



Game 9 — November 6, 1999
Furman Paladins (7-1; 5-0 SoCon, #7 TSN) vs. Georgia Southern Eagles (7-2; 6-1 Southern, #4 TSN)
Statesboro, Georgia, Allen E. Paulson Stadium (18,000) — Natural Grass
1:00 P.M. Kickoff (EST)
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THE GAME

Winners of seven straight and fresh from a 28-3 spanking of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Furman (7-1, 5-0 SoCon) returns to Southern Conference action this Saturday when it travels to Statesboro, Ga., to take on Georgia Southern (7-2, 6-1 SoCon) in a critical league matchup for both squads.

Furman, the only remaining unbeaten team in conference play, needs a win over Georgia Southern to position itself as the prime contender for this year's league championship heading into its final two games of the season against Wofford (Nov. 13) and Chattanooga (Nov. 20). With a victory over Furman, its final conference foe of the season, Georgia Southern, the two-time defending conference champion, can claim at least a share of the 1999 league crown.

THE SERIES

In a series that got its start in 1985 with a 44-42 Georgia Southern win in the NCAA I-AA national championship game, The Eagles hold a 7-2 series lead over Furman.

Furman bounced back from its loss to Georgia Southern in 1985 by beating the Eagles in the 1988 national title game clash in Pocatello, Idaho. Since that game, however, Georgia Southern has beaten the Paladins six times in seven meetings, including a decisive 45-17 win last year in Greenville. Furman is 0-3 versus Georgia Southern in Statesboro and 1-3 against the Eagles in Greenville. The two schools' two neutral site meetings came in the two national championship games.

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| 1985 | L | 42-44 | Tacoma, WA |
| 1988 | W | 17-12 | Pocatello, ID |
| 1992 | L | 0-21 | GREENVILLE |
| 1993 | L | 19-31 | Statesboro |
| 1994 | L | 26-31 | GREENVILLE |
| 1995 | L | 20-27 | Statesboro |
| 1996 | W | 21-14 | GREENVILLE |
| 1997 | L | 13-30 | Statesboro |
| 1998 | L | 17-42 | GREENVILLE |

In Greenville: Ga. Southern leads 3-1
In Statesboro: Ga. Southern leads 3-0
Neutral Sites: Tied 1-1

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 37-28-0 (.569), 6th Year at Furman
 37-28-0 (.569), 6th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Georgia Southern (1-4)

Ga. Southern: Paul Johnson (Western Carolina '79)
 31-6 (.837), 3rd Year at Ga. Southern
 31-6 (.837), 3rd Year Overall
 Johnson vs. Furman (2-0)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 37.6
 '99 Yards/Game — 424.6
 296.0 Rushing
 128.6 Passing

Georgia Southern: Spread
 '99 Points/Game — 50.8
 '99 Yards/Game — 555.8
 419.1 Rushing
 136.7 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 13.9
 '99 Yards/Game — 313.3
 179.5 Rushing
 133.8 Passing

Georgia Southern: Multiple 43
 '99 Points/Game — 13.2
 '99 Yards/Game — 278.0
 140.9 Rushing
 137.1 Passing

1999 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (7-1, 5-0 SoCon)
 Sept. 4 Elon 24, @ Furman 22
 Sept. 18 Furman 52, @ William & Mary 6
 Sept. 25 @ Furman 58, VMI 0
 Oct. 2 Furman 27, @ Western Carolina 19
 Oct. 9 @ Furman 35, Appalachian State 21
 Oct. 16 Furman 31, @ The Citadel 17
 Oct. 23 Furman 48, East Tennessee State 21
 Oct. 30 Furman 28, @ North Carolina 3
 Nov. 6 @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Nov. 13 WOFFORD, 2:00
 Nov. 20 @ Chattanooga, 12:00

Georgia Southern (7-2, 6-1 Southern)
 Sept. 4 @ Ga. Southern 76, Fayetteville St. 0
 Sept. 11 Ga. Southern 55, @ Wofford 14
 Sept. 18 @ Oregon State 48, Ga. Southern 41
 Sept. 25 @ Ga. Southern 49, Chattanooga 10
 Oct. 2 Ga. Southern 62, @ VMI 0
 Oct. 9 @ Ga. Southern 70, Western Carolina 7
 Oct. 16 @ Appalachian St. 17, Ga. Southern 16
 Oct. 23 @ Ga. Southern 34, The Citadel 17
 Oct. 30 Ga. Southern 55, @ E. Tenn. St. 6
 Nov. 6 FURMAN, 1:00
 Nov. 13 @ Jacksonville State

FURMAN LAST WEEK

CHAPEL HILL (Oct. 30, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for 187 yards and a pair of touchdowns and rushed for another score to pace Furman to a stunningly decisive 28-3 win over North Carolina at Kenan Stadium.

1998 SOCON FINAL STANDINGS

| Team | SoCon | Overall |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Georgia Southern | 8 0 | 14 1 |
| Appalachian State | 6 2 | 9 2 |
| Western Carolina | 5 3 | 6 5 |
| Chattanooga | 4 4 | 5 6 |
| The Citadel | 4 4 | 5 6 |
| Furman | 3 5 | 5 6 |
| Wofford | 3 5 | 4 7 |
| East Tennessee State | 3 5 | 4 7 |
| VMI | 0 8 | 1 10 |

1999 SOCON STANDINGS

| Team | SoCon | Overall |
|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Furman | 5 0 | 7 1 |
| Georgia Southern | 6 1 | 7 2 |
| Appalachian State | 5 1 | 6 2 |
| Wofford | 4 2 | 5 3 |
| East Tennessee State | 3 3 | 5 3 |
| Chattanooga | 2 3 | 4 4 |
| Western Carolina | 1 5 | 2 6 |
| The Citadel | 0 5 | 1 7 |
| VMI | 0 6 | 1 8 |

October 30

Furman 28, @ North Carolina 3
 Wofford 47, @ The Citadel 16
 @ Appalachian State 62, Chattanooga 14
 Georgia Southern 55, @ East Tennessee State 6
 Western Carolina 40, VMI 2

November 6

Furman @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Appalachian State @ VMI 1:00
 East Tennessee State @ Wofford, 1:30
 Samford @ Western Carolina, 2:00
 The Citadel @ Chattanooga, 7:00

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 PRE-SEASON HONORS**

Coaches Defensive Player-of-the-Year
 FS John Keith

Coaches All-Southern Conference
 OG Ben Hall (1st Team)
 FS John Keith (1st Team)
 LB Will Bouton (2nd Team)
 PK Jason Wells (2nd Team)

**1999 FURMAN PALADINS
 REGULAR SEASON HONORS**

Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week
 LB Will Bouton (Def. vs. William & Mary)
 QB Billy Napier (Fr. vs. William & Mary)
 FS John Keith (Def. vs. Western Carolina)
 TB Louis Ivory (Off. vs. Appalachian State)
 SS Walter Booth (Def. vs. Appalachian State)
 TB Louis Ivory (Off. vs. East Tennessee State)
 QB Justin Hill (Off. vs. North Carolina)

ESPN/USA Today National Player-of-the-Week
 SS Walter Booth (Def. vs. Appalachian State)

The win, Furman's seventh straight, marked the Paladins' first victory over an NCAA I-A opponent since a 42-20 verdict over North Carolina State in 1985 and biggest win, margin-wise, over a I-A foe since the Southern Conference was reclassified from I-A to I-AA in 1982.

Hill's touchdown strikes covered 60 and 49 yards to flanker Des Kitchings, who grabbed seven receptions for a career high 169 yards on the afternoon.

Tailback Louis Ivory also contributed significantly in the win, rushing a career high 34 times for 177 yards and a score on the way to becoming the first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards in 1992.

The Paladins, who rolled up 461 total yards while limiting the Tar Heels to only 261, jumped on top early with a 60-yard touchdown pass from Hill to Kitchings at the 4:06 mark of the first quarter.

The Paladins made it 14-0 early in the second period when Louis Ivory capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run at the 9:20 juncture.

Hill and Kitchings hooked up on a 49-yard touchdown pass with 5:14 to go in the half to make it 21-0 before North Carolina registered its only score with a field goal following a fumble recovery and return to the Paladin 25.

Headed up by linebacker Will Bouton's 12 tackles and four tackles-for-loss, Furman shutout the Tar Heels in the second half and finished off its masterpiece performance when Justin Hill scored on a 4-yard run off an option keeper to complete an 11-play, 70-yard march with 8:32 left in game.

Hill's work against North Carolina featured a three-game record setting consecutive completion string that ran to 19 straight before being snapped in the second half.

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| FURMAN | 7 | 14 | 0 | 7 | — | 28 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 3 |

- F — Des Kitchings 60 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 4:06-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 4 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:20-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 49 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 5:14-2Q
- UNC — Josh McGee 36 FG 0:58-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 4 run (Jason Wells kick) 8:32-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 34-177, Huguley 1-38, Hill 12-30, Russell 5-26, Burton 2-4, Kitchings 2-2, Team 2-(-3). UNC — Brown 18-94, Saunders 3-31, Williams 13-26, Dyer 5-14, Huard 5-8, Team 1-3, Davis 1-1, Robinson 1-(-2).

Passing: F — Hill 10-12-0-187. UNC — Williams 4-10-0-60, Huard 2-5-0-11.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-169, Ivory 2-13, Smerdzinski 1-5. UNC — Bailey 3-59, Finger 2-13.

| | F | UNC |
|------------------------|----------|------------|
| First Downs | 19 | 11 |
| Rushing | 58-274 | 47-175 |
| Passing | 187 | 71 |
| C/A/I | 10-12-0 | 6-15-0 |
| Total Offense | 461 | 246 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Penalties | 7-61 | 2-15 |
| Punts | 6-35.2 | 8-48.8 |
| Possession Time | 35:19 | 24:41 |
| Third Down Conversions | 6-13 | 3-15 |
| Sacks By | 1 | 0 |

FURMAN-GEORGIA SOUTHERN LAST MEETING

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Nov. 7, 1998) — Quarterback Greg Hill rushed for 219 yards and four touchdowns and also threw for 143 yards and a score to pace Georgia Southern to an easy 45-17 drubbing of Furman in front of 10,201 fans at Paladin Stadium.

Hill, who headlined an Eagle offensive attack that generated 569 total yards, scored on runs over 26, 21, 12, and 57 yards, and also threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Adrian Peterson to complete a spectacular performance in the win. Peterson also contributed to Georgia Southern's lethal offensive showcase, rushing 31 times for 183 yards and a score.

Furman's early 3-0 lead was erased with a 35-point Eagle outburst that settled the game's verdict by halftime.

Furman's Justin Hill accounted for 194 of the Paladins 291 total yards.

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| FURMAN | 3 | 0 | 7 | 7 | — | 17 |
| GA. SOUTHERN | 14 | 21 | 3 | 7 | — | 45 |

- F — Jason Wells 47 FG 13:18-1Q
- GS — Greg Hill 26 run (Chris Chambers kick) 8:18-1Q
- GS — Adrian Peterson 2 run (Chris Chambers kick) 2:40-1Q
- GS — Greg Hill 21 run (kick blocked) 11:34-2Q
- GS — Greg Hill 12 run (Jamar Jones run) 5:20-2Q
- GS — Adrian Peterson 5 pass from Greg Hill (Chris Chambers kick) 1:26-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 8:39-3Q
- GS — Chris Chambers 40 FG 3:09-3Q
- F — Stuart Rentz 9 run (Jason Wells kick) 14:18-4Q
- GS — Greg Hill 57 run (Chris Chambers kick) 8:57-4Q

Rushing: F — Rentz 7-46, Ivory 12-42, Hill 13-31, Burton 4-8, Crosby 1-1. GS — Hill 19-219, Peterson 31-183, Revere 1-13, Small 3-8, Sullivan 1-5, Grace 1-1, Cunningham 2-(-3).

Passing: F — Hill 11-21-1-163. GS — Hill 10-15-1-143, Revere 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Burton 4-59, Kitchings 3-47, Smerdzinski 2-32, Berrian 2-25. GS — Joyner 3-54, Parham 3-36, Johnson 2-29, Freeman 1-19, Peterson 1-5.

