



Furman Men's Soccer Release
NCAA Tournament First Round
Loyola Greyhounds (13-4-3) at No. 8 Furman Paladins (17-2-1)
November 23, 2002
Greenville, S.C., Eugene Stone Soccer Stadium



THE GAME

Furman will host Loyola (Md.) in the first round of the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament on Saturday at 5:00 p.m., at Furman's Eugene Stone Soccer Stadium. The winner of the Furman-Loyola match will travel to Richmond, Va., to face Virginia Commonwealth on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Furman is 17-2-1 and riding a nine match winning streak in which it has not been scored on. Loyola is 13-4-3 and is currently on a seven match winning streak and a 12 match unbeaten streak. Furman claimed the Southern Conference Championship, while Loyola claimed the MAAC Title.

HEAD COACH

Furman: Doug Allison (South Carolina '89)
 129-32-10 (.784), 8th Year at Furman
 129-32-10 (.784), 8th Year Overall

Loyola: Mark Mettrick (Hartwick '88)
 42-10-6 (.776), 3rd Year at Loyola
 99-52-18 (.639), 9th Year Overall

THE SERIES

Furman and Loyola have met only once before, a scoreless tie on September 30, 1994. The match was part of the Clemson/Nike Soccer Invitational.

2002 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (17-2-1, 8-0 SoCon)

- Sept. 2 Furman 3, @ The Citadel 0
- Sept. 6 @ Furman 4, Butler 0
- Sept. 8 @ Furman 4, Creighton 2
- Sept. 13 Furman 0, Bradley 0 (2OT @ ND)
- Sept. 15 @ Notre Dame 2, Furman 1 (2OT)
- Sept. 21 @ Furman 4, UNCG 3 (OT)
- Sept. 24 Furman 3, @ Wofford 0
- Sept. 27 Furman 4, Fairfield 3 (@ Clemson)
- Sept. 29 Furman 2, Gonzaga 0 (@ Clemson)
- Oct. 2 @ Furman 3, App. St. 2 (2OT)
- Oct. 6 @ St. Louis 2, Furman 0
- Oct. 9 @ Furman 2, UNC-Asheville 0
- Oct. 19 @ Furman 1, Coll. of Charleston 0
- Oct. 21 @ Furman 3, Lipscomb 0
- Oct. 27 Furman 1, @ South Carolina 0
- Oct. 30 Furman 1, @ Georgia Southern 0
- Nov. 2 Furman 2, @ VMI 0
- Nov. 10 @ Furman 3, Davidson 0
- Nov. 14 Furman 3, Wofford 0 (@ SoCon)
- Nov. 16 Furman 3, UNCG 0 (@ SoCon)

Loyola (Md.) (13-4-3 Overall, 8-0-1 MAAC)

- Aug. 31 @ Loyola 3, St. Francis 0
- Sept. 6 Loyola 3, @ UMBC 2
- Sept. 8 Loyola 2, Towson 0
- Sept. 11 @ Maryland 3, Loyola 1
- Sept. 18 @ Syracuse 2, Loyola 1
- Sept. 21 Loyola 2, @ Rider 0
- Sept. 28 @ William & Mary 3, Loyola 0

- Oct. 2 @ American 1, Loyola 0
- Oct. 9 Loyola 0, @ Cornell 0 (OT)
- Oct. 15 @ Loyola 1, Princeton 0 (OT)
- Oct. 18 Loyola 2, @ Canisius 1
- Oct. 20 Loyola 2, @ Niagara 0
- Oct. 25 @ Loyola 2, Siena 2 (OT)
- Oct. 27 @ Loyola 3, Marist 0
- Nov. 1 Loyola 2, @ Fairfield 1 (OT)
- Nov. 3 Loyola 4, @ Iona 0
- Nov. 8 @ Loyola 2, Manhattan 0
- Nov. 10 @ Loyola 1, St. Peters 0
- Nov. 15 Loyola 4, Siena 2 (@ MAAC)
- Nov. 17 Loyola 2, Marist 1 (@ MAAC)

SCOUTING THE GREYHOUNDS

Loyola (Md.) enters the match with a 13-4-3 overall record after claiming the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) regular season title with an 8-0-1 record and the MAAC Tournament Championship with a 2-1 victory over Marist on Sunday. Loyola has won seven straight matches and are currently on a 12 match unbeaten streak. The Greyhounds sport a 9-0-3 record in those 12 matches. Loyola opened the season with a 4-4 record with losses to Maryland (3-1), Syracuse (2-1), William and Mary (3-0), and American (1-0).

