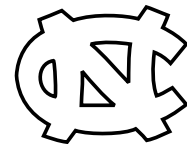




Game 8 — October 30, 1999
Furman Paladins (6-1; 5-0 SoCon) vs. North Carolina Tar Heels (1-6; 0-5 Atlantic Coast)
Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Kenan Stadium (62,000) — Natural Grass
1:30 P.M. Kickoff (EDT)
WPEK-FM 98.1 (Live), Broadcast.com (Live)



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THE GAME

Winners of six straight and all alone atop the Southern Conference standings, Furman (6-1, 5-0 SoCon) ventures outside the Southern Conference this Saturday to take on Atlantic Coast Conference member North Carolina (1-6, 0-5 ACC) in Chapel Hill. A 45-7 loser to Maryland on Saturday, North Carolina comes into the Furman game having dropped five straight games.

THE SERIES

In a series that got its start in 1902 but includes only four meetings, North Carolina owns a 4-0 record against Furman. The Tar Heels captured the series inaugural 10-0 in Chapel Hill, and North Carolina downed the Paladins 28-0 in 1992, in the last meeting between the two schools. All four clashes between the Paladins and Tar Heels have been contested in Chapel Hill.

1902	L	0-10	Chapel Hill
1916	L	0-46	Chapel Hill
1980	L	13-25	Chapel Hill
1992	L	0-28	Chapel Hill

In Chapel Hill: North Carolina leads 4-0

THE COACHES

Furman: Bobby Johnson (Clemson '73)
 36-28-0 (.563), 6th Year at Furman
 36-28-0 (.563), 6th Year Overall
 Johnson vs. North Carolina (0-0)

North Carolina: Carl Torbush (Carson-Newman '74)
 9-11 (.450), 2nd Year at North Carolina
 12-19 (.387), 3rd Year Overall
 Torbush vs. Furman (0-0)

THE OFFENSES

Furman: Multiple I
 '99 Points/Game — 39.0
 '99 Yards/Game — 419.4
 299.1 Rushing
 120.3 Passing

North Carolina: Multiple Pro Set
 '99 Points/Game — 18.9
 '99 Yards/Game — 296.0
 155.6 Rushing
 140.4 Passing

THE DEFENSES

Furman: 43
 '99 Points/Game — 15.4
 '99 Yards/Game — 322.9
 180.1 Rushing
 142.7 Passing

North Carolina: Multiple 43
 '99 Points/Game — 31.3
 '99 Yards/Game — 409.2
 220.0 Rushing
 189.2 Passing

1999 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Furman (6-1, 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 @ North Carolina, 1:30
 Nov. 6 @ Georgia Southern, 1:00
 Nov. 13 WOFFORD, 2:00
 Nov. 20 @ Chattanooga, 12:00

North Carolina (1-6, 0-5 Atlantic Coast)
 Sept. 4 Virginia 20, @ North Carolina 17
 Sept. 11 North Carolina 42, @ Indiana 30
 Sept. 25 Florida State 42, @ North Carolina 10
 Oct. 2 @ Clemson 31, North Carolina 20
 Oct. 9 @ Georgia Tech 31, North Carolina 24
 Oct. 16 Houston 20, @ North Carolina 12
 Oct. 23 @ Maryland 45, North Carolina 7
 Oct. 23 @ Furman, 2:00
 Nov. 6 WAKE FOREST
 Nov. 11 North Carolina State @ Charlotte
 Nov. 20 DUKE

FURMAN LAST WEEK

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 an impressive 48-21 Southern Conference whitewash of 13th-ranked East Tennessee State in front of 12,572 Homecoming Day fans at Paladin Stadium.

The win, Furman's sixth straight, ensured the Paladins would remain all alone in first place in the Southern Conference for at least two weeks when Furman will travel to Statesboro, Ga., to take on league foe Georgia Southern in a key league matchup on Nov. 6.