Defense: F — Bouton 12, Rogers 11, Keith 10, Booth 8.

| | F | GS |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| First Downs | 14 | 27 |
| Rushing | 37-128 | 60-426 |
| Passing | 163 | 143 |
| C/A/I | 11-21-1 | 10-16-1 |
| Total Offense | 291 | 569 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 | 0-0 |
| Penalties | 4-58 | 8-71 |
| Punts | 5-40.4 | 4-37.5 |
| Possession Time | 25:36 | 34:24 |
| Third Down Conversions | 3-11 | 7-14 |
| Sacks By-Yards | 0-0 | 4-18 |

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **LONGEST WINNING STREAK SINCE 1989...** In thumping North Carolina 28-3 in Chapel Hill on Saturday, Furman claimed its seventh straight win, the program's longest since the 1989

FURMAN RADIO

Furman football can be heard over the Paladins' radio network, headed up by Greenville flagship station WPEK-FM (98.1).

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", will call the play-by-play, and joining him with color commentary will be John Ingles.

David Hubbard joins Furman's broadcast team this fall as host of the tailgate, halftime, and post-game shows, and working alongside Hubbard as co-host of the tailgate show will be Ron Smith, Furman's head baseball coach. Gordon Higgins returns as sideline reporter, and Robbie Ross will serve as spotter and scoreboard reporter for the Furman broadcast team. Jimmy Fellers is the executive producer of all Furman football broadcasts.



FURMAN ON BROADCAST.COM

Furman football broadcasts can now be accessed live and on-demand by fans around the world over the internet through broadcast.com., Furman University's official Internet Broadcast Partner and leading aggregator and broadcaster of streaming media programming on the Web.

Fans can access live game play-by-play broadcasts of Furman football directly through broadcast.com at www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/furman/football or through the university's web site at www.furman.edu/athletics/football.

To listen to live action, users will need streaming software, which is available to download free-of-charge through broadcast.com. Specific instructions on how to download and install the software on a personal computer are also available through broadcast.com.



FURMAN ON TEAMLINE

Furman football radio broadcasts will again be available to fans on the TEAMLINE telephone service. Fans can access Furman games by dialing 1-800-846-4700 and entering Furman's four-digit access code (1109).

FURMAN FOOTBALL WEB SITE

The Furman sports information office maintains an athletics home page on the Internet. Furman's football web site includes program quick facts, schedule, coaches' biographies, season outlook, current roster and two-deep, game statistics, cumulative statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as information on Paladin Stadium, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA. Furman's athletics home page address: <http://www.furman.edu/athletics>.

season when the Paladins won 12 straight games in 1989 on the way to a 12-2 finish. Counting a 31-28 win over Chattanooga in the 1998 season finale, Furman has now won eight of its last nine games.

✓ **TAKING DOWN ANOTHER BIG BOY...** Furman represented the Southern Conference in solid fashion on Saturday by thumping North Carolina in decisive fashion, 28-3. The win over North Carolina, Furman's first over the Tar Heels in five meetings, marked its first victory over an NCAA I-AA foe since 1985 when the Paladins routed North Carolina State (42-20), only a year after beating the Wolfpack 34-30. In addition to tallying wins over North Carolina and North Carolina State, Furman has also racked up a win (17-14, 1983) and a tie (17-17, 1986) over Georgia Tech and a victory over South Carolina (28-23, 1982) since being reclassified (along with the rest of the Southern Conference) from NCAA I-A to I-AA in 1982. Furman went 4-6-1 against NCAA I-A competition in the 1980s. In the 1990s, the Paladins posted a 1-8 record against I-A opposition.

FURMAN WINS VS. NCAA I-A SINCE 1982
 1982 Furman 28, South Carolina 23
 1983 Furman 17, Georgia Tech 14
 1984 Furman 34, North Carolina State 30
 1985 Furman 42, North Carolina State 20
 1999 Furman 28, North Carolina 3

✓ **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED SINCE 1952...** The three points Furman surrendered to North Carolina in Saturday's 28-3 pasting of the Tar Heels marked the fewest points the Paladins have allowed to a traditional NCAA I-A foe since 1952, when Furman shut out Florida State, 9-0. In this case, traditional I-A is defined as a school that has always been NCAA I-A and was not once a I-A program that was reclassified to NCAA I-AA such as happened to Southern Conference schools in 1982.

✓ **IT'S BEEN AWHILE...** Sporting a 7-1 overall record and 5-0 Southern Conference mark, Furman heads into Saturday's game against league rival Georgia Southern in sole possession of first place. That's a position the Paladins haven't enjoyed this late in a season since 1989 when the Paladins owned a 7-1 overall record and 4-0 league mark through eight games on the way to a 12-2 record and perfect 7-0 conference ledger.

✓ **MOST IMPROVED TEAM IN SOUTHERN CONFERENCE...** Furman has produced the league's biggest turnaround this year and, at the moment, ranks as the conference's most improved team heading into this Saturday's clash with Georgia Southern. Last season the Paladins sported a 4-4 overall record and 2-3 conference mark through eight games. This year, Furman is 7-1 overall and 5-0 in league play through eight games. A sixth place finisher in the league a year ago, Furman has vaulted into first place — an improvement that has earned Furman the title as the SoCon's most improved team.

✓ **BACK TO THE RED CLAY HILLS (EXCUSE US) RICH LOAMY PLAINS OF GEORGIA...** Yes, there may be two distinct soils in Georgia, the land of James Oglethorpe and one of our great country's original colonies, but when it comes to football, soil types won't much matter when Furman travels to southern plains of Georgia for a key South-

ern Conference showdown this Saturday. What will matter is many Georgia natives, including a number of former high school teammates who now play for Furman and Georgia Southern, will renew one of the Southern Conference's best rivalries. All told, Furman counts nine players (including kickers and punters) from Georgia in its starting lineup, and 18 Peach state products in its offensive and defensive two deep. Of the 85 players in Furman's football program, more are from Georgia (30) than any other state, including South Carolina (23). In addition to the players, three current Furman coaches are Georgia natives who sharpened their football teeth in the state before coming to Furman. They include defensive backs coach Julius Dixon (Toccoa), offensive line coach Clay Hendrix (Commerce), and quarterbacks and passing game coordinator Bobby Lamb (Commerce).

✓ **BUSTIN' LOOSE EARLY...** Although Furman scored only once in three first quarter possessions in Saturday's 28-3 win over North Carolina, the Paladins still managed to sustain their season long trend of seizing early game leads. In its current seven-game winning streak, Furman has tallied on 15 of its 21 first quarter possessions (15 TDs) and has outscored the opposition 104-10 in the first period. On the season, the Paladins have outscored opponents 104-17 in the opening period. A year ago, Furman barely edged the opposition 76-75 in first quarter scoring.

✓ **PALADINS WINNING FOURTH QUARTER BATTLES, TOO...** When Appalachian State scored a meaningless touchdown with 0:13 left in the game in the Paladins' 35-21 triumph over the Mountaineers on Oct. 9, it marked the first fourth quarter score against the Paladins this year. On Saturday Furman pitched a second half shutout against North Carolina and has now outscored the opposition 69-18 in the fourth quarter and 133-47 in the second half through eight games.

✓ **WINNING ON THE ROAD...** Furman's 28-3 win over North Carolina on Saturday improved the Paladins' season road record to 4-0. Last year Furman posted a 1-4 road record.

✓ **FURMAN RIPS NORTH CAROLINA FOR 446 YARDS WITH IMPRESSIVE BALANCE...** In recent years, Furman has taken a statistical bath when it has gone up against NCAA I-A competition. In Saturday's 28-3 win over North Carolina, however, the Paladins exceeded their season total offense totals with impressive balance, totaling 461 total yards (6.6 yards/snap) against the Tar Heels with 274 rushing yards and 187 yards through the air. The 461 total yards topped the 419.4 yards/game average the Paladins brought into the contest. Defensively, Furman limited North Carolina to 246 yards, some 77 yards below the Paladins' defense season average heading into the contest.

✓ **OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT EVIDENT...** One of the keys to Furman's turnaround this year has been the work of the Paladin offense, which heads into Saturday's game against Georgia Southern averaging 37.6 points and 424.6 yards/game. Last year Furman averaged 24.3 points and only 311.1 yards total offense per game. Furman has already scored more points (301) in eight games than it did in all 11 games (267) a year ago.

FURMAN ON INFO CONNECTION

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| Football Stats | 2401 | 3001 |
| Football Facts & Game Notes | 2402 | 3002 |
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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The Southern Conference will conduct a weekly teleconference throughout the 1999 season featuring the league's nine football coaches. The weekly teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday (August 31 - November 24) from 10:00 a.m. — 11:03 a.m. EST. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions. The number to call is (312) 470-7265. The password is SoCon.

1999 SoCon Teleconference Schedule
 10:00 a.m. — Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
 10:07 a.m. — Don Powers, The Citadel
 10:15 a.m. — Paul Hamilton, E. Tenn. St.
 10:21 a.m. — Bobby Johnson, Furman
 10:28 a.m. — Paul Johnson, Ga. Southern
 10:35 a.m. — Buddy Green, Chattanooga
 10:42 a.m. — Cal McCombs, VMI
 10:49 a.m. — Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
 10:56 a.m. — Mike Ayers, Wofford



FURMAN OFFENSE COMPARISON

| Category | 1999 | 1998 | Differential |
|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Scoring Offense | 37.6 | 24.3 | +13.3 |
| Rushing Offense | 296.0 | 185.0 | +111.0 |
| Rushing TDs | 31 | 24 | +7 |
| Passing Offense | 128.6 | 126.1 | +2.5 |
| Passing TDs | 8 | 8 | Same |
| Quarterback Sacks All. | 4 | 25 | -21 |
| Total Offense | 424.6 | 311.1 | +113.5 |
| Yards Per Play | 6.5 | 5.1 | +1.4 |
| Third Down Conv. | 48.0% | 34.8% | +13.2% |
| Time of Possession | 30:57 | 29:26 | +1:31 |

✓ **EXECUTION IN THE CLUTCH**...Another sign of Furman's improved offensive execution is evident in the Paladins' work on third and fourth down. A year ago Furman converted only 34.8% of its third down opportunities (49-of-141) to rank sixth in the Southern Conference. Through eight games this year Furman has cashed in on 48.0% of its third down situations (49-of-102). In fourth down situations, the Paladins currently lead the conference (11-of-14, 78.5%) after finishing seventh in that category a year ago (5-of-10, 50.0%). Furman has converted an impressive 14-of-24 third down conversions (58.3%) of its third down attempts in its last two games — a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State and a 28-3 victory over North Carolina.

✓ **PUTTING UP SOME NEW NUMBERS**... The 1999 season has witnessed some new offensive high water marks for Furman, which has posted three 500-yard total offense performances this season. In grinding up East Tennessee State's then vaunted defense for 553 yards and 358 rushing yards two weeks ago, Furman added a couple of more offensive statistical superlatives to a list that has expanded noticeably this year beginning with a 509-yard rushing performance in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary on Sept. 18.

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCES

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|---------------------------|-----|
| vs. Davidson (1984) | 521 |
| vs. William & Mary (1999) | 509 |
| vs. Davidson (1953) | 504 |
| vs. Davidson (1978) | 491 |
| vs. Davidson (1979) | 491 |
| vs. Presbyterian (1980) | 476 |
| vs. Davidson (1982) | 466 |

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| vs. William & Mary (1999) | 509 |
| vs. VMI (1997) | 365 |
| vs. East Tennessee State (1999) | 358 |
| vs. South Carolina State (1996) | 355 |
| vs. Wofford (1997) | 320 |
| vs. Western Carolina (1996) | 318 |
| vs. South Carolina State (1998) | 311 |
| vs. Appalachian State (1999) | 300 |

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME TOTAL OFFENSE PERFORMANCES

(Bobby Johnson Era, 1994-Present)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| vs. Western Carolina (1996) | 573 |
| vs. East Tennessee State (1999) | 553 |
| vs. VMI (1999) | 546 |
| vs. William & Mary (1999) | 542 |
| vs. VMI (1995) | 538 |
| vs. Chattanooga (1996) | 516 |
| vs. VMI (1997) | 505 |
| vs. VMI (1998) | 500 |

✓ **HIGHEST RUSHING AVERAGE IN FURMAN HISTORY**...Furman is averaging 296.0 rushing yards per game heading into Saturday's conference showdown with Georgia Southern. That's better than the school season rushing standard set in 1985, when the Paladins averaged 288.1 rushing yards/game. Regarded as the finest Furman offensive team of the modern era, the 1985 Paladins went 12-2, won the Southern Conference championship, defeated North Carolina State (42-20), and finished as NCAA I-AA national runnerup.