Loyola is led offensively by Vinnie Piscopo, who has seven goals and six assists on the year. Juliano Adriano has six goals and eight assists on the year. Defender Niall Lepper is the two-time defending MAAC Player-of-the-Year. Reb Beatty anchors the Greyhound defense in goal as he sports a 0.92 goals against average. Beatty recently recorded his 43rd career shut-out, setting a new Loyola record.

Furman and Loyola have played one common opponent this season, Fairfield. Furman defeated Fairfield 4-3 in the Clemson/Nike Soccer Invitational on September 27, while Loyola downed the Stags 2-1 in overtime on November 1 at Fairfield.

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **THE BIG DANCE...**Furman is making its fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and its sixth overall. Furman advanced to the round of 16 in 1991 with a win over Wake Forest and lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 1993 to South Carolina. The 1999 Paladins advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over North Carolina and Wake Forest before falling to Connecticut in the final minutes in the quarterfinals. Furman has lost in the first round each of the last two seasons - a 3-2 defeat at Clemson in 2000 and a 1-0 overtime loss to UAB last season. Overall, Furman's record in the NCAA Tournament is 3-5.

✓ **SHUTOUT STREAKS...**Furman has not been scored upon in nine matches, a streak that dates back to October 5 against St. Louis. Furman's current nine match unbeaten streak breaks the previous school record of five set in

2002 SOCON STANDINGS

Team	SoCon	Overall
Furman	8-0	17-2-1
Appalachian State	6-2	13-5-1
Davidson	5-2-1	10-6-4
Coll. of Charleston	5-3	11-7-2
UNCG	5-3	14-8
Georgia Southern	1-5-2	2-16-2
VMI	2-6	3-10-4
Wofford	1-6-1	3-15-2
The Citadel	1-7	4-13

2002 SOCON TOURNAMENT

@ Patriots Point, Charleston, S.C.

Thursday, November 14

Furman 3, Wofford 0
 VMI 2, Appalachian State 0

Friday, November 15

UNCG 2, College of Charleston 1
 Davidson 1, Georgia Southern 0

Saturday, November 16

Furman 3, UNCG 0
 Davidson-VMI Match Cancelled (field conditions)

Sunday, November 6

Championship Cancelled (field conditions)

2002 REGULAR SEASON HONORS

Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week
 Week 1: Scott Hoch
 Week 9: Ricardo Clark
 Week 11: Scott Hoch

Soccer America Team-of-the-Week
 September 11: Scott Hoch
 October 29: Ricardo Clark

College Soccer News Team-of-the-Week
 September 11: Scott Hoch
 September 30: McNeil Cronin
 October 29: Ricardo Clark
 November 11: Scott Hoch

Land Rover/Spinx Furman Invitational
All-Tournament Team
 Scott Hoch (O-MVP) Clint Dempsey
 Drew Moor Chefik Simo

Clemson/Nike All Tournament Team
 Matt Foxhall (D-MVP) Anthony Esquivel
 McNeil Cronin

Mike Berticelli Invitational (Notre Dame)
All Tournament Team
 Gray Griffin Kenneth Penn

All-Southern Conference First Team
 Anthony Esquivel McNeil Cronin
 Ricardo Clark Andy Kidd
 Clint Dempsey

All-Southern Conference Second Team
 Drew Moor

Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year
 Drew Moor

Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year
 Doug Allison

1983 and 1991. The Paladins have put together 852 minutes of shutout soccer, also a school record. Furman's nine match unbeaten streak is the fourth longest in NCAA Division I history and is only one away from tying the NCAA record of ten consecutive shutouts. Furman is currently ranked first in the nation in shutout percentage at 0.70 shutouts per match. The Paladins have recorded 14 shutouts in 20 total matches.