Furman, which rolled up a career high 553 yards in total offense against the nation's fourth-ranked defense, 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

**1998 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
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 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
STANDINGS**

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

October 23

@ Furman 48, East Tennessee State 21
 @ Georgia Southern 34, The Citadel 17
 William & Mary 35 @ VMI 14
 @ Chattanooga 56, Western Carolina 28
 Appalachian State 21, Wofford 20

October 30

Wofford @ The Citadel, 12:30
 Furman @ North Carolina, 1:30
 Chattanooga @ Appalachian State 2:00
 Georgia Southern @ East Tennessee State, 2:00
 VMI @ Western Carolina, 2:00

**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)

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

out of reach for the Buccaneers.

Ivory's 203 rushing yards eclipsed his previous high mark of 161 yards set last year in a 27-19 win over South Carolina State and earned him his second Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week scroll this season. Counting completions in his last four attempts in last Saturday's 31-17 win over The Citadel, quarterback Justin Hill's nine consecutive pass completions against East Tennessee State tied a school record for consecutive completions (13) first set by Hill's current position coach, Bobby Lamb, in 1985.

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 from Jamey Chadwell) 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
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-NORTH CAROLINA LAST MEETING

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (Sept. 12, 1992) — Natrone Means rushed for 75 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the eventual Peach Bowl champion North Carolina Tar Heels to a 28-0 win over Furman in front of 48,500 fans at Kenan Stadium.

Able to forge only a 6-0 halftime lead on a pair of Tripp Pignetti field goals, North Carolina stretched its margin to 14-0 on a 4-yard run by Means with 5:44 left in the third quarter.

A pair of blocked field goals in the fourth period led directly to a pair of Tar Heel touchdowns and the game's final points.

Furman, which got a game high 18 tackles from Kota Suttle, forced four North Carolina turnovers, but the Paladins were limited offensively when quarterback Hugh Swilling exited the game with a sprained ankle on the final play of the first quarter. The Paladins posted only 214 yards in total offense, a season low, and suffered their first shutout since the 1989 season (39 games).

FURMAN	0	0	0	0	—	0
N. CAROLINA	3	3	8	14	—	28

- N — Tripp Pignetti 26 FG 0:50-1Q
- N — Tripp Pignetti 33 FG 4:37-2Q
- N — Natrone Means 4 run
(Natrone Means run) 5:44-3Q
- N — Natrone Means 1 run
(Tripp Pignetti kick) 6:37-4Q
- N — Bracey Walker 40 blocked punt return
(Tripp Pignetti kick) 5:05-4Q

Rushing: F — Tremble 12-47, Green 5-34, Brownstead 4-18, Whitley 6-5, Davis 3-3, Waters 1-0, Swilling 2(-1), Jones 10(-4). UNC — Stanicek 6-104, Means 21-75, Jordan 9-55, Thomas 2-26, Faulkerson 7-22, Johnson 1-18, Marshall 1-3.

Passing: F — Jones 10-20-0-91, Swilling 3-4-0-21. UNC — Thomas 8-14-1-82, Stanicek 3-6-2-27.

Receiving: F — Bradley 5-48, Waters 3-33, Ensley 1-12, Stamey 1-8, Wild 1-6, Tate 1-5, Deese 1-0. UNC — Holliday 1-63, Jordan 1-21, Jerry 2-14, Brooks 1-7, Felton 1-4.

	F	UNC
First Downs	12	17
Rushing	43-102	47-303
Passing	112	109
C/A/I	13-24-0	11-20-3
Total Offense	214	412
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties	5-43	5-40
Punts	11-32-7	4-50.0
Possession Time	33:09	26:51
Third Down Conversions	7:20	5-13
Sacks By-Yards	0	3

NOTING THE PALADINS

✓ **STREAKING PALADINS...**In spanking East Tennessee State 48-21 on Saturday, Furman claimed its sixth straight win. The six-game winning streak matches the longest run of success for a Bobby Johnson-coached Paladin squad. In 1996, the Paladins posted six consecutive victories during one stretch on the way to a 9-4 and NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff finish. Counting a 31-28 win over Chattanooga in the 1998 season finale, Furman has now won seven of its last eight games.

