

MEMO TO THE MEDIA

On behalf of Furman University I extend an invitation to all members of the news media to visit our campus anytime during the season.
 Like last year, Coach Baker will hold a Press Brunch each Monday morning during the season at Vince Perone's Restaurant. You are always welcome at these informative gatherings. If there is ever anything I can do to make your job easier when covering the Paladins, please let me know.

ART BLACK
 Sports Information Director

Ken Ries - Student Assistant

SERVICES: Programs, depth charts and other pertinent information are provided for every home game. Quarterly play-by-play is furnished, as well as halftime and final game statistics. Two telephones and one telecopier are available. Sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks are served during the game.

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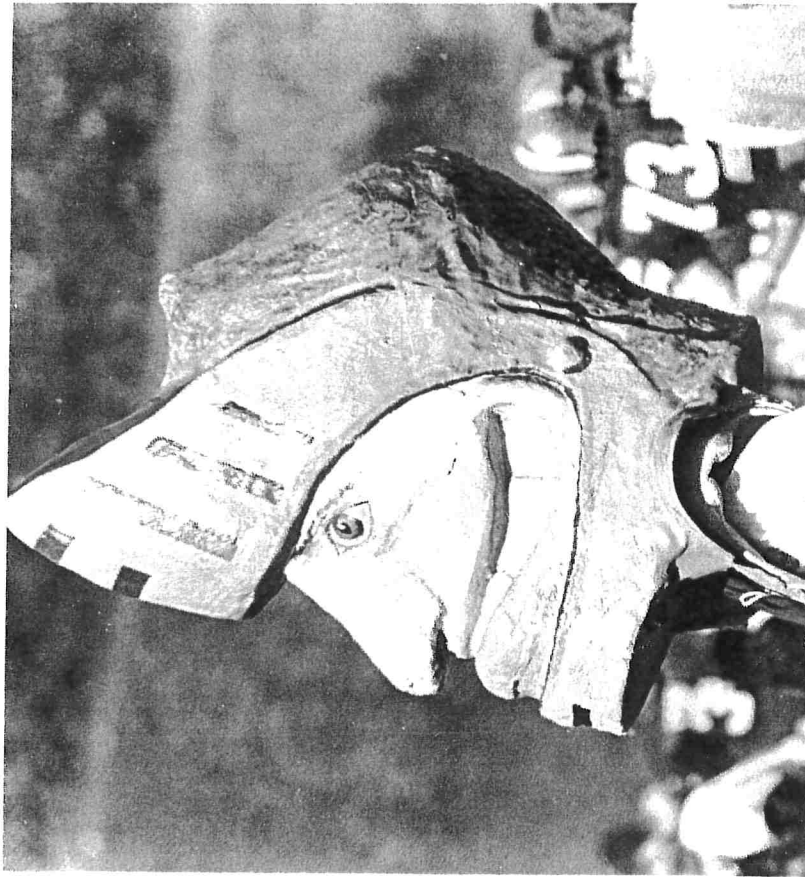
PASSES: Scouting passes are available only to the schools which Furman and its opponent will be playing the following week. Scouts from any other schools will have to be seated in the stands.

1977 Furman Football Schedule

Sept. 10	WAKE FOREST at Winston-Salem, N. C.	7:30
	Series record: 11-6-0. Wake won the last meeting in 1974, 16-10.	
Sept. 17	EAST TENNESSEE STATE at Greenville	7:30
	Series record: 2-1-0. East Tennessee won the last meeting in 1974, 24-13.	
Sept. 24	UT-CHATTANOOGA at Chattanooga, Tenn.	7:30
	Series record: 1-5-0. UT-Chattanooga won the last meeting in 1970, 18-16.	
Oct. 1	WESTERN CAROLINA at Greenville	7:30
	Series record: 2-1-0. Furman won the last meeting in 1975, 34-0.	
Oct. 8	WOFFORD at Spartanburg, S. C.	7:30
	Series record: 33-15-4. Furman won last year, 56-14.	
Oct. 15	MARSHALL at Greenville	1:30
	Series record: 1-0-0. Furman won the only other meeting in 1938, 18-16.	
Oct. 22	APPALACHIAN STATE at Greenville (Homecoming)	2:00
	Series record: 3-1-2. Last year's game was a 14-14 tie.	
Oct. 29	PRESBYTERIAN at Greenville	7:30
	Series record: 28-9-0. Furman won last year, 38-21.	
Nov. 5	RICHMOND at Richmond, Va.	1:30
	Series record: 7-14-0. Richmond won last year, 13-9.	
Nov. 12	VMI at Greenville	7:30
	Series record: 2-6-0. VMI won last year, 17-3.	
Nov. 19	CITADEL at Charleston, S. C.	1:30
	Series record: 32-21-3. Citadel won last year, 17-16.	

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION	Greenville, S. C.
ENROLLMENT	2,100
FOUNDED	1826
DENOMINATION	Baptist
NICKNAME	Paladins
STADIUM	Sirrine (13,600)
COLORS	Purple, White
CONFERENCE	Southern
PRESIDENT	Dr. John E. Johns
VICE-PRESIDENT & PROVOST	Dr. Francis W. Bonner
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS	John C. West
FACULTY CHAIRMAN OF ATHLETICS	Dr. Francis W. Bonner
VICE-PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT	Moffett Kendrick
PALADIN CLUB DIRECTOR	Tom Scott



ABOUT THE FRONT COVER: Coach Art Baker (middle) with two of the best football players, pound-for-pound, in the country — Tommy Southard (left) and Frank Moses. The No. 77 jersey signifies the 1977 football season. Incidentally, No. 77 was worn for the last four years by Jeff Holcomb, Furman's first Academic All-American. Photo by Eileen Hunter.