Consecutive Shutouts (NCAA D-I History)

10	Wisconsin-GB	1992
10	Virginia	1987
10	SMU	1980
9	Furman	2002
9	Penn State	1987-1988
9	George Mason	1980-1981

✓ **SIMILAR STREAKS...** Furman and Loyola (Md.) both can boast impressive conference unbeaten streaks. Furman recently set the NCAA Division I record as it extended its Southern Conference unbeaten streak (regular season and tournament) to 43 matches (42-0-1). The Greyhounds sport a 33 match (31-0-2) regular season unbeaten streak in the MAAC.

✓ **NCAA FOES...** Furman played five NCAA Tournament teams this season, sporting a 2-2-1 overall mark. Furman defeated South Carolina 1-0 and downed Creighton 4-2. The Paladins lost to St. Louis 2-0 and lost to Notre Dame 2-1 in overtime, while Furman tied Bradley 0-0. Furman was scheduled to play Clemson, but that match was cancelled after the death of Furman freshman defender Gray Griffin.

✓ **RACKING UP THE WINS...** Furman is currently riding a nine match winning streak. The Paladins are 17-2-1 on the year and its winning percentage of .875 ranks as the second best in the nation.

Top Winning Percentages

2002 Season

1.	Wis.-Milwaukee	18-1-1	.923
2.	Furman	17-2-1	.875
2.	UCSB	17-2-1	.875
4.	Coastal Carolina	16-2-2	.850
4.	New Mexico	17-3-0	.850

✓ **STINGY DEFENSE...** Furman has been incredibly stingy on defense this season allowing only 0.68 goals per match, which ranks tenth best in the nation.

✓ **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 seventh in the poll. The Paladins are currently ranked eighth.

✓ **ALLISON AMONG THE NATION'S BEST...** Furman head coach Doug Allison is currently in his eighth season at Furman and has posted a 129-32-10 overall record. Allison's winning percentage of .784 is third-best among active Division I head coaches. He trails Indiana's Jerry Yeagley and Connecticut's Ray Reid. On September 28, 2001, 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	526-97-40	.824
2.	Ray Reid, Connecticut	243-46-21	.818
3.	Doug Allison, Furman	129-32-10	.784
3.	Schellas Hyndman, SMU	391-98-36	.779
5.	Dave Masur, St. John's	241-67-37	.752

✓ **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 291-83-28 for a .759 winning percentage.

✓ **NATIONAL POWER...** Since Allison's arrival at Furman, the Paladins have posted a 129-32-10 record, the third best record in the nation over that time span.

Best Winning Percentage Since 1995

1.	Indiana	144-28-8	.822
2.	SMU	135-28-10	.809
3.	Furman	129-32-10	.781
3.	UCLA	129-33-7	.781
5.	Virginia	135-35-14	.772

✓ **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 Daniel Alvarez was a 1999 NSCAA First Team All-American and Southern Conference Player-of-the-Year. Alvarez led the 1999 squad to a 21-2-1 record, the best in school history, and an NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal match. Alvarez still owns several school records including season assists (16) and career assists (41). 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.

✓ **PALADINS MOURN LOSS...** The 2002 season has been a difficult one for the Paladins with the tragic death of freshman Gray Griffin on October 11. Griffin, along with freshmen Chefik Simo, Josh Villalobos, and Sean Murray were in an automobile accident on Interstate-85 near Spartanburg, S.C. Griffin was killed in the accident, while Simo sustained numerous injuries. Simo remains hospitalized at Greenville Memorial Hospital and has undergone numerous surgeries on his pelvis, stomach, and leg. Villalobos and Murray were released from the hospital within three days of the accident and are back in school. Villalobos returned to action in the quarterfinals of the Southern Conference Tournament on No-

vember 14. Murray has not been cleared to play because of a concussion.

✓ **A DEDICATED SEASON...** The Furman men's soccer team dedicated the rest of the 2002 season to Gray Griffin and is wearing a black armband with the initials "GG" and the number "12" on the armband.

✓ **FRESHMEN IMPACT...** Furman lost five starters to graduation last season, but members of Furman's talented freshman class have worked their way into the lineup for the Paladins. This year's freshman class was ranked third in the nation by College Soccer News, and featured three members of the United States U-17 National Team and a member of the Trinidad and Tobago U-20 National Team. Drew Moor has started every game for Furman this season, and has helped solidify the Paladin defense. Moor was named SoCon freshman-of-the-year. Chefik Simo ranked second on the team with 15 total points before being injured in an automobile accident on October 11. The late Gray Griffin started all 12 matches of his college career before his tragic death in an automobile accident on October 11.