✓ **THE "OTHER" HILL**...While another Southern Conference quarterback by the same last name has garnered his share of headlines this year, Furman's impressive seven-game winning streak and 7-1 record has been fueled, in large part, by the consistent, oftentimes brilliant play of junior quarterback Justin Hill (Greer, S.C.), who is now in his second season as the Paladins' starting signal caller. Hill's play this fall has been excellent, but his record setting performance in Saturday's 28-3 handling of North Carolina may be his best as a Paladin. Against the Tar Heels, Hill completed 10-of-12 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns covering 60 and 49 yards. He also rushed the football 12 times for 30 yards and another touchdown on a 4-yard run. Perhaps more impressive, but less visible, was Hill's play selection at the line of scrimmage, where he directed Furman to 461 yards in total offense. Somewhat overshadowed by his team's success against North Carolina was Hill's record setting 19 straight pass completions that extended over three games. In completing his first seven attempts the Tar Heels, Hill shattered the Furman mark of 12 straight completions formerly held by Bobby Lamb, his current position coach.

Hill, who has completed 66.0% of his passes this year (62-of-94), sports an excellent 158.11 passing efficiency rating heading into this Saturday's clash with Georgia Southern.

✓ **HILL RED HOT OVER LAST SIX GAMES**...In Furman's past six games, during which time Furman has gone 6-0, Paladin quarterback Justin Hill has completed 72.8% of his passes (51x70) for 727 yards and five touchdowns and only one interception. That works out to an outstanding passing efficiency rating of 179.77 over the six-game span.

✓ **HILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS**...Although his impressive passing numbers (187 yards, 2 TDs) against North Carolina and record setting 19 consecutive completions were the main objects of focus, Justin Hill achieved another milestone in the Paladins' 28-3 win over the Tar Heels by becoming only the second Furman quarterback in history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a career. In registering 30 rushing yards against North Carolina, Hill ran his career rushing total to 1,026 and, in the process, joined former Paladin and later Green Bay Packer signal caller David Whitehurst (1,270 yards) as the only Paladin quarterbacks to rush for 1,000 yards while at Furman.

Two weeks ago in a 48-21 win over East Tennessee State, Hill became only the 13th quarterback in Furman history to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a career. Currently with 2,199 yards, the Paladin junior quarterback now ranks 12th on the school's Furman's career passing yards chart.

Hill's 217 yards in total offense against North

Carolina also propelled him into 12th place on Furman's career total offense ledger (3,225 yards). Hill's 14 career passing touchdowns rank him 10th in Furman history, and he stands 13th in career touchdown responsibilities.

FURMAN QB CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Yds. |
|------|------------------|---------|-------|
| 1) | David Whitehurst | 1973-76 | 1,270 |
| 2) | Justin Hill | 1997- | 1,026 |
| 3) | Frankie DeBusk | 1987-90 | 875 |
| 4) | Tim Sorrells | 1977-81 | 716 |
| 5) | Philly Jones | 1991-95 | 561 |

FURMAN CAREER PASSING LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Yds. |
|------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| 1) | Frankie DeBusk | 1987-90 | 5,851 |
| 2) | Braniff Bonaventure | 1992-96 | 5,731 |
| 3) | Bobby Lamb | 1982-85 | 4,594 |
| 4) | Clyde Hewell | 1966-68 | 3,993 |
| 5) | Philly Jones | 1991-95 | 3,721 |
| 6) | David Charpia | 1980-83 | 3,591 |
| 7) | David Henderson | 1976-79 | 3,582 |
| 8) | David Whitehurst | 1973-76 | 3,122 |
| 9) | Tim Sorrells | 1977-81 | 2,945 |
| 10) | Billy Canty | 1958-61 | 2,460 |
| 11) | Billy Baker | 1956-59 | 2,315 |
| 12) | Justin Hill | 1997- | 2,199 |
| 13) | Cleve Hightower | 1968-70 | 1,866 |
| 14) | John DeLeo | 1970-71 | 1,778 |
| 15) | Keith Moore | 1984-87 | 1,743 |

FURMAN CAREER PASSING TD LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | TDs |
|------|---------------------|---------|-----|
| 1) | Bobby Lamb | 1982-85 | 47 |
| 2) | Braniff Bonaventure | 1992-95 | 42 |
| 3) | Frankie DeBusk | 1987-90 | 38 |
| 4) | Tim Sorrells | 1977-81 | 31 |
| 5) | Billy Canty | 1958-61 | 24 |
| 6) | Philly Jones | 1991-95 | 23 |
| 7) | David Charpia | 1980-83 | 22 |
| | David Henderson | 1976-79 | 22 |
| | David Whitehurst | 1973-76 | 22 |
| 8) | Clyde Hewell | 1966-68 | 20 |
| 9) | Hugh Swilling | 1989-92 | 16 |
| 10) | Justin Hill | 1997- | 14 |
| | Cleve Hightower | 1968-70 | 14 |

FURMAN CAREER TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Yds. |
|------|---------------------|---------|-------|
| 1) | Frankie DeBusk | 1987-90 | 6,726 |
| 2) | Braniff Bonaventure | 1992-96 | 5,671 |
| 3) | Bobby Lamb | 1982-85 | 5,328 |
| 4) | Carl Tremble | 1989-92 | 4,746 |
| 5) | David Whitehurst | 1973-76 | 4,392 |
| 6) | Philly Jones | 1991-95 | 4,282 |
| 7) | Stanford Jennings | 1980-83 | 4,053 |
| 8) | David Charpia | 1980-83 | 3,980 |
| 9) | David Henderson | 1976-79 | 3,667 |
| 10) | Tim Sorrells | 1977-81 | 3,661 |
| 11) | Clyde Hewell | 1966-68 | 3,434 |
| 12) | Justin Hill | 1997- | 3,225 |
| 13) | Robbie Gardner | 1982-85 | 3,213 |
| 14) | Larry Robinson | 1973-76 | 3,038 |

FURMAN CAREER TD RESPONSIBILITY LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | TDRs |
|------|---------------------|---------|------|
| 1) | Bobby Lamb | 1982-85 | 58 |
| 2) | Frankie DeBusk | 1987-90 | 55 |
| 3) | Carl Tremble | 1989-92 | 48 |
| 4) | Braniff Bonaventure | 1992-95 | 46 |
| 5) | Robbie Gardner | 1982-85 | 43 |
| 6) | Stanford Jennings | 1980-83 | 41 |
| 7) | David Whitehurst | 1973-76 | 40 |
| | Tim Sorrells | 1977-81 | 40 |
| 8) | Billy Canty | 1958-61 | 32 |

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|-----|-----------------|---------|----|
| 9) | Mike Glenn | 1978-80 | 29 |
| 10) | Philly Jones | 1991-95 | 27 |
| 11) | David Henderson | 1976-79 | 26 |
| | John Bagwell | 1984-88 | 26 |
| 12) | Larry Robinson | 1973-76 | 25 |
| | David Charpia | 1980-83 | 25 |
| 13) | Justin Hill | 1997- | 24 |

✓ **HILL RECORD WATCH...** Quarterback Justin Hill's current 66.0% completion percentage is higher than Furman's existing season standard of 64.7% set by Braniff Bonaventure in 1996.

✓ **IVORY HEADLINES IMPROVED RUSHING ATTACK...** When Furman's coaching staff decided to move sophomore Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.) from fullback to tailback this fall, the aim was to help jump start Furman's lackluster ground game, which finished a disappointing sixth in the Southern Conference last year (185.0 yards/game). The results through eight games have been more than conclusive as the Paladins are averaging a solid 296.0 yards rushing per game and 5.8 yards per rush thanks, in large measure, to Ivory's team leading 1,097 rushing yards (137.1 ypg) and 11 rushing touchdowns (6.4 ypc).

Ivory followed up his career high 203-yard, 2-TD, Southern Conference Player-of-the-Week performance in Furman's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State two weeks ago by rushing a career high 34 times for 177 yards and a touchdown in the Paladins' 28-3 win over North Carolina on Saturday. Ivory's work against the Tar Heels continued an impressive string of performances this year that includes, among others, a 27-carry, 135-yard, two-touchdown performance in Furman's 35-21 dismantling of then third-ranked Appalachian State on Oct. 9 and a 150-yard, two-touchdown outing against Western Carolina on Oct. 2 that featured a game-clinching 43-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Ivory ran for a season high 151 yards and a touchdown in the Paladins' 52-6 rout of William & Mary on Sept. 18 and had 85 yards and three touchdowns in slightly over one quarter of work in Furman's 58-0 blanking of VMI on Sept. 25. Furman is 6-0 in games that Ivory has rushed for 100 yards or more.

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING PERFORMANCES

| Yards | TD | Opponent | Year |
|-------|----|----------------------|------|
| 202 | 2 | East Tennessee State | 1999 |
| 177 | 1 | @ North Carolina | 1999 |
| 161 | 2 | South Carolina State | 1998 |
| 151 | 1 | @ William & Mary | 1999 |
| 150 | 2 | @ Western Carolina | 1999 |
| 135 | 2 | Appalachian State | 1999 |

FURMAN SINGLE GAME RUSHING LEADERS

| Player | Opponent | Yards |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------|
| William Gressette | h-Erskine (1916) | 228 |
| Mike Glenn | h-Presbyterian (1980) | 261 |
| Ernest Crosby | h-S.C. State (1996) | 243 |
| Steve Crislip | a-Carson-Newman (1971) | 229 |
| Carl Tremble | a-Chattanooga (1992) | 228 |
| William Gressette | a-Presbyterian (1916) | 217 |
| John Bagwell | h-Marshall (1987) | 213 |
| Louis Ivory | h-E. Tenn. St. (1999) | 203 |
| Pat Carroll | a-Carson-Newman (1970) | 202 |
| Carl Tremble | h-The Citadel (1990) | 202 |

✓ **IVORY BECOMES FIRST 1,000-YARD RUSHER SINCE 1992...** In rushing 34 times for 177 yards and a touchdown in Furman's 28-3 dismantling of North Carolina on Saturday, Louis Ivory (Fort Valley, Ga.) became the 10th player in Furman football history to rush for 1,000 yards in

a season and first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since the 1992 season when Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards as a senior. A year ago Ivory began the season in fine fashion, working at fullback and rushing for 202 yards and two touchdowns in the Paladins' first two games before ankle injuries slowed his production. He finished the year with 406 yards and four touchdowns (5.1 ypa).

FURMAN SEASON 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

| Rank | Player | Year | Yds. |
|------|-------------------|------|-------|
| 1) | Carl Tremble | 1992 | 1,555 |
| 2) | Stanford Jennings | 1983 | 1,390 |
| 3) | Carl Tremble | 1990 | 1,277 |
| 4) | Robbie Gardner | 1984 | 1,232 |
| 5) | Stanford Jennings | 1981 | 1,168 |
| 6) | Robbie Gardner | 1986 | 1,113 |
| 7) | Louis Ivory | 1999 | 1,097 |
| 8) | Brian Jager | 1985 | 1,045 |
| 9) | Stanford Jennings | 1982 | 1,025 |
| 10) | Steve Crislip | 1971 | 1,002 |

✓ **MORE ON IVORY...** Louis Ivory's 34 rushing attempts against North Carolina on Saturday represented the fourth most single game rushing attempts in Furman history, and his 177 yards against the Tar Heels marked the first 100-yard performance by a Furman player against an NCAA I-A opponent since Dwight Sterling ran for 126 yards in a 41-10 loss to Florida State in 1987. With 172 rushing attempts on the year, Ivory is in prime position to better the school single season rushing attempts mark (229) currently held Carl Tremble (1990, 13 games). Ivory's current 1,097 rushing yards represents the seventh highest season total in school history and is only 458 yards shy of Carl Tremble's school record 1,555 yards (1992). Ivory's 11 rushing touchdowns this season is the fourth highest tally in school history and is only four touchdowns shy of the standard of 15 currently held by Robbie Gardner (1986).

✓ **DES KITCHINGS: MR. VERSATILE...** While there are many talented running backs, receivers, and kick return specialists in the Southern Conference, there is probably no player in the league more versatile than Furman flanker Des Kitchings (Wagener, S.C.), who put on another impressive display in Saturday's 28-3 thumping of North Carolina.

Kitchings' impressive work against North Carolina included seven receptions for a career high 169 yards and two touchdowns covering 60 and 49 yards. His 60-yard scoring catch put the Paladins ahead 7-0, and the 49-yarder stretched Furman's margin to 21-0 in the second quarter.

