:30 p.m. DC/GSU winner vs. UNCG/VMI winner

Sunday, November 6

@ Patriots Point, Charleston, S.C.
 3:00 p.m. Championship Match

**2001 FURMAN PALADINS
 REGULAR SEASON HONORS**

Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week

Week 1: Scott Hoch
 Week 3: John Barry Nusum
 Week 7: Scott Blount

Soccer America Team-of-the-Week

September 13: John Barry Nusum
 September 26: John Barry Nusum

College Soccer News Team-of-the-Week

September 13: John Barry Nusum
 October 2: Sergei Raad
 November 13: John Barry Nusum

Umbro/Spinx Furman Invitational
 All-Tournament Team

John Barry Nusum (O-MVP)
 Sergei Raad Scott Blount

Clemson/Nike All Tournament Team

Sergei Raad (O-MVP) Jack Handy
 Matt Goldsmith Andy Kidd

Division I.

Nusum ranks as Furman's all-time leader in career goals and career points. He is two assists shy of the career assists mark. He holds the single season record for points and the single game record for goals and points.

Nusum is one assist shy of becoming only the 25th player in NCAA history to join the 40/40 club with 40 career goals and 40 career assists.

Nusum ranks 12th in the nation in points per game and 13th in the nation in goals per game.

Furman Career Points Leaders

Player	Year	G	A	P
1. John Barry Nusum	1998-	60	39	159
2. Andrew Burr	1987-90	50	19	119
3. Scott Broderick	1984-87	44	16	104
4. Jeff Jones	1984-87	34	33	101

Furman Career Goals Leaders

Player	Year	Goals
1. John Barry Nusum	1998-	60
2. Andrew Burr	1987-90	50
3. Scott Broderick	1984-87	44
4. Ryan Higginbotham	1994-97	36

Furman Career Assists Leaders

Player	Year	Assists
1. Daniel Alvarez	1996-99	41
2. John Barry Nusum	1998-	39
3. Jeff Jones	1984-87	33
4. Osian Roberts	1985-88	26
4. Steven Todd	1983-86	26

Furman Single Season Points Leader

Player	Year	G	A	P
1. John Barry Nusum	2000	18	12	48
2. Andrew Burr	1989	20	5	45
3. Ryan Higginbotham	1996	19	6	44
4. John Barry Nusum	1999	17	9	43

Furman Single Season Goals Leader

Player	Year	Goals
1. Andrew Burr	1989	20
2. Ryan Higginbotham	1996	19
2. Andrew Burr	1990	19
4. John Barry Nusum	2000	18

Furman Single Season Assists Leader

Player	Year	Assists
1. Daniel Alvarez	1999	16
2. McNeil Cronin	2000	13
3. John Barry Nusum	2000	12
3. Mike Freno	1996	12

2001 Hermann Trophy Finalists

Chris Gbandi -- Connecticut
 Pat Noonan -- Indiana
 Mohamed Fahim -- SMU
 Carl Bussey -- SMU
 Kyle Martino -- Virginia
 Alecko Eskandarian -- Virginia
 Ricardo Villar -- Penn State
 Brad Davis -- Saint Louis
 Oguchi Onyewu -- Clemson
 Lee Morrison -- Stanford
 Gavin Ginton -- Bradley
John Barry Nusum -- Furman
 Alex Yi -- UCLA
 Luchi Gonzalez -- SMU
 Diego Walsh -- SMU

✓ **ALLISON AMONG THE NATION'S BEST...** Furman head coach Doug Allison is currently in his seventh season at Furman and has posted a 109-29-9 overall record. Allison's winning percentage of .771 is third-best among active Division I head coaches. He trails only

Indiana's Jerry Yeagley and SMU's Schellas Hyndman. On September 28th, Allison earned his 100th career win with a 4-0 victory at the College of Charleston. Allison, who earned his 100th win in only 134 career matches, is believed to be one of the fastest coaches to 100 wins in college soccer history.

