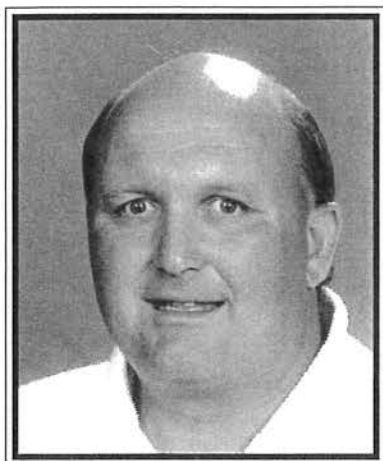


# FURMAN ASSISTANT COACHES



## JIMMY NEAL

*Defensive Line, Recruiting Coordinator*

In 1989, Furman was recognized as having the best defensive line in the Southern Conference as two of Neal's three starters — defensive tackle Brian Pitts and nose guard Allen Edwards — earned first team all-conference honors. In 1991, behind the stellar play of Edwards, who was named by the league's head coaches as Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year, Furman's defense led the league in rushing defense and total defense.

Neal, who played linebacker and lettered all four years under former Paladin head coach Art Baker, served as captain of the 1977 Paladin squad. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in political science.

Following graduation he earned a master's degree in physical education from the University of South Carolina in 1980 while also serving as a part-time assistant coach at Newberry (S.C.) College.

From there, Neal moved back to Greenville to assume assistant coaching duties at Wade Hampton High School for two years. After serving as an assistant at Camden High School in 1982, Neal joined the staff at Laurens High School and, while serving as ends and linebackers coach, helped the Raiders capture class AAAA state championships in 1983 and '84.

Following the 1984 season, Neal accepted his first head coaching position at Berea High School, where he remained before coming to Furman in 1986.

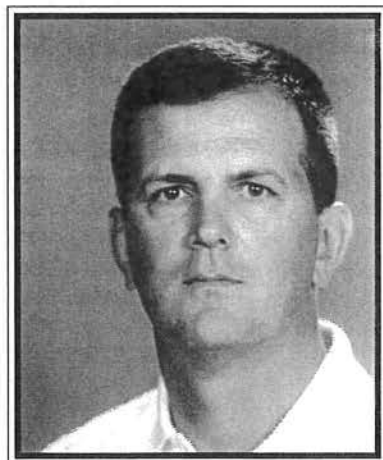
A native of Camden, Neal is married to the former Nancy Wise of Trenton, South Carolina, and is the father of a girl, Callie, 6, and a son, Zachary William, 4.

### THE NEAL FILE

**Full Name:** James Brooker Neal  
**Birthdate:** August 3, 1956, in Camden, S.C.  
**Education:** Camden (S.C.) High School ('73); Furman, B.A. Political Science ('78); South Carolina, M.A.T. Education ('80).  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** LB, Furman (1973-77), four-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant, Newberry (1979); Assistant, Wade Hampton (S.C.) High School (1980-81); Assistant, Camden (S.C.) High School (1982); Assistant, Laurens (S.C.) High School (1983-84); Head Coach, Berea (S.C.) High School (1985); Assistant, Furman (1986-92; 1994-Present).

**N**OW IN HIS 12TH SEASON AT FURMAN, JIMMY Neal begins his second year as coach of Furman's defensive line after heading up the Paladin defensive ends in 1994-95.

For Neal, his work with Furman's defensive line marks his second stint with the group, as he held the same capacity from 1988-93. In his first experience with the Paladin defensive front, Neal took a unit that returned no starters from the 1987 season and helped mold it into the league's best as evidenced by Furman going 13-2 and winning the NCAA I-AA national title.



## TIM SORRELLS

*Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs*

capped off a brilliant collegiate career by rushing for a school single season record 1,555 yards en route to becoming the Southern Conference's all-time leading rusher at the time, with 4,746 yards.

Prior to the 1989 campaign Sorrells also worked with Furman's quarterbacks, playing a key role in the development of All-Southern Conference signal caller Frankie DeBusk, who in 1988 led Furman to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national title.

A Greenville, Tenn., native, Sorrells came to Furman in 1977 after a career at Jefferson County High School, where he earned all-state honors, as well as all-conference tabs in tennis and basketball.

As a quarterback at Furman, he was twice named All-Southern Conference after leading the Paladins to conference crowns in 1980 and '81. His stint as a signal caller extended the school's string of highly successful quarterbacks that began with David Whitehurst in the 1970s, and continued in the 80s with David Charpia, Bobby Lamb, and Frankie DeBusk.

Sorrells received his undergraduate degree in physical education in 1981. He remained at Furman as a graduate assistant coach, helping the Paladins claim the 1982 Southern Conference title while working on his master's degree in education, which he received in

1983.

From the graduate assistant coaching ranks, Sorrells took his first full-time coaching job at the high school level as an assistant coach at Rhea County (Tenn.) High School. In 1985 Rhea County finished as AAA state runner-up. A year later he returned to his alma mater.

Married to the former Tracy Ballew of Spartanburg, the Sorrells' have two sons: Caleb, 11, and Jordan, 10; and a daughter, Emma, 6.

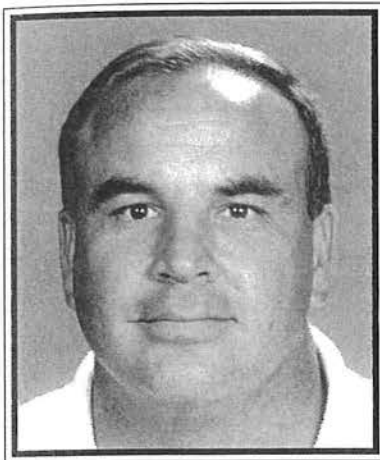
### THE SORRELLS FILE

**Full Name:** Timothy Lee Sorrells  
**Birthdate:** Sept. 18, 1959, in Greenville, Tenn.  
**Education:** Jefferson County (Tenn.) High School ('77); Furman, B.A. Physical Education ('81); M.A. Education ('83)  
**Collegiate Playing Experience:** QB, Furman (1977-81), four-year letterman.  
**Coaching Experience:** Graduate Assistant, Furman (1982); Assistant, Rhea County (Tenn.) High School (1983-85); Assistant, Furman (1986-Present).

**F**ORMER PALADIN QUARTERBACK GREAT TIM Sorrells is now in his 12th year as an assistant coach with Furman's football program and fourth year as the squad's offensive coordinator, having added the task to his existing duty as running backs coach in 1994.

In 1989, in his first season of exclusive work with Furman's running backs, Sorrells oversaw the emergence of tailback Carl Tremble, who as a freshman rushed for a school freshman record 987 yards and nine touchdowns to help Furman to an undefeated league record and championship. In 1992 Tremble

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**STEVE WILSON**  
*Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers*

**S**TEVE WILSON, A VETERAN OF 11 SEASONS as linebackers coach at Furman University, is now entering his fifth year as the Paladins' defensive coordinator, a position he has held since 1993.

During his tenure as coach of the squad's linebackers, Wilson has played a key role in producing some of the league's top defensive players, including nine All-Southern Conference performers and three All-Americans. The most heralded of the crop was consensus All-American Jeff Blankenship, who registered a school record 235 tackles in 1988 to lead the

Paladins to a 13-2 record and NCAA I-AA national title. Last year, Orlando Ruff became the latest Wilson-coached player to earn recognition following a season that netted him a team high 164 tackles.

Furman, during Wilson's tenure, has captured three league titles and made five appearances in the NCAA I-AA playoffs — all on the strength of outstanding play by Paladin defensive units, of which Wilson has played a key role in directing.

A 1977 Furman graduate with a degree in economics and business administration, Wilson returned to his alma mater in 1986 following a three-year stint as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Mars Hill (N.C.) College. While at Mars Hill, Wilson assisted in the revitalization of the Lion football program, and in 1985 helped direct Mars Hill to an 8-3 record and its first-ever outright South Atlantic Conference championship.

A Gainesville, Ga., product, Wilson starred for three years in football while playing both guard and tight end at Gainesville High School. Following a solid prep tenure, his football career continued at Furman, where he lettered all four years (1973-76) as a linebacker under Paladin mentor Art Baker. As a senior,

Wilson served as president of the school's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and was awarded the Art Baker Christian Award.

In 1981, he assumed an assistant coaching position at Buford (Ga.) High School following a two-year stint in private business. Wilson's tenure at Buford ran for three seasons and preceded his move to Mars Hill in 1983.

He and his wife, Angie, formerly of Gainesville, Ga., have a son, Daniel, 8, and a daughter, Angela Brittany, 2.

## THE WILSON FILE

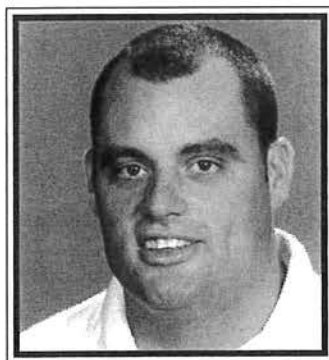
**Full Name:** Steven Homer Wilson

**Birthdate:** June 28, 1955, in Gainesville, Ga.

**Education:** Gainesville (Ga.) High School ('73); Furman, B.A. Economics/Business Administration ('77).

**Collegiate Playing Experience:** LB, Furman (1973-77), four-year letterman.

**Coaching Experience:** Assistant, Buford (Ga.) High School (1980-82); Assistant, Mars Hill (1983-85); Assistant, Furman (1986-Present).

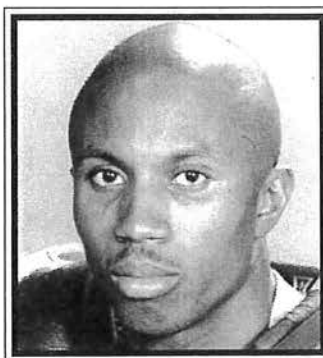


**TOMMY JONES**  
*Offensive Assistant Coach*

**T**OMMY JONES, WHO OVER THE COURSE OF three seasons registered starting duty at both center and guard for the Paladins, will continue his association with Furman football this fall in his second season as offensive assistant coach — an assignment that will allow him to again work primarily as an assistant to offensive line coach Clay Hendrix.

Jones, who in May of 1996 received his bachelor of arts degree from Furman in history, earned three letters in his Paladin career (1991-95) and served as a team captain in 1995 while starting at center in eight contests.

He is a native of Snellville, Ga.

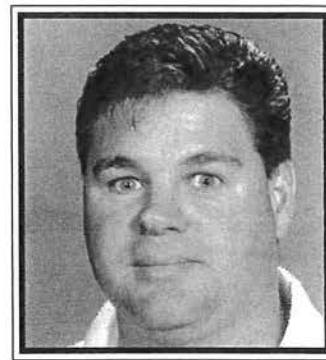


**MICHAEL MCNEIL**  
*Volunteer Assistant Coach*

**M**ICHAEL MCNEIL, WHO LAST YEAR EARNED All-Southern Conference honors as a member of Furman's secondary, will serve as a defensive assistant coach on the Paladins' staff this fall.

A two-year starter at cornerback, McNeil led Furman in interceptions in 1996 with three and also posted a team leading 15 pass deflections in helping the Paladins to a 9-4 record and trip to the NCAA I-AA playoffs. He also took home Furman Best Defensive Back honors at the end of the season.

A native of Wando, S.C., McNeil is expected to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in health and exercise science later this year.



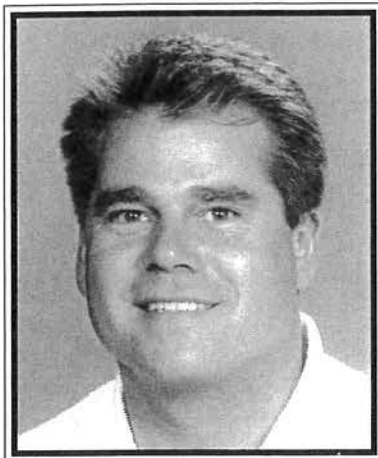
**JOE TODD**  
*Volunteer Assistant Coach*

**J**OE TODD, WHO PRIOR TO THE 1996 SEASON served as offensive coordinator at nearby Hillcrest (S.C.) High School, is now entering his second year as a volunteer assistant coach.

A product of Winston-Salem, N.C., Todd attended Western Carolina University from 1984-86 and was a walk-on member of the Catamount football team. Following his tenure at Western Carolina, he entered private business, where he remained until joining the coaching ranks at Hillcrest in 1994.

In his role at Furman, Todd heads up the scout team offense while completing work on his undergraduate degree in business administration.

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**WAYNE BROWN**  
*Director of Strength Training*

for Furman's 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program, Brown brings to the position quality experience and a strong understanding of Furman's strength training and conditioning needs.

In his new role as director, Brown will oversee the program's move into the ultra-modern, 7,000 square-foot strength training and conditioning facility in Timmons Arena, which is scheduled to open in December.

Prior to joining Furman's athletics department in 1995, Brown served as an assistant strength training coach at the University of South Carolina for three seasons, including one year as assistant under Joey Batson. While at South Carolina, Brown earned a master's degree in exercise science in 1994.

A native of Marion, S.C., he graduated from West Florence (S.C.) High School and later attended Limestone College, from which he earned a bachelor of science degree in business management in 1991. While working on his undergraduate degree, Brown served as an assistant football coach at West Florence High School in 1989-90.

He holds professional memberships with several groups, including the National Strength and Conditioning Association, United States Weight Lifting Federation, and the American College of Sports Medicine.

Brown, 34, is single.

## THE BROWN FILE

**Full Name:** Calvin Wayne Brown

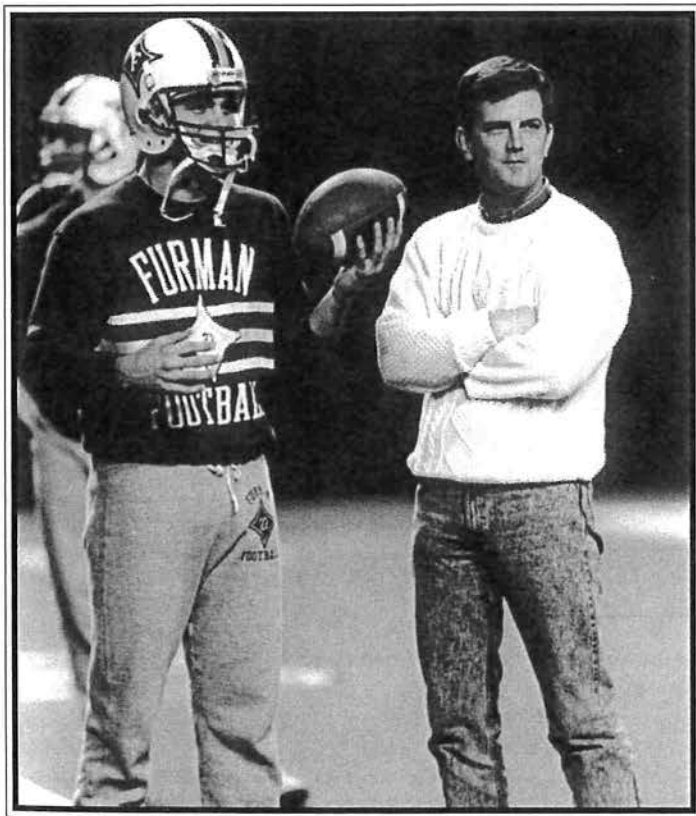
**Birthdate:** December 7, 1962, in Marion, S.C.

**Education:** West Florence (S.C.) High School ('81); Limestone, B.S. Business Management ('91); South Carolina, M.S. Exercise Science ('94).

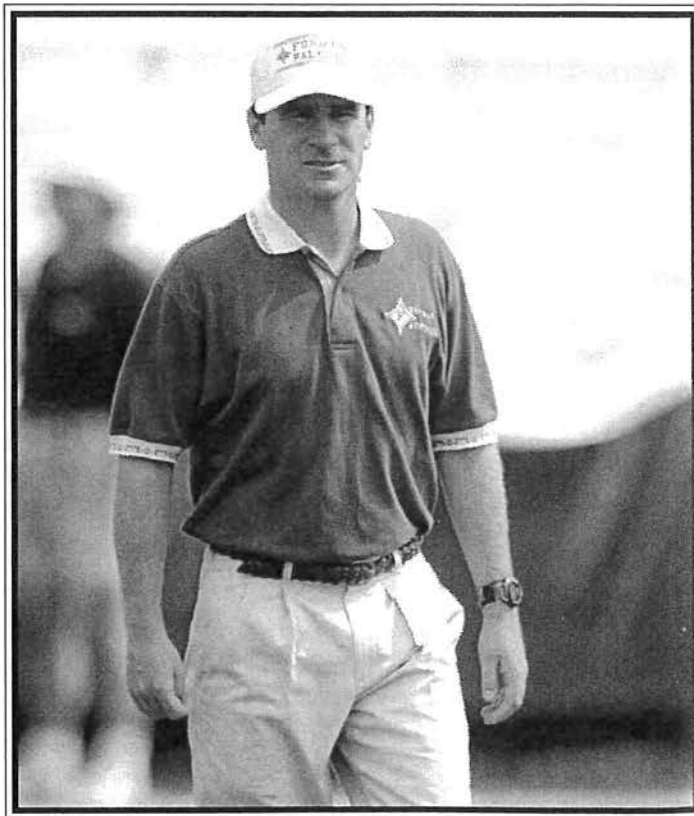
**Coaching Experience:** Assistant Football, West Florence (S.C.) High School (1989-90); Assistant Strength and Conditioning, South Carolina (1992-94); Assistant Strength and Conditioning, Furman (1995-97); Director of Strength and Conditioning, Furman (1997-Present).

Wayne Brown, who over the past two years served as an assistant in the school's strength training and conditioning program, was promoted to director in June by vice president for intercollegiate athletics Dr. John Block following the departure of Joey Batson, who accepted a similar position at Clemson University.

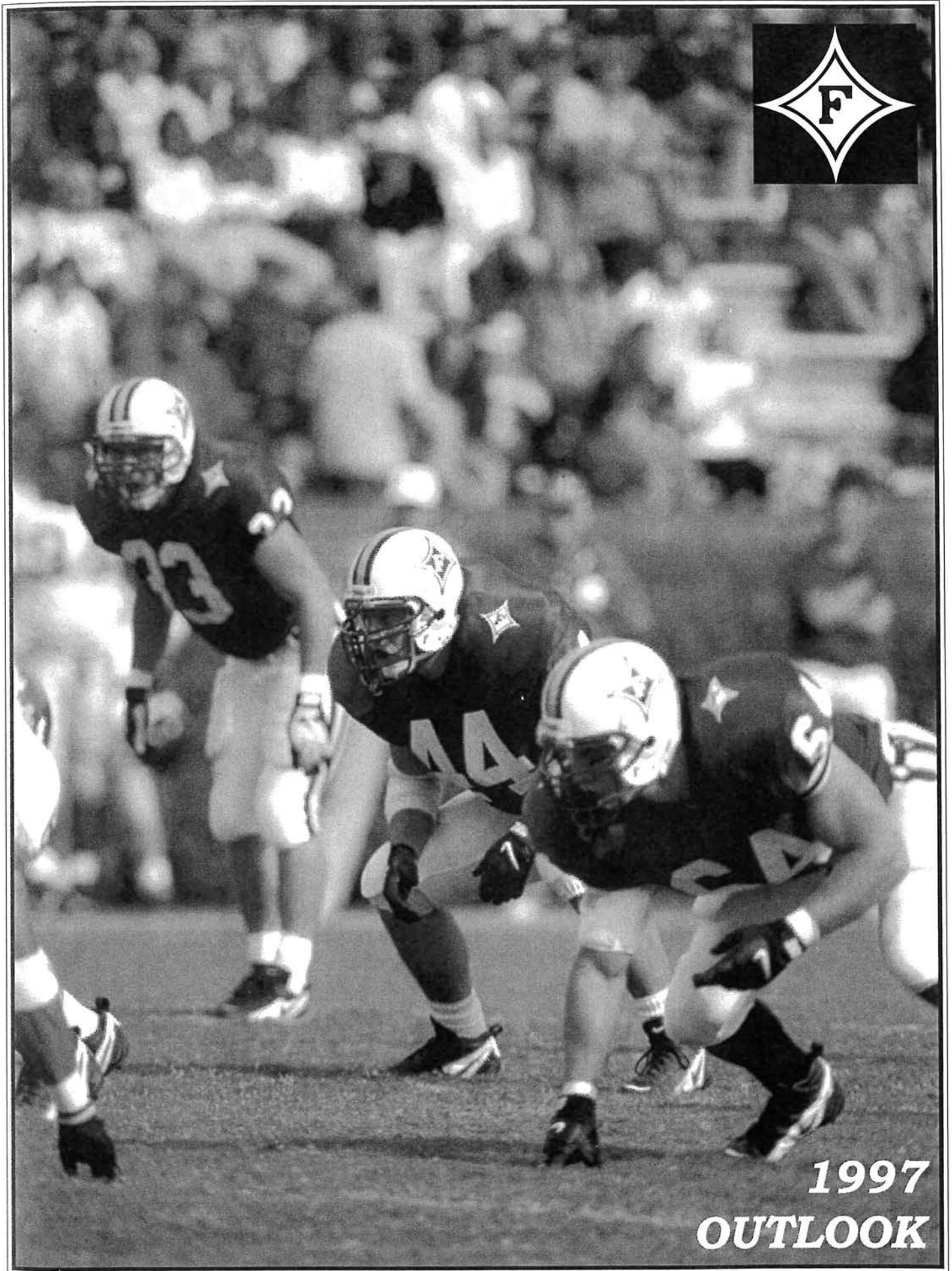
Charged with formulating, implementing, and directing the conditioning and strength training effort



Assistant coach Tim Sorrells (right), in addition to being an outstanding quarterback at Furman, has played a key role in the development of several other Paladin greats, including Frankie DeBusk (left), who directed Furman to an NCAA I-AA national championship in 1988.