His performance against North Carolina followed on the heels of a brilliant outing in Furman's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Oct. 23 when he rushed two times for 25 yards and grabbed four catches for 89 yards and a touchdown covering 63 yards. Kitchings also added 15 yards on a kickoff return that followed a bouncing kick designed to disrupt Furman's (and Kitchings') lethal returns (2 TDs this year). Kitchings' 63-yard touchdown catch came on a third-and-eight play and saw him outrun three East Tennessee State defenders to the goal line.

Kitchings' work against East Tennessee State followed a strong performance in Furman's 31-17 win over The Citadel on Oct. 16 when he caught three of Furman's eight pass completions and returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown. The 95-yard return, the longest of Kitchings' career and fifth longest in school history, was his second of the season (93-yard return for TD vs. Elon) and

third of his career. Kitchings' threat as a return specialist is well known and is reflected in the fact that have only allowed him eight kickoffs through seven games (SoCon leading 35.5 avg.).

Counting his touchdown catches against North Carolina, Des Kitchings has now scored 10 touchdowns on the year — an impressive total that takes on even more significance when considering that four have come via the rush, four as a receiver, and two on kickoff returns.

Kitchings' effectiveness as a ballcarrier has been well documented this year, and he heads into the Georgia Southern game with 218 yards rushing on 18 carries (12.1 ypc) and four touchdowns. He is also Furman's leading receiver with 35 catches for 621 yards and four scores, and ranks first in all-purpose yardage (1123 yards, 140.4 ypg).

✓ **KITCHINGS ON THE CHARTS...** In registering a career high seven receptions for 105 yards in the Paladins' season opener against Elon on Sept. 4, senior flanker Des Kitchings placed his name on Furman's career receptions and receiving yards charts. The squad's fastest player (4.36 40-yard dash), Kitchings now has 105 receptions for 1,671 yards in his career. The 105 catches places him in fifth place on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,671 yards in receptions ranks third in school history. Kitchings' 11 career touchdown catches ranks fifth all-time. As a return specialist, Kitchings' 28.9 yards/return average on 28 returns (3 TDs) is well ahead of the current school standard of 27.1 yards/return currently held by Josh Cole (1993-96), and is even better than the current Southern Conference career kickoff returns standard of 28.7 yards/return held by Marshall's Troy Brown (1991-92).

FURMAN CAREER RECEPTIONS LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Rec. |
|------|------------------|---------|------|
| 1) | Luther Broughton | 1993-96 | 135 |
| 2) | Josh Cole | 1993-96 | 119 |
| 3) | Chas Fox | 1982-85 | 113 |
| 4) | Adrick Harrison | 1992-95 | 111 |
| 5) | Des Kitchings | 1996- | 105 |
| 6) | Tommy Southard | 1974-77 | 103 |
| 7) | Byron Trotter | 1968-70 | 98 |
| 8) | Donald Lipscomb | 1988-91 | 95 |
| 9) | Billy Risher | 1979-83 | 87 |
| 10) | Jimmy Jordan | 1966-68 | 85 |

FURMAN CAREER RECEIVING YARDS LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Yds. |
|------|------------------|---------|-------|
| 1) | Chas Fox | 1982-85 | 2,158 |
| 2) | Donald Lipscomb | 1988-91 | 2,148 |
| 3) | Des Kitchings | 1996- | 1,671 |
| 4) | Luther Broughton | 1993-96 | 1,659 |
| 5) | Josh Cole | 1993-96 | 1,606 |
| 6) | Billy Risher | 1979-83 | 1,561 |
| 7) | Tommy Southard | 1974-77 | 1,443 |
| 8) | Kirk Burnett | 1983-86 | 1,396 |
| 9) | Robbie Hahn | 1966-67 | 1,375 |
| 10) | Adrick Harrison | 1992-95 | 1,342 |

FURMAN CAREER TD RECEPTION LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | TDs. |
|------|-----------------|---------|------|
| 1) | Chas Fox | 1982-85 | 28 |
| 2) | Billy Risher | 1979-83 | 19 |
| 3) | Robbie Hahn | 1966-67 | 16 |
| 4) | Jody Wade | 1994-97 | 13 |
| 5) | Adrick Harrison | 1992-95 | 11 |
| | Josh Cole | 1993-96 | 11 |

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|----|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | Des Kitchings | 1996- | 11 |
| 6) | Paul Siffri | 1988-91 | 10 |
| 7) | Donald Lipscomb ... | 1988-91 | 9 |
| 8) | Tommy Southard | 1974-77 | 8 |
| | Kirk Burnett | 1983-86 | 8 |

✓ WELLS ADDING TO KICK SCORING STANDARD...

In connecting on a field goal and four extra points in Furman's 31-17 win over The Citadel on Oct. 16, senior placekicker Jason Wells (Lawton, Okla.) became Furman's all-time kick scoring leader, surpassing former great Mike Wood (1986-89). In addition to setting a new school career standard, Wells, who now has 236 career points following four PATs in Saturday's 28-3 win over North Carolina, delivered a knockout blow to The Citadel when he scooped up a botched Furman field goal snap and lobbed a pass toward the goal line, where it bounced off two Citadel players into the hands of Furman's Patrick Garner (Greenville, S.C.) for a touchdown play that earned Compaq's "Most Unusual" Play-of-the-Week. Wells' career numbers heading into Saturday's game against Georgia Southern include 33x56 FGs (.589) and 137x143 PATs (.958).

FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Points |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1) | Jason Wells | 1996- | 236 |
| 1) | Mike Wood | 1986-89 | 225 |
| 3) | Keven EsvaI | 1982-85 | 214 |
| | Jim Richter | 1992-95 | 214 |
| 4) | Glen Connally | 1988-90 | 188 |
| 5) | Tim Tanguay | 1980-82 | 177 |

FURMAN CAREER SCORING LEADERS

| Rank | Player | Years | Points |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1) | Carl Tremble | 1989-92 | 300 |
| 2) | Stanford Jennings .. | 1980-83 | 268 |
| 3) | Robbie Gardner | 1982-86 | 258 |
| 4) | Jason Wells | 1996- | 236 |
| 5) | Mike Wood | 1986-89 | 225 |
| 6) | Keven EsvaI | 1982-85 | 214 |
| | Jim Richer | 1992-95 | 214 |
| 7) | Chas Fox | 1982-85 | 198 |
| 8) | Mike Glenn | 1978-80 | 192 |
| 9) | Glenn Connally | 1988-90 | 188 |
| 10) | Tim Tanguay | 1980-82 | 177 |

✓ FURMAN OL POWERING THE WAY...

Paced by senior guard Ben Hall (Royston, S.C.), a pre-season All-Southern Conference selection, Furman's offensive line has delivered very consistent play thus far in helping the Paladins to a 7-1 record. Hall, the most veteran of Furman's offensive linemen, has now started in 31 consecutive games and has earned winning grades in 29 of his 31 career starts, including his latest, a brilliant 91.0% blocking performance in Furman's 28-3 domination of North Carolina on Saturday.

One encouraging aspect of Furman's offensive line work is it includes only one senior (Hall), and features several very experienced underclassmen, including sophomore left guard Marty Priore (Cincinnati, Ohio), who has now started in 16 straight games after registering eight starts as a freshman a year ago. At left tackle, sophomore Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney, S.C.) has now started in 17 straight games following a freshman campaign in 1998 that included nine starts. Junior right tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), meanwhile, now counts 14 starts in his career. The youngest member of Furman's offensive line and team's strongest player (480 bench press, 650 squat, 352 power clean), sophomore center Chris

Stewart (Palm Harbor, Fla.) earned the ninth start of his young career in Saturday's win over North Carolina and recorded an impressive 91.0% blocking grade against the Tar Heels on 69 plays.

In addition to paving the way for some impressive offensive numbers this season, Furman's offensive front has surrendered only four sacks to opponents through eight games. Last year, Paladin opponents racked up 25 sacks.

✓ DEFENSE TURNING THE CORNER...

A year ago Furman's defense surrendered 25.7 points and 372.2 yards per game, and faded noticeably down the stretch, yielding 31.0 points and 432.3 yards/game over the final six outings (1-5). This year, Furman appears to have turned the corner defensively. Through eight games (7-1), the Paladins are surrendering 13.9 points and 313.3 yards per game, and Furman is doing it with some noticeable youth. Comprising the Paladins' two-deep defensive chart in Saturday's game against North Carolina were four seniors, three juniors, 11 sophomores, and four freshmen.

FURMAN DEFENSE COMPARISON

| Category | 1999 | 1998 | Differential |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Scoring Defense | 13.9 | 25.7 | -11.8 |
| Rushing Defense | 180.1 | 209.8 | -29.7 |
| Rushing TDs | 9 | 22 | -13 |
| Passing Defense | 142.7 | 162.4 | -19.7 |
| Passing TDs | 3 | 11 | -8 |
| Quarterback Sacks | 11 | 9 | +2 |
| Total Defense | 322.9 | 372.2 | -49.3 |
| Yards Per Play | 4.7 | 5.5 | -0.8 |

✓ BOUTON LEADING THE WAY...

One of the most experienced sophomore defensive players in the Southern Conference, Paladin middle linebacker Will Bouton (Greenville, S.C.), a starter 19 straight games, currently leads all Paladin tacklers with 87 stops through eight contests. In Saturday's head turning 28-3 disposal of North Carolina, Bouton tallied a team high 12 stops and four tackles-for-loss to headline a Paladin defensive effort that limited North Carolina to only 261 total yards and only three points.

One of three starting sophomore linebackers in Furman's lineup, Bouton, who recorded the second interception of his career three weeks ago against The Citadel, already has 198 tackles and 16 tackles-for-loss in his young career. He appears to be well on his way to making good on his pre-season All-Southern Conference selection by the league head coaches.

✓ SUPER SAFETIES...

To best gauge just how big a role Furman's safeties have played in the Paladins' current seven-game winning streak, consider that starters Walter Booth (Gainesville, Fla.) and John Keith (Newnan, Ga.) and backup Josh Cooper (Cincinnati, Ohio) have accounted for eight of the Paladins' 11 interceptions in those seven contests, including seven in the past five games. In Saturday's 28-3 rout of North Carolina, Booth and Keith put up a another pair of quality performances, combining for 18 tackles and a pass deflection.

The strong work by Booth and Keith, in particular, only continued a trend of quality performances registered by Furman's starting safeties. Three weeks ago in a 31-17 win over The Citadel, Booth totaled nine tackles, three tackles-for-loss, a fumble recovery, and a blocked field goal, and Keith registered 11 stops, including a couple of the bone crushing variety. Booth's impressive

work against The Citadel came on the heels of a spectacular performance in a 35-21 victory over Appalachian State when he tied a Furman single game record with three interceptions on the way to earning Southern Conference and ESPN/USA Today National Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Keith, meanwhile, was named Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week after tallying 12 tackles and a pair of interceptions in the win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2.

✓ FURMAN SECONDARY TURNING IT UP...

Although Furman's secondary didn't collect an interception in Saturday's 28-3 win over North Carolina, Furman's defense, and in particular the Paladin secondary, posted another outstanding performance that has recently included a two-interception outing against The Citadel (31-17 win) and a three-interception display in a 35-21 win over previously third-ranked Appalachian State On Oct. 9. Counting the Paladins' four pickoffs in a 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2, Furman has racked up 10 interceptions in its last five games. Furman ranks second in the Southern Conference with 11 interceptions, and in passing defense, as measured by efficiency, Furman sports the league's second best pass defense (93.39 rating). Last year, the Paladins totaled 12 pickoffs in 11 games.

✓ KEITH PLAYING LIKE A "PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR"...

After an injury plagued 1998 season, senior All-Southern Conference free safety John Keith (Newnan, Ga.) has assumed the much needed role of leader of Furman's defense in 1999, and judging by Furman's defensive success thus far, Keith's presence has been huge.

Selected by Southern Conference head coaches as the league's pre-season defensive player-of-the-year, Keith fashioned a solid pre-season, making a successful move from strong safety to free safety. In the Paladins' 52-6 win over William & Mary on Sept. 18, Keith tallied five tackles and an interception. In limited action in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI on Sept. 25, Keith notched three tackles and a tackle-for-loss. In the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2, Keith earned league defensive player-of-the-week accolades after notching 12 tackles, a tackle-for-loss, and two interceptions — the 10th and 11th interceptions of his fine career. Keith's first pickoff halted a Western Carolina scoring threat the Furman 26, and his second pickoff, at the Catamount 44, set up Furman's first touchdown of the game. In Furman's 35-21 upset of nationally third-ranked Appalachian State on Oct. 9, the Paladin senior registered a squad high 10 tackles in helping pace a solid Paladin defensive effort.