✓ **GOALKEEPER SWAP...** Furman has used two goalkeepers extensively this season and they have very similar statistics. Alex Maslow has started 11 matches, while John Hanley has started nine and played in 10. Each has allowed seven goals on the season. Maslow has played in 964 minutes and has a 0.65 GAA, while Hanley has played in 877 minutes and has a 0.72 goals against average. Maslow has recorded seven shutouts, while Hanley has six and they have combined for one.

Alex Maslow

9/2	The Citadel (1/2)	W	3-0
9/8	Creighton	W	4-2
9/21	UNCG	W	4-3
9/29	Gonzaga	W	2-0
10/2	Appalachian State	W	3-2
10/9	UNCA	W	2-0
10/19	Charleston	W	1-0
10/27	South Carolina	W	1-0
10/30	Georgia Southern	W	1-0
11/10	Davidson	W	3-0
11/16	UNCG	W	3-0

John Hanley

9/2	The Citadel (1/2)	W	3-0
9/6	Butler	W	4-0
9/14	Bradley	T	0-0
9/15	Notre Dame	L	1-2
9/24	Wofford	W	3-0
9/27	Fairfield	W	4-3
10/6	St. Louis	L	0-2
10/21	Lipscomb	W	3-0
11/2	VMI	W	2-0
11/14	Wofford	W	3-0

✓ **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 junior forward, is currently leading the team with eight assists on the season.

✓ **RICARDO LEADS USA...** Furman sophomore Ricardo Clark helped lead the United States Under-20 National Team to two wins in the CONCACAF Group B qualifying last week in Charleston, S.C. With those two victories (2-0 over Haiti and 1-0 over El Salvador), the US qualified for the FIFA World Youth Championships, to be held in the United Arab Emirates this spring. The qualifying tournament was held in Charleston, SC, at the same time as the Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championships. The Furman men's soccer team was able to attend the first two rounds of qualifying on its off days in Charleston.

✓ **NATIONAL TEAM...** Furman has nine players on its team with some sort of national team experience. Sophomore Ricardo Clark is currently a member of the United States Under-20 National Team. Clark has been a member of the Youth National Team since 1999 and competed with the Under-20 squad last week in Charleston. Freshman Chefik Simo was also a member of the Under-20 National Team before sustaining injuries in an automobile accident on October 11. Sophomore Clint Dempsey, along with freshmen Drew Moor and the late Gray Griffin were included in the Under-20 National Pool and attended team training camps. Rhett Abraham, a freshman from Trinidad and Tobago, is a member of the Under-20 National Team for his home country. Sophomore goalkeeper John Hanley was a member of the United States Under-18 National Team prior to coming to Furman. Freshman Josh Villalobos is currently competing on the United States Under-18 National Team. Three years ago, current junior McNeil Cronin was a member of the United States Under-17 National Team. Griffin, Simo, and Villalobos were all members of the 2001 Under-17 National Team and were residents in Bradenton, Florida, which is the home of the national team training center.

✓ **DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS...** Furman currently has seven players from Texas, including five from Dallas and the surrounding area. These players hope to make a trip home on December 13-15 as the 2002 NCAA Men's College Cup will be held in Dallas on the campus of SMU. The seven players from Texas are listed below:

Luke Barbour	So.	Mesquite, Texas
Clint Dempsey	So.	Nacogdoches, Texas
Anthony Esquivel	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas
Matt Foxhall	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas
Drew Moor	Fr.	Dallas, Texas
Kenneth Penn	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
Chefik Simo	Fr.	Frisco, Texas

✓ **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 five SoCon regular season titles, 12 of the last 13, and 17 of the last 20. The Paladins have also won the last three SoCon tournament titles, five of the last six, and seven of the last nine.
- Since 1986, the Paladins have won either the regular season or the tournament every season.
- Furman has posted a 116-8 Southern Conference regular season record since 1983.
- Furman has finished the regular season a perfect 8-0 over the last three seasons and the Pala-

dins have a 43 match conference unbeaten streak, which sets an NCAA Division I record.