A defensive back of Furman's first Southern Conference championship team in 1978, and team leader in interceptions in '79, assistant head coach Bruce Fowler has directed Furman's receivers and, most recently, the Paladins' defensive backs during his 11 years as a member of the Furman's coaching staff.



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**W**HEN BOBBY JOHNSON ASSUMED THE HEAD coaching reins of Furman's football program in 1994, his goal was clear: rebuild the school's proud, championship-rich football tradition. In three years, Johnson, a 19-year veteran of Furman football, has hurtled toward his goal, taking the Paladins from three wins to nine in impressive fashion. And with 42 lettermen and 15 starters returning off last year's squad that reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA I-AA playoffs, even the few remaining skeptics would be wise not to write Furman off as a prime contender for the 1997 Southern Conference title.

"Defensively, we're going to be in real good shape," says Johnson. "Offensively, we're going to have to replace some important contributors. But if we can get production out of some key positions, especially at quarterback and tight end, we have a chance to be as good or better than we were a year ago."

An improvement on Furman's 1996 campaign, which included a 20-14 road win over nationally ranked Appalachian State and a 42-31 decision over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA playoff action, would mean topping last year's 9-4 record, third place finish in the Southern Conference, and No. 9 ranking in the Sports Network final poll.

A factor that could help tip the championship scales in Furman's favor this fall is the Paladins' schedule. The NCAA I-A six-win bowl qualifier restriction has left Furman without a I-A opponent for the first time in the school's 92-year football history, and two of the Paladins' three anticipated rivals for this year's title, Appalachian State and East Tennessee State, must come to Greenville, where they have posted a collective 4-20-1 mark over the years. Those factors alone won't guarantee a flag for Furman in 1997, but given the Paladins' championship tradition (nine titles since 1980) and head coach Bobby Johnson's penchant for getting the most out of available talent, this fall could very well be the year Furman football returns to the forefront of the Southern Conference.

## DEFENSE

The optimism surrounding Furman's program stems primarily from a defense that returns 22 lettermen and eight starters, including some of the league's premier defensive personnel.

### DEFENSIVE LINE

Furman's defensive front returns three starters and eight lettermen off a unit that turned in consistently strong play and an improved pass rush a year ago.

Heading up this year's group will be Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year candidate rush end **Bryan Dailer (6-3, 220, Sr.)**, who last year led the league with 24 tackles-for-loss and 14 sacks on the way to 95 tackles. A strong, rangy performer and three-year starter, Dailer displayed solid improvement in 1996 by recording 10 of his 14 quarterback takedowns in the Paladins' last three games, including a school



All-Southern Conference rush end **Bryan Dailer** led the league with 24 tackles-for-loss and 14 quarterback sacks in 1996.

record tying six sacks in a 42-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga. His ability to pressure opposing quarterbacks is a big key to Furman's defense, which improved from 13 sacks in 1995 to 34 last fall. Backing up Dailer will be **Bobby Hubbard (6-3, 230, So.)**, who last year registered 18 tackles and a pair of sacks in 255 plays.

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Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Mike Davis	6-2	260	Sr.	3VL
Luke Kosman	6-2	250	So.	1VL
Doug Rucker	6-2	258	R-Fr.	—
Reggie Williams	6-0	260	Sr.	3VL

### DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Brian Conner	6-2	240	So.	1VL
Brian Cross	6-2	240	Sr.	3VL
Leroy Davies-Venn	6-2	240	Sr.	3VL
Steve Kupchinsky	6-4	255	R-Fr.	—
Clay O'Daniel	6-3	240	Fr.	—
B.J. Pate	6-4	265	Jr.	2VL
Hershal Pleasant	6-1	235	R-Fr.	—
Ryan Spencer	6-2	270	Fr.	—
Phil Warren	6-4	270	Sr.	3VL

### RUSH ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Bryan Dailer	6-3	220	Sr.	3VL
Bobby Hubbard	6-3	230	So.	1VL
Peter Kamm	6-4	230	R-Fr.	—

Veteran nose guard **Reggie Williams (6-0, 260, Sr.)** and strong side tackle **Phil Warren (6-4, 270, Sr.)**

return as mainstays in the Paladins' defensive interior line. Williams, a steady performer who has been a regular in the lineup over the past three seasons, racked up 62 tackles in 1996. Warren, meanwhile, will look to bounce back after missing the last four games a year ago with a fractured fibula. Prior to his injury, he totaled 46 tackles and a pair of sacks.

Set to provide backup duty at nose guard are **Luke Kosman (6-2, 250, So.)** and **Mike Davis (6-2, 260, Sr.)**. Kosman registered 151 plays and performed well as a true freshman; and Davis, a three-year letterman, is attempting a comeback after sustaining a season ending knee injury early in the 1996 campaign.

Behind Phil Warren at strong side tackle will be **B.J. Pate (6-4, 265, Jr.)**, one of the team's best athletes and top performers in the weight room, and **Brian Conner (6-2, 240, So.)**. Pate, who clocked a 4.56 40-yard dash and bench pressed 435 pounds in the spring, is coming off a season that saw him garner four starts following the injury to Phil Warren. Conner had a pair of sacks a year ago as a reserve.

The one void Furman must fill on its defensive line is the weak tackle position, where Michael Brown (49 tackles, seven sacks in '96) has graduated. The leading candidate is **Leroy Davies-Venn (6-2, 240, Sr.)**, a three-year letterman who registered 253 plays and 10 tackles in 1996. Boasting outstanding athletic ability and program bests in the bench press (450 pounds) and squat (670 pounds) in recent testing, Davies-Venn, in the opinion of the coaching staff, may finally be on the verge of playing up to his impressive overall talent following a strong spring practice. **Brian Cross (6-2, 240, Sr.)**, a three-year letterman who counts seven starts and nearly 600 plays during his career, appears to be in line for backup duty at weak side tackle.

## LINEBACKERS

The linebacking corps may very well be the most experienced and talented unit in the Paladins' program, and certainly one of the best in the Southern Conference. The return of **Jay Thier (6-2, 222, Sr.)** and **Orlando Ruff (6-2, 255, Jr.)** at the inside linebacker slots, and **Bernard Scott (5-11, 218, Sr.)** at outside linebacker bodes well for Furman's defense, as the three veterans combined for 456 tackles, 37 tackles-for-loss, five fumble recoveries, five sacks, and five interceptions in 1996.

Thier, a hard-nosed competitor and two-year starter, overcame an early season injury a year ago to tally 142 tackles in nine starts at weak side linebacker. His fumble recovery against Northern Arizona late in the fourth quarter sparked the Paladins' 42-31 comeback win over the Lumberjacks in the first round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Orlando Ruff will again man the strong side linebacking position after a sophomore season that saw him post a team leading 164 stops and second team All-Southern Conference honors. Furman's top

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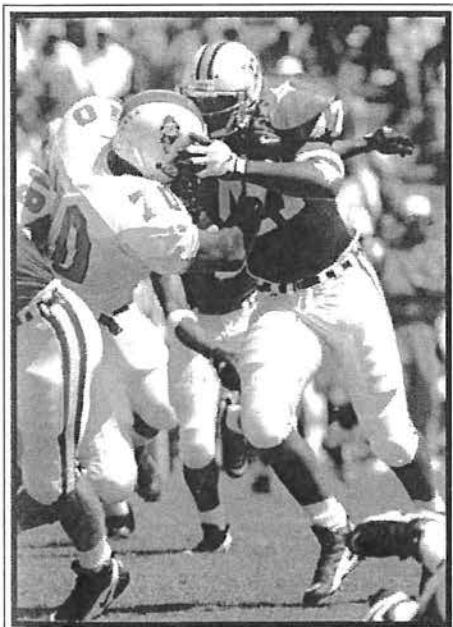
performer in the weight room, Ruff tipped the scales at 255 pounds and bench pressed 435 pounds in the spring.

Bernard Scott's play at outside linebacker is a big key to Furman's defense this fall due to his ability to play the run and pass with equal proficiency. A two-year starter with impressive speed (4.53 40-yard dash), Scott returned two of his team leading three interceptions for touchdowns, and garnered 150 tackles a year ago.

## LINEBACKERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Will Bouton	6-2	208	Fr.	—
Steve Brignoli	6-2	198	R-Fr.	—
Brad Crenshaw	5-10	186	R-Fr.	—
Jeff King	5-10	210	So.	1VL
Matt McCuen	5-9	175	R-Fr.	—
Joe Pedrol	6-0	225	So.	—
Brad Redmond	6-1	200	Fr.	—
Colin Rogers	6-2	227	Jr.	2VL
Orlando Ruff	6-2	255	Jr.	2VL
Mike Schmidt	6-0	200	So.	—
Bernard Scott	5-11	218	Sr.	3VL
Jay Thier	6-2	222	Sr.	3VL
John Thrift	6-1	210	Fr.	—

The Paladins' top substitute at both inside linebacker posts will likely be **Jeff King (5-10, 210, So.)**, and **Colin Rogers (6-2, 227, Jr.)** is in line to secure playing time as a backup to Bernard Scott at outside linebacker. As a sophomore, Rogers logged 266 plays and 21 tackles.



Orlando Ruff paced a strong Furman defense in 1996 with 164 tackles en route to earning All-Southern Conference honors.

## SECONDARY

The biggest challenge facing Furman's defense is overcoming the loss of two starters in the secondary, but the blow may be tempered due to the return of a pair of regulars, including two-time All-Southern Conference free safety **Jeremy Osborne (5-10, 200, Sr.)** and cornerback **Kevin Jackson (5-9, 177, Sr.)**, as well as the presence of strong safety **John Keith (6-1, 200, So.)**, who posted quality playing time a year ago.

The graduation of All-Southern cornerback Michael McNeil has created a void at left cornerback, which the Paladins will look to fill with either **Rico Perkins (5-9, 183, Jr.)** or **Andre Stroman (5-7, 175, R-Fr.)**. Perkins has logged enough playing time the last two seasons to earn a pair of letters, but Stroman is green. The net effect is the Paladins' biggest defensive hurdle this fall may be at left cornerback.

Kevin Jackson's return at right cornerback is a big plus following a sophomore season that saw him register 64 tackles, six pass deflections, and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. He will be backed up by either **Joey Espinosa (5-9, 176, Jr.)** or the speedy, but untested **Bryant Huguley (5-8, 158, R-Fr.)**.

The anchor in Furman's defensive backfield will be Jeremy Osborne at free safety. A heady, consistent performer and two-year regular, Osborne sat out the Paladins' first two games a year ago with an injury but returned to register a unit leading 87 tackles. A leader by example and one of the team's fastest players (4.42 40-yard dash in the spring), Osborne will be backed up by **Walter Booth (5-10, 185, So.)**.

## CORNERBACKS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Joey Espinosa	5-9	176	Jr.	2VL
Bryant Huguley	5-8	158	R-Fr.	—
Kevin Jackson	5-9	177	Sr.	2VL
Richie Jackson	5-11	166	Fr.	—
Tarick Khadra	5-9	164	R-Fr.	—
Rico Perkins	5-9	183	Jr.	2VL
Daniel Roberson	5-9	165	Fr.	—
Andre Stroman	5-7	175	R-Fr.	—
Bobby Wright	5-9	175	Fr.	—

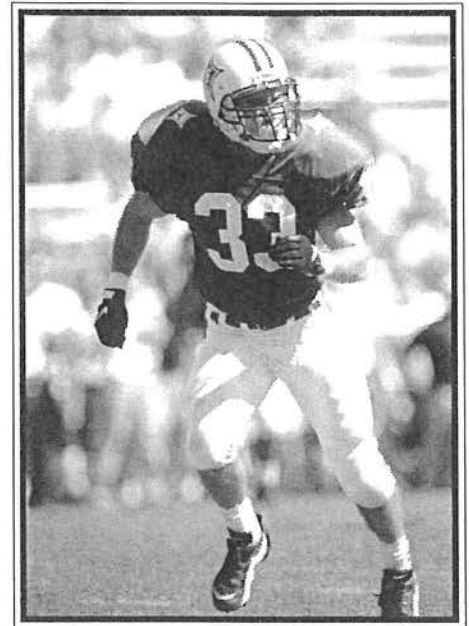
## STRONG SAFETIES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Rocco Adrian	6-2	212	Jr.	2VL
Joey Espinosa	5-9	176	Jr.	2VL
John Keith	6-1	200	So.	1VL

## FREE SAFETIES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Walter Booth	5-10	185	So.	1VL
Jeremy Osborne	5-10	200	Sr.	3VL

A year ago John Keith split time with starting strong safety Seth Ramaley, and his 445 play participations promise the Paladins will have another experienced performer in the secondary. A premier athlete and physical player, Keith, who clocked an impressive



Two-time All-Southern Conference free safety Jeremy Osborne is a heady, consistent performer who will again anchor Furman's secondary.

4.36 40-yard dash in the spring, tallied 47 tackles, two interceptions, and six pass deflections in 1996. Despite Keith's experience and impressive play a year ago, he will be pushed for action by **Rocco Adrian (6-2, 212, Jr.)**, who last season started in three games at free safety for an injured Jeremy Osborne.

## OFFENSE

It appears Furman's defense may very well be strong enough to buy time for a young Paladin offense, which returns only five starters off a unit that graduated, among others, record setting All-Southern Conference quarterback Braniff Bonaventure (2,383 yds., 19 TDs, 64.7%), All-America tight end Luther Broughton (52 rec., 583 yds., 3 TDs), the school's all-time leading receiver, and flanker/return specialist Josh Cole (52 rec., 799 yds., 4 TDs). While the loss of Bonaventure, Broughton, and Cole are huge, the Paladins' offense boasts a stable of talent and experience in the backfield and impressive speed at wide receiver.

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Furman's offensive line sports a mix of experience and youth, but little depth, especially at the tackle positions. That fact makes the avoidance of injury a critical factor, but it also means there will likely be spirited and welcomed competition for playing time this fall.

Heading into the pre-season, three of the five starting slots have been nailed down, with **Mark Foster (6-2, 290, Jr.)** set to take over at center, **Ben Hall (6-4, 290, So.)** at right guard, and **Ryan Kineard (6-3, 250, So.)** at left tackle. Only at left guard and right

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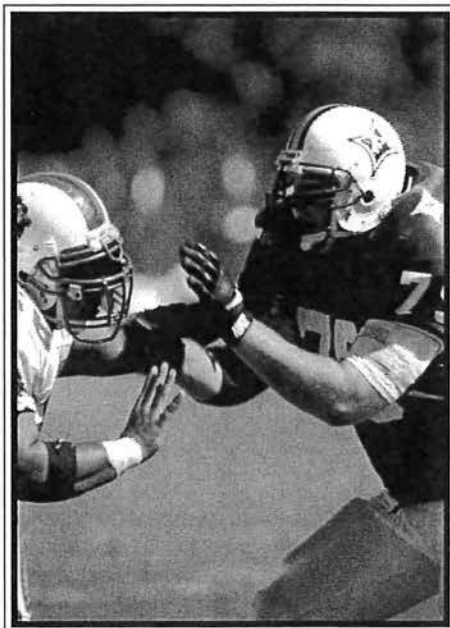
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Mike Duckwall	6-1	260	Jr.	2VL
Mark Foster	6-2	290	Jr.	2VL
Josh Moore	6-5	295	R-Fr.	—
Chris Stewart	6-1	272	Fr.	—
Thomas Woodham	6-1	255	R-Fr.	—

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Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Mark Batluck	6-2	255	R-Fr.	—
Tye Crews	6-3	270	Fr.	—
Mike Duckwall	6-1	260	Jr.	2VL
David Gibson	6-1	286	Sr.	3VL
Ben Hall	6-4	290	So.	1VL
Marty Priore	6-1	260	Fr.	—

## OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Nate Cochran	6-0	264	So.	—
Lee Drake	6-4	302	Sr.	3VL
Ryan Kineard	6-3	250	So.	1VL
Donnie Littlejohn	6-4	230	Fr.	—
Josh Moore	6-3	295	R-Fr.	—
Tim Pouyer	6-3	240	R-Fr.	—



Senior tackle Lee Drake started in all 13 games and registered 772 plays a year ago, but will have to fight to retain his starting job after missing all of spring practice with injuries.

At center, Mark Foster (6-2, 290, Jr.) is the frontrunner after logging 116 plays as a backup a year ago. An outstanding long snapper for the Paladins the last two seasons, he enjoyed an impressive spring and, despite limited experience, is considered by the

coaching staff to be potentially one of the best centers in the Southern Conference this fall. Ben Hall fashioned an impressive spring to solidify his candidacy to start at right guard. A year ago he registered 232 plays and one start despite being limited with a hamstring condition for much of the season. Ryan Kineard garnered only 61 play participations at tackle in 1996, but a strong spring, improvement in the weight room, and overall athletic ability have pushed him into what appears to be a starting role for 1996.

A potential three-way battle appears to be brewing at left guard, where highly regarded newcomer Mark Batluck (6-2, 255, R-Fr.) will contend with veterans David Gibson (6-1, 286, Sr.) and Mike Duckwall (6-1, 260, Jr.). While Batluck will be looking for his first action, Gibson counts over 200 play participations and two starts in his career despite missing all of the 1996 season with injuries. Mike Duckwall, meanwhile, could get the starting nod after registering 600 plays and 11 starts at left guard a year ago. Duckwall could also see action at center if needed.

Some of the keenest competition for a starting job at any position could be witnessed at right tackle, where Lee Drake (6-4, 302, Sr.) will need a solid pre-season practice to fend of an expected challenge from highly regarded newcomer, Josh Moore (6-3, 295, R-Fr.). Drake, a talented performer who started in all 13 games and posted 772 plays a year ago at left tackle, sat out all of spring practice with shoulder and knee injuries, and the opportunity wasn't missed by Moore, who displayed great improvement in spring drills.

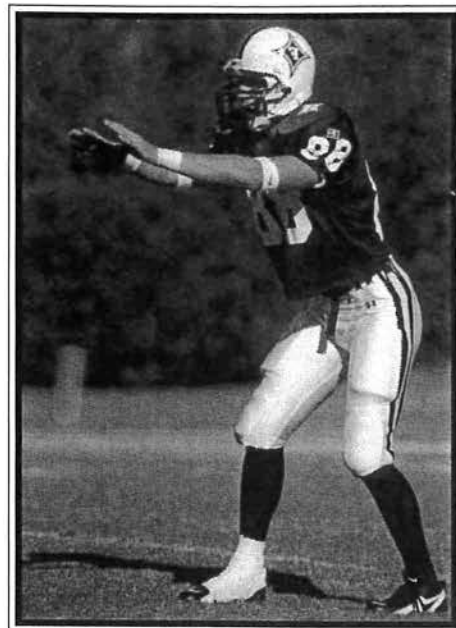
## TIGHT END

With the possible exception of quarterback, no position in Furman's program was hit harder by graduation than tight end, where the Paladins sent three-time All-Southern Conference and All-America performer Luther Broughton to the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, and also graduated capable backup Barney Lynch.