An outstanding tackler, Keith recorded a career high 19 tackles in Furman's 1998 season opener against Clemson, but late in the Paladins' third game (34-24 win over Samford), he sustained a deep sprain in his right foot, which effectively sidelined him for the next three games and limited his effectiveness the rest of the season. Still, he tallied 56 tackles and earned Furman's Best Defensive Back Award.

Forced to sit out spring practice after undergoing post-season surgery, Keith serves as a team co-captain this season. Despite the injury plagued 1998 campaign, Keith has totaled 258 tackles and 11 interceptions in his career. One of his 11 pickoffs includes a school record 99-yard return in a 43-21 Furman win over Chattanooga

in the 1997 season finale.

✓ **BEGINNING TO FIND THE QB...**Two years ago Furman paced the Southern Conference with 32 quarterback sacks, but last year, following the graduation of All-America [defensive end Bryan Dailer (17.5 sacks in '97), the Paladins slipped all the way to eighth, with only nine takedowns. In registering a sack against North Carolina on Saturday, Furman notched its 11th sack of the season. The Paladins have spread around the sacks this year with senior tackle Brian Conner (Knoxville, Tenn.), junior tackle Steve Kupckinsky (Kingsport, Tenn.), true freshmen tackle LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.) and defensive end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) with two takedowns each.

✓ **FRESHMAN IMPACT ON DL...**A pair of true freshmen, rush end Eddie Overdyke (Lilburn, Ga.) and tackle LeBryan Sperling (Decatur, Ga.) are making significant contributions along Furman's defensive front this year. At defensive end, Overdyke has registered three starts and has garnered 18 tackles, a pair of tackles-for-loss, and two sacks. Sperling, meanwhile, has posted starts in Furman's last four games and his numbers include 20 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, a pair of sacks, and a forced fumble.

✓ **NOTING OTHER PALADIN FRESHMEN...**Redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier (Chatsworth, Ga.) has been impressive in three appearances thus far this season, with his latest quality work coming in two weeks ago in Furman's 48-21 handling of East Tennessee State. Against the Buccaneers, Napier came off the bench and completed 2-of-2 passes for 39 yards, including a spectacular 33-yard catch to another freshman, James Thomas (Marianna, Fla.). In his first game action as a Paladin, Napier rushed three times for 19 yards, including a 15-yard scoring run, in the Paladins' 52-6 rout of William & Mary. The next week Napier put together another impressive outing by completing 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards and rushing for 28 yards on nine carries in three quarters of play in the Paladins' 58-0 rout of VMI. For his play against VMI, Napier was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week. In addition to his touchdown catch against East Tennessee State, Thomas has registered quality playing and has three catches for 64 yards in seven games.

✓ **DEREK RUSSELL: TD MAN...**Junior fullback Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) ranks as Furman's fifth leading rusher (174 yards) through eight games, but his eight rushing touchdowns trails only tailback Louis Ivory's team leading 11 rushing scores.

✓ **HOLDING ON TO THE PIGSKIN...**Although Furman suffered one fumble in its 28-3 win over North Carolina on Saturday, the Paladins still sport a solid turnover ratio of +1.25 on the season with 19 turnovers gained and only nine lost. Despite the one fumble against the Tar Heels, Furman has suffered only six turnovers (5 fumbles, 1 interception) in its last seven games (28 quarters).

✓ **MARION MARTIN: ATHLETIC, ACADEMIC STAR...**Starting weak side linebacker Marion Martin (Columbia, S.C.) is an outstanding student on Furman's football team who is contributing in a major way on the field. In eight starts,

Martin has tallied 42 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and three pass deflections. In Furman's 28-3 win over North Carolina on Saturday, Martin notched five tackles and a tackle-for-loss. A chemistry major and strong GTE Academic All-America candidate, Martin sports a 3.89 GPA and this summer teamed up with university professor Dr. Lon Knight in pioneer chemistry research known as "Mass Selected Matrix Isolation."

✓ **REMARKABLE STUART RENTZ...**In rushing for 144 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Furman's 58-0 rout of VMI on Sept. 25, senior tailback Stuart Rentz (Pickens, S.C.) posted the fifth 100-yard rushing performance of his career, which now includes two 100-yard outings against VMI. Rentz's solid work against the Keydets featured a career long touchdown run covering 55 yards. Holder of a 3.90 GPA and a double major in Spanish and history, Rentz has now rushed for 1,301 yards and 10 touchdowns in his career and has averaged 6.3 yards per carry. As a freshman in 1996, Rentz, a walk-on and three-time member of the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll, posted two 100-yard rushing performances, including a 125-yard effort in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

✓ **BUSSARD, FRIERSON OUT FOR SEASON...**Nose guard/defensive tackle Ryan Bussard (Marietta, Ga.) and linebacker Sterling Frierson (Woodrow, S.C.), both redshirt freshmen, will miss the remainder of the 1999 season due to injuries. The culprit in Bussard's case is slow rehabilitation associated with a posterior cartilage tear in his left shoulder, a problem that will likely require surgery. Frierson, meanwhile, underwent surgery in late October to repair a torn anterior cruciate knee ligament sustained in the Paladins' 27-19 win over Western Carolina on Oct. 2.

✓ **ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS...**Furman's 58-0 win over VMI on Sept. 25 forced some research into the school's football record book, and the notable team milestones achieved by the Paladins include:

✎ The 58-0 victory over VMI marked the biggest Southern Conference win (margin of victory) in Furman football history. The previous biggest margin had been 49 points, which Furman posted in shutouts of VMI (49-0) and Appalachian State (49-0) in 1983.

✎ Furman reached the 50-point plateau for a second straight game, a feat that had never before been accomplished in the history of Furman football (94 seasons, 889 games).

✎ The 58 points were the most ever scored by a Bobby Johnson-coached Furman team and the most by the Paladins since the 1989 season when Furman tallied 59 points in a 59-17 win over Presbyterian. The 58 points were the most scored against a Southern Conference opponent since 1987 when Furman defeated The Citadel 58-13 in Charleston.

✎ Furman's 110 points in wins over William & Mary (52-6) and VMI (58-0) marked the second highest consecutive games points total in program history, trailing only the 111 points Furman posted in back-to-back wins during the 1920 season (42-3 win over Oglethorpe and 69-0 win

over Wofford).

✎ The shutout was the first by Furman since the Paladins blanked Wofford 38-0 during the 1995 season.

✎ Furman's 546-yard offensive performance against VMI marked its second straight 500-yard outing (542 vs. William & Mary, Sept. 18). Prior to the William & Mary and VMI games, Furman had last posted back-to-back 500-yard offensive performances during the 1990 season when the Paladins rolled up 565 yards in a 30-17 win over The Citadel and 586 yards in a 45-17 thrashing of Eastern Kentucky.

✎ VMI's four first downs tied a Furman opponent record (shared by four other teams) for fewest first downs in a game. The Keydets didn't post their first first down until the third quarter.

✓ **FURMAN INDUCTS 10 INTO HALL-OF-FAME SEPT. 25...**Former football standouts Bruce Gheesling '82 of Covington, Ga., David Charpia '84 of Greenville, and Gene Reeder '86 of Woodruff were among 10 greats who were inducted into the Furman University Athletic Hall-of-Fame in ceremonies Sept. 25. Also inducted were Rushia Brown '94 (women's basketball), Bill Dimitrouleas '73 (track & field), Cathy Frohnheiser '94 (softball), Russ Hunt '73 (men's basketball), Janey Strause-McKenna '87 (women's tennis), and Forrest Wakefield '36 (honorary).

✓ **BOBBY JOHNSON: YEAR SIX...**The 1999 season marks Furman head coach Bobby Johnson's sixth year at the helm of the Paladin program and 22nd season of service to the university. After suffering through a 3-8 season in 1994 (the program's first losing season since 1979 and worst record since 1972), Furman rebounded in 1995 to finish 6-5. A year later Johnson, a Columbia native and 1973 Clemson graduate, directed the Paladins to a 9-4 record and into the NCAA I-AA playoffs—the program's first playoff appearance since 1990. Furman went 7-4 in 1997 and 5-6 a year ago. Johnson's four-year head coaching record is 37-28 (.569), and his last four teams have combined to post a 34-20 slate (.629). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 37-24 (.606). Johnson's 22-year tenure includes work as defensive backs coach, assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, and head coach. The Paladins' record during that span (1976-80; 82-92; 94-present) is 169-81-7 (.670).

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL...**Furman currently has two players in the National Football League. Tight end Luther Broughton '97 of the Philadelphia Eagles is now in his third year of professional football after being traded by the Carolina Panthers to the Eagles prior to the start of this season. Broughton was originally drafted by the Eagles in the fifth round but was signed by Carolina off Philadelphia's practice squad following the 1997 season. Linebacker Orlando Ruff '99 is Furman's other football alumnus in the NFL and is now in his first season with the San Diego Chargers.

FURMAN INJURY REPORT

FB Adam Sanders (knee) -- probable
DT Ryan Bussard (shoulder) -- out for season
LB Sterling Frierson (knee) -- out for season

FURMAN PALADINS VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN EAGLES DEPTH CHART

FURMAN OFFENSE (Multiple I)

| | | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------|--------------------|
| FLK | 4 | DES KITCHINGS | (5-10, 177, Sr.) |
| | 1 | Bryant Huguley | (5-7, 151, Jr.) |
| LT | 71 | DONNIE LITTLEJOHN | (6-3, 266, So.) |
| | 74 | Steven Cain | (6-5, 278, R-Fr.) |
| LG | 75 | MARTY PRIORE | (6-1, 272, So.) |
| | 56 | Trevor Kruger | (6-2, 289, R-Fr.) |
| C | 54 | CHRIS STEWART | (5-11, 280, So.) |
| | 65 | Tye Crews | (6-2, 265, So.) |
| RG | 59 | BEN HALL | (6-4, 285, Sr.) |
| | 62 | Justin Price | (6-5, 275, R-Fr.) |
| RT | 77 | JOSH MOORE | (6-5, 293, Jr.) |
| | 60 | Ryan Kineard | (6-3, 265, Sr.) |
| TE | 89 | TRENT SANSBURY | (6-2, 236, So.) |
| | 84 | Graham Hunter | (6-3, 252, So.) |
| SE | 33 | ZACH SMERDZINSKI | (5-9, 183, Jr.) |
| | 3 | James Thomas | (5-10, 180, R-Fr.) |
| QB | 15 | JUSTIN HILL | (5-11, 191, Jr.) |
| | 19 | Billy Napier | (6-3, 200, R-Fr.) |
| FB | 23 | DEREK RUSSELL | (5-11, 222, Jr.) |
| | 40 | Adam Sanders | (5-10, 212, Jr.) |
| TB | 34 | LOUIS IVORY | (5-8, 193, So.) |
| | 21 | Stuart Rentz | (5-8, 190, Sr.) |

FURMAN DEFENSE (43)

| | | | |
|-----|----|--------------------------|-------------------|
| RUE | 55 | BOBBY HUBBARD (or) | (6-3, 229, Sr.) |
| | 47 | Eddie Overdyke | (6-2, 224, Fr.) |
| ST | 98 | LEBRYAN SPERLING | (6-3, 252, Fr.) |
| | 64 | Steve DeBeer | (6-5, 281, So.) |
| NG | 90 | JARROD HOLMES | (6-2, 267, So.) |
| | 78 | Ryan Spencer | (6-3, 291, So.) |
| WT | 97 | STEVE KUPCHINSKY | (6-4, 269, Jr.) |
| | 48 | Brian Conner | (6-2, 245, Sr.) |
| SLB | 9 | JOHN THRIFT | (6-0, 214, So.) |
| | 41 | Andrew Knight | (6-0, 211, Fr.) |
| MLB | 20 | WILL BOUTON | (6-2, 225, So.) |
| | 46 | Steve Wall | (5-10, 231, So.) |
| WLB | 12 | MARION MARTIN | (5-9, 217, Jr.) |
| | 11 | Brad Redmond | (6-0, 202, So.) |
| LCB | 8 | RICHIE JACKSON | (6-0, 178, So.) |
| | 17 | Chris Lowery | (5-9, 175, R-Fr.) |
| RCB | 25 | RODNEY JOHNSON | (5-9, 170, So.) |
| | 31 | Andre Stroman | (5-8, 180, Jr.) |
| SS | 24 | WALTER BOOTH | (5-10, 190, Sr.) |
| | 38 | Shelvis Smith | (6-1, 202, So.) |
| FS | 10 | JOHN KEITH | (6-0, 204, Sr.) |
| | 2 | Josh Cooper | (5-11, 184, So.) |