✓ **FURMAN MAINTAINS GRIP ON FIRST PLACE...**Furman maintained its grip on first place in the Southern Conference and remained the only undefeated team in league play with its 48-21 thumping of East Tennessee State on Saturday. Currently 6-1 overall and 5-0 in conference action, Furman hasn't had sole possession of first place in the Southern Conference this late in the year since 1989, when the Paladins owned a 6-1 overall record and 3-0 league mark through seven games on the way to a 12-2 record and perfect 7-0 Southern Conference ledger.

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>.

✓ **MOST IMPROVED TEAM IN SOCON...** While another league school has floated the banner as the Southern Conference's most improved team, a close examination of the facts reveals that Furman, in fact, has produced the league's biggest turnaround this year. Last season the Paladins sported a 4-3 overall record and 2-2 conference mark through seven games. This year, Furman is 6-1 overall and 5-0 in league play through seven 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.

✓ **PUTTING AN END TO A TREND...** Furman's 48-21 rout of East Tennessee State on Saturday snapped a three-game series losing skid to the Buccaneers and improved its overall series record against East Tennessee State to 20-6. With the win, Furman improved its all-time Paladin Stadium record to 90-26-1 (.773) and upped its record against East Tennessee State in Paladin Stadium to 9-1. Furman's nine wins against the Buccaneers within the scenic confines of Paladin Stadium matches the nine wins the Paladins have posted against VMI — the most against any visiting opponent.

✓ **RARE HOMECOMING SUCCESS...** Until Saturday's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State, Furman had not experienced much recent success in homecoming affairs, going 2-5 in homecoming contests from 1992-98. In addition to reversing that trend, Furman also posted its second highest point total in a homecoming game, trailing only the 52 points the Paladins rolled up in a 52-23 win over East Tennessee State in 1991. Saturday's thumping of the Buccaneers also gave the Paladins a measure of revenge on East Tennessee State, which toasted Furman 58-28 two years ago in Greenville in the Paladins' homecoming contest.

✓ **GETTING THE UPPER HAND EARLY...** In scoring on both of its first quarter possessions in Saturday's 48-21 thrashing of East Tennessee State, Furman continued its impressive trend of early game success. In the past six contests, during which time Furman has gone 6-0, the Paladins have tallied on 14 of their 18 first quarter possessions (14 TDs) and have outscored the opposition 97-10 in the first period. On the season, the Paladins have outscored opponents 97-17 in the first quarter. A year ago, Furman barely edged the opposition 52-43 in the first quarter in the first seven games, and 76-75 on the season.

✓ **PALADINS ASSERTING STRENGTH IN SECOND HALF, 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. In Saturday's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State, Furman surrendered a similar score with 4:13 left in the game. Overall, Furman has outscored the opposition 62-18 in the fourth quarter and 126-47 in the second half through seven games.

✓ **ROAD WARRIORS...** Furman's 31-17 win over The Citadel in Charleston on Oct. 16 improved the Paladins' season road record to 3-0. Last year Furman posted a 1-4 road record.

✓ **FURMAN VS. NCAA I-A...** In the 1980s Furman proved to be more than a pushover and in

many respects a giant killer for many NCAA I-A foes, as the Paladins posted a solid 4-5-1 record against bigger I-A competition. During that span, Furman tallied wins against South Carolina (28-23, 1982), Georgia Tech (17-14, 1983), a pair of victories over North Carolina State (34-30, 1984; 42-20, 1985), and a tie against Georgia Tech (17-17, 1986). Since 1987, however, Furman has gone 0-11 against I-A competition. To be fair, many of the Paladins' 11 straight losses to I-A opposition have come against quality, oftentimes nationally ranked opposition, including Florida State (1987), Clemson (1988 & '89), Florida (1990), Georgia Tech (1991), and North Carolina (1992). Furman's best chance for a win during its current 11-game losing skid to I-A competition came in 1991 against Georgia Tech, the defending UPI national champion. Leading 17-16 and in possession of the football, Furman fumbled the football at its own 22 with 1:41 left, and the Yellow Jackets later took advantage with a 37-yard Scott Cisson field goal with 21 seconds left to take a 19-17 win. Last year Furman dropped a 33-0 contest to Clemson in its last clash with an NCAA I-A opponent. The Paladins are 0-4 versus I-A competition under head coach Bobby Johnson.