Top Winning Percentage Active Head Coaches

1. Jerry Yeagley, Indiana	508-93-38	.825
2. Schellas Hyndman, SMU	372-95-33	.777
3. Doug Allison, Furman	109-29-9	.772
4. George Gelnovatch, UVA	98-26-12	.765
5. Dave Masur, St. John's	224-64-32	.750

✓ **A SUCCESS AT ALL LEVELS...** Furman is not the first place that Doug Allison has found success in the collegiate ranks. Allison, a native of Bath, England, came to the United States in 1984 to play soccer at the University of South Carolina. At USC, he led the Gamecocks to a combined 67-14-6 record and is still South Carolina's all-time leading scorer with 63 goals and 32 assists. Prior to taking the Furman job, Allison served as an assistant coach at both North Carolina and South Carolina. In seven seasons as an assistant, Allison's teams compiled a 95-38-12 record. Allison's combined college soccer record as a player, assistant coach, and head coach is 271-81-27 for a .751 winning percentage.

✓ **TALENTED COACHES...** While Furman has lots of talent on the field, it also has accumulated a good bit of talent on the sideline with the coaching staff. Head coach Doug Allison is the all-time leading scorer in South Carolina history and is one of the greatest soccer player in USC history. Assistant coach Ryan Higginbotham scored 36 goals in four seasons at Furman and ranks fourth in career goals for the Paladins. Ronnie Pascale, a current A-League goalkeeper has returned to Greenville to join the coaching staff. Pascale is one of Furman's all-time great goalkeepers and volunteer assistant coach Charlie Arndt played at South Carolina with Allison and is arguably the greatest goalkeeper in USC history as he was the 1988 national goalkeeper of the year.

✓ **NATIONAL POWER...** Since Allison's arrival at Furman, the Paladins have posted a 109-29-9 record, the fifth best record in the nation over that time span.

Best Winning Percentage Since 1995

1. Indiana	126-24-6	.827
2. SMU	116-25-7	.807
3. Virginia	119-27-14	.788
4. UCLA	114-29-5	.787
5. Furman	109-29-9	.772

✓ **IRON MAN AWARD...** Furman's Matt Goldsmith may not be rivaling Cal Ripken's games played streak, but he is taking his best shot. Goldsmith, a senior, has started in all 87 matches Furman has played in since he arrived on campus. He is the only Paladin ever to start ever single match of his career. Goldsmith also has a chance to become the only player in Furman history to earn All-America status all four years. Goldsmith was a 1998 honorable mention All American, a 1999 second team choice, and a 2000 third team selection.

✓ **WAITING HIS TURN...** The Furman coaching staff knew they had something special in goalkeeper Scott Blount when he arrived at Furman in 1997. Blount filled in for an injured Ronnie

Pascale and performed admirably early in his freshman season. When Pascale returned, Blount was forced to wait his turn as the All-South keeper finished his career in strong fashion. For the third straight season, the job belongs solely to Blount and he has performed remarkably over that time. Blount finished the 1999 season with a 0.68 goals against average and the 2000 season with a 0.87 goals against average this season. This year, Blount has a 0.96 goals against average, including a 0.37 average against conference opponents. Blount is serving as a team captain for the second consecutive season.

✓ **FRESHMEN...** Although Furman lost only one starter to graduation last season, members of Furman's talented freshman class have worked their way into the lineup for the Paladins. Clint Dempsey is currently the Paladins' fifth leading scorer and has started every match this season for Furman as a freshman. Asgeir Asgeirsson and Ricardo Clark have been fighting injuries all season, but have seen significant time as starters in the Furman midfield. Freshman Luke Barbour has also provided quality minutes at defender or midfielder.

✓ **RUSSIAN CONNECTION...** Though his hometown is listed as Chuluota, Florida, Sergei Raad is a native of St. Petersburg, Russia. Raad was born Sergei Kolomeits and was adopted by the Raad family after coming to Florida with a Russian soccer team. Raad, a sophomore forward, is currently leading the team with ten assists on the season and is tied for tenth in the nation in assists per match.