FURMAN SPECIALISTS

| | | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------|-------------------|
| PK | 16 | JASON WELLS | (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| KO | 16 | JASON WELLS | (6-2, 210, Sr.) |
| P | 80 | LEE WILLIS | (5-11, 157, So.) |
| SSN | 61 | BRAD BYARS | (6-1, 247, R-Fr.) |
| LSN | 65 | TYE CREWS | (6-2, 265, So.) |
| H | 13 | BRENT SCOGGINS | (6-0, 201, So.) |
| KOR | 4 | DESMOND KITCHINGS | (5-10, 177, Sr.) |
| PR | 33 | ZACH SMERDZINSKI | (5-9, 183, Jr.) |

GEORGIA SOUTHERN OFFENSE (Spread)

| | | | |
|----|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| WR | 83 | Dedric Parham | (6-4, 203, Sr.) |
| | 15 | Derrick Owens | (5-11, 180, Fr.) |
| LT | 62 | Rich McGrath | (6-2, 283, Sr.) |
| | 75 | Anthony Scott | (6-2, 253, Jr.) |
| LG | 71 | Brian Scott | (6-2, 281, Sr.) |
| | 60 | Dietrich Everett | (6-1, 285, Jr.) |
| C | 70 | Tom Jiles | (6-2, 251, Jr.) |
| | 72 | Bob Bellingrath | (6-2, 265, So.) |
| RG | 68 | Mark Williams | (6-1, 312, Sr.) |
| | 60 | Dietrich Everett | (6-1, 285, Jr.) |
| RT | 73 | Michael Anderson | (6-0, 260, Jr.) |
| | 74 | Charles Clarke | (6-1, 258, Fr.) |
| WR | 7 | Chris Johnson | (6-0, 169, Jr.) |
| | 85 | Titus Johnson | (6-0, 176, Jr.) |
| QB | 10 | Greg Hill | (5-11, 163, Sr.) |
| | 9 | J.R. Revere | (5-11, 189, So.) |
| FB | 3 | Adrian Peterson | (5-10, 207, So.) |
| | 11 | Edmund Coley | (5-11, 192, So.) |
| SB | 19 | Cherard Freeman | (5-9, 197, Sr.) |
| | 13 | Andre Weathers | (5-9, 173, So.) |
| SB | 36 | Bennie Cunningham | (5-11, 199, Sr.) |
| | 27 | Chris Blount | (5-9, 178, So.) |

GEORGIA SOUTHERN DEFENSE (Multiple 50)

| | | | |
|-----|----|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| LT | 88 | Robert LeBlanc | (6-1, 244, So.) |
| | 55 | Brennan Hay | (6-4, 218, Fr.) |
| NT | 99 | Voncellies Allen | (6-0, 286, Sr.) |
| | 90 | Gino Tutera | (5-9, 228, Jr.) |
| RT | 44 | Freddy Pesqueira (or) | (6-0, 239, Fr.) |
| | 91 | Eugene Phillips | (6-3, 245, Sr.) |
| OLB | 97 | Jamar Jones | (6-2, 226, So.) |
| | 58 | Corey Middlebrooks | (6-1, 227, So.) |
| ILB | 31 | Jason Neese | (6-0, 213, So.) |
| | 33 | Josh Smithers | (6-0, 216, Sr.) |
| ILB | 47 | Michael Ward | (6-0, 205, Fr.) |
| | 20 | Dante Harrow | (5-8, 209, Sr.) |
| OLB | 41 | Michael Youngblood | (6-3, 225, So.) |
| | 54 | Winston Hardison | (6-2, 202, R-Fr.) |
| CB | 2 | Kiwaukee Thomas | (5-11, 178, Sr.) |
| | 21 | Lavar Rainey | (5-10, 177, Jr.) |
| FS | 5 | Arkee Thompson | (6-0, 179, So.) |
| | 16 | Nick Kearns | (6-0, 192, So.) |
| SS | 12 | Ryan Hadden | (6-1, 201, Jr.) |
| | 18 | David Young | (6-2, 180, Fr.) |
| CB | 4 | Earthwind Moreland | (5-10, 175, Sr.) |
| | 14 | Nate Gates | (6-0, 180, Jr.) |

GEORGIA SOUTHERN SPECIALISTS

| | | | |
|-----|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| PK | 45 | Chris Chambers | (5-9, 177, Sr.) |
| KO | 40 | Scott Shelton | (5-10, 173, Fr.) |
| P | 40 | Scott Shelton | (5-10, 173, Fr.) |
| SN | 70 | Tom Jiles | (6-2, 251, Jr.) |
| LSN | 70 | Tom Jiles | (6-2, 251, Jr.) |
| H | 7 | Chris Johnson | (6-0, 169, Jr.) |
| KOR | 36 | Bennie Cunningham | (5-11, 199, Sr.) |
| PR | 81 | Anthony Williams | (5-8, 150, Fr.) |

1999 FURMAN UNIVERSITY PALADINS SUPERLATIVES

INDIVIDUAL

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|---|-------|---|
| Longest Run From Scrimmage | 60, | Justin Hill vs. The Citadel | 38, | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Longest Pass Completion | 63, | Justin Hill to Des Kitchings vs. East Tennessee State | 59, | Shawn Snyder to Michael Banks, Western Carolina |
| Longest Punt Return | 21, | Zach Smerdzinski vs. VMI | 38, | Michael Banks, Western Carolina |
| Longest Kickoff Return | 95, | Des Kitchings vs. The Citadel | 61, | Daryl Skinner, Appalachian State |
| Longest Interception Return | 59, | Josh Cooper vs. East Tennessee State | 24, | Sam Ames, Elon |
| Longest Fumble Return | 30, | Hershal Plesant vs. Elon | | |
| Longest Punt | 54, | Lee Willis vs. Appalachian State | 59, | Brian Reilly, Appalachian State |
| Best Punting Average | 43.0 | Lee Willis vs. Western Carolina | 48.8, | Brian Schmitz, North Carolina |
| Longest Field Goal | 26, | Jason Wells vs. William & Mary | 44, | Josh Jones, Western Carolina |
| Longest Field Goal Attempt | 48, | Jason Wells vs. VMI | 55, | Stuart Jones, Appalachian State |
| Most Rushing Attempts | 34, | Louis Ivory vs. North Carolina | 26, | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Most Rushing Yards | 203, | Louis Ivory vs. East Tennessee State | 138, | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Most Pass Attempts | 20, | Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina | 34, | Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina |
| Most Pass Completions | 13, | Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina | 17, | Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina |
| Most Passing Yards | 187, | Justin Hill vs. North Carolina | 240, | Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina |
| Most Touchdown Passes | 2, | Justin Hill vs. East Tennessee State & North Carolina | 1, | Derrick Moore, Elon |
| | | | | Jamey Chawell, East Tennessee State |
| Most Total Offense Attempts | 37, | Justin Hill vs. Western Carolina | 38, | Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina |
| Most Total Offense Yards | 217, | Justin Hill vs. North Carolina | 239, | Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina |
| Most Passes Caught | 7, | Des Kitchings vs. Elon & North Carolina | 7, | Lamont Williams, Western Carolina |
| Most Touchdown Passes Caught | 2, | Des Kitchings vs. North Carolina | 1, | three players |
| Most Pass Reception Yardage | 169, | Des Kitchings vs. North Carolina | 92, | Lamont Williams, Western Carolina |
| Most Points Scored | 18, | Louis Ivory vs. VMI | 12, | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Most Touchdown Responsibilities | 3, | Louis Ivory vs. VMI | 2, | Derrick Moore, Elon |
| | | | | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Most Touchdowns Scored | 3, | Louis Ivory vs. VMI | 2, | Drew Johnson, The Citadel |
| Most PATs | 7, | Jason Wells vs. William & Mary & Elon | 3, | Jim Willis, Elon |
| | | | | Stuart Jones, Appalachian State |
| Most Field Goals | 1, | Jason Wells vs. four opponents | 2, | Brett Sterba, William & Mary |
| | | | | Josh Jones, Western Carolina |
| Most Sacks | 2, | Steve Kupchinsky vs. William & Mary | 1, | five players |

TEAM

Offense

| | Best | | Worst | |
|------------------------------|---------------|--|---------------|---|
| Points Scored | 58, | vs. VMI | 22, | vs. Elon |
| Touchdowns Scored | 9, | vs. VMI | 3, | vs. Elon |
| First Downs | 27, | vs. William & Mary | 15, | vs. Elon |
| Rushing Attempts | 63, | vs. Appalachian State | 36, | vs. The Citadel |
| Rushing Yards | 509, | vs. William & Mary | 144, | vs. Elon |
| Rushing Touchdowns | 8, | vs. VMI | 1, | vs. Elon |
| Pass Attempts | 22, | vs. VMI | 10, | vs. William & Mary & The Citadel |
| Pass Completions | 13, | vs. VMI & Western Carolina | 3, | vs. William & Mary |
| Passing Yards | 195, | vs. East Tennessee State | 33, | vs. William & Mary |
| Had Intercepted | 0, | by six opponents | 2, | by Elon |
| Passing Touchdowns | 3, | vs. East Tennessee State | 0, | vs. four opponents |
| Total Plays | 75, | vs. Appalachian State | 54, | vs. Elon |
| Total Offense | 553, | vs. East Tennessee State | 260, | vs. Elon |
| Average Gain Per Play | 8.6, | vs. East Tennessee State | 4.8, | vs. Elon |
| Fumbles Lost | 0, | vs. William & Mary, VMI, and Appalachian State | 2, | vs. East Tennessee State |
| Punts | 1, | vs. VMI | 6, | vs. Appalachian State |
| Punt Return Yards | 62, | vs. VMI | 0, | vs. William & Mary & The Citadel |
| Kickoff Return Yards | 128, | vs. Elon | 8, | vs. VMI |
| Possession Time | 38:38, | vs. Appalachian State | 22:58, | vs. The Citadel |
| Third Down Conversion% | 72.7% (8-11), | vs. East Tennessee State | 18.1% (2-11), | vs. Elon |
| Quarterback Sacks | 0, | by five opponents | 2, | by Western Carolina & Appalachian State |

Defense

| | Best | | Worst | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Points Scored | 0, | by VMI | 24, | by Elon |
| First Downs | 4, | by VMI (tied school record) | 25, | by Western Carolina & East Tennessee State |
| Rushing Attempts | 33, | by Appalachian State | 58, | by Elon |
| Rushing Yards | 80, | by VMI | 264, | by Elon |
| Rushing Touchdowns | 0, | by William & Mary & VMI | 2, | by three opponents |
| Pass Attempts | 7, | by VMI | 38, | by Appalachian State |
| Pass Completions | 3, | by Elon | 22, | by East Tennessee State |
| Passing Yards | 23, | by VMI | 258, | by East Tennessee State |
| Interceptions | 4, | vs. Western Carolina | 0, | vs. Elon, VMI, and North Carolina |
| Passing Touchdowns | 0, | by five opponents | 1, | by three opponents |
| Total Plays | 44, | by VMI | 76, | by William & Mary |
| Total Offense | 103, | by VMI | 407, | by William & Mary |
| Average Gain Per Play | 2.3, | by VMI | 5.6, | by Western Carolina |
| Fumbles Recovered | 2, | vs. Elon, William & Mary, & VMI | 0, | vs. three opponents |
| Punts | 8, | by VMI & North Carolina | 2, | by Western Carolina & The Citadel |
| Punt Return Yards | -2, | by Appalachian State | 42, | by Elon |
| Kickoff Return Yards | 86, | by Elon | 225, | by William & Mary |
| Possession Time | 21:22, | by Appalachian State | 37:02, | by The Citadel |
| Third Down Conversion% | 20.0% (3-15), | by North Carolina | 58.3% (7-of-12), | by Western Carolina |
| Quarterback Sacks | 3, | vs. William & Mary | 0, | vs. Appalachian State |

ELON 24, FURMAN 22

GREENVILLE (Sept. 4, 1999) — The NCAA I-AA independent Elon Fightin' Christians built a two-touchdown lead and held off a second half Furman rally to post a 24-22 upset win over the Paladins in the 1999 season opener for both teams.