## TIGHT ENDS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Michael Dooley	6-1	235	Sr.	3VL
Graham Hunter	6-2	235	Fr.	—
Michael Owings	6-3	232	R-Fr.	1VL
Trent Sansbury	6-3	215	Fr.	—

While Broughton paced Furman in receptions a year ago with 51 and ended his career with a school record 134 catches, his likely replacement, Michael Owings (6-3, 232, So.), has yet to catch a pass. The Paladins could get some help at tight from Michael Dooley (6-1, 235, Sr.), who is returning to the field after missing all of the 1996 season with injury rehabilitation. Dooley's three years of experience, however, have come almost exclusively at defensive end. If Owings and Dooley don't provide answers, the Paladins may have to turn to freshmen, or look for a late summer transfer for help.



Split end/punter Jody Wade caught 24 passes for 396 yards and a team leading five touchdowns, and averaged 38.8 yards on 74 punts a year ago.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

The graduation of All-Southern Conference flanker Josh Cole was a big blow to Furman's receiving corps, but the loss should be softened by the return of versatile split end Jody Wade (6-1, 183, Sr.) and the emergence of flanker Desmond Kitchings (5-9, 180, So.).

A year ago Wade performed well in the shadow of Cole and tight end Luther Broughton, catching 23 passes for 388 yards and a team leading five touchdowns, including a pair of critical fourth quarter scores in the Paladins' comeback win over Northern Arizona in the NCAA I-AA playoffs. Efficient and deceptively fast, Wade, who has also handled the squad's punting chores in flawless fashion the last three seasons, should be primed for a big senior season. He will likely be spelled by Kevin Stewart (6-2, 201, Jr.).

## WIDE RECEIVERS

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Tyron Berrian	5-7	153	So.	1VL
Leroy Green	5-11	167	Fr.	—
Wayne Gregory	5-9	156	So.	—
Martin Jackson	5-9	171	R-Fr.	—
Desmond Kitchings	5-9	180	So.	1VL
Larral Marshall	6-2	180	Fr.	—
Mark Rucker	6-3	205	R-Fr.	—
Kevin Stewart	6-1	201	Jr.	1VL
Jody Wade	6-1	183	Sr.	3VL

Of all the younger players who could have the biggest impact on Furman's 1997 season, probably the one to watch closest is Desmond Kitchings. As a true freshman a year ago, Kitchings caught only five

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passes for 136 yards and a touchdown, but that score, which covered 70 yards in the Paladins' win over Northern Arizona, featured his outstanding speed, which earlier this spring was clocked at a Furman football record 4.30 in the 40-yard dash. A strong spring practice solidified his standing as the Paladins' starting flanker heading into pre-season. Kitchings will be backed up by another speed merchant, **Tyron Berrian (5-7, 153, So.)**, who last year had Furman's longest touchdown catch of the season — a 73-yarder in a 42-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga.

## QUARTERBACKS

The big question surrounding Furman's offense is who will succeed graduated consensus All-Southern Conference and record setting quarterback **Braniff Bonaventure?**

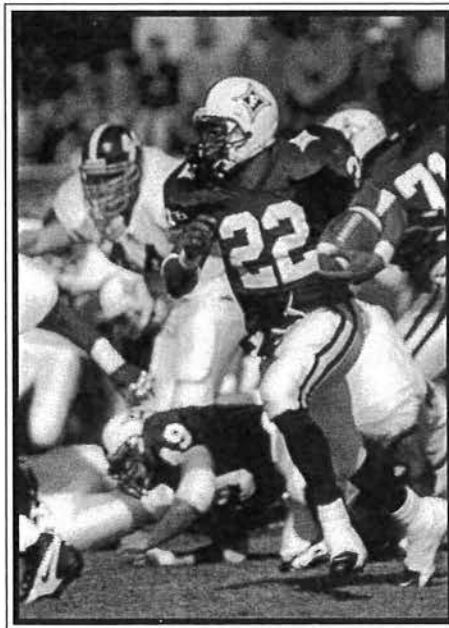
QUARTERBACKS				
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Rick Addy	5-11	182	So.	—
Justin Hill	5-11	185	R-Fr.	—
Chris Jonas	6-1	188	Sr.	1VL
Brent Rickman	6-4	185	Fr.	—

The two contenders, **Chris Jonas (6-1, 188, Sr.)** and redshirt **Justin Hill (5-11, 185, R-Fr.)**, have virtually no game experience, but Jonas, according to the coaching staff, appears to have the inside track following a strong spring practice. Hill, meanwhile, will look to bounce back from shoulder surgery, which slowed his progress in the spring. As a senior at nearby Greer High School, he earned Shrine Bowl MVP honors in 1995 after passing for 199 yards and a pair of scores in leading South Carolina to a 30-10 win over North Carolina in the annual all-star classic.

## RUNNING BACKS

While Furman may be light on experience and depth at several offensive positions, that is not the case in the backfield, where the Paladins return both starters and the squad's top four rushers from the 1996 season.

At tailback, Furman will be able to call on three proven runners in **Ernest Crosby (6-0, 211, Jr.)**, **Mark Moore (5-8, 185, Sr.)**, and **Stuart Rentz (5-7, 184, So.)**. Crosby, whose first season of starting duty included a 243-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 27-13 win over South Carolina State, led the Paladins in rushing a year ago with 850 yards and eight touchdowns despite missing almost three full games with a sprained ankle. Moore, an effective receiver out of the backfield who counts 1,636 rushing yards, 48 receptions, and five touchdown passes in his career, began last season as the Paladins' starter before being sidelined for seven games with a fractured middle finger on his right hand. His return will guarantee a battle with Crosby for the starting job at tailback, but also hoping to seize some action will be **Stuart Rentz**, one of the



Tailback Ernest Crosby's 1996 season included a Paladin Stadium record 243-yard, four-touchdown performance in Furman's 27-13 win over South Carolina State.

team's biggest surprises a year ago. Stepping in for an injured Crosby and Moore, **Rentz** rushed for a pair of touchdowns in a 33-3 win over Wofford, 166 yards and a touchdown in a 31-14 win over VMI, and 125 yards in the Paladins' 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

FULLBACKS				
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Marq Cerqua	5-11	208	So.	1VL
Derek Russell	6-1	205	Fr.	—
Adam Sanders	5-10	205	R-Fr.	—
Shelvis Smith	6-1	195	Fr.	—

TAILBACKS				
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Quinton Burton	5-9	185	So.	1VL
Ernest Crosby	6-0	211	Jr.	2VL
Mark Moore	5-8	185	Sr.	3VL
Stuart Rentz	5-7	184	So.	1VL

The injuries to Ernest Crosby and Mark Moore a year ago forced Furman to use **Quinton Burton (5-9, 185, So.)** for spot duty at tailback. A highly regarded young runner, Burton will likely be a redshirt candidate this fall if the Paladins can stay healthy at tailback.

The fullback post will be manned by one of the team's quickest runners, **Marq Cerqua (5-11, 208, So.)**. Cerqua, who clocked a 4.31 40-yard dash in spring testing, fashioned an impressive inaugural season in 1996, rushing for 515 yards and six touchdowns, including a season high 120-yard, three-touchdown performance in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina. In line to provide Cerqua's relief work is rugged **Adam Sanders (5-10, 205, R-Fr.)**.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

The graduation of All-Southern Conference return specialist **Josh Cole**, who last year averaged 27.2 yards per return on kickoffs and 8.7 yards per return on punts, will force the Paladins to find a replacement in an area that produced big dividends the last two seasons. This year's candidates include **Desmond Kitchings (5-9, 180, So.)** and **Tyron Berrian (5-7, 153, So.)**, as well as a couple of incoming freshmen.

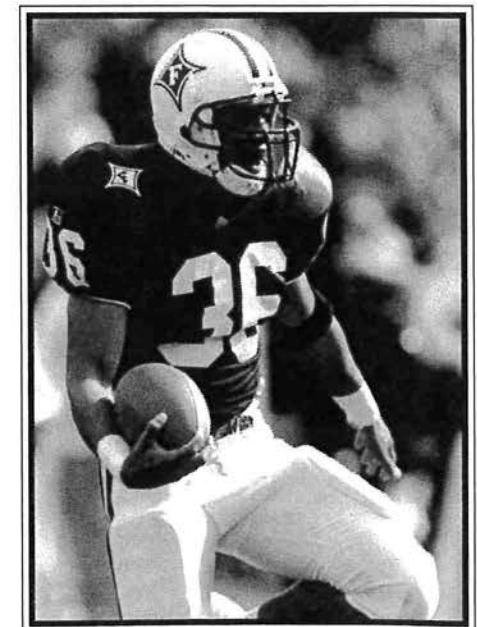
The return of veteran punter **Jody Wade (6-1, 183, Sr.)** is a big plus for Furman's special teams. For the third consecutive year, Wade effectively handled the squad's punting chores, averaging 38.8 yards per punt on 72 attempts (no blocks) in 1996.

Furman's placement performance was erratic a year ago, but that should improve this fall with the return of the right-footed **Jason Wells (6-1, 205, So.)**. Wells converted just 8-of-18 field goal attempts in 1996, and just 1-of-7 from 40 yards and beyond. He could possibly receive a challenge from **David Burton (6-0, 210, Jr.)**, who last year handled kickoff duties in solid fashion.

PLACEKICKERS				
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
David Burton	6-0	210	Jr.	2VL
Gus Hauser	5-10	175	R-Fr.	—
Jason Wells	6-1	205	So.	—

PUNTERS				
Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Exp.
Jody Wade	6-1	183	Sr.	3VL
Wayne Gregory	5-9	156	So.	—



Marq Cerqua's impressive speed at fullback was displayed last year when he rushed for 515 yards and six touchdowns, including a 78-yard run in the Paladins' 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

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## FURMAN OFFENSE

### TIGHT END

85 Michael Owings *	6-3	232	So.	Ninety Six, S.C.
18 Michael Dooley ***	6-1	235	Sr.	Toccoa, Ga.

### LEFT TACKLE

60 Ryan Kineard *	6-3	250	So.	Blakely, Ga.
74 Tim Pouyer	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Conway, S.C.

### LEFT GUARD

54 Mark Batluck (or)	6-2	255	R-Fr.	Carlisle, Pa.
62 David Gibson *** (or)	6-1	286	Sr.	Dalton, Ga.
65 Mike Duckwall **	6-1	260	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

### CENTER

73 Mark Foster **	6-2	290	Jr.	Williamston, S.C.
65 Mike Duckwall **	6-1	260	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

### RIGHT GUARD

59 Ben Hall *	6-4	290	So.	Royston, Ga.
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### RIGHT TACKLE

77 Josh Moore *** (or)	6-3	295	R-Fr.	Cross Hill, S.C.
79 Lee Drake ***	6-4	302	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.

### SPLIT END

88 Jody Wade ***	6-1	183	Sr.	Waycross, Ga.
87 Kevin Stewart *	6-1	201	Jr.	Tucker, Ga.

### FLANKER

4 Desmond Kitchings *	5-9	180	So.	Wagener, S.C.
2 Tyron Berrian *	5-7	153	So.	Tallahassee, Fla.

### QUARTERBACK

8 Chris Jonas **	6-1	188	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
15 Justin Hill	5-11	185	R-Fr.	Greer, S.C.

### FULLBACK

36 Marq Cerqua *	5-11	208	So.	Six Mile, S.C.
40 Adam Sanders	5-10	205	R-Fr.	West Point, Ga.

### TAILBACK

28 Mark Moore ** (or)	5-8	185	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla.
22 Ernest Crosby **	6-0	211	Jr.	Greenville, S.C.

### PLACEKICKER

16 Jason Wells *	6-1	205	So.	Lawton, Okla.
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Returning Starter

Offense:.....	Multiple
Lettermen Returning:.....	18
Starters Returning:.....	5
1996 Rushing Offense:.....	160.6 (8)
1996 Passing Offense:.....	182.9 (4)
1996 Total Offense:.....	343.5 (5)
1996 Scoring Offense:.....	25.8 (3)
(#)— Southern Conference Rank	

## FURMAN DEFENSE

### RUSH END

64 Bryan Dailer ***	6-3	220	Sr.	Winter Garden, Fla.
55 Bobby Hubbard *	6-3	230	So.	Charlotte, N.C.

### STRONG SIDE TACKLE

75 Phil Warren ***	6-4	270	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla.
90 B.J. Pate **	6-4	265	Jr.	Inman, S.C.

### NOSE GUARD

56 Reggie Williams ***	6-0	260	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
61 Luke Kosman *	6-2	250	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio

### WEAK SIDE TACKLE

93 Leroy Davies-Venn ***	6-2	240	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.
91 Brian Cross ***	6-2	240	Sr.	Longwood, Fla.

### OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6 Bernard Scott ***	5-11	218	Sr.	St. Augustine, Fla.
46 Colin Rogers **	6-2	227	Jr.	Danville, Ky.

### STRONG SIDE LINEBACKER

47 Orlando Ruff **	6-2	255	Jr.	Winnsboro, S.C.
41 Joe Pedroli	6-0	225	So.	Germantown, Tenn.

### WEAK SIDE LINEBACKER

44 Jay Thier ***	6-2	222	Sr.	Columbia, S.C.
5 Jeff King *	5-10	210	So.	Lilburn, Ga.

### LEFT CORNERBACK

14 Rico Perkins ** (or)	5-9	183	Jr.	Somerset, Ky.
31 Andre Stroman	5-7	175	R-Fr.	Plantation, Fla.

### RIGHT CORNERBACK

9 Kevin Jackson *	5-9	177	Jr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
25 Joey Espinosa **	5-9	176	Jr.	Swansea, S.C.

### STRONG SAFETY

10 John Keith * (or)	6-1	200	So.	Newnan, Ga.
29 Rocco Adrian **	6-2	212	Jr.	Deltona, Fla.

### FREE SAFETY

33 Jeremy Osborne ***	5-10	200	Sr.	Kingsport, Tenn.
24 Walter Booth *	5-10	185	So.	Gainesville, Fla.

### PUNTER

88 Jody Wade ***	6-1	183	Sr.	Waycross, Ga.
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\* Letters Won

Defense:.....	43
Lettermen Returning:.....	22
Starters Returning:.....	8
1996 Rushing Defense:.....	170.7 (4)
1996 Passing Defense:.....	189.2 (2)
1996 Total Defense:.....	359.9 (5)
1996 Scoring Defense:.....	23.2 (4)
(#)— Southern Conference Rank	

# 1997 FURMAN ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Exp.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown	High School
7	Rick Addy		QB	5-11	182	So.	9-19-77	Irmo, S.C.	Chapin
29	Rocco Adrian	2VL	FS	6-2	212	Jr.	10-17-76	Deltona, Fla.	Deltona
54	Mark Batluck	RS	OG	6-2	255	R-Fr.	10-9-77	Carlisle, Pa.	Carlisle
2	Tyron Berrian	RS	FLK	5-7	153	So.	11-1-76	Tallahassee, Fla.	Godby
24	Walter Booth	1VL	FS	5-10	185	So.	11-30-77	Gainesville, Fla.	P.K. Yonge
	Will Bouton		LB	6-2	208	Fr.	7-15-79	Greenville, S.C.	Greenville
69	Steve Brignoli	RS	LB	6-2	198	R-Fr.	5-30-77	Windham, N.Y.	Christian Brothers Academy
35	David Burton	2VL	PK	6-0	210	Jr.	7-30-77	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit
20	Quinton Burton	1VL	TB	5-9	185	So.	2-25-78	Hartwell, Ga.	Hart County
36	Marq Cergua	1VL	FB	5-11	208	So.	4-3-77	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel
63	Nate Cochran	RS	OT	6-0	264	So.	9-2-76	Buford, Ga.	Buford
48	Brian Conner	1VL	DT	6-2	240	So.	4-5-77	Knoxville, Tenn.	Farragut
58	Brad Crenshaw	RS	LB	5-10	186	R-Fr.	6-29-76	Six Mile, S.C.	Daniel
	Tye Crews		OG	6-3	270	Fr.	1-29-79	St. George, Ga.	Charlton County
22	Ernest Crosby	2VL	TB	6-0	211	Jr.	6-18-77	Greenville, S.C.	Christ Church
91	Brian Cross	3VL	DT	6-2	240	Sr.	9-29-74	Longwood, Fla.	Lake Brantley
64	Bryan Dailer	3VL	RUE	6-3	220	Sr.	5-23-75	Winter Garden, Fla.	West Orange
93	Leroy Davies-Venn	3VL	DT	6-2	240	Sr.	9-19-75	Atlanta, Ga.	Lakeside
92	Mike Davis	3VL	NG	6-2	260	Sr.	6-1-75	Manning, S.C.	Manning
18	Michael Dooley	3VL	TE	6-1	235	Sr.	5-1-75	Toccoa, Ga.	Stephens County
79	Lee Drake	3VL	OT	6-4	302	Sr.	1-23-75	Jacksonville, Fla.	Ed White
65	Mike Duckwall	2VL	OG/C	6-1	260	Jr.	3-26-76	Cincinnati, Ohio	Mariemont
25	Joey Espinosa	2VL	CB/SS	5-9	176	Jr.	5-6-76	Swansea, S.C.	Swansea
	Faamata Fonoimoana		NG	6-1	265	Fr.	8-23-79	Jonesboro, Ga.	Jonesboro
73	Mark Foster	2VL	C	6-2	290	Jr.	10-29-76	Williamston, S.C.	Palmetto
62	David Gibson	3VL	OG	6-1	286	Sr.	10-30-74	Dalton, Ga.	Southeast Whitfield
	Leroy Green		FLK	5-11	167	Fr.	1-7-79	Plant City, Fla.	Plant City
19	Wayne Gregory		FLK	5-9	156	So.	7-14-77	Union, S.C.	Union
59	Ben Hall	1VL	OG	6-4	290	So.	1-29-76	Royston, Ga.	Franklin County
39	Gus Hauser	RS	PK	5-10	175	R-Fr.	3-25-77	Barbourville, Ky.	Corbin
15	Justin Hill	RS	QB	5-11	185	R-Fr.	4-6-78	Greer, S.C.	Greer
55	Bobby Hubbard	1VL	RUE	6-3	230	So.	1-16-77	Charlotte, N.C.	West Charlotte
1	Bryant Huguley	RS	CB	5-8	158	R-Fr.	1-3-78	Valley, Ala.	Valley
	Graham Hunter		TE	6-3	235	Fr.	2-1-79	Knoxville, Tenn.	Webb
9	Kevin Jackson	2VL	CB	6-3	177	Sr.	9-20-75	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Mainland
3	Martin Jackson	RS	FLK	5-9	171	R-Fr.	7-14-78	Ormond Beach, Fla.	Seabreeze
	Richie Jackson		CB	5-11	166	Fr.	12-10-78	Cincinnati, Ohio	Colerain
8	Chris Jonas	2VL	QB	6-1	188	Sr.	9-8-75	Birmingham, Ala.	Berry
95	Peter Kamm	RS	RUE	6-4	230	R-Fr.	6-4-77	Indian Trail, N.C.	Charlotte Christian
10	John Keith	1VL	SS	6-1	200	So.	2-4-77	Newnan, Ga.	East Coweta
26	Tarick Khadra	RS	CB	5-9	164	R-Fr.	12-2-78	Ormond Beach, Fla.	Seabreeze
60	Ryan Kineard	1VL	OT	6-3	250	So.	9-9-76	Blakely, Ga.	Early County
5	Jeff King	1VL	LB	5-10	210	So.	6-12-77	Liburn, Ga.	Parkview
4	Desmond Kitchings	1VL	FLK	5-9	180	So.	7-19-78	Wagner, S.C.	Wagner-Salley
61	Luke Kosman	1VL	NG	6-2	250	So.	8-30-78	Cincinnati, Ohio	Anderson
97	Steve Kupchinsky	RS	DT	6-4	255	R-Fr.	1-6-78	Kingsport, Tenn.	Dobyns-Bennett
	Donnie Littlejohn		OT	6-4	230	Fr.	3-11-79	Gaffney, S.C.	Gaffney
	Larral Marshall		SE	6-2	180	Fr.	10-11-78	Travelers Rest, S.C.	Travelers Rest
12	Marion Martin	RS	OLB	5-8	212	R-Fr.	5-8-78	Columbia, S.C.	Richland Northeast
53	Matt McCuen	RS	LB	5-9	175	R-Fr.	4-3-78	Piedmont, S.C.	Palmetto
77	Josh Moore	RS	OT	6-3	295	R-Fr.	5-25-78	Cross Hill, S.C.	Thornwell
28	Mark Moore	3VL	TB	5-8	185	Sr.	5-5-76	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	East Lake
	Clay O'Daniel		DT	6-3	240	Fr.	3-2-79	Alpharetta, Ga.	Woodward Academy
33	Jeremy Osborne	3VL	FS	5-10	200	Sr.	2-15-76	Kingsport, Tenn.	Sullivan South
85	Michael Owings	1VL	TE	6-3	232	So.	4-7-77	Ninety Six, S.C.	Ninety Six
90	B.J. Pate	2VL	DT	6-4	265	Jr.	3-17-76	Inman, S.C.	Boiling Springs
41	Joe Pedrol	RS	LB	6-0	225	So.	4-16-77	Germantown, Tenn.	Germantown
14	Rico Perkins	2VL	CB	5-9	183	Jr.	8-20-77	Somerset, Ky.	Southwestern Pulaski
99	Hershal Pleasant	RS	DT	6-1	235	R-Fr.	3-31-78	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta
74	Tim Pouyer	RS	OT	6-3	240	R-Fr.	12-6-77	Conway, S.C.	Conway
	Marty Priore		OG	6-1	260	Fr.	11-4-78	Cincinnati, Ohio	Elder
	Brad Redmond		LB	6-1	200	Fr.	11-13-78	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	Oak Ridge
21	Stuart Rentz	1VL	TB	5-7	184	So.	2-5-78	Pickens, S.C.	Pickens
	Brent Rickman		QB	6-4	185	Fr.	3-6-78	Rome, Ga.	Armuchee
	Daniel Roberson		CB	5-9	165	Fr.	9-20-78	Plant City, Fla.	Plant City
46	Colin Rogers	2VL	OLB	6-2	227	Jr.	4-10-76	Danville, Ky.	Danville
	Doug Rucker		NG	6-2	258	R-Fr.	10-11-76	St. Matthews, S.C.	Calhoun County
82	Mark Rucker	RS	SE	6-3	205	R-Fr.	12-3-77	Simpsonville, S.C.	Hillcrest
47	Orlando Ruff	2VL	LB	6-2	255	Jr.	9-28-76	Winnboro, S.C.	Fairfield Central
	Derek Russell		FB	6-1	205	Fr.	11-3-78	Austell, Ga.	Pebblebrook
40	Adam Sanders	RS	FB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	7-8-78	West Point, Ga.	Springwood Academy
	Trent Sansbury		TE	6-3	215	Fr.	4-5-79	Liburn, Ga.	Parkview
42	Mike Schmidt		OLB	6-0	200	So.	4-11-77	Jacksonville, Fla.	Bishop Kenny
6	Bernard Scott	3VL	OLB	5-11	218	Sr.	2-12-75	St. Augustine, Fla.	St. Augustine
	Zach Smerdzinski		FLK	5-10	170	Fr.	5-7-79	Vienna, Va.	James Madison
	Shelvis Smith		FB	6-1	195	Fr.	3-5-79	College Park, Ga.	Westminster
	Ryan Spencer		DT	6-2	270	Fr.	3-14-79	Clover, S.C.	Clover
	Jonathan Sproul	RS	PK	5-11	181	R-Fr.	1-22-78	Grovetown, Ga.	Briarwood Academy
	Chris Stewart		C	6-1	272	Fr.	2-23-79	Palm Harbor, Fla.	East Lake
87	Kevin Stewart	1VL	SE	6-1	201	Jr.	3-15-76	Tucker, Ga.	Shiloh
31	Andre Stroman	RS	CB	5-7	175	R-Fr.	5-28-78	Plantation, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
44	Jay Thier	3VL	LB	6-2	222	Sr.	11-22-75	Columbia, S.C.	Richland Northeast
	John Thrift		LB	6-1	210	Fr.	11-22-78	Hartwell, Ga.	Hart County
88	Jody Wade	3VL	SE/P	6-1	183	Sr.	12-7-75	Waycross, Ga.	Ware County
75	Phil Warren	3VL	DT	6-4	270	Sr.	9-26-75	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	East Lake
16	Jason Wells	1VL	PK	6-1	205	So.	2-2-77	Lawton, Okla.	MacArthur
56	Reggie Williams	3VL	NG	6-0	260	Sr.	4-4-76	Nashville, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
52	Thomas Woodham	RS	C	6-1	255	R-Fr.	8-29-78	Fayetteville, Ga.	Sandy Creek
30	Bobby Wright		CB	5-9	175	Fr.	6-5-79	Riverdale, Ga.	Riverdale