✓ **ALL SOCON...** Five Paladins were named to the All-Southern Conference first team, while one was a second team selection. Anthony Esquivel, Ricardo Clark, Clint Dempsey, McNeil Cronin, and Andy Kidd were all first team picks, while Drew Moor was a second team selection. Moor was also named the Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year, while head coach Doug Allison was named Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year for the fifth time.

✓ **COMBINED SUCCESS...** Once again this season, the combined records of the Furman men's and women's soccer teams is one of the best in the nation. The Paladins boast a 17-2-1 overall mark while the Lady Paladins finished the season with a 16-6-1 record after advancing to the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Combined, their record of 27-7-2 is sixth best in the nation.

	Women	Men	Comb.	.Pct
1. Stanford	20-1-0	14-4-2	34-5-2	.854
2. UConn	20-2-1	14-5-1	34-7-2	.814
3. UCLA	18-3	13-3-3	31-6-3	.813
4. Furman	16-6-1	17-2-1	33-8-2	.791
5. UC SB	13-5-2	17-2-1	30-7-3	.788
6. N. Carolina	19-1-4	13-6-1	32-7-5	.784

✓ **SOUTHERN CONNECTION...** The Furman men's soccer team is comprised of an array of talent from throughout the Southeast and abroad...

Home States (24 man roster)

- Texas: 7
- Florida: 4
- North Carolina: 4
- Georgia: 3
- Indiana: 1
- Oklahoma: 1
- South Carolina: 1
- Utah: 1
- Wisconsin: 1
- Trinidad and Tobago: 1

NCAA TOURNAMENT SUMMARIES

**November 17, 1991
Furman 1, Wake Forest 0 (2OT)**

Winston-Salem, N.C. -- Furman sophomore Ray Colado scored his first goal in almost two months as Furman defeated Wake Forest 1-0 in double overtime in the Paladins' first-ever NCAA Tournament match. With the win, the Paladins, ranked 13th nationally knocked off the South Region's number one seed and the seventh ranked team in the country. Colado's goal was scored at the 95:38 mark in the first overtime period. The Deacs outshot Furman 21-10 but could not capitalize on any of those chances. Furman improved its record to 15-4-1 overall.

FU - Ray Colado (unassisted) 95:38

**November 24, 1991
N.C. State 4, Furman 1**

Raleigh, N.C. -- Furman's run in the NCAA Tournament was halted as the eighth ranked North Carolina State Wolfpack downed Furman 4-1 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. After holding only a 1-0 halftime lead, the Wolfpack trounced Furman in the second half as they opened a 4-0 lead. The Paladins were able to get on the board at the 88:05 mark as Chris Hass connected on an Andrew Zorovich, Robert Dee double assist. Furman concluded its best season to date, finishing 15-5-1 on the year.

NCSU - Kevin Scott (Riegler)	36:36
NCSU - Henry Gutierrez (Bader)	69:30
NCSU - Dario Brose (unassisted)	79:45
NCSU - Roy Lassiter (Gutierrez)	80:23
FU - Chris Haas (Zorovich, Dee)	88:00

**November 14, 1993
South Carolina 1, Furman 0**

Columbia, S.C. -- After 87 minutes of scoreless soccer, South Carolina's Stever Pier found the back of the net to give South Carolina a 1-0 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in front of 2,679 fans at the Graveyard in Columbia. The Paladins ended their season with a 12-6-1 record and saw their three game winning streak over South Carolina come to a halt. Current Furman head coach Doug Allison was an assistant coach on the Gamecock sideline.

USC - Steve Pier (Crawford) 87:42

**November 21, 1999
Furman 2, North Carolina 1 (2OT)**

Carl Junot's goal at the 108:50 mark in the second overtime vaulted the third ranked Paladins to a 2-1 victory over North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA Men's College Cup at Eugene Stone Soccer Stadium.

The game-winner was set up as John Bradford sent a corner kick to the near post. The ball was low, thus Junot was forced to duck down and headed the ball off the side of his head and off the chest of North Carolina keeper William Woodruff and into the goal.

The first half of the match was dominated by the Tar Heels as North Carolina outshot Furman 9-1, but was unable to score as the Furman defense led by goalkeeper Scott Blount played remarkably. Furman settled down in the second half and took the 1-0 lead at the 70:12 mark. SoCon player-of-the-year Daniel Alvarez tossed one of his trademark 35-foot throw-ins to Carl Junot, who tapped the ball to John Barry Nusum. Nusum then knocked in his team leading 15th goal of the season.