✓ **NATIONAL STATS...** In addition to being ranked first in offense, Furman is also ranked 12th in winning percentage. Senior forward John Barry Nusum currently ranks 12th in the nation in points per match and 13th in goals per match. Sophomore Sergei Raad ranks 10th in the nation in assists per match.

✓ **NATIONAL TEAM...** Furman has six players on its team with some sort of national team experience. John Barry Nusum is a member of the Bermuda national team and he played with Bermuda last spring in World Cup and Olympic qualifying. Matt Goldsmith was a member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team in the spring of 1999. Goldsmith took off Furman's winter and spring terms as a freshman to travel to Nigeria to compete in the FIFA World Youth Championships. Moffat Oduor was a member of the Kenyan Under-20 national team before coming to the United States four years ago. Freshmen Ricardo Clark and John Hanley both were members of the U.S. Under 18 national team and McNeil Cronin played for the U.S. Under 17 national team.

✓ **SOUTHERN CONNECTION...** The Furman men's soccer team is comprised of an array of talent from throughout the Southeast plus several from a bit farther...

Home States (26 man roster)

Georgia: 5
 Florida: 5
 Texas: 5
 Oklahoma: 3
 North Carolina: 2
 Indiana: 1
 Tennessee: 1
 Utah: 1
 Bermuda: 1
 Iceland: 1
 Kenya: 1

Furman Soccer

2001 Southern Conference Tournament (November 15-18)

#1 Furman

#8 Wofford

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

#4 Appalachian State

Fri., 7 p.m.

#5 College of Charleston

#3 UNCG

Fri., 4:30 p.m.

#6 VMI

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

#2 Davidson

Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

#7 Georgia Southern

**Champion-
ship
Match
Sunday
3:00 p.m.**



FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS MEN'S SOCCER

2001 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School
00	John Hanley	GK	6-0	170	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN	North Central
0	Alex Maslow	GK	6-0	178	Fr.	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte Catholic
1	Scott Blount	GK	6-1	191	Sr.	Brentwood, TN	Montgomery Bell
2	Clint Dempsey	MF	6-1	170	Fr.	Nacogdoches, TX	Nacogdoches
3	Anthony Esquivel	F/M	5-11	181	Jr.	San Antonio, TX	Tom Clark
4	Jack Handy	M/D	5-7	147	Sr.	Lilburn, GA	Parkview
5	Andy Kidd	D	5-9	160	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL	Episcopal
6	Moffat Oduor	D	6-1	190	Sr.	Eldoret, Kenya	Uasin Gishu
7	Kenneth Penn	D	5-10	145	So.	Dallas, TX	Lake Highlands
8	John Barry Nusum	F	6-1	204	Sr.	Devonshire, Ber.	Berkeley Inst.
9	Asgeir Asgeirsson	MF	5-9	165	Fr.	Hafnarfjorder, Ice.	Flensburg
10	Ricardo Clark	MF	5-10	140	Fr.	Jonesboro, GA	St. Pius
11	McNeil Cronin	D	6-1	175	So.	Winston-Salem, NC	Mt. Tabor
12	Patrick Tanner	M/F	6-1	170	So.	Norman, OK	Norman
13	Matt Goldsmith	MF	5-11	168	Sr.	Roswell, GA	Roswell
14	Luke Barbour	D	6-2	180	Fr.	Mesquite, TX	Poteet
15	Shaun Stone	MF	5-10	155	Jr.	Sandy, UT	Brighton
16	Clint Hill	MF	6-1	180	Jr.	Tulsa, OK	E. Central Senior
17	Wes Windsor	MF	5-7	140	Fr.	Margate, FL	St. Thomas Aquinas
18	Vaughn Bethell	MF	5-9	160	Sr.	Lakeland, FL	Lakeland
19	Jon Rydarowski	D	5-7	145	Fr.	Marietta, GA	Pope
20	Scott Hoch	F	6-0	170	So.	Lakeland, FL	George Jenkins
21	Sergei Raad	F	5-9	160	So.	Chuluota, FL	Oviedo
22	Ted Figard	MF	5-11	165	Sr.	Bartlesville, OK	Bartlesville
23	Andy Chase	F	6-0	175	Jr.	Marietta, GA	George Walton
24	Matt Foxhall	MF	5-11	167	Jr.	San Antonio, TX	Tom Clark