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## LETTERMEN LOST (19):

**OFFENSE (12):** Braniff Bonaventure (QB), Luther Broughton (TE), Greg Burrell (OG), Parrish Clark (FB), Josh Cole (FLK), Bo Davis (SE), Mark Graves (C), Barney Lynch (TE), Brian Nutter (OT), Colin Ross (FB), Greg Sander (OG), Kerrick Thomas (SE).

**DEFENSE (7):** Michael Brown (DT), Tom Goila (OLB), Danny Howell (OLB), Michael McNeil (CB), Seth Ramaley (SS), Daryl Smith (LB), Troy Strappy (CB).

**SPECIALISTS (0):**

## LETTERMEN RETURNING (43):

**OFFENSE (18):** Tyron Berrian (FLK), Quinton Burton (TB), Marq Cerqua (FB), Ernest Crosby (TB), Michael Dooley (TE), Lee Drake (OT), Mike Duckwall (C/OG), Mark Foster (OG), David Gibson (OG), Ben Hall (OG), Chris Jonas (QB), Ryan Kineard (OT), Desmond Kitchings (FLK), Mark Moore (TB), Michael Owings (TE), Stuart Rentz (TB), Kevin Stewart (SE), Jody Wade (SE).

Notes: Michael Dooley lettered at defensive end in 1995 (injured in 1996). David Gibson lettered at offensive guard in 1995 (injured in 1996).

**DEFENSE (22):** Rocco Adrian (FS), Walter Booth (FS), Brian Conner (DT), Brian Cross (DT), Bryan Dailer (RUE), Leroy Davies-Venn (DT), Michael Davis (NG), Joey Espinosa (CB/SS), Bobby Hubbard (RUE), Kevin Jackson (CB), John Keith (SS), Jeff King (LB), Luke Kosman (NG), Jeremy Osborne (FS), B.J. Pate (DT), Rico Perkins (CB), Colin Rogers (OLB), Orlando Ruff (LB), Bernard Scott (OLB), Jay Thier (LB), Phil Warren (DT), Reggie Williams (NG).

**SPECIALISTS (3):** David Burton (PK), Jody Wade (P), Jason Wells (PK).

## NON-LETTERMEN RETURNING (25):

**OFFENSE (10):** Rick Addy (QB), Mark Batluck (OG), Wayne Gregory (FLK), Nate Cochran (OT), Justin Hill (QB), Martin Jackson (FLK), Tim Pouyer (OT), Mark Rucker (SE), Adam Sanders (FB), Thomas Woodham (C).

**DEFENSE (13):** Steve Brignoli (LB), Brad Crenshaw (LB), Bryant Huguley (CB), Peter Kamm, (RUE), Tarick Khadra (CB), Steve Kupchinsky (DT), Marion Martin (OLB), Matt McCuen (LB), Joe Pedrolini (LB), Hershhal Pleasant (DT), Doug Rucker (NG), Mike Schmidt (OLB), Andre Stroman (CB).

**SPECIALISTS (2):** Gus Hauser (PK), Jonathan Sproul (PK).

## STARTERS LOST (9):

**OFFENSE (6):** Braniff Bonaventure (QB), Luther Broughton (TE), Josh Cole (FLK), Mark Graves (C), Brian Nutter (OT), Greg Sander (OG).

**DEFENSE (3):** Michael Brown (DT), Michael McNeil (CB), Seth Ramaley (SS).

**SPECIALISTS (0):**

## STARTERS RETURNING (15):

**OFFENSE (5):** Marq Cerqua (FB), Ernest Crosby (TB), Mike Duckwall (OG), Lee Drake (OT), Jody Wade (SE).

**DEFENSE (8):** Bryan Dailer (RUE), Kevin Jackson (CB), Jeremy Osborne (FS), Orlando Ruff (LB), Bernard Scott (OLB), Jay Thier (LB), Phil Warren (DT), Reggie Williams (NG).

**SPECIALISTS (2):** Jody Wade (P), Jason Wells (PK).

## PALADINS BY CLASS (89):

**SENIORS (16):** Brian Cross (DT), Bryan Dailer (RUE), Leroy Davies-Venn (DT), Michael Davis (NG), Michael Dooley (TE), Lee Drake (OT), David Gibson (OG), Kevin Jackson (CB), Chris Jonas (QB), Mark Moore (TB), Jeremy Osborne (FS), Bernard Scott (OLB), Jay Thier (LB), Jody Wade (SE/P), Phil Warren (DT), Reggie Williams (NG).

**JUNIORS (11):** Rocco Adrian (FS), David Burton (PK), Ernest Crosby (TB), Mike Duckwall (C/OG), Joey Espinosa (CB/SS), Mark Foster (C), B.J. Pate (DT), Rico Perkins (CB), Colin Rogers (OLB), Orlando Ruff (LB), Kevin Stewart (SE).

**SOPHOMORES (20):** Rick Addy (QB), Tyron Berrian (FLK), Walter Booth (FS), Quinton Burton (TB), Marq Cerqua (FB), Nate Cochran (OT), Brian Conner (DT), Wayne Gregory (FLK), Ben Hall (OG), Bobby Hubbard (RUE), John Keith (SS), Ryan Kineard (OT), Jeff King (LB), Desmond Kitchings (FLK), Luke Kosman (NG), Michael Owings (TE), Joe Pedrolini (LB), Stuart Rentz (TB), Mike Schmidt (OLB), Jason Wells (PK).

**FRESHMEN (42):** Mark Batluck (OG), Will Bouton (LB), Steve Brignoli (LB), Brad Crenshaw (LB), Tye Crews (OG), Faamata Fonoimoana (NG), Leroy Green (FLK), Gus Hauser (PK), Justin Hill (QB), Bryant Huguley (CB), Graham Hunter (TE), Martin Jackson (FLK), Richie Jackson (CB), Peter Kamm (RUE), Tarick Khadra (CB), Steve Kupchinsky (DT), Donnie Littlejohn (OT), Larral Marshall (SE), Marion Martin (OLB), Matt McCuen (LB), Josh Moore (OT), Clay O'Daniel (DT), Hershhal Pleasant (DT), Tim Pouyer (OT), Marty Priore (OG), Brad Redmond (LB), Brent Rickman (QB), Daniel Roberson (CB), Doug Rucker (NG), Mark Rucker (SE), Derek Russell (FB), Adam Sanders (FB), Trent Sansbury (TE), Zach Smerdzinski (FLK), Shelvis Smith (FB), Ryan Spencer (DT), Jonathan Sproul (PK), Chris Stewart (C), Andre Stroman (CB), John Thrift (LB), Thomas Woodham (C), Bobby Wright (CB).

## PALADINS BY STATE (89):

**SOUTH CAROLINA (26):** Rick Addy (Irmo), Will Bouton (Greenville), Marq Cerqua (Six Mile), Brad Crenshaw (Six Mile), Ernest Crosby (Greenville), Mike Davis (Manning), Joey Espinosa (Swansea), Mark Foster (Williamston), Wayne Gregory (Union), Justin Hill (Greer), Desmond Kitchings (Wagener), Donnie Littlejohn (Gaffney), Larral Marshall (Travelers Rest), Marion Martin (Columbia), Matt McCuen (Piedmont), Josh Moore (Cross Hill), Michael Owings (Ninety-Six), B.J. Pate (Boiling Springs), Hershhal Pleasant (North Augusta), Tim Pouyer (Conway), Stuart Rentz (Pickens), Doug Rucker (St. Matthews), Mark Rucker (Simpsonville), Orlando Ruff (Winnsboro), Ryan Spencer (Clover), Jay Thier (Columbia).

**GEORGIA (23):** Quinton Burton (Hartwell), Nate Cochran (Buford), Tye Crews (St. George, Ga.), Leroy Davies-Venn (Atlanta), Michael Dooley (Toccoa), Faamata Fonoimoana (Jonesboro), David Gibson (Dalton), Ben Hall (Royston), John Keith (Newnan), Ryan Kineard (Blakely), Jeff King (Lilburn), Clay O'Daniel (Alpharetta), Brent Rickman (Rome), Derek Russell (Austell), Adam Sanders (West Point), Trent Sansbury (Lilburn), Shelvis Smith (College Park), Johnathan Sproul (Grove Town), Kevin Stewart (Tucker), John Thrift (Hartwell), Jody Wade (Waycross), Thomas Woodham (Fayetteville), Bobby Wright (Riverdale).

**FLORIDA (18):** Rocco Adrian (Deltona), Tyron Berrian (Tallahassee), Walter Booth (Gainesville), David Burton (Tampa), Brian Cross (Longwood), Bryan Dailer (Winter Garden), Lee Drake (Jacksonville), Leroy Green (Plant City), Kevin Jackson (Daytona Beach), Martin Jackson (Ormond Beach), Tarick Khadra (Ormond Beach), Mark Moore (Tarpon Springs), Daniel Roberson (Plant City), Mike Schmidt (Jacksonville), Bernard Scott (St. Augustine), Chris Stewart (Palm Harbor), Andre Stroman (Plantation), Phil Warren (Tarpon Springs).

**TENNESSEE (7):** Brian Conner (Knoxville), Graham Hunter (Knoxville), Steve Kupchinsky (Kingsport), Jeremy Osborne (Kingsport), Joe Pedrolini (Germantown), Brad Redmond (Oak Ridge), Reggie Williams (Nashville).

**OHIO (4):** Mike Duckwall (Cincinnati), Richie Jackson (Cincinnati), Luke Kosman (Cincinnati), Marty Priore (Cincinnati).

**KENTUCKY (3):** Gus Hauser (Barbourville), Rico Perkins (Somerset), Colin Rogers (Danville).

**ALABAMA (2):** Bryant Huguley (Valley), Chris Jonas (Birmingham).

**NORTH CAROLINA (2):** Bobby Hubbard (Charlotte), Peter Kamm (Indian Trail).

**NEW YORK (1):** Steve Brignoli (Windham).

**OKLAHOMA (1):** Jason Wells (Lawton).

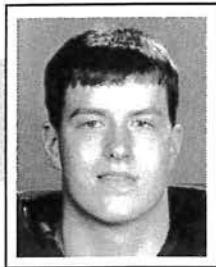
**PENNSYLVANIA (1):** Mark Batluck (Carlisle).

**VIRGINIA (1):** Zach Smerdzinski (Vienna).



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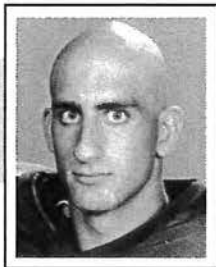


**RICK ADDY** **7**  
**QB, 5-11, 182, Sophomore**  
**Irmo, South Carolina**  
**Chapin High School**

**Furman:** Stands as Furman's third quarterback behind senior Chris Jonas and redshirt freshman Justin Hill...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the 1995 season. **1996** — Did not see any action.

**1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.  
**High School:** 1995 graduate of Chapin High School, where he played quarterback and safety under head coach Eddie Muldrow...played two years at Dutch Fork High School before moving on to Chapin for his senior season...as a senior, completed 108-of-207 passes for 1,650 yards and 13 TDs en route to earning all-region and all-area honors.

**Personal:** Full name is Richard Harrison Addy...son of Richard and Kaye Addy...born September 19, 1977, in Columbia, South Carolina...undeclared major.



**ROCCO ADRIAN** **29**  
**SS, 6-2, 212, Junior**  
**Deltona, Florida**  
**Deltona High School**

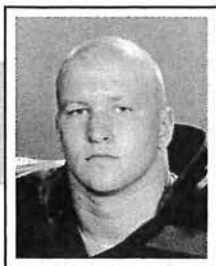
**Furman:** Versatile, experienced performer who heads into pre-season practice as a contender at strong safety, where he is expected to battle John Keith for playing time...will also look to contribute as

a member of special teams...described by his position coach, Bruce Fowler, as a "smart, steady, hard working player"...has logged quality playing time, including starting duty, in his career, working at both free safety and strong safety. **1996** — Registered action in all 13 games and started in three contests at free safety after All-Southern Conference performer Jeremy Osborne was sidelined in the pre-season with injuries...starts came against Clemson (19-3 loss), South Carolina State (27-13 win), and Wofford (33-3 win)...had a season high eight tackles and a pass deflection against Wofford...recorded a fumble recovery in the Paladins' 20-14 victory over Appalachian State...tallied 26 tackles and 190 plays on the season. **1995** — Registered playing time in all 11 games, seeing action as a reserve at strong safety and on special teams.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Deltona High School...was coached by his father, Pete Adrian...twice earned all-conference and all-district, and was a two-time All-Daytona Journal selection as both a free safety and wide receiver...also played basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Rocco Vincent Adrian...son of Pete and Christine Adrian...father played collegiate football for West Virginia...born October 17, 1976, in Kingston, Rhode Island...health and exercise science major.

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1995	61	8	4	12	0	0	0	0	0
1996	190	20	6	26	0	0	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>



**MARK BATLUCK** **54**  
**OG, 6-2, 255, Freshman**  
**Carlisle, Pennsylvania**  
**Carlisle High School**

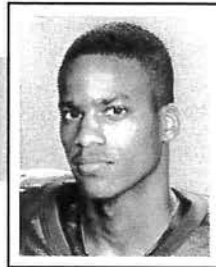
**Furman:** Highly regarded redshirt freshman who is in the hunt for the starting job at left guard, along with senior David Gibson and junior Mike Duckwalk...boasts good strength, having finished ninth on the team this

spring in total weight lifted in three exercises: bench press (400), squat (525), and power clean (335)...power clean mark was the fourth best on the squad...clocked a 4.81 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing for the fastest mark among Furman

offensive linemen...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Carlisle High School...football coach was Walt Whitehead...saw action at offensive guard, nose guard, and linebacker during his prep career...served as a team co-captain, earned all-division honors, and was named to Pennsylvania's East-West All-Star Team his senior season...spent only one year at Carlisle after playing two years at Spring Valley High School in Columbia, S.C...helped Spring Valley to an 11-2 record and region championship in 1994, his junior year...also starred in track and wrestling.

**Personal:** Full name is Mark Daniel Batluck...son of Joseph and Irene Batluck...father is a Lieutenant Colonel in United States Army...born October 9, 1977, in Ft. Belviore, Virginia.



**TYRON BERRIAN** **2**  
**FLK, 5-7, 153, Sophomore**  
**Tallahassee, Florida**  
**Godby High School**

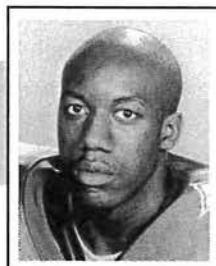
**Furman:** One of the fastest and strongest players, pound-for-pound, in Furman's football program...ran the fifth fastest time (4.37) in the 40-yard dash and recorded a squad best 7.09 power index rating in the

spring after posting impressive lifts in the bench press (350), squat (460), and power clean (275) — all outstanding marks for a player weighing only 153 pounds...hard worker who should see plenty of action this fall as a backup flanker behind projected starter Des Kitchings...could also be a contributor as a return man on special teams. **1996** — Caught three passes for 81 yards, including a 73-yard touchdown catch in a 42-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga...touchdown catch vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (from quarterback Braniff Bonaventure) was the longest of the season by a Furman player. **1995** — Saw action in two games as a kickoff return specialist but was sidelined with an ankle sprain in early September...was awarded a medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Godby High School...as a senior, served as a team captain and led his squad in receptions, yards per catch, and receiving yards...spent only one year at Godby after two seasons at Valdosta (Ga.) High School...as a sophomore played on a Valdosta squad that went 14-0 and captured state AAAA and national championships...football coach at Godby was Art Witters.