✓ **PALADINS SCUTTLE SOCON'S TOP, NATION'S FOURTH BEST DEFENSE...** Coming into last Saturday's important Southern Conference clash with Furman, East Tennessee State sported the league's best and NCAA I-AA's fourth rated defense, yielding only 258.7 yards and 12.0 points per game. By halftime Furman has blown through those numbers, scoring 27 points (27-0 lead) and rolling up 316 yards on the way to a 48 points and a season high 553 yards in total offense. Furman's offense, which chewed up the Buccaneers on the ground (358 yards) and through the air (195 yards) was so devastating and efficient that the Paladins ran only 64 plays to ETSU's 75 and averaged 8.6 yards per snap against a Buccaneer defense that came into the game giving up only 4.5 yards per attempt.

Said East Tennessee State head coach Paul Hamilton after the game, "Their (Furman's) offense was executing on all cylinders. When the quarterback, fullback, and tailback are involved in the option like they were today, it is very hard to stop. They are an impressive football team that puts a lot of pressure on a defense."

✓ **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 North Carolina averaging 39.0 points and 419.4 yards/game. Last year Furman averaged 24.3 points and only 311.1 yards total offense per game. Furman has already scored more points (273) in seven games than it did in all 11 games (267) a year ago.

FURMAN OFFENSE COMPARISON

Category	1999 7 Games	1998 7 Games	1998 Season
Scoring Offense	39.0	25.7	24.3
Rushing Offense	299.1	210.0	185.0
Rushing TDs	29	16	24
Passing Offense	120.3	114.1	126.1
Passing TDs	6	6	8
Quarterback Sacks All.	4	15	25
Total Offense	419.4	324.1	311.1
Yards Per Play	6.5	5.4	5.1
Total Offensive Plays	450	420	665
Time of Possession	30:20	30:14	29:26

FURMAN ON INFO CONNECTION

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File	Furman	SoCon
Directory	2400	3000
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NCAA I-AA Football Polls		3009

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



✓ **SPARKING FURMAN'S SIX-GAME WINNING STREAK...** While Furman's overall season offensive numbers are impressive enough, what the Paladins have accomplished offensively in the squad's current six-game winning streak is even more remarkable. During that span Furman has averaged 41.8 points and 446.0 yards per game on the strength of three 500-plus yard performances, including Saturday's season high 553-yard outing against the Southern Conference's top rated defense.

✓ **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 six games this year Furman has cashed in on 48.3% of its third down situations (43-of-89), currently fourth best among conference schools. 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 converted an impressive 8-of-11 third down conversions (72.7%) and 1-of-1 fourth down attempts (100.0%) in Saturday's win over East Tennessee State.

✓ **MORE OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES...** In grinding up East Tennessee State's vaunted defense for 553 yards and 358 rushing yards Saturday, Furman added a couple of more offensive statistical superlatives to a list that has expanded noticeably this year.

FURMAN TOP SINGLE GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCES

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)

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)

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...** Through seven games, Furman is averaging 299.1 rushing yards per game. That's exactly 10.0 yards/game better than Furman's 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 six-game winning streak and 6-1 record has been fueled, in large part, by the consistent 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 performance in Saturday's 48-21 thrashing of East Tennessee State was simply outstanding. Making several great calls at the line of scrimmage, Hill executed Furman's offense to near perfection against the league's top rated defense, completing 9-of-9 passes for 156 yards and two touchdowns and also running for 54 yards against the Buccaneers. Hill's proficiency at directing Furman's lethal option attack helped spring the Paladin ground game to an outstanding 358-yard performance against the Buccaneers, and his passing was perfect and part of a 195-yard, three touchdown Paladin aerial assault. In completing all nine of his pass attempts against East Tennessee State, the Paladin junior tied a Furman record for consecutive completions (13) first set by Bobby Lamb, his current position coach, during the 1985 season. Hill, who has completed 63.4% of his passes this year (52-of-82), sports an excellent 141.85 passing efficiency rating heading into this Saturday's clash with North Carolina.

