

2000 Furman Player Profiles



Honor Roll. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1996 graduate and Valedictorian of Richland Northeast High School...played defensive back and wide receiver under head coach Joe Wingard...earned all-region honors his junior and senior seasons...caught 15 passes for 146 yards, and had 43 tackles, two interceptions, and a fumble recovery his senior year, helping Richland Northeast to a 9-4 record...returned one interception a school record 78 yards for a touchdown...as a freshman helped Richland Northeast to a 12-3 record and state AAAA championship.

Personal: Full name is Marion Roberto Martin...son of Rick and Fleda Martin...born May 8, 1978, in Columbia, South Carolina.

MARTIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	TFL	Cau-Fum	FR	Sacks	Int	PBU
1997	11-0	48	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	11-0	98	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
1999	12-12	777	40	26	66	6	0	0	0	1	5
Totals	34-12	923	48	34	92	6	0	0	0	1	5



DAVE MATHEWS

QB, 6-1, 171, R-Freshman
Atlanta, Georgia
Dunwoody High School

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Furman: Expected to provide reserve quarterback duty this fall behind returning veterans Justin Hill, Billy Napier, and Brent Scoggins...joined the team as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1999 season. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Dunwoody High School...football coach was Don Savage...garnered team offensive player-of-the-game honors twice during his senior year after helping Dunwoody post an 8-3 record and trip to the state playoffs...was a pitcher on three 7-AAAA region championship teams at Dunwoody.

Personal: Full name is Robert David Mathews...born October 8, 1980, in Summit, New Jersey...son of Robert and Joan Mathews...undeclared major.



JOSH MCWHORTER

DT, 6-1, 280, R-Freshman
Cartersville, Georgia
Cartersville High School

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Furman: Promising young defensive lineman who could be a factor at strong side tackle this fall...expected to add depth by competing with returning veterans Ryan Spender and LeByran Sperling...displayed flashes of solid play in the spring...possesses good size and lower body strength...recorded a squat of 550 pounds and

power clean of 308 pounds in spring testing. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Cartersville High School...football coach was Frank Barden...saw action at offensive guard, offensive tackle, defensive end, and long snapper...served as a team captain and earned all-county, all-state, and academic all-state honors as a defensive lineman after helping Cartersville to an 11-1 record, region championship, and state playoff appearance his senior year...selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...also starred in track...as a senior broke a 20-year-old school shot put record with a throw of 50'3".

Personal: Full name is Joshua Alan McWhorter...son of Harvey and Suzan McWhorter, Jr...born September 22, 1980, in Auburn, Alabama...undeclared major.



JOSH MOORE

OT, 6-5, 309, Senior, 3VL
Cross Hill, South Carolina
Thornwell Academy

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Furman: Returning All-Southern Conference performer who will headline another talented and experienced Paladin offensive front from his right tackle slot...will join Justin Hill, Marion Martin, and Will Bouton in serving as a team captain this year...put together a fine spring

practice...at 6-foot-5, 309 pounds possesses excellent size and good athletic ability...starting to attract some interest from NFL scouts...has made additional strength gains over the past several months. **1999** — Garnered consensus All-Southern Conference honors after starting at right tackle in all 12 games and helping lead Furman to a 9-3 record, conference championship, and trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...logged 713 plays and a season average grade of 1.91 (84.7%)...posted eight winning grades and one exceptional mark...top performance came in a 58-0 win over VMI when he graded out a 2.00 (93.1%) on 29 plays...posted a mark of 1.99 (91.3%) on 69 plays against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...helped pave the way for tailback Louis Ivory's 1,519-yard rushing season, the most by a Paladin since 1992...offense averaged 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ppg. **1998** — Started at right tackle in Furman's first six games before being sidelined with sprains in both ankles...did not play in the final four games...totaled 336 plays and three winning grades in his first season as a starter...earned his first career exceptional grade of 2.04 (.936%) on 47 plays against VMI (51-14 win)...other winning marks of 1.95 (.864%) and 1.91 (.872%) came against Samford (34-24 win) and Appalachian State (26-13 loss), respectively. **1997** — Registered his first collegiate action as a backup offensive tackle despite being slowed for much of the season with a hamstring strain...tallied 127 play participations and playing time in all 11 games...recorded the first winning performance of his career against VMI (35-14 win), grading out a 1.92 (.861%) on 36 plays. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

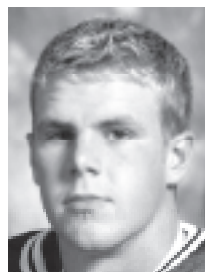
High School: 1996 graduate of Thornwell High School, where he played football for head coach Barry Cox...saw action at defensive tackle, end, center, offensive guard, and offensive tackle during his career...was named South Carolina Line-man-of-the-Year by **The State** newspaper after helping Thornwell to a 12-0 record and 1995 state championship...was tabbed by the Laurens Touchdown Club as its 1995 Player-of-the-Year...registered 45 "pancake" blocks as an offensive tackle and had 76 tackles, 10 tackles-for-loss, and seven sacks as a defensive lineman his senior year...at one point started at center in 23 consecutive games...also starred in baseball, basketball, and tennis.

Personal: Full name is Joshua Brian Moore...son of Floyd and Anita Moore...brother, Brandon Moore, played football at Presbyterian (S.C.) College...born May 25, 1978, in Greenwood, South Carolina...history major.

MOORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	— Block Execution —				— Performance —						
			0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1997	11-0	126	2	22	93	9	0	235	1.87	.810	1	0	1.92
1998	7-6	336	1	61	247	26	1	637	1.90	.815	2	1	2.04
1999	12-12	713	3	106	555	48	1	1361	1.91	.847	8	1	2.00
Totals	30-18	1175	6	189	895	83	2	2233	1.90	.834	11	2	2.04

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



BILLY NAPIER

QB, 6-3, 205, Sophomore, 1VL
Chatsworth, Georgia
Murray County High School

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Furman: Listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference quarterback Justin Hill...possesses good size and strength and a quick release...commands a good understanding of the game and is highly regarded by the coaching staff...has demonstrated ability to lead Furman's offense with experience gained a year ago.

1999 — Registered the first playing time of his career, seeing action in seven games as a backup to Justin Hill...completed 11-of-16 passes for 156 yards and a touchdown and also rushed 16 times for 44 yards and a score...tallied the first touchdown of his Furman career on a 15-yard option keeper against William & Mary (52-6 win), for which he earned Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors...ran for 28 yards on nine carries and completed 8-of-13 passes for 108 yards the next week against VMI (58-0 win)...hooked up with James Thomas on a spectacular throw and catch on a 39-yard touchdown pass against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1998 graduate of Murray County High School...football coach was his father, Bill Napier...played quarterback and free safety...accounted for 1,600 all-purpose yards and 23 touchdowns en route to earning All-North Georgia honors...was listed among the Top 50 Prospects in the Tri-State Area...earned Northwest Georgia Player-of-the-Week honors three times during the 1997



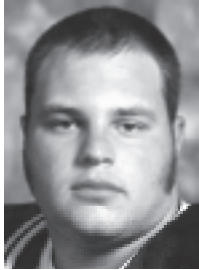
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season...passed for 1,030 yards and ran for 380 yards as a junior in helping Murray County to an 8-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...five-time participant in Furman's Quarterback & Receivers Camp...also played golf and basketball in high school.

Personal: Full name is William Hall Napier...son of Bill and Pamela Napier...father was a member of the 1975 Ohio Valley Conference championship team at Tennessee Tech...born July 21, 1979, in Cookeville, Tennessee...has a 3.01 GPA...health and exercise science major.