Trailing 24-10, Furman sliced Elon's lead to 24-16 following a 1-yard touchdown plunge by fullback Derek Russell with 1:38 left in the third quarter.

Furman struck for another touchdown on the final play of the third quarter when junior defensive end Hershale Pleasant scooped up an Elon fumble and returned it 30 yards for a score, but the Paladins' failure to convert a two-point pass play allowed Elon to maintain a 24-22 lead.

The Fightin' Christians' margin appeared to be in jeopardy in the fourth quarter when Furman drove 62 yards in six plays, but the scoring opportunity slipped away when Jerome Nelson pounced on a fumbled Paladin handoff at the Elon 11.

Furman had two other chances to grab a fourth quarter lead, but one ended with a punt from the Elon 38, and the other one, which followed a second Fightin' Christian fumble at its own 29-yard line, ended when Jason Wells missed a 36-yard field goal with only 38 seconds left in the game.

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|---------------|---|----|----|---|---|----|
| FURMAN | 0 | 10 | 12 | 0 | — | 22 |
| ELON | 7 | 14 | 3 | 0 | — | 24 |

- E — Travis Whitaker 3 pass from Derrick Moore (Jim Willis kick) 4:40-1Q
- F — Jason Wells 22 FG 14:57-2Q
- E — Derrick Moore 2 run (Jim Willis kick) 5:33-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 93 kickoff return (Jason Wells kick) 5:15-2Q
- E — Steven Ferguson 22 run (Jim Willis kick) 0:13-2Q
- E — Jim Willis 22 FG 5:14-3Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 1:38-3Q
- F — Hershale Pleasant 30 fumble return (pass failed) 0:00-3Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 18-98, Russell 2-17, Hill 9-14, Kitchings 1-14, Rentz 2-11, Scoggins 1-(-10). E — Ferguson 11-82, Moore 13-74, Thomas 14-54, Bethea 13-50, Jones 2-9, Stevens 5-(-5).

Passing: F — Hill 9-15-2-116. E — Moore 2-4-0-13, Stevens 1-3-0-25, Gilchrist 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-105, Smerdzinski 1-6, Rentz 1-5. E — Johnson 1-25, Broadie 1-10, Whitaker 1-3.

| | F | ELON |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 15 | 18 |
| Rushing | 39-144 | 58-264 |
| Passing | 116 | 38 |
| C/A/I | 9-15-2 | 3-8-0 |
| Total Offense | 260 | 302 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 2-2 |
| Penalties | 4-40 | 5-42 |
| Punts | 2-29.5 | 5-38.0 |
| Possession Time | 27:40 | 32:20 |
| Third Down Conversions | 2-11 | 8-16 |
| Sacks By | 2 | 1 |

FURMAN 52, WILLIAM & MARY 6

WILLIAMSBURG (Sept. 18, 1999) — Turning to an old friend, the triple option, Furman rolled up 509 yards rushing and scored on its first four possessions of the game on the way to a 52-6 rout of William & Mary at Zable Stadium.

In claiming the first win by a Southern Conference team in Williamsburg since 1980 and handing William & Mary its worst home loss since 1958, Furman posted the second best single game rushing mark in school history, trailing only the 521 rushing yards the Paladins rolled up in a 55-7 win over Davidson in 1984.

Tailback Louis Ivory spearheaded Furman's potent ground game, rushing for 151 yards and a touchdown, and flanker Des Kitchings added 117 yards and two touchdowns — both on reverses — to become the first Furman wide receiver in history to rush for over 100 yards in a game. Quarterback Justin Hill added 94 yards on the ground and a touchdown run covering 11 yards.

Furman, which built a 24-6 halftime lead, put the game away with a 35-yard touchdown run by Ivory in the third period, and added three more scores in the fourth quarter, including one by redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier, who registered his first collegiate action.

The loss was the worst home defeat suffered by William & Mary since the Tribe's 55-6 loss to West Virginia during the 1958 season.

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|---------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| FURMAN | 21 | 3 | 7 | 21 | — | 52 |
| WILLIAM & MARY | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 6 |

- F — Derek Russell 14 run (Jason Wells kick) 12:05-1Q
- F — Justin Hill 11 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-1Q
- WM — Brett Sterba 40 FG 2:05-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 51 run (Jason Wells kick) 1:42-1Q
- F — Jason Wells 26 FG 9:38-2Q
- WM — Brett Sterba 23 FG 0:00-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 35 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:23-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 34 run (Jason Wells kick) 13:43-4Q
- F — Billy Napier 15 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:52-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 4:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 17-151, Kitchings 5-117, Hill 13-94, Sanders 3-57, Rentz 7-43, Russell 6-28, Napier 3-19. WM — Corley 6-53, Ali 12-46, Lonergan 10-45, Nesmith 6-27, Pope 5-17, Kushin 1-4, Carty 2-1.

Passing: F — Hill 2-9-0-24, Napier 1-1-0-9. WM — Corley 16-29-1-176, Pope 2-3-0-15, Carty 2-2-0-23.

Receiving: F — Sansbury 1-12, Kitchings 1-12, Rinehart 1-9. WM — Conklin 6-73, Leach 3-46, Rosier 3-45, DiNunzio 2-22, Osborne 2-15, Lonergan 2-4, Cameron 1-9, Ali 1-0.

| | F | W&M |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| First Downs | 27 | 21 |
| Rushing | 54-509 | 42-193 |
| Passing | 33 | 214 |
| C/A/I | 3-10-0 | 20-34-1 |
| Total Offense | 542 | 407 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Penalties | 7-45 | 7-89 |
| Punts | 2-35.5 | 3-35.7 |
| Possession Time | 28:58 | 31:02 |
| Third Down Conversions | 5-10 | 6-15 |
| Sacks By | 3 | 0 |

FURMAN 58, VMI 0

GREENVILLE (Sept. 25, 1999) — Posting its second straight 50-point, 500-yard offensive performance, Furman scorched the scoreboard for 27 first quarter points and played virtually everybody in uniform on the way to a 58-0 rout of VMI in front of 11,212 fans at Paladin Stadium.

In earning its 18th-straight win over VMI and claiming the shutout, the program's first since a 38-0 blanking of Wofford in 1995, Furman posted back-to-back 50-point performances for the first time in school history and scored more points in two games than any other Furman team since 1920. The Paladins downed William & Mary 52-6 on Sept. 18.

Leading the offensive barrage was sophomore tailback Louis Ivory, who rushed six times for 85 yards and scored three touchdowns covering 25, 42, and 6 yards in the game's first quarter. Ivory, whose night included only one quarter of work, gave way to senior Stuart Rentz, who led all rushers with 144 yards on 17 carries. Rentz also scored two touchdowns, including a career best 55-yarder, to further spark a Paladin ground game that posted 381 yards and eight touchdowns. Redshirt freshman quarterback Billy Napier also benefitted from Furman's early outburst, as he directed the Paladin offense over the final three quarters, completing 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards while adding 28 more on the ground.

Furman limited VMI to only four first downs and 103 total yards.

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| FURMAN | 27 | 10 | 7 | 14 | — | 58 |
| VMI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 0 |

- F — Louis Ivory 25 run (Jason Wells kick) 10:13-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 42 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:40-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 11 run (Jason Wells kick) 6:12-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 6 run (run failed) 1:40-1Q
- F — Stuart Rentz 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:41-2Q
- F — Jason Wells 23 FG 0:00-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:46-3Q
- F — Stuart Rentz 55 run (Jason Wells kick) 6:41-4Q
- F — Derek Russell 6 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:02-4Q

Rushing: F — Rentz 17-144, Ivory 6-85, Hill 6-55, Napier 9-28, Russell 6-27, Burton 2-22, Kitchings 2-13, Sanders 3-12, Huguley 1-(-5). VMI — Parker 11-23, Gibson 11-17, Ratchford 3-15, Frost 6-13, White 2-10, Jackson 1-4, Chenault 2-3, Sollomon 1-(-5).

Passing: F — Napier 8-13-0-108, Hill 5-9-0-57. VMI Gibson 4-7-0-23.

Receiving: F — Smerdzinski 4-60, Kitchings 3-28, Thomas 2-31, Huguley 2-21, Rinehart 1-14, Rucker 1-11. VMI — Parker 2-10, Yarbough 1-10, Alley 1-3.

| | F | VMI |
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| First Downs | 25 | 4 |
| Rushing | 52-381 | 37-80 |
| Passing | 165 | 23 |
| C/A/I | 13-22-0 | 4-7-0 |
| Total Offense | 546 | 103 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 3-2 |
| Penalties | 5-41 | 6-54 |
| Punts | 1-33.0 | 8-40.9 |
| Possession Time | 33:49 | 26:11 |
| Third Down Conversions | 7-14 | 4-15 |
| Sacks By | 1 | 0 |

FURMAN 27, W. CAROLINA 19

CULLOWHEE (Oct. 2, 1999) — Sophomore tailback Louis Ivory rushed for a game high 150 yards and sparked a second half Paladin comeback with a pair of touchdowns to lead Furman to a 27-19 Southern Conference win over Western Carolina in front of 11,818 fans at E.J. Whitmire Stadium.

Limited to just 42 first half yards and with the Paladins trailing 13-7, Ivory spiced a 108-yard second half effort with a 1-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter to give Furman a 14-13 lead. With the Paladins holding a tenuous 20-19 fourth quarter advantage, the Fort Valley, Ga., product registered the game's biggest play when, on a third-and-17 play, he bolted up the middle on the way to a 43-yard touchdown run with 2:28 left.

Furman's defense then choked off Western Carolina's last possession when senior strong safety Walter Booth stepped in front of Western Carolina pass, which he returned 17 yards to the Catamount 25.

Held to only 115 total yards in the first half, Furman's offense put together a pair of second half scoring drives covering 75 and 76 yards to seize control of the contest, which also featured a pair of scores by senior wide receiver Des Kitchings, whose performance included a 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Justin Hill and a 12-yard scoring run, his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.

Western Carolina was paced by Brad Hoover's 132 rushing yards, but the Catamount quarterback Shawn Snyder was picked off four times, including two by Paladin senior free safety John Keith, the Southern Conference pre-season defensive player-of-the-year.

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| FURMAN | 7 | 0 | 7 | 13 | — | 27 |
| W. CAROLINA | 0 | 13 | 6 | 0 | — | 19 |

- F — Des Kitchings 39 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:13-1Q
- W — Josh Jones 21 FG 10:59-2Q
- W — Michael Banks 38 blocked punt return (David Hill kick) 5:22-2Q
- W — Josh Jones 44 FG 0:09-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:44-3Q
- W — Brad Hoover 1 run (pass failed) 5:02-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 12 run (pass failed) 5:43-4Q
- F — Louis Ivory 43 run (Jason Wells kick) 2:28-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-150, Kitchings 4-27, Rentz 1-10, Sanders 3-8, Russell 2-4, Hill 17-(-6). W — Hoover 25-132, Hooks 4-22, Gary 2-5, Snyder 4-(-1), Hill 1-(-9).

Passing: F — Hill 13-20-0-134. W — Snyder 17-34-4-240.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 6-97, Smerdzinski 4-29, Ivory 2-2, Hunter 1-6. W — Williams 7-92, Hoover 4-31, Carter 1-34, Tegeder 1-9, Hooks 1-6.

| | F | W |
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| First Downs | 21 | 25 |
| Rushing | 54-193 | 36-149 |
| Passing | 134 | 240 |
| C/A/I | 13-20-0 | 17-34-4 |
| Total Offense | 327 | 389 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 1-0 |
| Penalties | 3-27 | 9-92 |
| Punts | 4-33.8 | 2-35.0 |
| Possession Time | 33:01 | 25:47 |
| Third Down Conversions | 8-17 | 7-12 |
| Sacks By | 1 | 1 |

FURMAN 35, APPALACHIAN ST. 21

GREENVILLE (Oct. 9, 1999) — Tailback Louis Ivory rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns and strong safety Walter Booth tied a school record with three interceptions to lead Furman to a 35-21 upset win over nationally third-ranked Appalachian State in front of 13,052 fans at Paladin Stadium.

The victory, the Paladins' fourth straight, marked Furman's third win in its last four games against Appalachian State, the highest ranked opponent Furman has defeated since 1993, when the Paladins rolled up second-ranked Marshall 17-3 in Greenville.