✓ **70.7 COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, 162.50 PASSING EFFICIENCY IN LAST FIVE GAMES...** In Furman's past five games (5-0), Paladin quarterback Justin Hill has completed 70.7% of his passes (41x58, 1 INT) for 540 yards and three touchdowns. That works out to an outstanding passing efficiency rating of 162.50 over the five-game span.

✓ **HILL IN THE RECORD BOOKS...** With 996 career rushing yards, Justin Hill now ranks second all-time in career rushing yardage among Furman quarterbacks, trailing only David Whitehurst (1973-76), who ran for 1,270 yards in his career. On the strength of his 156 passing yards against East Tennessee State on Saturday, Hill became only the 13th quarterback in Furman history to pass for more than 2,000 yards in a career. Currently with 2,012 yards, the Paladin junior quarterback now ranks 12th on the school's Furman's career passing yards chart. Hill's work against East Tennessee State also propelled him over the 3,000-yard total offense plateau (3,008) and put him in 14th place on Furman's career total offense ledger.

FURMAN QB CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Yds.
1)	David Whitehurst	1973-76	1,270
2)	Justin Hill	1997-	996
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 Cauty	1958-61	2,460
11)	Billy Baker	1956-59	2,315
12)	Justin Hill	1997-	2,012
13)	Cleve Hightower	1968-70	1,866
14)	John DeLeo	1970-71	1,778
15)	Keith Moore	1984-87	1,743

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)	Robbie Gardner	1982-85	3,213
13)	Larry Robinson	1973-76	3,038
14)	Justin Hill	1997-	3,008

✓ **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 seven games have been more than conclusive as the Paladins are averaging a heady 299.1 yards rushing per game and 6.0 yards per rush thanks, in large measure, to Ivory's team leading 920 rushing yards (131.4 ypg) and 10 rushing touchdowns (6.7 ypc).

In Furman's 48-21 rout of East Tennessee State on Saturday, Ivory turned in a memorable performance, rushing for a career high 203 yards and a pair of touchdowns on runs of 8 and 12 yards. His performance against the Buccaneers, his fourth 100-plus yard outing of the season and only the 10th 200-yard rushing performance in Furman history, clearly stole the spotlight from East Tennessee State senior running back Brandon Walker, who ran for 92 yards in the loss to Furman. Ivory's work against the Buccaneers 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 5-0 in games that Ivory rushes for 100 yards or more.

LOUIS IVORY'S TOP RUSHING PERFORMANCES

Yards	TD	Opponent	Year
202	2	East Tennessee State	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 YARDAGE

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
Bob Buzzell	a-Lehigh (1965)	189
Pat Carroll	a-Guilford (1970)	186

✓ **IVORY BIDDING TO BECOME FIRST 1,000-YARD RUSHER SINCE 1992...**Quickly establishing himself as one of the Southern Conference's top running backs, Louis Ivory, who now has 920 rushing yards on the season, appears to be a prime candidate to become Furman's first 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). He posted a season high 161-yard, two-touchdown outing as a fullback in the Paladins' 27-19 win over South Carolina State in 1998.

✓ **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 48-21 win over East Tennessee State.

On Furman's first offensive play of the game, Kitchings reeled off a 13-yard run and later added a 12-yard run to finish with 25 rushing yards. In the receiving department, Kitchings 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 catch against East Tennessee State, Kitchings has now scored eight touchdowns on the year — an impressive total that takes on even more significance when considering that four have come via the rush, two on kickoff returns, and two as a receiver.

Kitchings' effectiveness as a ballcarrier has been well documented this year, and he heads into the North Carolina State game with 216 yards rushing on 16 carries (13.5 ypc). He is also Furman's leading receiver with 28 catches for

452 yards and two scores.