NAPIER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Com%	Effic	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD
1999	7-0	16	11	0	156	1	68.7	171.2	16	44	2.8	1



CLAY O'DANIEL

DT, 6-2, 264, Junior, 2VL
Alpharetta, Georgia
Woodward Academy

91

Furman: Will look to step up this year to claim playing time on the defensive front...emerged from a solid spring practice as a backup at weak tackle...will look to battle Brandon Poole for the starting job this fall...has the potential to give Furman's defense a big lift...has impressive strength and good speed...recorded a squat of 555

pounds and a power clean of 304 pounds in spring testing...also ran a 4.87 40-yard dash in shorts in the spring. **1999** — Logged playing time in all 12 games as a backup defensive tackle and member of special teams...recorded two tackles, including one for a loss of five yards, and a pass deflection on 20 plays in a 52-6 win over William & Mary. **1998** — Earned his first playing time, registering 24 plays as a reserve along the defensive front...also saw duty on special teams...played in all 11 games and posted five tackles. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Woodward Academy...football coach was Johnny Stallings...saw action along the defensive line and at tight end...earned team Defensive Lineman-of-the-Year and All-South Fulton County honors after leading the county in sacks and his team to a 12-1 record, region 4-AAA championship, and appearance in the state playoffs...started for two years on the defensive line...product of same high school as Paladin redshirt freshmen Paul Billingsly and Matt Mangum.

Personal: Full name is Clay Seaton O'Daniel...son of Keith and Marsha O'Daniel...born March 2, 1979, in Springdale, Arkansas...business administration major.

O'DANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sck	PBU
1998	11-0	24	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
1999	12-0	44	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	23-0	68	3	4	7	1	0	0	0	1



TOREICO O'NEAL

TB, 5-7, 173, R-Freshman
Barnesville, Georgia
Lamar County High School

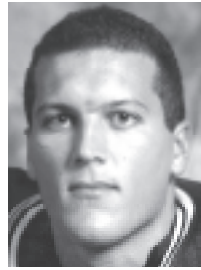
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Furman: Compact, powerful, cutting runner who compares favorably in stature and running style to former standout Bobby Daugherty, according to position coach Tim Sorrells...will join with Lamar Rembert in backing up returning All-Southern Conference tailback Louis Ivory...should definitely see action this fall...possesses

excellent strength and speed...squatted 500 pounds and ran a 4.51 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...took home Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Scout Team Award.

High School: 1999 graduate of Lamar County High School...football coach was Mark Wilson...played six positions, including running back, wide receiver, cornerback, strong safety, free safety, and outside linebacker...ran for over 3,400 yards in three seasons...earned team MVP as a senior after totaling over 2,000 all-purpose yards...rushed for 833 yards and had 350 yards in receptions...led his region in kickoff and punt returns, and finished fifth in passing...rushed for over 1,500 yards and totaled 2,200 all-purpose yards his junior year and totaled 1,100 rushing yards as a sophomore...also starred in track at Lamar County, qualifying for state in the long jump, 100m dash, and 4x100m relay.

Personal: Full name is Toreico Laprinttis O'Neal...son of Priscilla Perkins O'Neal...born March 13, 1980, in Thomaston, Georgia...undeclared major.



EDDIE OVERDYKE

DE, 6-2, 224, Sophomore, 1VL
Lilburn, Georgia
Brookwood High School

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Furman: Smart, athletic performer who is considered one of Furman's top young defensive players...despite missing spring practice due to shoulder surgery rates as the leading candidate to take over the starting defensive end position vacated by the graduation of Bobby Hubbard...will have to fend off several challengers...as

a starter or backup, figures to play a major role along Furman's defensive front...ran a 4.96 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing. **1999** — Proved to be a pleasant surprise as a true freshman, seeing action in all 12 games and earning three starts at defensive end despite battling a shoulder injury...tallied 31 tackles...garnered four tackles-for-losses and two sacks...registered a season high five tackles and a sack against William & Mary (52-6 win) in the first start of his career...also had five tackles versus Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss) in NCAA I-AA playoff action...other two starts came against VMI (58-0 win) and Western Carolina (27-19 win)...had four tackles and a sack against Wofford (30-3 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1999 graduate of Brookwood High School...football coach was Dave Hunter...played tight end and defensive end...twice earned all-county and all-state honors after helping Brookwood to successive 13-2, 13-1, and 13-1 records...1996 team went 13-2 and claimed state title...completed his career as third all-time leading tackler...was selected to play in the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game...high school teammate of Paladin sophomore Andrew Knight and freshman Daniel South.

Personal: Full name is Edward William Overdyke...son of Frank and Fran Overdyke...born October 7, 1980, in Tallahassee, Florida...undeclared major...sports a 3.12 GPA.

OVERDYKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sck	PBU
1999	12-3	253	10	21	31	4	0	0	2	0



BRANDON POOLE

DT, 6-0, 251, R-Freshman
Columbia, South Carolina
Irmo High School

93

Furman: Expected to contend for the starting job at weak defensive tackle with Clay O'Daniel...may also figure into the mix at defensive end...could provide a much-needed lift in Furman's pass rush due to athletic ability. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Irmo High School...football coach was Bob Hanna...played defensive end and fullback...earned Irmo Defensive Player-of-the-Year accolades and was selected to play in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game as a senior after helping the Yellow Jackets to a 10-3 record and second round state playoff appearance...also participated in track and basketball at Irmo.

Personal: Full name is Brandon Deshan Poole...son of Lynn and University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers...born December 27, 1980, in Atlanta, Georgia...undeclared major.

TODD PREVOST

LB, 6-0, 192, R-Freshman
Nashville, Tennessee
Montgomery Bell Academy

45



Furman: Will look to compete with Sterling Frierson for backup duty behind returning starting weak side linebacker Marion Martin this fall...labeled as an aggressive, tough, hard-nosed player by position coach Bruce Fowler...may also see time on special teams. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded medical redshirt and

extra year of eligibility due to finger injury.

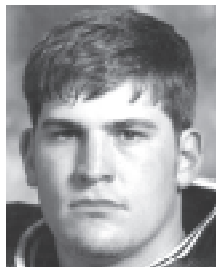
High School: 1999 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy...football coach was

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Ricky Bowers...played fullback and linebacker...helped Montgomery Bell post a school four-year record of 42-9, including a 10-2 mark and state championship his senior year...served as a team captain and led team in tackles en route to earning all-city, all-midstate, and all-state honors...played a key role in Montgomery Bell becoming the first school in 100 years of Tennessee football to defeat state power Father Ryan twice in one season...also ran track.

Personal: Full name is Todd Hollis Prevost...son of Fred and Pam Prevost...born September 15, 1980, in Nashville, Tennessee...undeclared major.



JUSTIN PRICE

OG, 6-5, 275, Sophomore, 1VL
Mauldin, South Carolina
Mauldin High School

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Furman: Expected to contend with Trevor Kruger for the starting job at right guard vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference and Jacobs Blocking Award winner Ben Hall...described by position coach Clay Hendrix as an intense, physical player...can work at either guard position...at 6-foot-5, sports excellent

height. **1999** — Registered his first action as a Paladin working in a backup role at guard and also on special teams...totaled 66 plays...saw his most playing time against VMI (58-0 win), logging 32 plays and a blocking grade of 1.81 (78.1%)...had 13 plays against William & Mary (52-6 win) and nine snaps against East Tennessee State (48-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Offensive Junior Varsity Award.

High School: 1998 graduate of Mauldin High School...football coach was John Abercrombie...played five positions as a prep: tight end, defensive end, defensive tackle, offensive guard, and offensive tackle...earned all-county honors and set a school single game record for tackles-for-loss his senior year...served as a team captain in 1997, helping Mauldin to a 6-6 record and appearance in the state playoffs after going 0-11 in 1995, his sophomore year...also participated in track.