With Furman holding a 7-0 lead, Ivory tallied his first score on a 16-yard run at the 5:48 mark of the first quarter to put the Paladins ahead 14-0. Later, in the second period, Ivory completed a 13-play, 79-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown plunge to put Furman ahead 21-7.

The Paladins took control of the contest in the third period with a pair of scores, including a 3-yard scoring run by fullback Derek Russell and a 1-yard sneak by quarterback Justin Hill to make it a 35-14 game. Appalachian State accounted for the game's final points with a touchdown with only 0:13 remaining.

Furman's offense proved to be too tough for the Mountaineers as the Paladins rolled up 300 yards on the ground while controlling the football for 38:28 against the Southern Conference's top rushing defense.

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| FURMAN | 14 | 7 | 14 | 0 | — | 35 |
| APPALACHIAN ST. | 0 | 14 | 0 | 7 | — | 21 |

- F — Marty Priore 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:18-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 16 run (Jason Wells kick) 5:48-1Q
- A — Neil Cornatzer fumble recovery in end zone (Stuart Jones kick) 14:53-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 7:36-2Q
- A — Karim Razzak 3 run (Stuart Jones kick) 6:19-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run (Jason Wells kick) 11:49-3Q
- F — Justin Hill 1 run (Jason Wells kick) 9:17-3Q
- A — Daryl Skinner 2 pass from Joe Burchette (Stuart Jones kick) 0:13-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 27-135, Hill 16-76, Russell 13-45, Kitchings 2-20, Rentz 4-18, Sanders 1-5, Priore 0-1. A — Jeremiah 11-82, Razzak 11-58, Cornatzer 3-11, Reaves 3-9, Albea 4-8, Burchette 1-2.

Passing: F — Hill 7-12-1-97. A — Reaves 7-19-2-93, Jeremiah 10-17-1-85.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-67, Smerdzinski 2-25, Sansbury 1-5. A — Razzak 5-53, Skinner 5-50, Albea 3-16, Wilcox 2-35, Slade 2-23, Jeremiah 1-5, Cornatzer 1-3.

| | F | A |
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| First Downs | 22 | 22 |
| Rushing | 63-300 | 33-170 |
| Passing | 97 | 185 |
| C/A/I | 7-12-1 | 19-38-3 |
| Total Offense | 397 | 355 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| Penalties | 7-49 | 1-5 |
| Punts | 6-37.3 | 4-40.8 |
| Possession Time | 38:28 | 21:22 |
| Third Down Conversions | 9-17 | 6-12 |
| Sacks By | 0 | 2 |

FURMAN 31, THE CITADEL 17

CHARLESTON (Oct. 16, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead Furman to a fifth straight win with 31-17 Southern Conference triumph over arch-rival The Citadel before 14,629 fans at Johnson Hagood Stadium.

Hill connected with tight end Trent Sansbury on a 4-yard scoring strike to put the Paladins ahead 7-0 in the first quarter, and the Greer, S.C., junior later scored on a 2-yard run in the second period to increase Furman's lead to 21-7.

After the Paladins upped the lead to 24-7 on a 23-yard field goal by Jason Wells, The Citadel closed the margin to 24-14 with a 2-yard touchdown run by freshman quarterback Drew Johnson with 2:24 left in the third period.

Furman then caught a huge break when, after moving 54 yards in seven plays, Jason Wells scooped up a botched field goal snap and lobbed a pass that bounced off two Citadel defenders into the hands of 6-foot-9 Paladin senior Patrick Garner for a touchdown at the 14:11 mark of the fourth quarter.

Furman preserved the victory — the fourth in its last five meetings with The Citadel — with a pair of fourth quarter interceptions by cornerback Rodney Johnson and linebacker Will Bouton.

Louis Ivory led all Furman rushers with 98 yards on 21 carries. Justin Hill's afternoon included a season high 88 yards rushing and 96 passing yards. Des Kitchings caught three of Hill's passes for 54 yards and also returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown in the first half to put the Paladins ahead 14-7.

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| FURMAN | 14 | 7 | 3 | 7 | — | 31 |
| THE CITADEL | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | — | 17 |

- F — Trent Sansburg 4 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 8:45-1Q
- C — Drew Johnson 1 run (Nick Hass kick) 0:07-1Q
- F — Des Kitchings 95 kickoff return (Jason Wells kick) 0:00-1Q
- F — Justin Hill 2 run (Jason Wells kick) 4:57-2Q
- F — Jason Wells 23 FG 6:17-3Q
- C — Drew Johnson 2 run (Nick Hass kick) 2:24-3Q
- F — Patrick Garner 6 pass from Jason Wells (Jason Wells kick) 14:11-4Q
- C — Nick Hass 25 FG 6:45-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 21-98, Hill 6-88, Rentz 3-17, Russell 5-7, Napier 1-(-1). C — Johnson 26-138, Murphy 14-62, Jackson 18-55, Hall 2-2.

Passing: F — Hill 7-8-0-96, Wells 1-1-0-6, Rentz 0-1-0-0. C — Johnson 4-9-1-41, Eckert 0-2-1-0, McGill 0-1-0-0, Team 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 3-54, Smerdzinski 2-35, Garner 1-6, Sansbury 1-4, Ivory 1-3. C — Frank 2-8, Jackson 1-27, Barley 1-6.

| | F | C |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs | 13 | 21 |
| Rushing | 36-209 | 60-257 |
| Passing | 102 | 41 |
| C/A/I | 8-10-0 | 4-13-2 |
| Total Offense | 311 | 298 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties | 5-60 | 2-21 |
| Punts | 2-36.0 | 2-30.5 |
| Possession Time | 22:58 | 37:02 |
| Third Down Conversions | 4-9 | 8-17 |
| Sacks By | 2 | 0 |

FURMAN 48, E. TENN. ST. 21

GREENVILLE (Oct. 23, 1999) — Louis Ivory rushed for a career high 203 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Justin Hill completed all nine pass attempts for 156 yards and a pair of scores to lead 14th-ranked Furman to a 48-21 win over 13th-ranked East Tennessee State in front of 12,572 fans at Paladin Stadium.

Furman, which rolled up a career high 553 yards in total offense on the way to its sixth straight win, wasted little time in taking control, scoring on four of its five first half possessions to take a 27-0 lead on the strength of a 1-yard touchdown run by Derek Russell, a 22-yard touchdown pass from Justin Hill to Zach Smerdzinski, and a pair of Louis Ivory scoring runs covering 8 and 12 yards.

A 3-yard Derek Russell touchdown run on Furman's first possession of the second half put the Paladins up 34-0 and effectively put the game out of reach for the Buccaneers.

Ivory's 202 rushing yards, the tenth 200-yard rushing performance in school history, eclipsed his previous high mark of 161 yards set last year in a 27-19 win over South Carolina State. Hill, meanwhile, tied a school record for consecutive completions (13) first set by his position coach, Bobby Lamb, in 1985.

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| FURMAN | 14 | 13 | 14 | 7 | — | 48 |
| E. TENN. ST. | 0 | 0 | 13 | 8 | — | 21 |

- F — Derek Russell 1 run
(Jason Wells kick) 9:11-1Q
- F — Zach Smerdzinski 22 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 3:13-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 8 run
(Jason Wells kick) 7:41-2Q
- F — Louis Ivory 12 run
(Jason Wells kick) 0:38-2Q
- F — Derek Russell 3 run
(kick failed) 13:24-3Q
- ET — Brandon Walker 4 run
(Brian Fuchs kick) 8:57-3Q
- ET — Terrance Sims 1 run
(Brian Fuchs kick) 2:54-3Q
- F — Des Kitchings 63 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 0:24-3Q
- F — James Thomas 33 pass from Billy Napier (Jason Wells kick) 11:59-4Q
- ET — Charvin Clark 35 pass from Jamey Chadwell (Scott Carter pass) 4:01-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 22-203, Hill 6-54, Kitchings 2-25, Rentz 4-25, Huguley 1-20, Russell 9-20, Burton 5-13, Napier 4(-2). ET — Walker 19-92, Miller 7-25, Carter 4-14, Wells 3-12, Sims 5-10, Chadwell 1(-5).

Passing: F — Hill 9-9-0-156, Napier 2-2-0-39. ET — Wells 14-24-0-138, Chadwell 8-12-1-120.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 4-89, Smerdzinski 4-62, Thomas 1-33, Hunter 1-6, Sansbury 1-5. ET — Cooper 5-37, Clark 4-78, Edison 4-47, Rader 3-35, Miller 3-28, Martin 1-14, Walker 1-12, Carter 1-7.

| | F | ET |
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| First Downs | 26 | 25 |
| Rushing | 53-358 | 39-148 |
| Passing | 195 | 258 |
| C/A/I | 11-11-0 | 22-36-1 |
| Total Offense | 553 | 406 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 3-2 | 1-1 |
| Penalties | 4-29 | 5-46 |
| Punts | 2-41.5 | 5-33.6 |
| Possession Time | 27:23 | 32:37 |
| Third Down Conversions | 8-11 | 5-12 |
| Sacks By | 1 | 0 |

FURMAN 28, NORTH CAROLINA 3

CHAPEL HILL (Oct. 30, 1999) — Quarterback Justin Hill threw for 187 yards and a pair of touchdowns and rushed for another score to pace Furman to a stunningly decisive 28-3 win over North Carolina at Kenan Stadium.

The win, Furman's seventh straight, marked the Paladins' first victory over an NCAA I-A opponent since a 42-20 verdict over North Carolina State in 1985 and biggest win, margin-wise, over a I-A foe since the Southern Conference was reclassified from I-A to I-AA in 1982.

Hill's touchdown strikes covered 60 and 49 yards to flanker Des Kitchings, who grabbed seven receptions for a career high 169 yards on the afternoon. Tailback Louis Ivory also contributed significantly in the win, rushing a career high 34 times for 177 yards and a score on the way to becoming the first Paladin 1,000-yard rusher since Carl Tremble ran for 1,555 yards in 1992.

The Paladins, who rolled up 461 total yards while limiting the Tar Heels to only 261, jumped on top early with a 60-yard touchdown pass from Hill to Kitchings at the 4:06 mark of the first quarter.

The Paladins made it 14-0 early in the second period when Louis Ivory capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run at the 9:20 juncture.

Hill and Kitchings hooked up on a 49-yard touchdown pass with 5:14 to go in the half to make it 21-0 before North Carolina registered its only score with a field goal following a fumble recovery and return to the Paladin 25.

Headed up by linebacker Will Bouton's 12 tackles and four tackles-for-loss, Furman shutout the Tar Heels in the second half and finished off its masterpiece performance when Justin Hill scored on a 4-yard run off an option keeper to complete an 11-play, 70-yard march with 8:32 left in game.

Hill's work against North Carolina featured a three-game record setting consecutive completion string that ran to 19 straight before being snapped in the second half.

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| FURMAN | 7 | 14 | 0 | 7 | — | 28 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | 3 |

- F — Des Kitchings 60 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 4:06-1Q
- F — Louis Ivory 4 run
(Jason Wells kick) 9:20-2Q
- F — Des Kitchings 49 pass from Justin Hill (Jason Wells kick) 5:14-2Q
- UNC — Josh McGee 36 FG 0:58-2Q
- F — Justin Hill 4 run
(Jason Wells kick) 8:32-4Q

Rushing: F — Ivory 34-177, Huguley 1-38, Hill 12-30, Russell 5-26, Burton 2-4, Kitchings 2-2, Team 2(-3). UNC — Brown 18-94, Saunders 3-31, Williams 13-26, Dyer 5-14, Huard 5-8, Team 1-3, Davis 1-1, Robinson 1(-2).

Passing: F — Hill 10-12-0-187. UNC — Williams 4-10-0-60, Huard 2-5-0-11.

Receiving: F — Kitchings 7-169, Ivory 2-13, Smerdzinski 1-5. UNC — Bailey 3-59, Finger 2-13.

| | F | UNC |
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| First Downs | 19 | 11 |
| Rushing | 58-274 | 47-175 |
| Passing | 187 | 71 |
| C/A/I | 10-12-0 | 6-15-0 |
| Total Offense | 461 | 246 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Penalties | 7-61 | 2-15 |
| Punts | 6-35.2 | 8-48.8 |
| Possession Time | 35:19 | 24:41 |
| Third Down Conversions | 6-13 | 3-15 |
| Sacks By | 1 | 0 |