**Personal:** Full name is Tyrone Rashad Berrian...son of Reverend Tobbie and Sharon Berrian...born November 1, 1976, in Ft. Worth, Texas...computer science/business administration major.

Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	3	81	27.0	1	73	0	0	0.0	0	0
Year	Kickoff Returns	Yards	Avg.	TD	Lng					
1995	2	7	3.5	0	5					



**WALTER BOOTH** **24**  
**FS, 5-10, 185, Sophomore**  
**Gainesville, Florida**  
**P.J. Yonge High School**

**Furman:** Expected to provide backup duty at free safety this fall, working behind returning All-Southern Conference performer Jeremy Osborne...had a productive spring practice...posted noticeable improve-

ment in the weight room over the past year. **1996** — Saw playing time in all 13 games as a reserve free safety and as a member of special teams...tallied four tackles in a 33-3 win over Wofford.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of P.K. Yonge High School...football coach was John Clifford...saw action at quarterback, defensive back, wide receiver, and running back in his prep career...served as a team captain and earned Gainesville Sun All-Area and team MVP honors his senior year after finishing third on the team in tackles and helping his squad to a 6-4 record...as a sophomore played on a squad that posted a 10-2 record, district championship, and No. 2 final state ranking...also started in basketball for two seasons...program advanced to quarterfinals in state

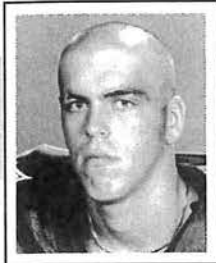
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AAA playoffs both seasons.

**Personal:** Full name is Walter Lee Booth, Jr...son of Walter and Debbie Booth...born November 30, 1977, in Gainesville, Florida...undeclared major.

## BOOTH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1996	34	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0



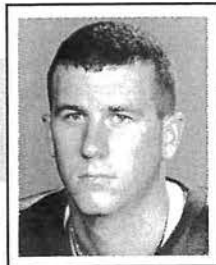
**STEVE BRIGNOLI** RS **69**  
 LB, 6-2, 198, Freshman  
 Windham, New York  
 Christian Brothers Academy

**Furman:** Will serve as a reserve at inside linebacker this fall...joined the team as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded

redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, where he played football for James Smith and saw action at both tight end and defensive end...as a senior, helped his team go 9-0 and win a conference title.

**Personal:** Full name is Steven James Brignoli...son of Steven and Genie Brignoli...born May 30, 1977, in Catskill, New York...undeclared major.



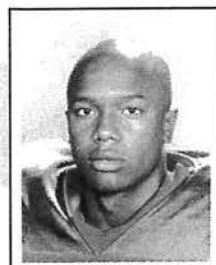
**DAVID BURTON** 2VL **35**  
 PK, 6-0, 210, Junior  
 Tampa, Florida  
 Jesuit High School

**Furman:** Right-footed kicker who will again look to handle the squad's kickoff chores, while also contending with Jason Wells for placement duties...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1995

season. **1996** — Gained his second letter after successfully handling Furman kickoffs for the second straight season...did not attempt an extra point or field goal...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Lettered as a true freshman after assuming Furman's kickoff duties early in the season...opportunity came after senior Jim Richter was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his left foot...performed well in limited role but did not attempt an extra point or field goal.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Jesuit High School, where he gained two letters as a placekicker...football coach was Dominick Ciao...starred for four seasons as a member of Jesuit's soccer team...served as captain of the 1995 Florida Class 5A state championship squad...earned all-county and all-state honors in soccer his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is David William Burton...son of Bill and Beth Burton...born July 30, 1977, in Fairfax, Virginia...business administration major.



**QUINTON BURTON** 1VL **20**  
 TB, 5-9, 185, Sophomore  
 Hartwell, Georgia  
 Hart County High School

**Furman:** Talented young tailback who fashioned a good spring practice to position himself for possible quality playing time in 1997...may, however, elect to redshirt this fall due to the return of experienced

tailbacks Mark Moore and Ernest Crosby...has improved in all areas in the off-season...ran a 4.47 40-yard dash in spring testing...ranks as one of Furman's best receivers out of the backfield. **1996** — Saw action in 11 games as a true freshman, primarily due to early season injuries to tailbacks Mark Moore and Ernest Crosby...had 21 carries for 53 yards in limited playing time...ran 10 times for 21 yards in Furman's 45-30 win over Western Carolina.

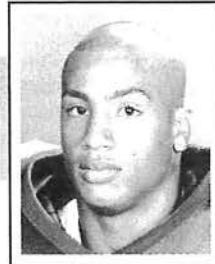
**High School:** 1996 graduate of Hart County High School...football coach was Bill

Bonds...played tailback and linebacker during his tenure as a prep...served as a team captain his senior year, helping Hart County to a 10-2 record, region championship, and appearance in state playoffs...team went 11-1 and won a region title his junior year...earned All-Northeast Georgia honors after rushing for 650 yards and catching 28 passes for 300 yards in 1995...also starred in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Artis Quinton Burton...son of Sandra Burton...born February 25, 1978, in Hartwell, Georgia...undeclared on major.

## BURTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	21	53	2.5	0	9	1	-4	-4.0	0	-4



**MARQ CERQUA** 1VL **36**  
 FB, 5-11, 208, Sophomore  
 Six Mile, South Carolina  
 Daniel High School

**Furman:** Heads into the fall as Furman's starting fullback...possesses exceptional speed, with ability to make the big play...needs to develop more consistency on routine plays according to running backs

coach Tim Sorrells...combines with Mark Moore and Ernest Crosby to give the Paladins a quality, experienced backfield...ran an outstanding 4.31 40-yard dash in spring testing, finishing second only to Desmond Kitchings for team fastest honors. **1996** — Proved to be a pleasant surprise as a true freshman, seeing action in 12 games and rushing for 515 yards and six touchdowns...rushing total was second highest on team, trailing only Ernest Crosby...ran for 102 yards in a 27-13 win over South Carolina State...came back three weeks later to rush for a career high 120 yards and three touchdowns in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina...performance against Western Carolina, which included a 21-yard touchdown reception and a team season-best 78-yard scoring run, earned him Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors...had a 46-yard touchdown run in the Paladins' season finale 42-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga...recipient of Furman Most Valuable Freshman Award.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of football powerhouse Daniel High School...saw action at inside linebacker, outside linebacker, fullback, and tailback...prep teammate of Paladin linebacker Brad Crenshaw...football coach was Allen Sitterle...was a member of two state title (1992, '95) teams...football program posted a 45-7 record in his four seasons...earned all-region, all-area, and all-state honors his senior year after rushing for 365 yards and seven touchdowns, and totaling 185 tackles and 14 sacks...also had four interceptions in 1995 in helping Daniel to a 14-1 record and state title...ran track and played both basketball and baseball at Daniel.

**Personal:** Full name is Marq Vincent Cerqua...son of Vince and Jane Cerqua...born April 3, 1977, in Miami, Florida...undeclared on major.

## CERQUA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	101	515	5.1	6	78	7	51	7.3	1	21



**NATE COCHRAN** **63**  
 OT, 6-0, 264, Sophomore  
 Buford, Georgia  
 Buford High School

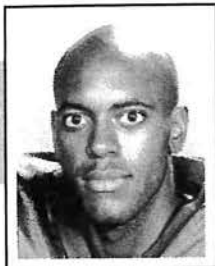
**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at offensive tackle...joined the Furman program as a transfer walk-on in January following one year at Davidson...was impressive in spring weight room

tests, posting a combined lift of 1,285 pounds in three exercises: bench press (445), squat (540), and power clean (335)...bench press mark was the best on the team...will be a sophomore eligibility-wise this year.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Buford High School...played fullback and linebacker under head coach Ed Dudley...suffered a broken leg as a junior but returned to earn all-county and all-state academic honors his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Nathaniel Watson Cochran...born September 2, 1976, in Atlanta, Georgia...son of Ed and Becky Cochran...father played football at Tennessee-Martin...undeclared major.

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**BRIAN CONNER** 1VL  
DT, 6-2, 240, Sophomore  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Farragut High School **48**

**Furman:** Talented, hardworking player who will likely see action this fall in a reserve role at strong side tackle behind returning starter Phil Warren and experienced backup B.J. Pate...part of a defensive

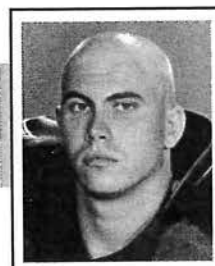
front that boasts perhaps more experience and depth than any area in the Furman program...sports outstanding strength and quickness, having posted a bench press of 435 pounds, a squat of 565 pounds, and a power clean of 325 pounds in spring testing, as well as a 4.66 40-yard dash...has worked at linebacker, rush end, and defensive tackle since beginning his Furman career. **1996** — Saw action in all 13 games as a reserve defensive tackle and member of special team...registered 108 plays, 10 tackles, and a pair of sacks...sacks came in wins over The Citadel (35-25) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (42-21)...contributed to a Furman pass rush that improved from 13 sacks in 1995 to 34 takedowns a year ago. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Farragut High School, where he played for Buddy Fisher...earned three letters and was a two-time all-region selection as a prep...also served as a team co-captain all three years...helped Farragut compile a 25-7 record in his three seasons of play.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Brian Conner...son of Harold Tilton and Joyce Ann Conner...born April 5, 1977 in Knoxville, Tennessee...has had several relatives play collegiate sports, including Kwayu Graham, who played football at East Tennessee State, Marcus Graham, who played football at Alabama A&M, and Ijunanya Alhimisi, who ran track at Benedict...undeclared major.

## CONNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1996	108	5	5	10	3	0	0	2	0



**BRAD CRENSHAW** RS  
LB, 5-10, 186, Freshmen  
Six Mile, South Carolina  
Daniel High School **69**

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at inside linebacker this fall...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season after a year at Clemson in which he did not participate in football...will be a

freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Did not see any action...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Daniel High School, where he saw action at both center and offensive guard...football coach was Allen Sitterle...prep teammate of Paladin fullback Marq Cerqua...as a sophomore, helped lead his team to a state AAA championship...served as a team captain and earned all-area and all-conference honors as a senior...also starred in wrestling.

**Personal:** Full name is Bradley Allen Crenshaw...son of Allen and Linda Crenshaw...father played football at Presbyterian from 1969-73...grandfather, Rev. James Crenshaw, holds an honorary doctorate degree in theology from Furman...born June 29, 1976, in Anderson, South Carolina.



**ERNEST CROSBY** 2VL  
TB, 6-0, 211, Junior  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Christ Church Episcopal School **22**

**Furman:** Ranks as Furman's leading returning rusher and one of three experienced tailbacks in the program...enters the pre-season locked in a duel with senior Mark Moore for the starting job at

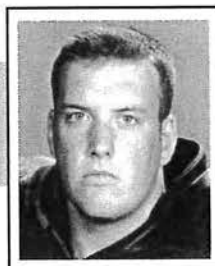
tailback...sports excellent speed and improving receiving skills...ran an impressive

4.36 40-yard dash in spring testing...has proven, big play potential...could contend for All-Southern Conference honors this fall. **1996** — Emerged as a strong runner, leading Furman and ranking fifth in the Southern Conference in rushing with 850 yards and eight touchdowns despite being sidelined in two contests (and missing most of a third game) with a sprained ankle...began the year as a backup at tailback, but moved into the starting lineup following an injury to Mark Moore in the Paladins' season opening 19-3 loss to Clemson...rushed for a Furman sophomore and Paladin Stadium record 243 yards and four touchdowns in a 27-13 win over South Carolina State in his first career start...touchdown runs versus South Carolina State covered 17, 41, 46, and 58 yards...performance against Bulldogs earned him Southern Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors...sustained a sprained ankle the following week in the first quarter of a 33-3 win over Wofford...sat out the VMI and Western Carolina games before returning to rush for 157 yards and a pair of scores in a 20-14 win over Appalachian State in Boone...performance against Appalachian State earned him his second conference player-of-the-week scroll and also included four receptions for 50 yards and two touchdowns, as well as a season best 69-yard run that set up another touchdown...scored Furman's first touchdown (46-yard run) in a 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action in Flagstaff, Ariz. **1995** — Lettered as a true freshman, seeing action in eight games and rushing for 103 yards...ran 11 times for 46 yards in a 55-24 win over VMI. **High School:** 1995 graduate of Greenville's Christ Church Episcopal School...played tailback, linebacker, and safety under head coach Ashley Haskins...earned team MVP honors his senior year and was a three-time all-region selection...led Christ Church in rushing in each of his three seasons of play...also starred in track and basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Ernest Allen Crosby...son of Theresa Crosby...hails from an athletic family...uncle, Ernest Hamilton, was an All-Big 10 linebacker at Michigan State in the early 1970s...brother, Lusaka Hamilton, played football at Charleston Southern, while another brother, Michael Hamilton, played at North Carolina A&T...born June 18, 1977, in Greenville, South Carolina...undeclared major.

## CROSBY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1995	29	106	3.6	0	8	2	1	0.5	0	5
1996	151	850	5.6	8	69	6	60	10.0	2	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>



**BRIAN CROSS** 3VL  
DT, 6-2, 240, Senior  
Longwood, Florida  
Lake Brantley High School **91**

**Furman:** Heads into the fall as a backup to projected starting weak side tackle Leroy Davies-Venn but should see plenty of action due to quality experience as both a starter and as a reserve...very consistent in

effort and performance...has worked primarily at defensive tackle in his tenure at Furman but last year made the switch to offensive tackle...moved back to defensive tackle in the spring. **1996** — Saw playing time in five games and logged 23 plays as a reserve at offensive tackle. **1995** — Registered playing time in all 11 games and gained starts in three contests as a replacement for Michael Brown, who was sidelined with a badly sprained ankle sustained early in the South Carolina State game...starts came against Wofford (38-0 win), VMI (55-24 win), and Western Carolina (31-21 win)...logged 310 plays and posted 20 tackles on the season...notched sacks against The Citadel (24-3 win) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (23-21 win). **1994** — Saw action in all 11 games, registering four starts at weak tackle and totaling 286 plays and 17 tackles...starts came in Furman's first four games of the season. **1993** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1993 graduate of Lake Brantley High School...football coach was Fred Almon...was a two-time all-county and all-conference selection at linebacker...helped lead Lake Brantley to a 10-2 record, as well as district, conference, and region championships his junior year...also lettered twice in basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Brian James Cross...son of Jim and Sue Cross...born September 29, 1974, in South Bend, Indiana...geology major.

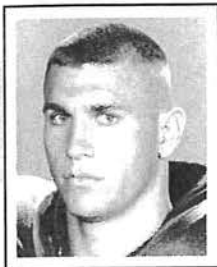
## CROSS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1994	286	6	11	17	1	2	0	0	0
1995	310	11	9	20	4	0	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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Year	Ply	0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1996	23	2	3	16	2	0	41	1.78	.783	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.



**BRYAN DAILER** 3VL **64**  
**RUE, 6-3, 220, Senior**  
**Winter Garden, Florida**  
**West Orange High School**

**Furman:** Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year and All-America candidate...headlines a Furman defense that returns eight starters from a year ago...emerged last season as the league's most

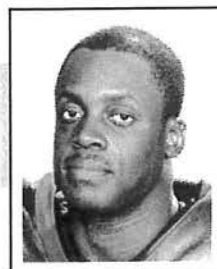
dominant pass rusher...ranks third on Furman's all-time sacks ledger with 18...has started in 35 consecutive games over the past three seasons...possesses excellent size and strength...ran a 4.58 40-yard dash in spring testing...will serve a captain of this year's team. **1996** — Fashioned an outstanding junior season, tallying 95 tackles and a Southern Conference leading 14 sacks for 83 yards in losses...in all racked up 24 tackles-for-loss en route to earning second team all-conference honors...14 quarterback takedowns marked the third highest season total in Furman history...came on strong during Furman's stretch run to the playoffs...collected a season high 13 tackles and a school single game record six sacks in the Paladins' 42-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga...six sacks versus UTC earned him league defensive player-of-the-week honors...had three sacks the following week in a 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA first round playoffs...headlined a Furman pass rush that improved from 13 sacks in 1995 to 34 sacks in 1996...had an interception versus Wofford (33-3 win)...recipient of Furman Best Defensive Lineman Award. **1995** — Started at rush end in all 11 games and logged 564 plays and 71 tackles...played a key role in the resurgence of Furman's defense...top performance came in Furman's 24-3 win over The Citadel, when he tallied a career high 13 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, a sack, and a fumble recovery. **1994** — As a redshirt freshman, started at rush end in all 11 games, logging 416 plays and 48 tackles...posted a season high seven tackles and a sack against VMI (28-11 win) and Tennessee-Chattanooga...fumble recovery came against William & Mary. **1993** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1993 graduate of West Orange High School, where he played inside linebacker and offensive guard under Tim Smith...lettered twice in football...earned his squad's Golden Helmet (Defensive MVP) Award, and was an all-county, all-metro, and all-district selection his senior year, when he also served as a team captain, leading West Orange to an 8-3 record.

**Personal:** Full name is Bryan Scott Dailer...son of Gregory and Lynn Dailer...born May 23, 1975, in Charleston, West Virginia...business administration major.

### DAILER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1994	416	32	16	48	5	0	1	2	0
1995	564	36	35	71	6	0	1	2	0
1996	810	73	22	95	24	4	1	14	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1790</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>



**LEROY DAVIES-VENN** 3VL **93**  
**DT, 6-2, 240, Senior**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Lakeside High School**

**Furman:** Has consistently ranked as one of the most physically talented players and strongest performers in the weight room during his tenure at Furman, but has yet to fully display potential on the field...stepped

up in spring practice as Furman's leading candidate to take over the starting job at weak tackle vacated by the graduation of Michael Brown...sports impressive speed for size, having clocked a 4.60 40-yard dash in shorts in spring testing...did not take part in the most recent spring weight training but is still considered the team's top performer in the weight room based on his combined lift of 1,435 pounds a year ago:

bench press (450), squat (670), power clean (315)...bench press and squat marks led team. **1996** — Recorded playing time in all 13 games and had 253 play participations as a backup at weak side tackle...in all tallied 10 tackles and two tackles-for-loss...had a season high three tackles and two tackles-for-loss in a 33-3 win over Wofford. **1995** — Saw action in nine games and logged 126 plays as a reserve at weak tackle and drop end...tallied eight tackles and a sack...sack came in a 31-21 win over Western Carolina...saw the most action (32 plays) and racked up a pair of tackles in a 55-24 win over VMI...logged 11 plays at drop end against Georgia Southern. **1994** — Registered his first playing time as a redshirt freshman, seeing action in six games as a backup at weak tackle. **1993** — Member of scout team...awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1993 graduate of Lakeside High School...football coach was Phil Lindsey...took home Lakeside's Coach's Award as an offensive lineman his senior year...helped Lakeside post a 35-2-2 record in his three seasons...played on 1990 region championship squad and 1991 state AAA championship team.

**Personal:** Full name is Leroy Davies-Venn...son of Prince and Mina Davies-Venn...born September 19, 1975 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...biology major.