Personal: Full name is Justin John Price...son of Charles Gregory and Debrah John Price...uncle Zach Price played football at Duke from 1978-82...uncle David Price was a standout baseball player at Eastern Kentucky from 1964-68...born December 20, 1979, in Roanoke, Virginia...political science major.

PRICE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	— Block Execution —				— Performance —						
			0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1999	12-0	66	1	11	50	4	0	123	1.86	.818	0	0	1.81

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



MARTY PRIORE

OG, 6-1, 284, Junior, 2VL
Cincinnati, Ohio
Elder High School

75

Furman: All-Southern Conference candidate who is coming off a solid sophomore campaign...may possess the best technique of any Paladin offensive lineman...outstanding strength, particularly in the lower body, makes him especially effective as a run blocker...combines excellent ability with strong understanding of the game...now entering his third season of starting duty...squared 570 pounds in spring testing. **1999** — Fashioned an outstanding season, posting excellent grades and winning marks in 11 of the Paladins' 12 games...started at left guard in all 12 contests and graded out a 1.95 (86.8%)...played a significant role in Furman posting a 9-3 record, winning the league championship, and gaining a berth in the NCAA I-AA playoffs...helped pave the way for tailback Louis Ivory's 1,519-yard rushing season, the first by a Furman player since 1992, and an offense that generated 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ppg...pounced on an Ivory fumble in the end zone for a touchdown against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...matched starting center Chris Stewart with three exceptional marks...posted a career high grade of 2.02 (90.4%) against William & Mary (52-6 win)...other exceptional 2.00 marks came against Western Carolina (27-19 win) and East Tennessee State (48-21 win)...logged a career high 84 snaps in the Paladins' 30-23 overtime playoff game loss to Massachusetts. **1998** — Began the season as a backup to Mark Batluck at

left guard but moved into the lineup after Batluck sustained a season ending knee injury against Samford (34-24 win)...gained his first career start the next week against VMI (51-14 win) and, in all, earned starts in Furman's final eight games...posted four winning performances, including a season high grade of 1.98 (.922%) on 64 plays against Wofford...logged 515 plays on the year. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

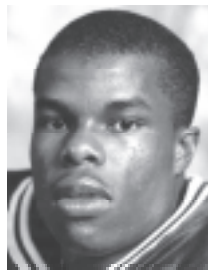
High School: 1997 graduate of Elder High School...football coach was Tom Grippa...earned second team all-city and second team All-Southwest Ohio as a junior after helping Elder to an 8-2 record...came back as a senior to earn all-city and all-district honors after pacing his squad to an 11-2 record and state semifinal finish...served as a team captain in 1996 and was named Elder's Best Lineman.

Personal: Full name is Marty Thomas Priore...son of Ron and Pat Priore...born November 4, 1978, in Cincinnati, Ohio...business administration major.

PRIORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	— Block Execution —				— Performance —						
			0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1998	11-8	515	5	91	370	48	1	979	1.90	.814	4	0	1.98
1999	12-12	735	4	93	582	49	7	1432	1.95	.858	8	3	2.02
Totals	23-20	1250	9	184	952	97	8	2411	1.92	.846	12	3	2.02

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



LAMAR REMBERT

TB, 5-7, 175, R-Freshman
Ocala, Florida
Bellevue High School

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Furman: Expected to team up with fellow redshirt freshman Toreico O'Neal in providing backup duty to returning All-Southern Conference tailback Louis Ivory...has the same compact build and speed as O'Neal...clocked a 4.51 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing...also shares similar weight room production

numbers, including an identical 500-pound squat recorded earlier this spring...competed in track in the spring, specializing in the 4x100 relay event. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of Bellevue High School...football coach was Brent Hall...played tailback...earned team MVP, all-area, area player-of-the-year, and third team all-state honors as a senior after rushing for 1,701 yards and 24 touchdowns while helping Bellevue to a 9-3 record and second round of Florida's AAAAA state playoffs...fine senior season followed a junior campaign that saw him rush for 1,829 yards and 23 touchdowns...ran for over 300 yards in two games and scored an incredible seven touchdowns in one contest...rushed for 4,320 yards and 55 touchdowns in three seasons at Bellevue...was an outstanding performer in track...clocked a school record 22.3 in the 200m his senior year...finished third in the state 100m final with a time of 10.66 as a junior.

Personal: Full name is Bernard Lamar Rembert...son of Daisy and Bernard Rembert...born May 18, 1981, in Ocala, Florida...undeclared major.



JESSE RICE

PK, 6-0, 175, Junior
Conway, South Carolina
Conway High School

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Furman: Will look to contend with several other kickers to take over the placement chores vacated by the graduation of Jason Wells...joined the Furman program as a walk-on out of the student body prior to the start of the 1999 season...will be a junior eligibility-wise this fall. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded red-

shirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1997 graduate of Conway High School...football coach was Chuck Jordan...helped lead Conway to a 9-3 record as a senior...also played soccer at Conway...set a state record for points his senior year, scoring 50 goals and 22 assists...earned first team all-region and all-state honors and participated in the North-South All-Star Game...finished his career with a school record 87 goals and 54 assists.

Personal: Full name is Jesse Kenneth Rice...born January 20, 1979, in Asheville, North Carolina...son of Paul and Nelljean Rice.



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BEAR RINEHART
FLK, 6-0, 180, Sophomore, 1VL
Seneca, South Carolina
Seneca High School

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Furman: Expected to play a significant role in Furman's receiving corps this year following a solid 1999 season and impressive spring practice...currently listed as the backup to projected starting flanker Bryant Huguley, but will likely see action at both flanker and split end...runs very efficient routes...clocked a 4.52 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing. **1999** — Registered the first action of his career, appearing in all 12 games as a backup wide receiver...caught three passes for 38 yards...had one reception for nine yards versus William & Mary (52-6 win)...came back the next week with a 14-yard reception against VMI (58-0 win)...third catch covered 15 yards versus Wofford (30-3 win)...had a 14-yard punt return versus VMI. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1998 graduate of Seneca High School...football coach was Tom Bass...played wide receiver, defensive back, tailback, free safety, and defensive end over the course of his high school career...also returned kickoffs...caught a school season record 50 passes and had 16 touchdown receptions his senior year in helping Seneca to a 10-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...was named to the **Anderson Independent** "Fab 15" team and earned all-region and all-state honors...as a junior, caught 27 passes and scored four touchdowns on a Seneca squad that went 14-1 and finished as state runner-up...also ran track, competing in the 100 and 200 meters, and played baseball at Seneca. **Personal:** Full name is William Stanley Rinehart, III...son of William and Cindy Rinehart...nickname is in honor of legendary University of Alabama head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant...born September 6, 1980, in Greenville, South Carolina...political science major.

RINEHART'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1999	12-0	3	38	12.7	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0

Year	GP-GS	Punt Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1999	12-0	1	14	14.0	0	14



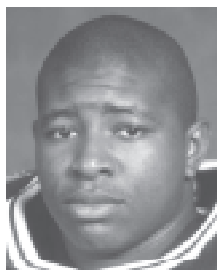
ANDY RUMP
SE, 6-1, 185, Sophomore
Sherborn, Massachusetts
Dover-Sherborn

87

Furman: Expected to again serve in a reserve role at split end this fall behind returning veterans Zach Smerdzinski and James Thomas...began his Furman career at defensive back before moving to split end...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1998 season. **1999** — Registered the first playing time of his career but did not letter...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1998 graduate of Dover-Sherborn High School...football coach was Harry Rose...played quarterback, defensive back, and linebacker...earned team MVP honors and was named to the state all-star team as a senior...as a quarterback set a pair of school records, including 21 completions in one game and 90-yard TD pass. **Personal:** Full name is Andrew R. Rump...son of Joan and Ron Rump...born November 30, 1979, in Natick, Massachusetts...business administration major...sports a 3.08 GPA.