✓ **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 98 receptions for 1,502 yards in his career. The 98 catches places him in sixth place on Furman's career receptions ledger, and his 1,502 yards in receptions also ranks sixth in school history. Kitchings' nine career touchdown catches ranks seventh 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)	Tommy Southard	1974-77	103
6)	Des Kitchings	1996-	98
	Byron Trotter	1968-70	98
7)	Donald Lipscomb	1988-91	95
8)	Billy Risher	1979-83	87
9)	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)	Luther Broughton	1993-96	1,659
4)	Josh Cole	1993-96	1,606
5)	Billy Risher	1979-83	1,561
6)	Des Kitchings	1996-	1,502
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
6)	Paul Siffri	1988-91	10
7)	Des Kitchings	1996-	9
	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 232 career points following six PATs in Saturday's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State, 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 North Carolina include 33x56 FGs (.589) and 133x139 PATs (.949).

FURMAN CAREER KICK SCORING LEADERS

Rank	Player	Years	Points
1)	Jason Wells	1996-	232
1)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
3)	Keven Esval	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-	232
5)	Mike Wood	1986-89	225
6)	Kevan Esval	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 6-1 record. Hall, the most veteran of Furman's offensive linemen, has now started in 29 consecutive games and has earned winning grades in 27 of his 30 career starts, including his latest, a brilliant 91.0% blocking performance in Furman's 48-21 thumping of East Tennessee State 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 15 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 16 straight games following a freshman campaign in 1998 that included nine starts. Junior right tackle Josh Moore (Cross Hill, S.C.), meanwhile, now counts 13 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 eighth start of his young career in Saturday's win over East Tennessee State.

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 seven 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 seven games (6-1), the Paladins are surrendering 15.4 points and 322.9 yards per game, and Furman is doing it with some noticeable youth. Comprising the Paladins' two-

deep defensive chart in Saturday's game against East Tennessee State were four seniors, three juniors, 11 sophomores, and four freshmen.

FURMAN DEFENSE COMPARISON

Category	1999	1998
	7 Games	Season
Scoring Defense	15.4	25.7
Rushing Defense	180.1	209.8
Rushing Touchdowns Allowed	9	22
Passing Defense	142.7	162.4
Passing Touchdowns Allowed	3	11
Total Defense	322.9	372.2

✓ **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 18 straight games, currently leads all Paladin tacklers with 75 stops through seven contests. In Saturday's impressive 48-21 cooking of East Tennessee State, Bouton tallied eight stops, a tackle-for-loss, and a key first quarter fumble recovery that led directly to Furman's second touchdown of the game, giving the Paladins a tone setting 14-0 lead.

One of three starting sophomore linebackers in Furman's lineup, Bouton, who recorded the second interception of his career two weeks ago against The Citadel, already has 186 tackles and 12 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 six-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 six contests, including seven in the past four games. In Saturday's 48-21 rout of East Tennessee State, Booth and Keith put up a pair of quality performances, combining for 13 tackles and three pass deflections. Cooper, meanwhile, added a tackle and picked up the first interception of his career, which he returned 59 yards.

The strong work by Booth and Keith, in particular, only continued a trend of quality performances registered by Furman's starting safeties. Two 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**...In registering an interception in Saturday's 48-21 rout of East Tennessee State, 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 previ-

ously 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 four games. Furman ranks second in the Southern Conference with 11 interceptions, but in passing defense, as measured by efficiency, Furman sports the league's best pass defense (94.60 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 249 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.

✓ **GETTING TO 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 East Tennessee State on Saturday, Furman topped last year's sack total with four regular season games remaining. Leading Furman's pass rush this year are senior tackle Brian Conner (Knoxville, Tenn.) and 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, and that was evidenced again in Saturday's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State. Although he did not start, Overdyke, who counts three starts on the year, tallied Furman's only sack of the game. Sperling, meanwhile, registered his third consecutive start and totaled three tackles in the win over the Buccaneers. On the year, Overdyke has garnered 18 tackles, a pair of tackles-for-loss, and two sacks. Sperling's numbers include 15 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 Saturday'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 full-back Derek Russell (Austell, Ga.) ranks as Furman's fifth leading rusher (148 yards) through seven games, but his eight rushing touchdowns trails only tailback Louis Ivory's team leading 10 rushing scores.