Furman held the 1-0 lead for seven minutes before the Tar Heels evened the score. The equalizing play started as Joey DiSalva knocked a free kick to Jon Wean, who passed again to Chris Leitch, who rifled the ball to lower corner of the goal. The goal was Leitch's first career goal.

The remainder of regulation and the first overtime period remained scoreless until Junot's game-winner. UNC senior goalkeeper William Woodruff saw his first action of the season as he checked into the match in the 76 minute mark for starter Michael Ueltschey and played in the

goal for the remaining of the match.

FU - John Barry Nusum (Junot, Alvarez) 70:12
UNC - Chris Leitch (Wean, DiSalva) 77:23
FU - Carl Junot (Bradford) 108:50

November 28, 1999 Furman 4, Wake Forest 0

Winston-Salem, N.C. - The Furman men's soccer team moved one match closer to an appearance at the Men's College Cup at Charlotte's Ericsson Stadium with a convincing 4-0 win over Wake Forest in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Spry Soccer Stadium on the campus of Wake Forest.

Furman took it to the Deacons from the start as the Paladins won their second straight tournament match over an ACC team. Furman took the 1-0 lead at the 1:50 mark in the first half as the Paladins scored on a set piece as they have done many times this season. Paul Leese scored his first goal of the season as he knocked a loose ball in the box off a corner kick. Carl Junot and Daniel Alvarez each got touches on the ball before Leese put it in the back of the net.

The Paladins wasted little time taking the 2-0 lead as Carl Junot knocked in a rebound of his own shot at the 6:03 mark. Furman kept the 2-0 lead through halftime until Nusum put the match away with his team leading 16th goal of the season. Jack Handy sent a ball down the left sideline where Daniel Alvarez crossed to Nusum for the goal. Furman scored its final goal at the 69:48 mark as freshman John Michael Waite knocked in a rebound off a shot from roommate and high school teammate Clint Hill.

Wake Forest, the tournament's fifth seed, finishes the season 13-3-5.

FU - Paul Leese (Junot, Alvarez) 1:50
FU - Carl Junot (Nusum) 6:03
FU - John Barry Nusum (Alvarez, Handy) 52:25
FU - John Michael Waite (Hill) 69:48

December 5, 1999 Connecticut 3, Furman 2

Furman's NCAA Tournament run was halted as the Paladins saw a 2-1 lead with ten minutes to play evaporate in just over two minutes as fourth-seeded Connecticut rallied to defeat Furman 3-2 in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Tournament.

Furman jumped off to a 1-0 lead with a John Bradford goal at the 32:06 mark in the first half. Bradford collected a loose ball in the box a connected on his second goal of the season to the far side of the goal. The Huskies rallied to tie the score nine minutes later with a Brent Rahim goal off a double assist from Rui Fernandez and Darin Lewis. The score remained tied through halftime.

Furman gained the 2-1 lead at the 59:19 mark as John Barry Nusum collected a loose ball, dribbled to the top of the box and rifled a shot to the lower corner of the goal. Furman held the 2-1 lead through the next 21 minutes.

UConn tied the score at the 80:14 mark as Darin Lewis scored off a Donny Mark, Michael Mordocco double assist. Two minutes later, Connecticut scored the game-winner on a con-

troversial header off a corner kick. Brent Rahim took the corner kick, which crossed the far post where Max Zeiky headed it in. While the ball was in the air, a UConn attacking player appeared to touch the ball with his hands, prompting many of the Furman defenders to look for the "hand ball" call. Neither the linesman or the head official saw the apparent hand ball and Furman was unable to mount a late comeback. It marked only the third time all season that Furman trailed in a match. Over the entire year, the Paladins trailed in only 45 minutes.

Scoring:
FU - John Bradford (unassisted) 32:06
UC - Brent Rahim (Fernandez, Lewis) 41:23
FU - John Barry Nusum (unassisted) 59:19
UC - Darin Lewis (Mark, Mordocco) 80:14
UC - Max Zeiky (Rahim) 82:29

November 19, 2000 Clemson 3, Furman 2

The 11th ranked Furman men's soccer team fell 3-2 to the 4th ranked Clemson Tigers in an NCAA Tournament First Round match marked by freezing temperatures and snow flurries that covered the field for the entire first half.