DEREK RUSSELL
FB, 5-11, 235, Senior, 3VL
Austell, Georgia
Pebblebrook High School

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Furman: Burly, strong, hard-running fullback who stands as a big key to Furman's option-based offense due to his superior blocking skills...consistency as a blocker has earned him comparisons to former Paladin fullback great Kennet Goldsmith, the 1988 Jacobs Blocking Award winner...starting experience spans the

last three seasons...ranks as a solid north-south runner with tackle-breaking ability...is particularly effective in short yardage, goal-line situations...possesses good strength, particularly in the lower body...squatted 550 pounds and power cleaned 308 pounds in spring strength testing...needs 207 yards to reach 1,000 career rushing yards...ranks seventh on the school's career rushing touchdowns list with 24...has posted a pair of 100-yard rushing performances in his career — both against Chattanooga. **1999** — Put together an impressive junior season, starting at fullback in all 12 games while playing a pivotal role in Furman posting a 9-3 record, winning the Southern Conference title, and earning a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...rushed for 337 yards and a team leading 15 rushing touchdowns, tying the school single season rushing touchdown standard set by Robbie Gardner in 1986 and later matched by Carl Tremble in 1990...scored three times, all on 1-yard runs, in a 30-23 overtime loss to defending national champion Massachusetts in NCAA I-AA playoff action...delivered perhaps the most important scoring run of the season when, late in the fourth quarter with Furman holding a tenuous 34-28 lead, he bounced off two defenders and rambled 44 yards for what proved to be the game winning touchdown in the Paladins' 40-35, league title-clinching win over Chattanooga...finished the UTC contest with 101 yards and two scores...proved to be a critical cog in a Furman offense that averaged 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ypg...played a significant role in paving the way for tailback Louis Ivory's 1,519-yard season rushing performance — the first by a Paladin running back since the 1992 season. **1998** — Was slowed in the pre-season and early in the regular season with a hamstring strain but bounced back to earn starts in six of Furman's final eight games...pre-season injury allowed Louis Ivory to step forward with starts in the first three games...took advantage of an ankle injury to Ivory to pick up his first start in game four against VMI (51-14 win)...best performance of the year came in the season finale against Chattanooga (31-28 win) when he rushed for 55 yards and a pair of touchdowns, including one that covered 21 yards...actually led Furman in rushing touchdowns with five despite ranking only fourth in rushing attempts with 53. **1997** — Began the year as a backup fullback but moved into the starting lineup soon thereafter...impressed the coaching staff with his physical play and blocking skills and earned starts in the Paladins' last four games...ran for a season high 115 yards and a touchdown in the season finale against Chattanooga (43-21 win)...had a pair of touchdown runs covering 3 and 20 yards against Elon (38-20 win) in his first career start...ran for 79 yards and a score against Georgia Southern (30-13 loss)...finished the year as Furman's third leading rusher with 302 yards and four touchdowns and an impressive 6.6 yards per carry average.

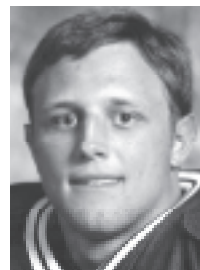
High School: 1997 graduate of Pebblebrook High School...football coach was E.C. Stines...saw action at linebacker and at fullback...earned his squad's best linebacker and best running back awards as a senior after helping Pebblebrook to a 7-4 record and trip to the state playoffs...was a second team **Marietta Daily Journal** all-area selection as a linebacker in 1996...also ran track.

Personal: Full name is Derek Allen Russell...son of James and Kathryn Russell...born November 3, 1978, in West Palm Beach, Florida...accounting major.

RUSSELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1997	9-4	46	302	6.6	4	46	0	0	0.0	0	0
1998	11-6	53	154	2.9	5	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	12-12	89	337	3.8	15	44	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	32-22	188	793	3.8	24	46	0	0	0.0	0	0

Year	Kickoff Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1998	1	15	15.0	0	15



ADAM SANDERS
FB, 5-10, 219, Senior, 3VL
West Point, Georgia
Springwood Academy

40

Furman: Strong, hard-nosed three-year letterman who will combine with seniors Derek Russell and Quinton Burton in giving Furman more experienced depth at fullback than perhaps any other position...presence and depth at position should allow Paladins to redshirt true freshman fullbacks Corey Tant and Al Means...excellent blocker...considered one of Furman's top special teams players...ranks as the third strongest player on the team according to spring strength testing results...posted lifts of 415 pounds in the bench press, 600 pounds in the squat, and 318 pounds in the power clean for a gross lift of 1,333 pounds...nickname is "Moose". **1999** — Saw action in eight games as a backup to starting fullback Derek Russell and also as a member of special teams...sat out four games in the middle of the season with

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a hamstring strain...recorded 10 rushes for 82 yards...top performance came in a 52-6 rout of William & Mary when he rushed three times for 57 yards, including a career long run of 31 yards. **1998** — Saw action in 10 games at fullback...saw his most playing time against VMI (51-14 win), rushing eight times for 39 yards and a touchdown covering 17 yards. **1997** — Registered his first action as a Paladin, appearing in seven games as a backup fullback...had a season long run of 10 yards in the Paladins' season finale against Chattanooga (43-21 win). **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1996 graduate of Springwood High School in Lanett, Alabama...played fullback and linebacker under head coach Roddie Beck...earned all-east Alabama, all-valley, all-district, and AISA State Player-of-the-Year honors in 1995 after rushing for 1,989 yards and 24 touchdowns in helping Springwood to a 12-1 record and state runner-up finish...in all rushed for 4,170 yards and 54 scores in his prep career.

Personal: Full name is Adam Leavitt Sanders...son of Leavitt and Debra Sanders...father was a three-year letterman (1970-72) at linebacker and member of Georgia Tech's 1972 Liberty Bowl championship team...born July 8, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia...business administration major.

SANDERS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1997	7-0	4	15	3.8	0	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
1998	10-0	9	41	4.6	1	17	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	8-0	10	82	8.2	0	31	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	25-0	23	138	6.0	1	31	0	0	0.0	0	0

Year	Kickoff Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1998	3	26	8.7	0	12



TRENT SANSBURY

TE, 6-2, 237, Junior, 2VL
Lilburn, Georgia
Parkview High School

89

Furman: Consensus All-Southern Conference tight end who returns for his second season as a starter...combines with Graham Hunter to give Furman two quality, experienced tight ends...should again play a key role in the offense...has greatly improved his blocking skills over the past two years...possesses a good concept of the offense and fine overall athletic ability.

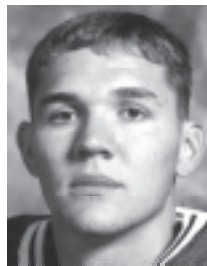
1999 — Earned starts in all 12 games and played a key role in Furman posting a 9-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and invitation to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...helped the Paladins' offense average 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ppg...earned consensus all-conference first team honors...caught eight passes for 87 yards and two touchdowns...top performance came in a 41-38 loss to eventual national champion Georgia Southern when he caught three passes for 46 yards and a touchdown...work against Georgia Southern included a season long 22-yard reception...other touchdown reception came on a 4-yard play against The Citadel (31-17 win)...was particularly effective as a blocker in a 35-21 win over Appalachian State...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Served as the backup tight end but came on strong late in the season...grabbed two passes for 43 yards in the season finale against Chattanooga (31-28 win)...caught a touchdown pass covering 26 yards against VMI (51-14 win). **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1997 graduate of Parkview High School...football coach was Cecil Flowe...played tight end, wide receiver, and cornerback...caught 22 passes for 393 yards and three touchdowns as a senior...earned all-county honors...was selected to play in Georgia's North-South All-Star Game...helped lead Parkview to a 10-3 record and state AAAA quarterfinal finish in 1996...had 27 receptions for 560 yards and two touchdowns as a junior on Parkview's 14-1 1995 team...took home his squad's most valuable receiver honor his junior and senior seasons.