✓ **HOLDING ON TO THE PIGSKIN**...Although Furman suffered two fumbles in its 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Saturday, the Paladins still sport an impressive league leading turnover ratio of +1.57 on the season with 19 turnovers gained and only eight lost. Despite the two fumbles against the Buccaneers, Furman has suffered only five turnovers (4 fumbles, 1 interception) in its last six games (24 quarters).

✓ **KEEPING THE FLAGS IN THE POCKET**...Furman ranks as the second least penalized team in the Southern Conference heading into this Saturday's game against North Carolina. Through seven games, the Paladins have been penalized 35 times for 291 yards.

✓ **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 seven starts, Martin has tallied 37 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and three pass deflections. In Furman's 48-21 win over East Tennessee State on Saturday, Martin matched a season high with eight tackles. A chemistry major, 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, will soon undergo surgery 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 and VMI 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 36-28 (.563), and his last four teams have combined to post a 33-20 slate (.622). Against NCAA I-AA competition, Furman teams under Johnson's direction have gone 36-24 (.600). 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 168-81-7 (.669).

✓ **FURMAN AND THE NFL...**Furman currently has two players in the National Football League. Tight end Luther Broughton '97 of the Philadelphia Eagles is currently 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 in his first season with the San Diego Chargers.

FURMAN TRAVEL PLANS

Furman will depart campus via chartered bus at approximately 10:15 a.m. Friday and will work out at Kenan Stadium at 2:30 p.m.. Furman will headquarter at the Ramada Inn-Crabtree in Raleigh (919) 782-7425 and will return home immediately following the game.

FURMAN STARTING LINEUPS

	ELON	W&M	VMI	WCU	ASU	CIT	ETSU	UNC	GSU	WOFF	UTC
SE	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski	Sm'zinski				
LT	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn	Littlejohn				
LG	Priore	Priore	Priore	Priore	Priore	Priore	Priore				
C	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart	Stewart				
RG	Hall	Hall	Hall	Hall	Hall	Hall	Hall				
RT	Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore	Moore				
TE	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury	Sansbury				
FLK	Kitchings	Kitchings	Kitchings	Kitchings	Kitchings	Kitchings	Kitchings				
QB	Hill	Hill	Hill	Hill	Hill	Hill	Hill				
FB	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell				
TB	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory	Ivory				
RUE	Hubbard	Overdyke	Overdyke	Overdyke	Hubbard	Hubbard	Hubbard				
ST	Conner	Conner	Conner	Conner	Sperling	Sperling	Sperling				
NG	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer	Spencer				
WT	Kup'sky	Kup'sky	Kup'sky	Kup'sky	Kup'sky	Kup'sky	Conner				
SLB	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift	Thrift				
MLB	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton	Bouton				
WLB	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin				
LCB	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson	Jackson				
RCB	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson				
SS	Booth	Booth	Booth	Booth	Booth	Booth	Booth				
FS	Keith	Keith	Keith	Keith	Keith	Keith	Keith				

FURMAN PALADINS VS. NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS 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 SANBURY	(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	78	RYAN SPENCER	(6-3, 291, So.)
	90	Jarrod Holmes	(6-2, 267, 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.)

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	40.9,	Brent Barth, VMI
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	27,	Louis Ivory vs. Western Carolina & Appalachian State	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	156,	Justin Hill vs. East Tennessee State	240,	Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina
Most Touchdown Passes	2,	Justin Hill vs. East Tennessee State	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	210,	Justin Hill vs. East Tennessee State	239,	Shawn Snyder, Western Carolina
Most Passes Caught	7,	Des Kitchings vs. Elon	7,	Lamont Williams, Western Carolina
Most Touchdown Passes Caught	1,	four players vs. four opponents	1,	three players
Most Pass Reception Yardage	105,	Des Kitchings vs. Elon	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 five 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 four 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
Passing Touchdowns	0, by four 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. Western Carolina & Appalachian State
Punts	8, by VMI	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%	26.7% (4-15), by VMI	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.

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.

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.

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
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.

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
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.

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
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.

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.

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
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