### DAVIES-VENN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1994	51	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
1995	126	7	1	8	1	0	0	1	0
1996	253	5	5	10	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



**MIKE DAVIS** 3VL **92**  
**NG, 6-2, 260, Senior**  
**Manning, South Carolina**  
**Manning High School**

**Furman:** Experienced player who is attempting a comeback from injury...expected to contend for playing time at nose guard this fall with returning starter Reggie Williams and backup Luke Kosman...adds

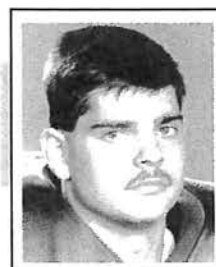
quality depth to the nose guard position...did not participate in spring practice due to rehabilitation program. **1996** — Sustained a season ending knee injury in Furman's 33-3 win over Wofford...underwent reconstructive surgery...registered 61 plays and five tackles prior to injury. **1995** — Saw action in eight games and was in on 104 plays...totaled 14 tackles, including a season high five stops in Furman's season opener against Georgia Tech. **1994** — Saw action in six games and logged 39 plays in his first season of play as a reserve nose guard. **1993** — Member of scout team...was awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1993 graduate of Manning High School, where he was coached by Andrew Hedly...as a senior was named Best Offensive Lineman...also earned all-region, all-area, and all-state honors as a defensive lineman...played in the 1992 South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...was instrumental in helping Manning post an 11-0 regular season record and region championship in 1991...was a lower state finalist in the shot put and discus on three occasions.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Jamaine Davis...son of Ada McKinney...born June 1, 1975, in Manning, South Carolina...health and exercise science major.

### DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1994	39	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
1995	104	6	8	14	1	0	0	0	0
1996	61	5	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**MICHAEL DOOLEY** 3VL **18**  
**TE, 6-1, 235, Senior**  
**Toccoa, Georgia**  
**Stephens County High School**

**Furman:** Veteran who is attempting a comeback after sitting out the entire 1996 season due to fractures of both the tibia and fibula in his right leg received late in the 1995 season in a game against

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Georgia Southern...is making the switch from rush end to tight end in an effort to help fill the void created by the graduation of All-America tight end Luther Broughton...has game experience at rush end and offensive guard, but none at tight end. **1996** — Did not participate in football due to extended rehabilitation efforts associated with leg injury...awarded medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Registered playing time as a backup rush end in nine games prior to sustaining a pair of fractures to his right leg on a kickoff return against Georgia Southern...tallied 179 play participations and 19 tackles prior to injury...recorded a season high six tackles in a 38-0 win over Wofford. **1994** — Saw action in all 11 games as a backup to Brian Dailer at rush end...logged a total of 297 plays and tallied 20 tackles...registered a season high six tackles and a sack in Furman's season-opener against Clemson...fumble recovery came against VMI (28-11 win). **1993** — Saw his first action as a reserve at offensive guard. **High School:** 1993 graduate of Stephens County High School, where he played football under Rodney Walker, lettering three times as an offensive and defensive lineman...earned Stephens County's Best Offensive Lineman Award, as well as all-area and honorable mention all-state accolades, and played in Georgia's 1992 North-South All-Star Game after leading Stephens County to a 13-1 record, region championship, and appearance in the state semi-final playoffs. **Personal:** Full name is Michael Steven Dooley...son of James and Margaret Dooley...born May 1, 1975, in Toccoa, Georgia...health and exercise science major.

## DOOLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1994	297	14	6	20	1	2	1	1	0
1995	179	13	6	19	3	0	0	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

— Block Execution —					— Performance —							
Year	Ply	0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1993	16	0	4	12	0	0	28	1.75	.750	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.



**LEE DRAKE** 3VL **79**  
 OT, 6-4, 302, Senior  
 Jacksonville, Florida  
 Ed White High School

**Furman:** Returning starter who will make the move from the left to right offensive tackle, where he will have to fend off an expected challenge from Josh Moore for starting honors...is Furman's only offensive

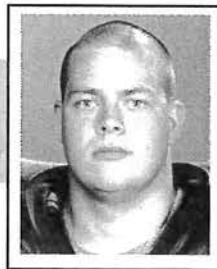
tackle with quality game experience...did not participate in the spring due to shoulder and knee injuries...joins guard Mike Duckwall as one of only two returning starters along Furman's offensive line...has 20 starts over the past two seasons. **1996** — Started at left offensive tackle in all 13 games...registered 772 plays and five winning performances...season high mark came in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina, when he posted a grade of 1.95 (.877%) on 57 plays...also had winning grades against The Citadel (35-25 win), East Tennessee State (21-19 loss), Marshall (42-17 loss), and Tennessee-Chattanooga (42-21 win)...772 plays were the third most among Paladin offensive linemen. **1995** — Began the season as a backup at left tackle but moved into the starting lineup in the Paladins' fourth game (VMI)...went on to start at left tackle in seven of the Paladins' final eight games...in all logged 461 plays and a season average blocking grade of 1.88 (.798%)...had six winning grades, including one exceptional performance against Georgia Southern, when he notched a mark of 2.00 on 24 plays. **1994** — Sustained a severe ankle sprain in the early going and only registered 18 play participations as a backup tackle in his first season of play...in all saw action in four games. **1993** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1993 graduate of Edward H. White High School, where he lettered twice as an offensive tackle under Dan Disch...earned Florida Times-Union All-City honors, as well as all-conference, all-district, and honorable mention all-state accolades as senior after leading his team to a program-best 8-3 record...1993 Florida Shrine Bowl participant...was also an expert marksman as a prep...twice picked up state first place honors in the air pistol division and notched an eighth place finish in the smallbore rifle division. **Personal:** Full name is Lee Stephen Drake...son of Gary and Sue Ellen Drake...born

January 23, 1975, in Pensacola, Florida...accounting major.

## DRAKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

— Block Execution —					— Performance —							
Year	Ply	0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1994	18	0	2	15	1	0	35	1.94	.888	0	0	—
1995	461	2	91	333	32	3	865	1.88	.798	6	1	2.00 GSU
1996	772	4	141	578	49	0	1444	1.87	.812	5	0	1.95 WCU
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2344</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>.808</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.00 GSU</b>

**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.



**MIKE DUCKWALL** 2VL **65**  
 OG/C, 6-1, 260, Junior  
 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Mariemont High School

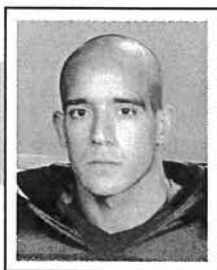
**Furman:** Versatile performer who joins offensive tackle Lee Drake as the only two returning starters along Furman's offensive line...heads into the fall

locked in a three-way battle with David Gibson and Mark Batluck for the starting job at left guard, where he served as a regular for much of the 1996 season...in addition to seeing plenty of action at guard, will also be counted on to provide backup duty at center behind Mark Foster...missed a portion of spring practice with a knee injury but is expected to be ready for pre-season practice...originally joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the 1994 season. **1996** — Started at left guard in 12 of Furman's 13 games...began the season as a backup to Ben Hall at left guard but moved into the starting lineup the next week against South Carolina State (27-13 win) after Hall was sidelined with a hamstring injury...in all registered 600 plays, four winning performances, and a season average grade of 1.85 (.775%)...top performance came in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina, when he graded out a 1.91 (.844%) on 45 plays...also posted winning grades against Wofford (33-3 win), VMI (31-14 win), and Appalachian State (20-14 win). **1995** — Posted his first action, seeing time as a backup offensive guard after beginning the year as a backup center...tallied 47 plays and a season average grade of 1.68 (.617%)...most action came in a 38-0 win over Wofford, when he registered 16 plays...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1994** — Member of scout team...awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1994 graduate of Mariemont High School...head coach was Tom Crosby...played both center and nose guard...was a two-time all-league, all-city, and all-district selection...served as team captain and earned MVP honors his senior year...also participated in track. **Personal:** Full name is Michael Andrew Duckwall...son of Michael and Jan Duckwall...born March 26, 1976, in Cincinnati, Ohio...sociology major.

## DUCKWALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

— Block Execution —					— Performance —							
Year	Ply	0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1995	47	0	18	26	3	0	79	1.68	.617	0	0	—
1996	600	4	131	417	46	2	1111	1.85	.775	4	0	1.91 WCU
<b>Totals</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>.763</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.91 WCU</b>

**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.



**JOEY ESPINOSA** 2VL **25**  
 CB/SS, 5-9, 176, Junior  
 Swansea, South Carolina  
 Swansea High School

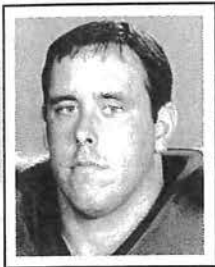
**Furman:** Smart, versatile performer who can play any position in the Paladin secondary...had a solid spring practice to solidify his role as backup at right cornerback behind returning starter Kevin

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Jackson...should also again see plenty of action on special teams...clocked a 4.58 40-yard dash in spring testing...joined the Furman program as a walk-on...outstanding student...Furman Presidential Scholar. **1996** — Gained his second letter after contributing as a member of special teams...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Picked up his first letter after seeing action as a member of special teams...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1994** — Member of scout squad...awarded redshirt and extra season of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** Product of ultra-successful Swansea High School football program...playing both defensive back and wide receiver, helped Swansea to a 39-6 record in his three seasons, and a pair of state AA championships his junior and senior seasons...recorded interceptions in both 1992 and 1993 state championship games, and in all tallied 10 pickoffs in his final two years...earned all-county and all-region honors his senior year, when he also served as a team captain...also starred in track and wrestling...was Swansea's 1994 Valedictorian.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph Michael Espinosa...son of James and Joan Spillane...born May 6, 1976, in Livingston, New Jersey...chemistry major.



**MARK FOSTER** 2VL **73**  
**C, 6-2, 290, Junior**  
*Williamston, South Carolina*  
*Palmetto High School*

**Furman:** Heads into pre-season practice as Furman's projected starting center for 1997...will take over the starting center job vacated by the graduation of Mark Graves...will also be handling short and long snapping duties for third consecutive year...has the confidence of the coaching staff as a player who could contend for All-Southern Conference honors...sports outstanding strength and good mobility...finished second only to linebacker Orlando Ruff in spring weight lifting tests, with a total combined lift of 1,385 pounds in three exercises: bench press (410), squat (650), and power clean (325)...squat mark was the best by a Furman player in the spring...outstanding long snapping skills have contributed to a Paladin punting game that has registered 121 consecutive punt attempts over the past two seasons without a block. **1996** — Gained his second letter after posting playing time as a backup center, offensive guard, and offensive tackle, as well as Furman's short and long snapper on special teams...in all totaled 116 plays. **1995** — Lettered as a true freshman, seeing action as both a short and long snapper on special teams, and as a reserve offensive guard and tackle.

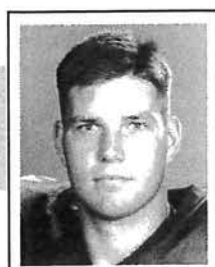
**High School:** 1995 graduate of Palmetto High School, where he played center and defensive tackle for Tommy Davis...helped lead Palmetto to a pair of state playoff appearances as a junior and senior...was a two-time all-conference selection and an all-state pick his senior year...played in South Carolina's 1995 North-South All-Star Game...also ran track and played basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Mark Sherman Foster...son of Tony and Brenda Foster...born October 29, 1976, in Greenville, South Carolina...biology major.

### FOSTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	— Block Execution —					— Performance —					
		0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1995	33	1	11	21	0	0	53	1.61	.636	0	0	—
1996	116	0	21	85	10	0	221	1.91	.818	0	0	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>.778</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>

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**DAVID GIBSON** 3VL **62**  
**OG, 6-1, 286, Senior**  
*Dalton, Georgia*  
*Southeast Whitfield High School*

**Furman:** Fifth year senior who returns for his final season after being sidelined for the entire 1996 campaign due to injury...had a good spring practice and heads into the pre-season locked in a three-way

battle with junior Mike Duckwall and redshirt freshman Mark Batluck for starting duties and left guard...sports experience as both a backup and starting guard...has also seen action at tackle during his career...has consistently ranked among Furman's leading performers in the weight room since joining the Furman program...finished fifth on the squad in spring weight lifting tests with a combined lift of 1,315 pounds in three exercises: bench press (425), squat (590), and power clean (300). **1996** — Sustained a flexor tendon rupture in his hand early in pre-season practice and was sidelined for the entire season after undergoing surgery...was awarded a medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Registered playing time in nine games, logging 190 plays and a season average grade of 1.85 (.789%)...started at left guard in two contests (vs. Wofford and Marshall) following injuries to regulars along the offensive front...most action (60 plays) came in a 38-0 win over Wofford. **1994** — Saw action in six games in 1994 — all as a member of special teams...was bothered for much of the season with a sore knee. **1993** — Registered his first collegiate action, appearing in three games as a reserve at offensive tackle.

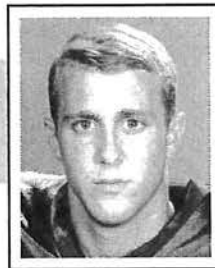
**High School:** 1993 graduate of Southeast Whitfield High School, where he lettered all four years in football playing both offensive guard and offensive tackle under Tim Marchman...was twice named Southeast Whitfield's Best Offensive Lineman...served as a team captain his senior season...was a 1992 all-area, All-North Georgia, and all-tri-state team selection...was picked to play in the 1992 Georgia North-South All-Star Game...picked up Southeast Whitfield's Scholar-Athlete citation all-four years...also garnered several high finishes in state powerlifting meets...lettered three times in track.

**Personal:** Full name is David Eugene Gibson...son of Mike and Gwen Gibson...born October 30, 1974, in Dalton, Georgia...health and exercise science major.

### GIBSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	— Block Execution —					— Performance —					
		0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	.Pct	Win	Exc	High
1993	15	2	4	9	0	0	22	1.46	.600	0	0	—
1995	190	3	37	136	14	0	351	1.85	.789	0	0	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>.775</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>

**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.



**WAYNE GREGORY** 19  
**FLK, 5-9, 156, Sophomore**  
*Union, South Carolina*  
*Union High School*

**Furman:** Will serve as a reserve flanker and backup punter again this year...originally joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1995 season. **1996** — Did not see any action...named to the

Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Union High School...played quarterback and wide receiver, and also served as his team's punter under head coach Shell Dula...served as a team co-captain his senior year and was a two-time all-area academic team selection...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Wayne Emerson Gregory, Jr...son of Wayne and Susan Gregory...father was an offensive lineman at Furman in the early 1970s...born July 14, 1977, in Charleston, South Carolina...political science major.



**BEN HALL** 1VL **59**  
**OG, 6-4, 290, Sophomore**  
*Royston, Georgia*  
*Franklin County High School*

**Furman:** Listed by offensive line coach Clay Hendrix as one of three definite starters along the Paladin offensive front heading into pre-season practice...will man the right guard slot after seeing his first collegiate action at left guard a year ago...boasts excellent size and has emerged as one

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of the team's top performers in the weight room, where in the spring he finished sixth on the squad in testing in three exercises: bench press (425), squat (600), and power clean (290)...has the potential to be an outstanding performer at Furman. **1996** — Began the season as Furman's starting left guard but sustained a hamstring strain in the Paladins' season opener against Clemson (19-3 loss)...relinquished his starting assignment the next week against South Carolina State (27-13 win) and served as a backup to Mike Duckwall the remainder of the season...still managed to see action in nine contests and register 232 plays...finished the year with a grade of 1.80 (.728%) and two winning performances...best mark came against Tennessee-Chattanooga (42-21 win), when he graded out a 1.90 (.806%) on 31 plays...other winning mark came against Western Carolina (45-30 win). **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Junior Varsity Offensive Award.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Franklin County High School, where he played both offensive line and defensive line and earned most valuable accolades at both positions...football coach was Jeff Davis...was a two-time **Athens Daily News** All-Northeast Georgia selection, and two-time **Anderson Independent-Mail** all-area pick while at Franklin County...earned AA all-state honors and was a Georgia North-South All-Star Game choice his senior year...was also a **BlueChip Illustrated** all-region selection...played two seasons at Manchester (Ga.) High School before moving to Franklin County High School for his junior and senior seasons.

**Personal:** Full name is Benjamin Thomas Hall...son of Bill and Sandra Hall...born January 29, 1976, in Gadsden, Alabama...undeclared major.

## HALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	— Block Execution —					— Performance —						
	Ply	0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	Pct	Win	Exc	High
1996	232	2	61	151	17	1	418	1.80	.728	2	0	1.90 UTC

**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.



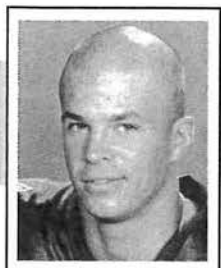
**GUS HAUSER** **RS** **39**  
**PK, 5-10, 175, Freshman**  
**Barbourville, Kentucky**  
**Corbin High School**

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at placekicker behind returning veterans Jason Wells and David Burton...joined the Furman program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season...will be a

freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Corbin High School, the same high school of former Furman basketball All-American Frank Selvy...football coach was Mike Whitaker...played wide receiver and served as Corbin's placekicker...earned all-state honors as a senior...twice helped his team make the state playoffs...also played basketball as a prep.

**Personal:** Full name is Gustave Emil Hauser...son of Pat and Connie Hauser...father played football and ran track at East Tennessee State in the late 1960s, and also spent one year with the Miami Dolphins...born March 22, 1977...undeclared major.



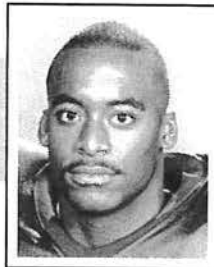
**JUSTIN HILL** **RS** **15**  
**QB, 5-11, 185, Freshman**  
**Greer, South Carolina**  
**Greer High School**

**Furman:** Highly regarded redshirt freshman who enters the pre-season as the Paladins' No. 2 signal caller behind senior Chris Jonas...took part in spring practice but underwent surgery in late April for a sub-

acromial decompression in his right shoulder...was unable to resume throwing until late June...sports excellent speed and leadership skills...ran a 4.73 40-yard dash in January testing. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Greer High School, where he starred at quarterback

under head coach Stuart Holcomb...earned Shrine Bowl MVP honors after completing 7-of-13 passes for 199 yards and two touchdowns in leading South Carolina to a 30-10 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...performance in Shrine Bowl followed outstanding senior season that saw him complete 91-of-161 passes for 1,651 yards and 22 touchdowns...threw only four interceptions...team went 10-2...earned **Associated Press** first team all-state honors, and was a **Greenville News** second team all-state selection...was the Greenville Touchdown Club's 1995 Player-of-the-Year and Foothills Conference Player-of-the-Year...was the starting quarterback of Greer's 1995 state championship team that posted a 15-0 record. **Personal:** Full name is Michael Justin Hill...son of Leonard and Donna Hill...born April 6, 1978, in Greer, South Carolina...undeclared major.



**BOBBY HUBBARD** **1VL** **55**  
**RUE, 6-3, 230, Sophomore**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**West Charlotte High School**

**Furman:** Solid, improving player who heads into the 1997 season as a backup to returning All-Southern Conference rush end Bryan Dailer...should still see plenty of action this fall due to overall ability and

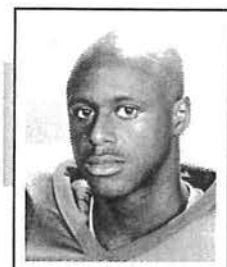
quality experience gained a year ago...registered notable improvement in the weight room over the past year, including an impressive power clean of 315 pounds in spring testing...strong work in the weight room has helped up his playing weight from 207 pounds a year ago to 230 pounds in the spring...sports good quickness and pass rushing ability. **1996** — Enjoyed a fine freshman season working as a backup rush end and member of special teams...saw action in all 13 games and tallied 18 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and two sacks...sacks came against Clemson (19-3 loss) and The Citadel (35-25 win)...registered 255 plays. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Most Valuable Junior Varsity Defensive Award.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of West Charlotte High School, where he played defensive end, tight end, and linebacker...helped lead West Charlotte to a 34-4 record and three straight state playoff appearances during his tenure there...1994 squad finished 14-1 and was state AAAA runner-up...served as a team captain and earned All-Southwest AAAA, All-Mecklenburg County, and East-West All-Star honors as a senior...ranked as one of North Carolina's top performers in the discus during his prep career...was a state finalist in the event as a junior.

**Personal:** Full name is Robert Hubbard...son of Robert and Blanche Hubbard...born January 16, 1977, in Charlotte, North Carolina...brother, Marc Hubbard, played football at North Carolina A&T...undeclared major.

## HUBBARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1996	255	9	9	18	2	1	0	2	0



**BRYANT HUGULEY** **RS** **1**  
**CB, 5-8, 158, Freshman**  
**Valley, Alabama**  
**Valley High School**

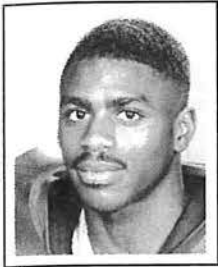
**Furman:** Speedy athlete who could be a factor in the competition for playing time at left cornerback this fall, along with junior Rico Perkins and redshirt freshman Andre Stroman...sat out all of spring practice

with a stress fracture in his leg, but did impress in run testing, clocking a 4.41 40-yard dash for the sixth best time on the squad...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Valley High School...football coach was Robert Maddox...played both quarterback and defensive back in high school...earned **Auburn/Opeika News** and **Valley Times** all-area honors, and all-state accolades his senior year after leading Valley High School into the second round of the state playoffs...set school single game rushing and interception records...also played basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Bryant Devon Huguley...son of George and Wanda Huguley...born January 3, 1978, in Valley, Alabama...undeclared major.

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**KEVIN JACKSON** 2VL **9**  
 CB, 5-9, 177, Senior  
 Daytona Beach, Florida  
 Mainland High School

**Furman:** Joins All-Southern Conference free safety Jeremy Osborne as one of two returning starters in the Paladin secondary...is one of eight returning defensive starters...will again handle duties at right

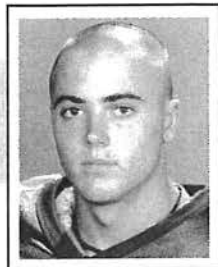
cornerback...has worked hard to improve overall game and has become a more physical player the last two years due, in part, to hard work in the weight room...pound-for-pound, ranks as the second strongest player in Furman's program, as measured by the team's power index (trailed only sophomore receiver Tyron Berrian following spring testing)...achieved a high rating primarily with an impressive 305-pound lift in the power clean exercise and a bench press of 405 pounds...clocked a 4.46 40-yard dash in the spring to rank as one of the team's fastest players. **1996** — Returned from serious injury in 1995 (fractured fibula) to post an impressive junior campaign that saw him start in all 13 games and register more plays (883) than any member of Furman's secondary...accounted for 64 tackles, six pass deflections, and one fumble recovery for a touchdown...score came in a 33-3 win over Wofford...tallied a season high 11 tackles and a pass deflection in Furman's 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA playoff action...had a pair of eight tackle outings against Western Carolina (45-30 win) and Appalachian State (20-14 win). **1995** — Used a solid pre-season practice to capture the starting job at right cornerback — a position he held for five games prior to sustaining a season ending leg fracture in Furman's 31-21 win over Western Carolina...in all totaled 239 play participations and 16 tackles prior to injury...had a season high nine tackles in Furman's 55-24 win over VMI. **1994** — Did not see any action. **1993** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** Graduate of Mainland High School, where he played under Doug Stanley, lettering twice...earned all-county, all-conference, all-area, and all-district accolades after helping lead Mainland to a 10-2 record, as well as conference and district championships in 1992, his senior year...also participated in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Kevin R. Jackson...son of John and Rosemary Jackson...born September 20, 1975, in Newark, New Jersey...biology major.

### JACKSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1995	239	8	8	16	0	0	0	0	1
1996	883	52	12	64	0	0	1	0	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1122</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>



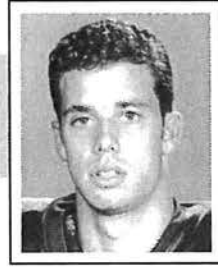
**MARTIN JACKSON** RS **3**  
 FLK, 5-9, 171, Freshman  
 Ormond Beach, Florida  
 Seabreeze High School

**Furman:** Expected to battle for playing time this year as a reserve flanker behind projected starter Desmond Kitchings and backup Tyron Berrian...had a good spring practice...sports quick feet...joined the Furman

program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 1996 season...recipient of Furman Most Valuable Offensive Junior Varsity Award...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this year. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Seabreeze High School...football coach was Kerri Kramer...prep teammate of redshirt freshman cornerback Tarick Khadra...caught 34 passes for 640 yards and six touchdowns, and had 38 rushes for 510 yards and one touchdown as a senior, helping Seabreeze to an 8-4 record and district championship...also ran track as a prep.

**Personal:** Full name is Martin Galen Jackson...son of Linda McMunn and Jack Jackson...born July 14, 1978, in Maryville, Tennessee...undeclared major.



**CHRIS JONAS** 2VL **8**  
 QB, 6-1, 188, Senior  
 Birmingham, Alabama  
 Berry High School

**Furman:** Used an outstanding spring practice to solidify his position as Furman's probable starting quarterback this fall...will succeed record setting All-

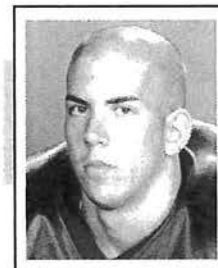
Southern Conference signal caller Braniff Bonaventure...boasts a good understanding of the offense and improved passing skills...will be one of six new starters in the Paladin lineup this fall...looms as a huge key to Furman's potential success in 1997. **1996** — Saw limited action in five games while serving as a backup to starting quarterback Braniff Bonaventure...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Earned his first letter after picking up limited playing time in three games...completed his only pass attempt for five yards versus Wofford (38-0 win). **1994** — Began the season as Furman's scout team quarterback but moved into the backup quarterback role behind Braniff Bonaventure after regular starting quarterback Philly Jones was sidelined with a season ending injury against William & Mary...saw action in only one game (vs. Appalachian State).

**High School:** Played his prep football under Bob Finley at Berry High School...earned all-area, second team All-Birmingham, and **Blue Chip Magazine** All-American honors his senior year after directing Berry to an 11-3 record and state semi-final finish...completed 101-for-177 passes (.580%) for 1,350 yards and eight touchdowns his senior year...had 22 straight completions, and in all completed 35-of-45 passes for 500 yards in playoff action in 1993.

**Personal:** Full name is James Christopher Jonas...son of Jim and Anne Jonas...born September 8, 1975, in Memphis, Tennessee...history major.

### JONAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Com%	PassEff	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD
1995	1	1	0	5	0	100.0	142.0	4	18	4.3	0
1996	1	1	0	-4	0	100.0	66.4	7	-24	-1.7	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0</b>



**PETER KAMM** RS **95**  
 RUE, 6-4, 230, Freshman  
 Indian Trail, North Carolina  
 Charlotte Christian School

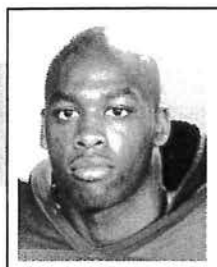
**Furman:** Hard working player who could see his first action this year as a member of special teams and as a reserve at rush end behind returning All-

Southern Conference performer Bryan Dailer and backup Bobby Hubbard...started his career at defensive tackle but was moved to rush end in the spring...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall...ranked eighth on the team in spring weight lifting competition, posting a combined lift of 1,265 pounds in three exercises: bench press (400), squat (530), and power clean (335)...power clean mark was fifth best on squad...sports good size. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Charlotte Christian School...football coach was Ricky Sayle...played linebacker, defensive end, tight end and defensive tackle in high school...earned all-conference, All-Mecklenburg County, all-state, and team MVP honors his senior year...was an all-county and all-state selection his junior year after leading Charlotte Christian to a 10-2 record and state runner-up finish in 1994...starred on Charlotte Christian's strength teams...also competed in track and basketball as a prep.

**Personal:** Full name is Peter William Kamm...son of Bill and Carol Kamm...born June 4, 1977, in Huntington, West Virginia...undeclared major.

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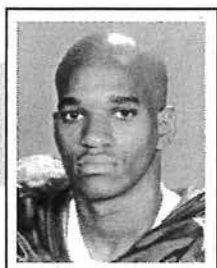


**JOHN KEITH** 1VL  
**SS, 6-1, 200, Sophomore**  
**Newnan, Georgia**  
**East Coweta High School** **10**

**Furman:** Formidable young performer and athlete who appears primed to take over the starting job at strong safety for the graduated Seth Ramaley...labeled a "headline" player by secondary coach Bruce Fowler...has the potential to consistently make big plays due to overall outstanding ability...boasts impressive speed and strength...very competitive...could emerge this year as one of the Southern Conference's best defensive backs...recorded the fourth fastest 40-yard dash time in spring testing, with a mark of 4.36...has bounced back from serious injury to be considered one of Furman's top young players. **1996** — Came back from serious injury as a true freshman to garner quality playing time in his first season of play, seeing action in all 13 games...worked as a backup to starting strong safety Seth Ramaley, but strong play helped him register almost as many plays as Ramaley (445 vs. 566)...was credited with 47 tackles, two interceptions, and six pass deflections...had an interception and season high six tackles against both Wofford (33-3 win) and Appalachian State (20-14 win). **1995** — Did not participate in practice due to rehabilitation efforts associated with torn anterior cruciate ligament sustained in the summer prior to enrollment at Furman...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1995 graduate of East Coweta High School...as a senior served as team captain of an East Coweta team that posted an 11-2 record and No. 4 state ranking in AAAA...team advanced into the quarterfinals of the state playoffs...finished the 1994 season with 85 tackles playing both defensive back and outside linebacker...also had three interceptions, four sacks, a fumble recovery, and five caused fumbles...was selected to play Georgia's North-South All-Star Game and was the recipient of East Coweta's Academic Award...named to Super Prep's All-America Team...also played basketball, averaging 16.0 points per game as a senior. **Personal:** Full name is John Martin Keith...son of John and Julia Keith...born February 4, 1977, in Newnan, Georgia...accounting major.

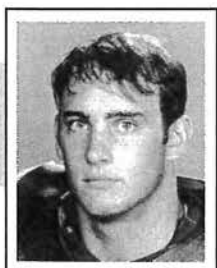
### KEITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1996	445	33	14	47	0	1	0	2	6



**TARICK KHADRA** RS  
**CB, 5-9, 164, Freshman**  
**Ormond Beach, Florida**  
**Seabreeze High School** **26**

**Furman:** Promising young player who will provide reserve duty at cornerback this year...could provide help on special teams...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1996 graduate of Seabreeze High School...former prep teammate of Paladin redshirt freshman flanker Martin Jackson...football coach was Kerri Kramer...played cornerback and safety in high school...helped Seabreeze to an 8-4 record and district championship his senior year, earning All-Five Star Conference second team honors along the way...also ran track in high school. **Personal:** Full name is Tarick Bassam Khadra...son of Ms. Comfort Khadra...born December 2, 1978, in Sierra Leone, West Africa.



**RYAN KINEARD** 1VL  
**OT, 6-3, 250, Sophomore**  
**Blakely, Georgia**  
**Early County High School** **60**

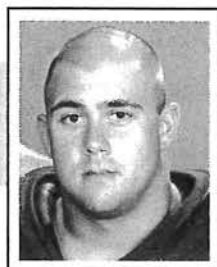
**Furman:** Ranks as perhaps Furman's most athletic offensive linemen...has improved in all areas over the past year, helping him to land what appears to be

the starting job at left offensive tackle for 1997...will take over at left tackle for Lee Drake, who is making the move to right tackle this fall...ran a 4.85 40-yard dash in spring testing and had an impressive power clean lift of 315 pounds...will be counted on heavily this year in his first season of starting duty. **1996** - Registered playing time in 10 of Furman's 13 games...totaled 61 plays as a backup offensive tackle. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1995 graduate of Early County High School...football coach was Harry Wayne Parrish...earned All-West Georgia first team honors twice as a tight end...helped lead Early County to a 9-5 record and state AA semi-final finish his sophomore year...team went 10-2 in 1993, his junior year...also played basketball and baseball. **Personal:** Full name is Brandon Ryan Kineard...son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ashley...born September 9, 1976, in Dothan, Alabama...undeclared major.

### KINEARD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	— Block Execution —					— Performance —					
		0	1	2	3	4	Pts	Avg	Pct	Win	Exc	High
1996	61	1	16	39	4	1	110	1.80	.721	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.

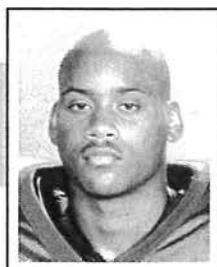


**JEFF KING** 1VL  
**LB, 5-10, 210, Sophomore**  
**Lilburn, Georgia**  
**Parkview High School** **5**

**Furman:** Hard-nosed competitor who heads into the pre-season as the backup to returning starting weak side linebacker Jay Thier, but will likely fill the role of backup to the strong side position as well...ran a very solid 4.75 40-yard dash and ranked among the team's strong players in the weight room in spring testing...finished sixth on the team in the power index rating, primarily because of his weight and a 350 pound lift in the power clean exercise, the third best mark on the squad. **1996** — Registered quality playing time as a backup linebacker and as a member of special teams...saw action in 12 games and tallied 133 plays and 16 tackles...had a season high four tackles and a tackle-for-loss against Wofford (33-3 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **High School:** 1996 graduate of Parkview High School, where he played fullback and linebacker under Cecil Flowe...started in a school record 48 consecutive games and totaled 520 tackles in his career, including a school single season record 164 stops as a junior...had 160 tackles, two interceptions, and two sacks his senior year, helping Parkview to a 14-1 record and state runner-up finish after losing to Southwest DeKalb, 14-7, in the state championship...keyed a Parkview defense that yielded only 4.9 points per game in 1995 — the second lowest mark in state AAAA...two-time first team all-county selection and 1995 Gwinnett Touchdown Club Linebacker-of-the-Year pick...was named his team's Most Outstanding Linebacker three times and was the recipient of Parkview's Chuck Mize Award for the 1995 campaign...helped Parkview's wrestling team to a state fifth place finish in 1994. **Personal:** Full name is Jeffrey Lee King...son of Ray and Ann King...born June 12, 1977, in Decatur, Georgia...undeclared major.

### KING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1996	133	5	11	16	1	0	0	0	1



**DESMOND KITCHINGS** 1VL  
**FLK, 5-9, 180, Sophomore**  
**Wagener, South Carolina**  
**Wagener-Salley High School** **4**

**Furman:** Furman's fastest player who could be in position to make the biggest impact on this year's team...is slated to take over the starting job at flanker vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Josh Cole...enjoyed a superb spring practice to solidify his role as

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a quality receiver...could also figure into the picture as a possible return specialist...very capable of making a big play whenever he is on the field...clocked a Furman program record 4.30 40-yard dash in spring testing. **1996** — Saw his first collegiate action as a true freshman...caught five passes for 136 yards as a backup to Josh Cole at flanker...caught three passes in the Paladins' final three games...hooked up with quarterback Braniff Bonaventure for a 70-yard touchdown pass in the Paladins' 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA playoff action...touchdown reception versus NAU showcased his speed, as he sprinted approximately 55 yards after the catch...had one kickoff return for 20 yards against Western Carolina (45-30 win).

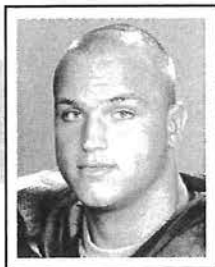
**High School:** 1996 graduate of Wagener-Salley High School...football coach was Robbie Randall...played both wide receiver and defensive back as a prep...caught 32 passes for 749 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1995 en route to earning all-conference, all-area, and first team all-state honors on teams selected by **The Augusta Chronicle, The State, and Aiken Standard** newspapers...was a second team all-state pick by **The Greenville News**...played in South Carolina's North-South All-Star Game...caught 30 passes for 640 yards and seven touchdowns his junior year...in all tallied 90 receptions for 1,989 yards and 24 touchdowns in his high school career...helped lead Wagener-Salley to three consecutive state playoff appearances...also played basketball and baseball in high school.

**Personal:** Full name is Louis Desmond Kitchings...son of Louis and Brendalyn Kitchings...born July 19, 1978, in Columbia, South Carolina...undeclared major.

## KITCHINGS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	5	136	27.2	1	70	0	0	0.0	0	0

Year	Kickoff Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	1	20	20.0	0	20



**LUKE KOSMAN** 1VL **61**  
 NG, 6-2, 250, Sophomore  
 Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Anderson High School

**Furman:** Used a strong freshman season to be in position to establish himself as a quality contributor at nose guard, where he will backup veteran Reggie Williams...has made great strides in all areas over

the past year, especially in the weight room, where he has improved his strength and upped his playing weight from 232 last August to 250 in the spring...ran a 4.92 40-yard dash in spring testing. **1996** — Registered quality playing time as a true freshman, tallying 151 plays and 10 tackles as a backup nose guard...moved up the depth chart from reserve to backup status after Mike Davis was sidelined for year with a knee injury...his first tackle went for a loss in the Paladins' 31-14 win over VMI.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Anderson High School...played defensive end under Vince Suriano...served as a team captain his senior year, helping Anderson to a 6-4 record and Tri-Conference championship...earned all-city and all-conference honors...was an honorable mention All-Southwest Ohio pick...took home Anderson's Spirit Award for the 1995 season...also competed in diving and wrestling during his tenure at Anderson.

**Personal:** Full name is Lucas David Kosman...son of Ron and Deb Rosselot...born August 30, 1978, in Chicago, Illinois...undeclared major.

## KOSMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1996	151	5	5	10	1	0	0	0	1



**STEVE KUPCHINSKY** RS **97**  
 DT, 6-4, 255, Freshman  
 Kingsport, Tennessee  
 Dobyns-Bennett High School

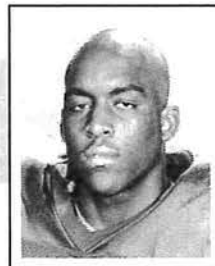
**Furman:** Promising young player who should see his first action this fall as a reserve at weak defensive tackle behind projected starter Leroy Davies-Venn and veteran backup Brian Cross...has registered

solid improvement in all areas since joining the Furman program a year ago...clocked

a 4.88 40-yard dash and power cleaned 315 pounds in spring testing...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman Most Valuable Defensive Junior Varsity Award...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Dobyns-Bennett High School...football coach was Graham Clark...saw action at both offensive tackle and linebacker in his prep career, helping Dobyns-Bennett to a pair of Big East Conference crowns...program posted a 34-11 record in his four seasons of play...as a senior, served as a team captain and earned All-Big East Conference and All-Northeast Tennessee first team honors as a tackle...was also named all-state by the Associated Press.

**Personal:** Full name is Stephen Jude Kupchinsky...son of Stanley and Mary Ellen Kupchinsky...brother, Stanley Kupchinsky, graduated from Furman in 1995...born January 6, 1978, in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico...undeclared major.



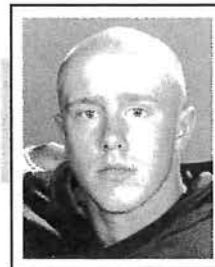
**MARION MARTIN** RS **12**  
 OLB, 5-8, 212, Freshman  
 Columbia, South Carolina  
 Richland Northeast High School

**Furman:** Heady player who is slated for reserve duty at outside linebacker this fall...has achieved noteworthy improvement in all areas over the past year, especially in the weight room, where he power

cleaned 315 pounds in spring testing...joined the Furman program as a walk-on...began his career as a defensive back but was moved to outside linebacker in the spring...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this year...attends Furman on an academic scholarship. **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...fumble recovery was returned 30 yards for a score...was a prep teammate of Furman starting linebacker Jay Thier in 1993, when Richland Northeast went 12-3 and claimed the state AAAA championship.

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

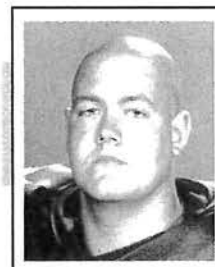


**MATT MCCUEN** RS **53**  
 LB, 5-9, 175, Freshman  
 Piedmont, South Carolina  
 Palmetto High School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at inside linebacker...will be hard pressed to see action in 1997...joined the Furman program as a walk-on...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Mem-

ber of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 1996 graduate of Palmetto High School...football coach was Tommy Davis...played center and nose guard, starting at both positions his junior and senior seasons...served as team captain as a senior...also ran track.

**Personal:** Full name is William Matthew McCuen...son of William and Bobbie McCuen...born April 3, 1978, in Greenville, South Carolina.