Personal: Full name is Adam Trent Sansbury...son of Ann and Ken Sansbury...born April 5, 1979, in Atlanta, Georgia...brother, Bryan, was an All-American baseball player at Berry College...another brother, Michael, currently plays baseball at Sewanee...computing business major...carries a 3.23 GPA.

SANSBURY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1998	11-0	6	78	13.0	1	26	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	12-12	8	87	10.9	2	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	23-12	14	165	11.8	3	26	0	0	0.0	0	0



BRENT SCOGGINS

QB, 6-0, 201, Junior, 1VL
Campobello, South Carolina
Landrum High School

13

Furman: Reserve quarterback who will again backup returning starter Justin Hill and Billy Napier...expected to again serve as the squad's holder on placements...intelligent performer who has a solid understanding of Furman's offensive system...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1997

season. **1999** — Registered the first playing time of his career almost exclusively as the holder on placements...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Member of scout team...did not see any action. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Landrum High School...played quarterback and safety at Landrum under Mike O'Shields...twice earned all-region and all-state honors...passed for 1,300 yards and was invited to play in the North-South All-Star Game his senior year...threw for 4,075 yards in his career.

Personal: Full name is Phillip Brentson Scoggins...son of Phil and Joyce Scoggins...born July 18, 1979, in Columbus, North Carolina...pre-engineering major.

SCOGGINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Com%	Effic	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD
1999	12-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	1	-10	-10.0	0



ZACH SMERDZINSKI

SE, 5-9, 183, Senior, 3VL
Vienna, Virginia
James Madison High School

33

Furman: Ranks as one of Furman's most versatile offensive players...is expected to hold down his starting job at split end and also continue in his role as punt return specialist for the third straight year...rated by position coach Ted Cain as the squad's most dependable receiver...possesses a great understanding of the

offense...slippery runner who has quick feet and cutting ability...rates as an effective blocking receiver...good hands and proven north-south running ability make him especially effective as a punt returner...is on track to establish several new school punt return records. **1999** — Emerged as a quality receiver playing alongside All-Southern Conference flanker Des Kitchings, a seventh round NFL Draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs...caught 30 passes for 367 yards and a touchdown in his first season as a starter at split end...posted six, four-reception games...caught four passes for 62 yards and a score against East Tennessee State (48-21 win)...touchdown versus ETSU went for 24 yards and came on a fourth down play...had a career long 28-yard catch against The Citadel (31-17 win)...averaged a solid 8.0 yards per return on 21 punt returns. **1998** — Registered his first notable action as a wide backup receiver, catching three passes for 44 yards...had a key 12-yard reception late in the game against Chattanooga (31-28 win) that helped sustain a critical, time consuming drive...fashioned another outstanding season as Furman's punt returner...led the Southern Conference in punt returns, totaling 342 yards on 24 returns for a league-best 14.3 yards per return average...had five returns for a career high 100 yards, including one for 56 yards to set up a score against VMI (51-14 win)...had two returns for 51 yards against Clemson (33-0 loss)...established a new school single season punt return yards record with 342 yards...recipient of Furman's Whitey Kendall Specialist Award...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1997** — Lettered as a true freshman, seeing action primarily as a punt return specialist...had 31 punt returns for 313 yards (10.1 avg.) to rank fourth in the Southern Conference...had a season high seven returns for 88 yards versus South Carolina State (17-6 loss)...had two returns for 54 yards, including a season best 35-yard return against The Citadel (21-7 win).

High School: 1997 graduate of James Madison High School...saw action as a running back, defensive back, and wide receiver...started for three years and was his team's MVP as a senior after rushing for 1,450 yards and scoring 35 touchdowns...also caught 27 passes for 480 yards and had nine interceptions in helping James Madison to an 11-2 record, district and region championships, and state semifinal finish...strong 1996 season earned him all-district, all-region, all-state honors, as well as Liberty District Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors...finished his career as James Madison's all-time interceptions leader (15).

Personal: Full name is Zachary Brian Smerdzinski...son of Kathy and Chuck Smerdzinski...born May 7, 1979, in Fairfax, Virginia...business administration ma-



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...with a 3.03 GPA.

SMERDZINSKI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1997	11-0	1	7	7.0	0	7	0	0	0.0	0	0
1998	11-0	3	44	14.7	0	20	0	0	0.0	0	0
1999	12-12	30	367	12.2	1	28	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	34-12	34	418	12.3	1	28	0	0	0.0	0	0

Year	GP	Punt Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1997	11	31	313	10.1	0	35
1998	11	24	342	14.3	0	56
1999	12	21	167	8.0	0	21
Totals	34	76	822	10.8	0	56

Year	G	Punt Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1997	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
1998	11	1	15	15.0	0	15
1999	12	11	137	12.4	0	33
Totals	34	12	152	12.7	0	33



SHELVIS SMITH
SS, 6-1, 202, Junior, 2VL
College Park, Georgia
Westminster School

38

Furman: Appears to be in line to take over the starting job at strong safety vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Walter Booth...will be looking to add consistency to solid overall ability...emerged from spring testing as the fastest player in the program, clocking a 4.37 40-yard dash in shorts...also ranks as the fifth strongest player in the weight room...posted a gross lift of 1,313 pounds in three exercises: bench press (405), squat (600), and power clean (308)...600-pound squat ranked as the third best lift on the team...looms as a big key to Furman's potential defensive success this year...began his Furman career at tailback but moved to strong safety in the spring of his freshman year...is an outstanding singer...performs with Furman's Bell Tower Boys and Furman's Gospel Choir. **1999** — Registered playing time in 11 of the Paladins' 12 games as a backup strong safety and member of special teams...totaled 79 plays, 12 tackles, and one tackle-for-loss...had three tackles in the Paladins' 30-23 overtime loss to Massachusetts in the NCAA I-AA playoffs...also had three stops against VMI (58-0 win)...tackle-for-loss came against Western Carolina (27-19 win). **1998** — Lettered as a true freshman, seeing action in all 11 games and working primarily on special teams but also as a backup strong safety...tallied 13 tackles. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Westminster School...played six positions during his career — fullback, halfback, wide receiver, cornerback, free safety, and strong safety...coach was Gerry Rhomberg...served as a team captain his senior year and helped his squad to a 9-5 record and state semifinal finish...also ran track.

Personal: Full name is Shelvis S. Smith...son of Willie and Shirley Smith...father was a standout football safety, baseball player, and track performer at Morris Brown College and was inducted into the Morris Brown College Hall-of-Fame in 1987...born March 3, 1979, in Atlanta, Georgia...individualized curriculum major.

SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1998	11-0	32	6	7	13	0	0	0	0	0
1999	11-0	79	6	6	12	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	22-0	111	12	13	25	1	0	0	0	0



RYAN SPENCER
DT, 6-3, 297, Junior, 2VL
Clover, South Carolina
Clover High School

78

Furman: Experienced performer who figures to play a key role along Furman's defensive interior line this fall...emerged from spring practice as a backup to returning strong tackle LeBryan Sperling...could also provide depth at nose guard due to starting experience at that position...very strong physically, especially in the

lower body...recorded a squat of 600 pounds and a power clean mark of 330 in spring testing...squat ranked third on the team and power clean fifth. **1999** — Started at nose guard in Furman's first six games before giving way to Jarrod Holmes and later, Steve DeBeer...in all registered seven starts and action in all 12 games...totaled 279 plays and 19 tackles...notched a season high six tackles in the season opener against Elon (24-22 loss)...had three tackles the next week against William & Mary (52-6 win). **1998** — Registered playing time in nine games and started in one contest at strong tackle versus Western Carolina (31-7 win), totaling a season high five tackles...chronic shoulder problems slowed him for much of the season...totaled 20 tackles and 172 plays. **1997** — Member of scout team...sustained a broken hand during the season...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Clover High School...football coach was Marty Woolbright...played defensive tackle...served as a team captain and earned Clover's MVP honors as a senior...was also an all-region and all-state selection...was picked to play in the 1996 South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...was ranked among the Top 100 players in the state by the **High School Sports Report**.

Personal: Full name is Tyrone Ryan Spencer...son of Ty and Alice Spencer...born March 14, 1979, in Charlotte, North Carolina...computing business major.

SPENCER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sck	PBU
1998	9-1	172	6	14	20	0	0	0	0	0
1999	12-7	279	6	13	19	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21-8	451	12	27	39	0	0	0	0	0



LEBRYAN SPERLING
DT, 6-3, 273, Sophomore, 1VL
Decatur, Georgia
Southwest DeKalb High School

98

Furman: May very well be the biggest key to Furman's hopes for improved defensive line play this year...projected to start at the strong side tackle post following an impressive freshman campaign that saw him register almost a half dozen starts at the position...very aggressive player with the ability to make big plays...has

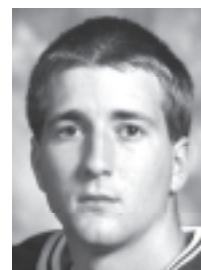
made solid improvement in the weight room since joining the Furman program...posted a 313-pound power clean in spring strength testing. **1999** — Garnered Furman Freshman-of-the-Year and Best Defensive Lineman Awards in his first year in a Paladin uniform, totaling 30 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and two sacks in 12 games...earned starts at strong side tackle in five contests, splitting starting time almost equally with the graduated Brian Conner...had one start at weak tackle against Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss)...in all registered 530 plays...collected a season high five tackles against North Carolina (28-3 win)...had four stops and a sack against Western Carolina (27-19 win)...other sack came against VMI (58-0 win)...garnered four tackles against Massachusetts in NCAA I-AA playoff action.

High School: 1999 graduate of Southwest DeKalb High School...football coach was William Godfrey...played offensive guard, defensive end, and defensive tackle...earned All-Metro Atlanta honors after totaling 52 tackles and 10.5 sacks in helping his team to a 10-2 record and 1998 region title...played two seasons at S.W. DeKalb following two years at Ensley High School in Birmingham, Alabama.

Personal: Full name is LeBryan Antoine Sperling...son of Elaine Smith-Sperling and Charles and Faye Sperling...born May 17, 1981, in Decatur, Georgia...undeclared major.

SPERLING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sck	PBU
1999	12-6	530	17	13	30	3	1	0	2	0



JONATHAN SPROUL
PK, 6-0, 186, Senior
Grovetown, Georgia
Briarwood Academy

49

Furman: Backup to returning punter Lee Willis who is also expected to battle a host of others for placement chores vacated by the graduation of Jason Wells...will also contend for the squad's kickoff duty...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season. **1999** — Did not see any action. **1998** — Took

over as kickoff specialist for a sidelined David Burton against Western Carolina

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(31-7) for his only action of the season. **1997** — Did not see any action. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1996 graduate of Briarwood Academy...saw action as a punter, placekicker, wide receiver, and cornerback as a prep...played on a pair of region championship teams...connected on 38-of-41 PATs and 7-of-8 FGs, and averaged 37.8 yards per punt en route to earning all-region honors as a senior.

Personal: Full name is Johnathan Ryan Sproul...son of Stephen and Jean Sproul...born January 22, 1978, in Carrollton, Georgia...business administration major.



PETER STAMAS

NG, 6-2, 244, Junior, 1VL

Tarpon Springs, Florida

Tarpon Springs High School

72

Furman: Has used hard work to position himself to gain additional playing time this year as a backup to projected starting nose guard Steve DeBeer...will compete with Jarrod Holmes for the backup role...began his Furman career on the offensive line before making the move to defense late in the 1998 season...posted a squat of 500

pounds in spring testing...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1997 season. **1999** — Logged playing time in all 12 games primarily at nose guard and also on special teams...tallied one tackle against both VMI (58-0 win) and East Tennessee State (48-21 win)...registered 59 plays in all. **1998** — Worked as a reserve offensive tackle for much of the season before being moved to defensive line for the last game following injuries to several regulars...logged 12 plays as a backup offensive tackle against VMI (51-14 win). **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Tarpon Springs High School...played offensive tackle and defensive line as a prep...football coach was Don Davis...served as a team captain and earned all-district, all-county, and all-state honors as an offensive tackle his senior year...also completed in wrestling, weightlifting, and track.

Personal: Full name is Peter George Stamas...son of George and Karen Stamas...born February 12, 1979, in Tarpon Springs, Florida...political science major.

STAMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sck	PBU
1999	12-0	59	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

Year	G-GS	Ply	— Block Execution —				— Performance —						
			0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1998	11-0	12	0	2	9	1	0	23	1.92	.833	0	0	—

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



CHRIS STEWART

C, 6-0, 275, Junior, 2VL

Palm Harbor, Florida

East Lake High School

54

Furman: Intense, competitive player who is expected to contend for All-Southern Conference honors...joins three other returning starters along Furman's offensive front...one of nine returning offensive regulars...ranks as Furman's strongest player...bench pressed 500 pounds, squatted 675 pounds, and power cleaned 357

pounds in spring testing for a gross lift of 1,532 pounds in three exercises...clocked a 4.9 40-yard dash in shorts...has excelled as a member of Furman's track team, specializing the shot put and discus. **1999** — As a starter at center in all 12 games, put up all-conference-type grades but may have been a victim of numbers with two other Paladin all-conference selections, Jacobs Blocking Award winning guard Ben Hall and tackle Josh Moore...season blocking grade of 1.97 (89.6%) actually was highest of all Paladin offensive linemen...totaled 742 snaps...earned 10 winning grades and two exceptional marks...graded out a 1.97 (91.3%) against North Carolina (28-3 win)...registered a season high mark of 2.03 (91.3%) against Wofford (30-3 win)...other exceptional performance came against VMI (58-0 win) when he graded out a 2.00 (92.8%)...played a significant role in helping Furman's offense average 424.3 ypg and 36.0 ppg on the way to a 9-3 record, Southern Conference title, and invitation to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...helped clear the way for tailback Louis Ivory's 1,519 yards — the first by a Paladin running back since 1992...finished

fifth in the discus at the 2000 Southern Conference championships with a throw of 136'...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Worked primarily as a backup to Mark Foster at center but gained his first career start against Wofford following an injury to Foster...registered action at center in six games and totaled 174 plays...earned three winning grades, including a season high mark of 1.98 (.900%) against VMI (51-14 win)...finished fifth in both the discus (143' 4") and shot put (46' 3 1/2") at the Southern Conference Track & Field Championships in the spring...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1997** — Saw action in three Furman's first three games but was sidelined for the remainder of the year with injuries...was awarded a medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of East Lake High School...football coach was Tom Keller...four-year starter who played every position along the offensive and defensive lines, as well as middle linebacker...was a two-time all-county, and all-conference selection...as a senior, was a second team all-state selection, as well as an All-Suncoast selection of the Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg Times...was selected to play in the Pinellas All-Star Classic and Florida All-Star Game, as well as the Down Under Bowl in 1996...East Lake program went 36-13 during his tenure.