Head Coach — Doug Allison (7th Year)

Assistant Coach - Ryan Higginbotham (4rd Year)

Assistant Coach - Ronnie Pascale (2nd Year)

Assistant Coach - Charlie Arndt

Trainer - Eric Williams

Sports Information Directors - Chris Colvin, Rob Warren

Athletic Director: Gary Clark

Furman In The 2001 National Soccer Polls

Soccer America Top 20 November 12

1. SMU
2. Virginia
3. St. Louis
4. Stanford
5. UConn
6. North Carolina
7. Indiana
8. Clemson
9. Wake Forest
10. St. John's
11. Penn State
12. Rutgers
13. South Carolina
14. Loyola (Md.)
15. Princeton
16. Washington
17. Notre Dame
- 18. Furman**
19. Portland
20. UCLA

Furman In the Soccer America Poll

- Pre: 5
9/3: 5
9/10: 4
9/24: 4
10/1: 3
10/8: 13
10/15: 15
10/22: 15
10/29: NR
11/5: 20
11/12: 18

NCAA Div. 1 Media November 12

1. SMU
2. Virginia
3. Stanford
4. St. Louis
5. St. John's
6. Indiana
7. UConn
8. North Carolina
9. Loyola (Md.)
10. Washington
11. Clemson
12. South Carolina
13. Wake Forest
14. San Diego
15. Rutgers
16. Princeton
17. UAB
18. Portland
19. UW - Milwaukee
20. UCLA

Furman In the NCAA Division 1 Media Poll

- 9/4: 10
9/11: 8
9/24: 8
10/1: 6
10/8: 15
10/16: NR
10/23: NR
10/30: NR
11/5: NR
11/12: NR

NSCAA Top 25 November 12

1. SMU
2. Virginia
3. Stanford
4. St. Louis
5. Indiana
6. North Carolina
7. UConn
8. St. John's
9. Clemson
10. Loyola (Md.)
11. Washington
12. Princeton
13. Wake Forest
14. Rutgers
15. UW - Milwaukee
16. San Diego
17. Harvard
18. Penn State
19. South Carolina
20. Notre Dame
21. Cornell
22. Portland
23. James Madison
24. UAB
25. UCLA

Furman In the NSCAA Poll

- Pre: 22
9/4: RV
9/11: 17
9/24: 22
10/1: 16
10/8: 24
10/16: 22
10/23: RV
10/30: NR
11/5: RV
11/12: NR

College Soccer News November 12

1. SMU
2. Virginia
3. Indiana
4. Stanford
5. St. Louis
6. UConn
7. North Carolina
8. Loyola (Md.)
9. Clemson
10. Washington
11. St. John's
12. UW Milwaukee
13. Rutgers
14. South Carolina
15. UAB
- 16. Furman**
17. Notre Dame
18. Wake Forest
19. Penn State
20. Portland

Furman In the College Soccer News Poll

- Pre: 7
9/4: 7
9/10: 6
9/24: 5
10/1: 5
10/8: 11
10/15: 15
10/23: 16
10/30: 21
11/5: 18
11/12: 16

NSCAA South Region November 12

1. North Carolina
2. Clemson
3. Wake Forest
4. South Carolina
5. UAB
- 6. Furman**
7. South Florida
8. Alabama A&M
9. Florida International
10. Mercer

Furman In the NSCAA Regional Poll

- 9/5: 5
9/10: 3
9/24: 5
10/1: 4
10/8: 6
10/15: 6
10/22: 6
10/29: 6
11/5: 5
11/12: 6