**JOSH MOORE** RS **77**  
 OT, 6-3, 295, Freshman  
 Cross Hill, South Carolina  
 Thornwell High School

**Furman:** Rapidly improving young offensive tackle who fashioned a strong spring to move into contention with veteran senior Lee Drake for the starting

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job at right offensive tackle...has made tremendous strides in all phases of the game over the past year...sports good size and agility...could be a pleasant surprise for Furman's offensive line...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **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, defensive end, center, offensive guard, and offensive tackle during his prep career...was named South Carolina Lineman-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...started at center in 23 consecutive games his freshman and sophomore seasons...also starred in baseball, basketball, and tennis during his tenure at Thornwell.

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



**MARK MOORE** 3VL **28**  
 TB, 5-8, 185, Senior  
 Tarpon Springs, Florida  
 East Lake High School

**Furman:** Experienced, versatile runner who returns for his final season following an injury-plagued junior campaign...will again battle Ernest Crosby for the starting job at tailback...sports excellent balance

and cutting ability, and excels as a receiver out of the backfield...combines with Crosby and sophomore Stuart Rentz in giving Furman three experienced tailbacks...did not test this past spring but clocked a 4.47 40-yard dash time in the spring of 1996...needs less than 100 yards to crack the school's career rushing chart. **1996** — Began the year as Furman's starting tailback but sustained what was thought to be a season ending injury (fractured middle finger on right hand) in the Paladins' season opener against Clemson...sat out the next seven games and considered applying for a medical redshirt before deciding to return to action in the Paladins' 21-14 win over Georgia Southern on Nov. 9...played a key role in the win over Georgia Southern, rushing for 105 yards and catching four passes for 40 yards and a touchdown...scoring catch covered 15 yards...had a key 63-yard run in the fourth quarter to set up Furman's game winning touchdown...victory over Georgia Southern proved critical to the Paladins' receiving a bid to the NCAA I-AA playoffs...ended the year as Furman's fourth leading rusher with 237 yards. **1995** — Followed up a strong freshman season by starting at tailback in all 11 games...led Furman and finished fourth in the Southern Conference in rushing with 937 yards and seven touchdowns...5.5 yards per carry average led squad...was also an effective receiver, catching 20 passes for 195 yards and one touchdown...had four 100-yard rushing performances, including a career high 143-yard performance in the Paladins' season ending 23-21 win over Tennessee-Chattanooga...rushed for a pair of touchdowns against Wofford (38-0 win), Western Carolina (31-21 win), and Appalachian State...had a season long, 65-yard touchdown run and his only touchdown reception of the season against Wofford. **1994** — Ranked among the Southern Conference's top freshmen, finishing second to Georgia Southern quarterback Kenny Robinson in league freshman-of-the-year balloting...in all rushed 65 times for 462 yards and three touchdowns...rushing total trailed only that of Leonardo McClarty among Paladin runners...averaged an impressive 7.1 yards per carry...also caught 13 passes for 146 yards and three touchdowns...began the year as a backup to McClarty at tailback, but took over the starting tailback job in the Paladins' last two games...reeled off a 68-yard run in his first collegiate rush in Furman's 35-24 loss to Western Carolina...ran 13 times for 112 yards and a score in a 28-11 win over VMI, included in which was a season-best 72-yard touchdown run...work against the Keydets netted him Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week honors...caught seven passes for 96 yards and a touchdown (38 yards) against Georgia Southern...rushed for 101 yards and a score against Tennessee-Chattanooga in the season finale...was named Furman's Most Valuable Freshman.

**High School:** 1994 graduate of East Lake High School — the same high school of Paladin defensive tackle Phil Warren...football coach was Robert Jenkins...in all saw action at tailback, quarterback, free safety, and punter during his prep career...as a senior led Pinellas County in rushing en route to earning all-district, all-county, all-conference, and All-Suncoast honors...was selected as a Pinellas County Coaches All-Star and East Lake's MVP...earned all-district honors as a quarterback his junior year...teams posted 8-3, 8-3, and 8-4 record in his three

seasons of varsity play...completed his career as East Lake's all-time leading rusher and record holder for most career touchdowns, most career points, and most all-purpose yards, among others.

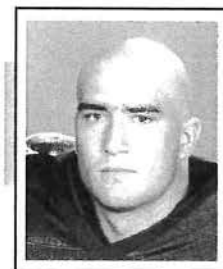
**Personal:** Full name is Mark William Moore...son of Glen and Carol Moore...born May 5, 1976, in St. Petersburg, Florida...health and exercise science major.

## MOORE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1994	65	462	7.1	3	72	13	146	11.2	3	38
1995	169	937	5.5	7	65	20	195	9.8	1	43
1996	55	237	4.3	0	63	15	116	7.7	1	21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1636</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>

Year	Kickoff Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1994	7	152	21.7	0	46
1995	15	296	19.7	0	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>

Year	Punt Returns	Yards	Avg	TD	Lng
1994	2	28	14.5	0	20
1995	10	62	6.2	0	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>



**JEREMY OSBORNE** 3VL **33**  
 FS, 5-10, 200, Senior  
 Kingsport, Tennessee  
 Sullivan South High School

**Furman:** Two-time All-Southern Conference selection who will team with senior cornerback Kevin Jackson in anchoring what should be a strong Paladin secondary this fall...very consistent in effort and

attitude toward the game...ranks as one of Furman's fastest players and best open field tacklers...also has outstanding physical strength...ran a 4.42 40-yard dash in spring testing for the seventh fastest time on the team...also bench pressed 400 pounds in the spring...will serve as a team co-captain for 1997 **1996** — Sat out the Clemson and South Carolina State games with a quadricep strain but returned to the lineup to start at free safety in the Paladins' final 11 contests...played a key role in Furman's successful season, ranking fifth on the team in tackles with 87...racked up a season high 13 tackles in a 45-30 win over Western Carolina and in a 35-25 decision over The Citadel...had a pair of pass deflections in the Paladins' 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action...was a consensus All-Southern Conference selection for the second consecutive year. **1995** — Helped key Furman's defensive resurgence with a solid season that included starts in all 11 games, a squad high 698 play participations, and 103 tackles...also tied for the team lead with three interceptions...notched a career high 18 stops in a 55-24 win over VMI...had 16 tackles and a fumble recovery against Marshall...preserved a Furman 21-15 win over East Tennessee State with a key interception at the Paladin 19-yard line on the Buccaneers' last possession...also had pickoffs against The Citadel (24-3 win) and Wofford (38-0 win)...selected to the All-Southern Conference second team in balloting by league media...named Furman's Best Defensive Back. **1994** — Registered playing time in six games and tallied 26 plays at free safety a year ago...was credited with two tackles...also had one interception and a pass deflection in his first season of play...interception and pass deflection came against Marshall...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1994 graduate of Sullivan South High School, where he played football for Mark Smith...saw action as a running back and strong safety during his prep career...started for three seasons, helping Sullivan South to consecutive marks of 10-1, 9-2, and 12-1, and three straight Big 10 Conference championships...earned all-conference honors as a running back his sophomore year...came back as a junior with another all-conference scroll as a running back, as well as an All-Northeast Tennessee and Northeast Tennessee Athlete-of-the-Year selection...fashioned an incredible senior season, rushing for 1,908 yards and averaging 9.3 yards per rush...had 83 tackles, including a school record 22 stops in a win over Greeneville...earned All-Big 7 Offensive Player-of-the-Year, TACA Region Player-of-the-Year, All-Northeast Tennessee Player-of-the-Year and Athlete-of-the-Year, and all-state honors...was a finalist for Tennessee Mr. Football accolades...completed his career as Sullivan South's record holder for single game rushing yards (272), season rushing yards (1,908), single game tackles (22), season touchdowns (20), season points (122), career rushing yards (3,720), career total offense (4,185), and

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career points (266).

**Personal:** Jeremy Shane Osborne...son of David and Diana Osborne...born February 15, 1976, in Kingsport, Tennessee...pre-engineering major.

## OSBORNE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1994	26	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
1995	698	71	32	103	1	0	1	3	4
1996	738	54	33	87	0	1	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>



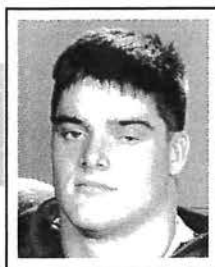
**MICHAEL OWINGS** 1VL  
TE, 6-3, 232, Sophomore  
Ninety Six, South Carolina  
Ninety Six High School **85**

**Furman:** Enters the fall as a contender for the starting tight end job vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference and All-America standout Luther Broughton...will have to fend off expected

challenges from veteran Michael Dooley and a couple of newcomers to claim the starting post...ran a strong 4.72 40-yard dash in spring testing...has good size and strength. **1996** — Gained his first letter as a reserve tight end and as a member of special teams...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Ninety Six High School, where he played football for Mike Doolittle...picked up his team's captain and senior award in 1994...also played basketball and competed in track...helped lead Ninety Six into the third round of the 1995 state basketball playoffs...was the upper state discus champion and third place finisher at the state championships in 1994...as a sophomore captured an upper state title and state runner-up finish in the 800 meters.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Anthony Owings...son of Andrew and Laura Owings...born April 7, 1977, in El Paso, Texas...sociology major.



**B.J. PATE** 2VL  
DT, 6-4, 265, Junior  
Inman, South Carolina  
Boiling Springs High School **90**

**Furman:** Athletic, experienced performer who will see plenty of action this fall as a backup to returning strong side defensive tackle Phil Warren...gives Furman quality depth at the tackle slot due to his

experience as a backup and spot starter...boasts perhaps the most ability of any Paladin defensive lineman...ranked as the program's third strongest player following spring tests, when he combined to lift 1,340 pounds in three exercises: bench press (435), squat (575), and power clean (330)...most impressive feat in the spring was his time (4.56) in the 40-yard dash...mark was better than any of the squad's talented linebackers...has the ability to dominate an opponent...could be an impact player on Furman's defensive line this fall. **1996** — Registered playing time in all 13 games and posted 420 play participations as both a backup and starter at strong side defensive tackle...worked behind veteran Phil Warren in the Paladins' first nine games before moving into the starting lineup after Warren was sidelined with a fractured fibula in the Paladins' 21-14 win over Georgia Southern...finished the season with 34 tackles and a pair of sacks...had a season high eight tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and a sack in the Paladins' 42-31 win over Northern Arizona in NCAA I-AA playoff action...other sack came in Furman's 35-25 win over The Citadel. **1995** — Posted playing time in all 11 games as a backup to Phil Warren at strong tackle...tallied 16 tackles and one tackle-for-loss...registered the most playing time against South Carolina State, when he tallied 50 plays...racked up a season high four tackles and a tackle-for-loss against Wofford (38-0 win). **1994** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

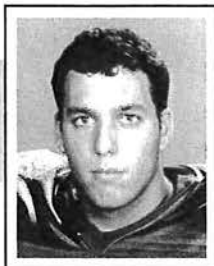
**High School:** 1994 graduate of Boiling Springs High School...played outside linebacker and tight end under Charlie Stubbs...picked up Boiling Springs' MVP, as well as all-area honors his senior year after leading the team in tackles and quarterback sacks...was twice named area all-academic squad...also lettered twice in basketball...served as a team captain, averaging 12.2 points per game...set a

school single game rebound record his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Bryan Joseph Pate...son of Cathy and Joseph Pate...born March 17, 1976, in Spartanburg, South Carolina...computer science major.

## PATE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Sacks	PBU
1995	264	10	6	16	1	0	0	0	0
1996	420	20	14	34	5	0	0	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>



**JOE PEDROLI** 41  
LB, 6-0, 225, Sophomore  
Germantown, Tennessee  
Germantown High School

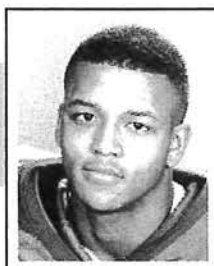
**Furman:** Heads into the pre-season listed as a backup to returning All-Southern Conference linebacker Orlando Ruff at the strong side post...should also contribute on special teams...joined the program as walk-on prior to the 1995 season...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this year. **1996** — Saw limited action as a member of special teams. **1995** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Germantown High School...football coach was Ken Netherland...played linebacker and was his squad's leading tackler in his final two seasons...earned all-region honors as a senior after helping lead his team to a 14-1 record and state 5A runner-up finish...also played soccer as a prep.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph John Pedrolini...son of John and Kathleen Pedrolini...born April 16, 1977, in Gastonia, North Carolina...undeclared major.

## PEDROLI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1996	12	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0



**RICO PERKINS** 2VL  
CB, 5-9, 183, Junior  
Somerset, Kentucky  
Southwestern Pulaski High School **14**

**Furman:** Two-year letterman who is expected to battle for the starting job at left cornerback vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer Michael McNeil...conscientious player...sports a

strong work ethic and improving consistency...has made tremendous strides in overall game since joining the Furman program...ran a 4.52 40-yard dash in spring testing. **1996** — Served as a backup to All-Southern Conference cornerback Michael McNeil and as a member of special teams...registered playing time in all 13 games...was credited with six tackles on the season...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Lettered as a true freshman after seeing action at cornerback in six games, including starts at right cornerback in the Paladins' last three contests...gained his first start against Georgia Southern after Troy Strappy was diagnosed with illness...picked up his first career interception against Marshall.

**High School:** 1995 graduate of Southwestern Pulaski High School, where he starred as a quarterback...rushed 113 times for 1,380 yards and 17 touchdowns, and threw for 890 yards his senior year, helping lead his team into the AAA district playoffs...was his team's MVP choice in 1994, and was a four-time academic all-state selection...also played baseball and ran track.

**Personal:** Full name is DeAndrea Rico Perkins...grandson of Kermit and Virginia Goins...born August 20, 1977, in Lexington, Kentucky...health and exercise science major.

## PERKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1995	233	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0
1996	104	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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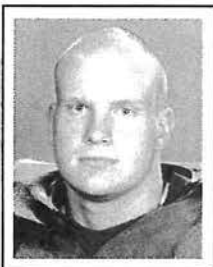
**HERSHAL PLEASANT** RS **99**  
 DT, 6-1, 235, Freshman  
 North Augusta, South Carolina  
 North Augusta High School

**Furman:** Talented, hard working player who is listed as a reserve at weak defensive tackle...may be a year away from seeing his first collegiate action at tackle, but could break through as a member of

special teams this fall...recorded a Furman program record lift of 365 pounds in the power clean exercise and ran a 4.77 40-yard dash in spring testing...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of North Augusta High School...football coach was Gyles Hall...played both defensive end and tight end in high school...totaled 65 tackles, 17 tackles-for-loss, two interceptions, and a touchdown his senior year...helped lead North Augusta to a 12-2 record and region 3-AAAA championship his junior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Hershal Leon Pleasant...son of Kevin and Barbara Pleasant...born March 31, 1978, in Richland, Washington...undeclared major.



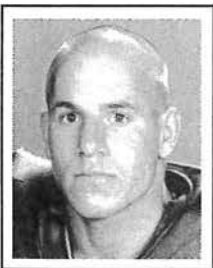
**TIM POUYER** RS **74**  
 OT, 6-3, 240, Freshman  
 Conway, South Carolina  
 Conway High School

**Furman:** Listed as a backup to projected starting left tackle Ryan Kineard...should see his first collegiate action this fall despite missing virtually all of spring practice after developing mononucleosis...has

the potential to be a very fine performer...will be a freshman eligibility-wise this fall. **1996** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Conway High School, where he played offensive tackle under head coach Chuck Jordan...earned all-county, all-region, and **Myrtle Beach Sun News** All-Area honors his senior year after helping lead Conway to a 13-1 season, region championship, and state semi-final finish...was named all-state by the South Carolina High School Sports Report...played in South Carolina's North-South All-Star Game.

**Personal:** Full name is Timothy Allen Pouyer...son of Albert and Mary Pouyer...born December 6, 1977, in Tacoma, Washington...undeclared major.



**STUART RENTZ** 1VL **21**  
 TB, 5-7, 184, Sophomore  
 Pickens, South Carolina  
 Pickens High School

**Furman:** Heads into the 1997 season as a proven, experienced backup at tailback behind returning veterans Mark Moore and Ernest Crosby...hard-nosed runner who sports an unselfish attitude and an

outstanding work ethic, as well as good balance and impressive strength...ranked fifth on the team in weight lifting in spring testing, according to the team's power index, which takes into consideration body weight and total weight lifted...also clocked a 4.66 40-yard dash in the spring. **1996** — Proved to be one of Furman's most pleasant surprises, emerging from obscure, walk-on status to become a key contributor and starter in several early season games following injuries to Mark Moore and Ernest Crosby...received his first noteworthy playing time in Furman's 33-3 win over Wofford, when he came off the bench to rush eight times for 40 yards and two touchdowns after Ernest Crosby sustained a sprained ankle in the first quarter...gained the first start of his career the next week against VMI and responded with 21 carries for a Furman freshman record 166 yards and one touchdown (previous record had been 153 yards by Larry Robinson in 1973)...was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week for performance against VMI...in his second start of the season, rushed 18 times for a game high 125 yards in the

Paladins' 45-30 win over Western Carolina...finished the year as Furman's third leading rusher with 338 yards and three touchdowns...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1996 graduate of Pickens High School...football coach was Ron Wilson...played defensive end, running back, and quarterback in high school, and also returned punts...three-year letterman...served as a team captain his senior year and racked up a team leading 115 tackles and three interceptions...also accounted for 11 touchdowns...rushed for over 700 yards and passed for over 300 yards...earned all-region, all-area, and honorable mention all-state honors...in all tallied 309 career tackles and nine interceptions in his prep career...also starred in soccer (led Pickens in assists his junior and senior years), basketball (two-year letterman), and wrestling (17-4 individual record, team captain, Upper State qualifier as a senior)...was Pickens' Valedictorian...was also a Furman Scholar and representative in the South Carolina Governors School in Charleston.

**Personal:** Full name is Stuart Mitchell Rentz...son of Norm and Kay Rentz...born February 5, 1978, in Tuscola, Illinois...attends Furman on an academic scholarship...is an Eagle Scout...undeclared major.

## RENTZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
1996	52	338	6.5	3	34	1	5	5.0	0	5



**COLIN ROGERS** 2VL **46**  
 OLB, 6-2, 227, Junior  
 Danville, Kentucky  
 Danville High School

**Furman:** Steady, experienced performer who should provide Furman with quality depth at the outside linebacking position behind returning veteran Bernard Scott...boasts good size, speed, and tackling

skills...clocked a 4.65 40-yard dash in the spring...began his career at strong safety before making the switch to outside linebacker in the spring of 1996. **1996** — Saw action in all 13 games and logged 266 plays as a backup at outside linebacker...recorded 21 tackles...had a season high five tackles in a 33-3 win over Wofford...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **1995** — Registered his first action as a backup to Seth Ramaley at strong safety and also as a regular on special teams...tallied a season high 23 plays at strong safety. **1994** — Sat out the entire 1994 season after undergoing back surgery last spring for a ruptured disk...was awarded a redshirt and extra season of eligibility.

**High School:** Played quarterback and free safety at Danville High School for Sam Harp...helped Danville to consecutive 14-1, 15-0, and 13-1 records and a pair of state championships...program won a state record 42 straight games at one point during his career...earned **Louisville Courier-Journal** and **Lexington Herald-Leader** All-State honors as a defensive back his senior year...was selected to play in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game...was a three-time all-area choice as a quarterback...collected 159 tackles, nine interceptions, and five fumble recoveries his senior year...in all rushed for 1,349 yards and threw for 1,966 yards in his two seasons of work at quarterback...also competed in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Colin Jay Rogers...son of John and Pam Rogers...born April 10, 1976, in Louisville, Kentucky...history major.

## ROGERS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Ply	Pri	Asst	Total	For-Loss	Cau-Fum	Fum-Rec	Int	PBU
1995	51	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	0
1996	255	13	8	21	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**DOUG RUCKER** RS  
 NG, 6-2, 258, Sophomore  
 St. Matthews, South Carolina  
 Calhoun County High School

**Furman:** Walk-on transfer who joined the Furman program in January following a season at Newberry College...will be ineligible for play this fall but will work with the squad as a reserve nose guard...was