Personal: Full name is Christopher Lynn Stewart...son of Lynn and Juanita Stewart...born February 23, 1979, in Clearwater, Florida...father played football at Illinois from 1961-65 and was a member of the 1964 Rose Bowl championship team...brother, Mike, was a walk-on football player at Florida State in 1991...political science major...carries a 3.10 GPA.

STEWART'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	— Block Execution —				— Performance —					
			0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc
1997	3-0	21	0	4	15	1	1	41	1.95	.810	0	0
1998	6-1	174	3	19	140	11	1	336	1.93	.874	3	0
1999	12-12	742	1	76	611	49	5	1465	1.97	.896	9	3
Totals	21-13	937	4	99	766	61	7	1842	1.96	.890	12	3

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



ANDRE STROMAN

CB, 5-8, 184, Senior, 3VL

Plantation, Florida

St. Thomas Aquinas High School

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Furman: Three-year letterman who is expected to provide backup duty to returning starting right cornerback Rodney Johnson and also quality play as a member of special teams...was slowed in spring practice with abdominal muscle strain...when healthy has delivered solid play...experience includes almost a full season of work

as a starter. **1999** — Garnered playing time in all 12 games as a backup at cornerback and on special teams...totaled 96 plays and 13 tackles...had a season high four tackles against Georgia Southern (41-38 loss). **1998** — Sidelined in the pre-season with a hamstring strain and was slow to recover...yielded the starting job to Rodney Johnson...returned to action for Furman's final two games and collected two tackles. **1997** — Started at cornerback in 10 games as a redshirt freshman...totaled 542 plays and 30 tackles...also had three interceptions, second only to team leader John Keith's four pickoffs...notched five tackles and his first interception in the season opener against Samford (29-10 win)...other interceptions came against VMI (35-14 win) and Chattanooga (43-21 win). **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1996 graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School...football coach was George Smith...played both tailback and cornerback...rushed for 970 yards and 10 touchdowns his senior year en route to earning all-conference and team MVP honors...team went 7-4 in 1995 after going 10-4 and posting a state semi-final finish his junior season...also starred in track at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Personal: Full name is André DeShawn Stroman...son of Howard and Mary Stroman...born May 28, 1978, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida...communications major.

STROMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1997	10-10	542	23	7	30	0	0	0	3	5
1998	2-0	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
1999	12-0	96	11	2	13	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24-10	650	36	9	45	0	0	0	3	5



2000 Furman Player Profiles



JAMES THOMAS
SE, 5-10, 179, Sophomore, 1VL
Marianna, Florida
Marianna High School

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Furman: Outstanding athlete who sports the best hands in Furman's receiving corps according to position coach Ted Cain...catches the ball well in traffic and also excels as a blocker...has big play ability...heads into the pre-season listed as the backup to returning starting split end Zach Smerdzinski...possesses the best leaping ability in the program...recorded an outstanding vertical jump of 36.5" last spring. **1999** — Gained the attention of Furman fans in his first season of action with six catches for 109 yards and a touchdown...score came against East Tennessee State (48-21 win) on a diving catch between two defenders to complete a 33-yard strike from backup quarterback Billy Napier...had two catches for 31 yards versus VMI (58-0 win) and one reception for 29 yards against Georgia Southern (41-38 loss)...caught two passes for 16 yards versus Massachusetts (30-23 overtime loss) in NCAA I-AA playoff action. **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.
High School: 1998 graduate of Marianna High School...football coach was Greg Guy...played wide receiver and cornerback...earned all-county and first team all-state honors as a senior after catching 51 passes for 959 yards and 11 touchdowns...also averaged 17.8 yards on punt returns and collected six interceptions on a team that went 8-4 and claimed the District 3-A title...participated in the Florida North-South All-Star Game...junior season highlights included 50 receptions for 504 yards and five interceptions...averaged 18.9 points and 8.0 rebounds per game on Marianna's basketball squad that went 20-10 and claimed a district championship...was a first team all-county and third team all-state basketball selection...National Honor Society.
Personal: Full name is James Allen Thomas...son of Haywood and Callie Thomas...born October 30, 1979, in Marianna, Florida...undeclared major.

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1999	12-0	6	109	18.2	1	33	0	0	0.0	0	0



JOHN THRIFT
LB, 6-0, 214, Junior, 2VL
Hartwell, Georgia
Hart County High School

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Furman: Experienced, hard-nosed player who will have to fend off expected challenges to retain his starting job at strong side linebacker...main competition is expected to be from redshirt freshmen Keito Whetstone and Andrew Knight...sports impressive strength...posted lifts of 500 pounds in the squat and 330 pounds in the power clean in spring testing. **1999** — Started at strong side linebacker in all 12 games...delivered steady play and ended the season ranked third on the team in tackles with 93, trailing only John Keith's team leading 132 tackles and Will Bouton's 130 stops...had eight tackles-for-loss, a sack, and a pass deflection...sack came in Furman's 28-3 win over North Carolina...notched a career high 16 stops against The Citadel (31-17 win)...had 12 tackles versus Wofford (30-3 win)...notched nine stops against Western Carolina (27-19 win)...in all totaled 746 snaps...played a key role in Furman posting a 9-3 record, winning the Southern Conference title, and earning a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Worked as a backup to All-American Orlando Ruff at strong side linebacker for much of the season but moved into the starting lineup in the last two games after Ruff was sidelined with a knee injury...also saw spot duty at weak side linebacker and as a member of special teams...missed the East Tennessee State game with a fractured finger...66 tackles ranked fourth highest on team...racked up a season high 16 stops against Wofford in his first career start... had 11 tackles against Clemson (33-0 loss)...recorded interceptions against VMI (51-14 win) and Georgia Southern (45-17 loss). **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.
High School: 1997 graduate of Hart County High School...football coach was Bill Bonds...played linebacker and tight end...earned all-area, All-Northeast Georgia, and Anderson Independent Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors in 1996 after totaling 186 tackles on a Hart County team that posted a 7-4 mark and advanced to the first round of the state AA playoffs...also caught 10 passes for 185 yards and

three touchdowns as a senior en route to earning a selection to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...finished his career with a school career record 419 tackles...was a member of a pair of Hart County teams that posted consecutive 11-1 and 11-2 records his sophomore and junior seasons...had 161 stops, as well as 19 receptions for 425 yards and six scores in 1995, his junior year...high school teammate of Paladin senior Quinton Burton
Personal: Full name is John Howell Thrift...son of Dale and Connie Thrift...born November 22, 1978, in Anderson, South Carolina...biology major...carries a 3.08 GPA.

THRIFT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	TFL	Cau-Fum	FR	Sacks	Int	PBU
1998	11-2	389	38	28	66	1	0	0	0	2	2
1999	12-12	746	47	46	93	8	1	0	1	0	1
Totals	23-14	1135	85	74	158	9	1	0	1	2	3



STEVE WALL
LB, 5-10, 223, Junior, 1VL
Charlotte, North Carolina
Charlotte Catholic School

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Furman: Emerged from spring practice listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference middle linebacker Will Bouton...showed solid progress in the spring...should register quality playing time this year...ran a 4.67 40-yard dash in shorts and produced some of the team's better results in strength testing in the spring...bench pressed 405 pounds, squatted 555 pounds, and power cleaned 330 pounds...will help form what appears to be a solid Paladin linebacking contingent...transferred into Furman in January on 1999 following one year at the University of South Carolina...was eligible to play last fall in accordance with NCAA (I-A to I-AA) transfer rule. **1999** — Garnered playing time all 12 games as a backup to Will Bouton at middle linebacker and as a member of special teams...tallied 96 total plays and 15 tackles...had a season high six tackles against William & Mary (52-6 win)...registered four stops against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Did not participate in 1998 fall season at South Carolina prior to transfer. **1997** — Member of scout team...participated in USC's 1998 spring game as a fullback.
High School: 1997 graduate of Charlotte Catholic High School...football coach was Jim Oddo...played linebacker and defensive end...served as a team captain and as an all-conference linebacker totaled a team leading 165 tackles in helping Charlotte Catholic to an 8-4 record his senior year...played defensive end as a junior and earned all-county honors after tallying a county best 12 sacks...also participated in wrestling and track as a prep.
Personal: Full name is Stephen Wall...son of Catherine and James Wall...born November 27, 1978, in Dublin, Ireland...Spanish major...carries a 3.03 GPA.

WALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	TFL	Cau-Fum	FR	Sacks	Int	PBU
1999	12-0	96	6	9	15	0	0	0	0	0	0



KEITO WHETSTONE
LB, 6-0, 214, R-Freshman
Orangeburg, South Carolina
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

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Furman: Highly regarded young linebacker who sports a solid chance to make his mark on Furman's defense this fall...should push John Thrift for the starting job at the strong side position this fall...multi-dimensional player who runs well and possesses exceptional overall skills according to position coach and defensive coordinator Bruce Fowler...could also be a key figure on specials teams...made tremendous strides in the spring...can play all three linebacker positions. **1999** — Member of scout team...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Defensive Scout Award...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.
High School: 1999 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School...football coach was Tommy Brown...played linebacker and tight end...serving as a team captain, led the state with 224 tackles and earned all-area, all-region, and state AAAA honors his senior year...garnered South Carolina North-South All-Star Game Defensive MVP honors...tallied 110 tackles as a junior...also starred in track.
Personal: Full name is Keito Jermaine Whetstone...son of Mortistine Whetstone...born January 2, 1981, in Orangeburg, South Carolina...undeclared major.

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LEE WILLIS
P/PK, 5-11, 160, Senior, 2VL
Monticello, Georgia
Monticello High School

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Furman: Returns for his third full season as Furman's punter but could also figure into the picture as a potential replacement for graduated placekicker Jason Wells...kicks straight on. **1999** — Averaged 37.1 yards per punt on 35 attempts...had 10 of his punts returned for 44 yards (4.4 avg.)...averaged 42.0 yards per punt

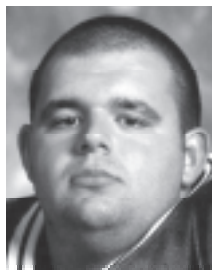
on four attempts against Western Carolina (27-19 win), but had the first blocked punt of his career returned for a touchdown in that contest...matched a career long 54-yard punt against Appalachian State (35-21 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1998** — Averaged a respectable 37.0 yards per punt on 56 attempts in his first season of punting duty...did not suffer a blocked punt...had a long punt of 54 yards and averaged 41.3 yards per punt on four attempts against South Carolina State (27-19 win)...ranked eighth in punting average in the Southern Conference but team finished a solid fourth in net punting (33.8)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

High School: 1997 graduate of Monticello High School...football coach was David Cochran...played quarterback and handled punts and placements at Monticello...earned All-Middle Georgia and all-state honors as a punter and placekicker his senior year after helping lead Monticello to an 8-3 record and appearance in the state playoffs...averaged 37.0 yards per punt and converted 3-of-5 field goal attempts, including a career best 45-yarder, and 47-of-49 PATs...participated in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game.

Personal: Full name is Thurman Lee Willis, III...son of Thurman and Angie Willis...born on August 23, 1978, in Macon, Georgia...business administration major...carries a 3.11 GPA.

WILLIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds	Avg.	Blk	Lng	Ret	Yds	Avg	Net
1998	12	56	2071	37.0	0	54	20	183	9.2	33.7
1999	12	35	1299	37.1	1	54	10	44	4.4	35.9
Totals	12	91	3370	37.0	1	54	30	227	7.6	34.5



JOE WILSON
OT, 6-1, 285, Sophomore
Knoxville, Tennessee
Halls High School

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Furman: Appears to be in position to compete for his first real game action at tackle after being slowed for much of his first two seasons as a Paladin with chronic shoulder problems...fashioned a good spring practice to position himself as the likely backup to returning starting left tackle Donnie Littlejohn...considered by the

coaching staff to be a very talented player...underwent surgery in November of 1998 to repair shoulder dislocation and missed the 1999 spring practice. **1999** — Was the fifth tackle on Furman's offensive unit and thus saw action in only two games...logged four plays at tackle against VMI (58-0 win) and one against East Tennessee State (48-21 win). **1998** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1998 graduate of Halls High School...football coach was Gary Shephard...played offensive guard, tackle, defensive tackle, and defensive end...started both ways at offensive tackle and defensive end as a senior...totaled 84 tackles and 10 tackles-for-loss for minus 45 yards in 1997 en route to earning all-region, All-East Tennessee, and all-state honors...was named his region's best lineman...helped Halls post an 8-3 record...was a starter and all-region pick at defensive end on a 14-1, state runner-up team his junior year...tallied 95 tackles and 11 tackles-for-loss for minus 40 yards.

Personal: Full name is Joseph Frank Wilson...son of Frank and Glenda Wilson...father played professional baseball in the Houston Astros organization for three years...first cousin Carl Torbush is the head football coach at the University of North Carolina, which Furman defeated 28-3 during the 1999 season...born July 27, 1980, in Knoxville, Tennessee...undeclared major.

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Block Execution				Pts	Avg	Performance				
		Ply	0	1	2			3	4	Pct	Win	Exc
1999	2-0	5	0	1	4	0	0	9	1.80	.800	0	0

Key: 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



BOBBY WRIGHT
CB, 5-9, 179, Junior, 2VL
Riverdale, Georgia
Riverdale High School

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Furman: Strong team player who will battle with returning senior Andre Stroman for the backup role behind returning starting right cornerback Rodney Johnson...also figures to be a central figure in special teams action...put together a fine spring practice to improve bid for playing time...received extra work at

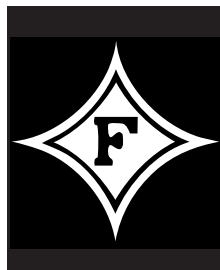
cornerback in the spring due to the injury to Stroman...ran a 4.56 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing. **1999** — Played sparingly as a reserve at cornerback but, in all, saw action in all 12 games as a member of special teams...tallied a pair of tackles. **1998** — Registered his first action as a member of special teams. **1997** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1997 graduate of Riverdale High School...football coach was George Spencer...saw action as a defensive back and receiver...earned all-area honors in 1996 after tallying 58 tackles and helping Riverdale to an 8-3 record and invitation to the state playoffs...three-year starter.

Personal: Full name is Bobby Gene Wright...son of Darcy Wright-Stevenson...born June 5, 1979, in Waukegan, Illinois...sociology major.

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Ply	Pri	Ast	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1997	12-0	58	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0



BRIAN WRIGHT
FS, 5-9, 165, R-Freshman
Plano, Texas
The Asheville (N.C.) School

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Furman: Slated to provide reserve duty at free safety behind projected starter Josh Cooper and backup Paul Billingsly...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1999 season. **1999** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

High School: 1999 graduate of The Asheville School, where he was a teammate of Paladin tight end Carl Boland...football coach was Ron Bromley...played free safety and tailback during his prep career...helped pace his team to a 9-1 record, conference championship, and state semifinal round finish by totaling 56 tackles in nine games...registered 48 tackles in seven games his junior year.

Personal: Full name is Ron Bromley...born November 14, 1980, in Rutherfordton, North Carolina.