The flow of play was slowed down considerably due to the inclement weather as ice sticking to the ball became a factor and the players soon found the ball skidding along instead of bouncing.

Clemson had the first opportunity to open the scoring as an apparent offside midfielder Mark Lisi broke free past the Furman defense and touched the ball past goalkeeper Scott Blount. Lisi had the open Paladin goal ahead of him but his shot sailed wide of the target.

Furman finally broke the scoreless tie at the 22:44 mark on a goal by junior midfielder Matt Goldsmith. Patrick Tanner drew a foul just outside the Clemson penalty box and Furman set up for an indirect free kick. McNeil Cronin fired a shot into the Clemson wall on the set play but the Tigers could not clear it. Goldsmith collected the ball 20 yards out and chipped a shot over Clemson goalkeeper Doug Warren that hit the crossbar but bounced into the net to give the Paladins a 1-0 lead.

The snow subsided as the second half began and Clemson quickly began an offensive attack. After spending most of the first 11 minutes of the half on Furman's defensive end of the field, the Tigers found the equalizing goal. On a direct kick from almost exactly where Goldsmith scored, Mark Lisi knocked the free kick past Blount to tie the score.

The Tigers took their first lead of the match just seven and a half minutes later when Ian Fuller found Steven Rhyne with a ball around the Furman defense. Rhyne slotted a shot past Blount to give Clemson a 2-1 lead.

Furman tied the score less than two minutes later when the Paladins set up a familiar play. McNeil Cronin sent a corner kick into the middle of the penalty box and Patrick Tanner headed it over the goal line to tie the score 2-2. For Cronin, it was his team-leading 15th assist on the season and the seventh time he had connected with Tanner for a goal.

Clemson prevented the impending overtime period with less than four minutes to go in the match. Pablo Webster made a long throw-in into

the penalty box that was flicked on goal by Oguchi Onyewu and finally knocked in by Eric Lewis. The goal gave the Tigers the 3-2 win and ended Furman's chances of matching or improving on last season's remarkable NCAA Tournament run.

FU - Goldsmith (Cronin) 22:44
CU - Lisi (unassisted) 56:12
CU - Rhyne (Fuller, Lewis assist) 63:44
FU - Tanner (Cronin assist) 65:38
CU - Lewis (Onyewu, Webster assists) 86:21

November 23, 2001 UAB 1, Furman 0 (OT)

The No. 17 Furman men's soccer team was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Tournament by UAB 1-0 in overtime on a rainy Friday night in Columbia.

UAB's Jose Rayo dribbled through the Furman defense and Furman's Moffat Oduor was whistled for a foul in the penalty box with 2:21 remaining in the first overtime period. UAB's Martin Rey converted the ensuing penalty kick to give the Blazers the 1-0 win.

Despite out-shooting UAB 15-9 in regulation, the Paladins, the nation's leader in goals per game, could not find a goal in the first 90 minutes.

UAB - Martin Rey (penalty kick) 102:39

NCAA Tournament Record: 3-5

Home: 1-0

Road: 2-4

Neutral: 0-1

vs. Wake Forest: 2-0

vs. North Carolina: 1-0

vs. UAB 0-1

vs. Clemson 0-1

vs. Connecticut 0-1

vs. N.C. State: 0-1

vs. South Carolina: 0-1

vs. ACC: 3-2

vs. Big East: 0-1

vs. C-USA: 0-1

vs. Independents: 0-1

In Overtime: 2-1

Goals Scored: 12

Goals Allowed: 13

Scoring Leaders:

Player	Year	G	A	P
John Barry Nusum	'99	3	1	7
Carl Junot	'99	2	2	6
Daniel Alvarez	'99	0	3	3
John Bradford	'99	1	1	3
Matt Goldsmith	'00	1	0	2
Patrick Tanner	'00	1	0	2
McNeil Cronin	'00	0	2	2
Paul Lesse	'99	1	0	2
John Michael Waite	'99	1	0	2
Ray Colado	'91	1	0	2
Chris Haas	'91	1	0	2
Clint Hill	'99	0	1	1
Jack Handy	'99	0	1	1
Robert Dee	'91	0	1	1
Andrew Zorovich	'91	0	1	1