1977 Outlook

A new era has begun at Furman. Coach Art Baker's first class of recruits has graduated — a total of 25 players — leaving the Paladins with tremendous gaps to fill. Most of last year's seniors were regulars; it was one of the most talented senior classes in school history. Now Furman must field a team that will be both young and inexperienced. Below are comments by Coach Art Baker about the '77 Paladins followed by a close look at the team:

"We are going to miss the players who meant so much to our program for four years. Anytime you lose the number of players we did, it's almost like starting over. You have to change your practice habits and begin teaching the things that came so easily to the veteran players. But one of the joys of college coaching is being able to start over with a new group of players after seeing an older group develop."

"We have a long way to go to get this team ready to compete for the Southern Conference championship, but I think our young players showed in the spring that they can and really do want to play. They have responded positively to the challenge ahead of us."

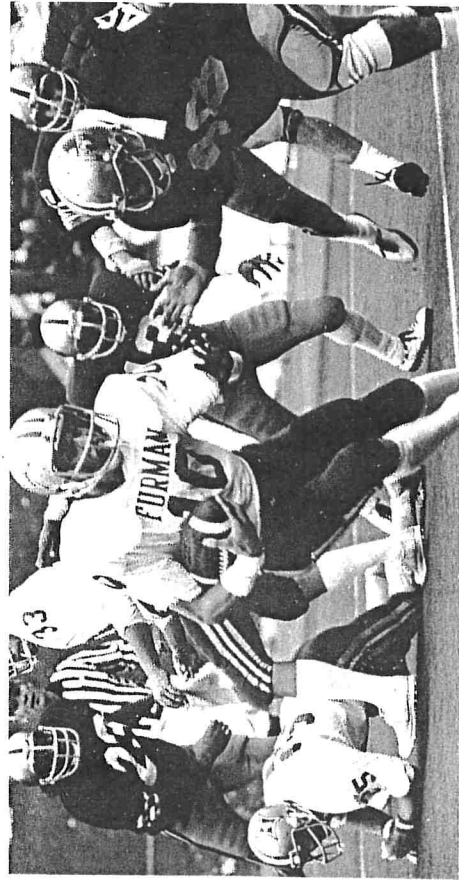
"We plan to have an offensive attack built around the people we have. We may not be able to do some things as well as we have in the past, but we'll probably do other things better."

"People will enjoy watching Jimmy Kiser play quarterback. He is small, shifty, and quick. David Henderson is more of a passer and he will play a lot, too."

"Tommy Southard, at flanker, is the best in the business. It's not often that you find a player who goes all out, every down, like he does. He led the conference in receiving last year, so you know he's a good pass-catcher. But his blocking ability is perhaps even more impressive. He will knock down defensive backs in the secondary even when he's on the opposite side of the field from the play."

"We'll have the same defensive arrangement that we've used in the past with a 'fifty' (5-2) look. We are probably one of the smallest defensive teams in NCAA Division I, but we will feature aggressiveness and quickness. Frank Moses, our nose guard, epitomizes those qualities."

"We will have to have help from freshmen on defense, especially in the secondary. Four years ago we had a freshman group that was as good as any in the conference. I think we have recruited another good freshman group."



Jimmy Kiser (10) running Furman's veer offense.

OFFENSE

Quarterback. Furman's offense, No. 1 in the Southern Conference in total yardage last year, will be in the hands of little Jimmy Kiser, a nifty runner and an adequate passer. The Paladins coaching staff is confident of his leadership and winning qualities. Kiser is a superb athlete whose natural ability is suited to the veer offense. David Henderson, a sophomore, will see plenty of playing time, also. In fact, Henderson could develop into one of the finest passing quarterbacks in Furman history; his arm is that good. Neither Kiser nor Henderson has seen much game experience at the position, however.

Running Backs. Kent Woerner, a part-time regular for two seasons, now has the fullback position completely to himself. Coach Baker calls Woerner "one of the best fullbacks I've ever seen." He has rushed for 498 career yards (5.0 average) and has never been tackled for a loss. The only problem at fullback is lack of depth; no one else has varsity experience.

The all-time leading rusher in Southern Conference history — Larry Robinson — has graduated, so the tailback position is up for grabs. David Kelly is the top candidate, although Mark Stowers was perhaps the most consistent runner in spring practice. Kelly has been primarily a back-up flanker for two years, and the tailback experience of both players is limited.

Receivers. The Paladins probably have the best group of receivers in the conference. Starters return at all three positions. If you think there is a better receiver in the country than flanker Tommy Southard, you would have a tough time convincing Furman followers and coaches. Southard does everything an All-American receiver could expect to: he led the conference in receiving last year (39 catches, 510 yards); he blocks with tenacity; and he gives his all every time the ball is snapped. "He's the best in the business," Coach Baker says simply.

Brette Simmons is back as the tight end after missing virtually all of last season with a hamstring injury. (He was granted an extra year of eligibility, giving him two seasons remaining.) Simmons has two seasons of starting experience behind him. He is a crushing blocker and just as good a receiver (38 career receptions).

At split end, lanky Greg Laetsch is a returning starter. He was forced into action last year with the injury to Simmons and responded magnificently. In the spring game, he caught a 73-yard touchdown pass from David Henderson.

Offensive Line. "On the offensive line we're short on depth, and we don't have the experience we've had in the past," says Baker, "but we will be bigger."

Rickey Young (6-2, 230), a junior who has never started a game, is the prospective center. He could become one of Furman's best centers in recent years.

The starting guards are experienced — Ken Cadle (6-3, 245) and John Baker (6-4, 220) started for most of last season. However, they are the only guards with experience.

At tackle, Furman will miss Academic All-American Jeff Holcomb, but Hal Westlake (6-2, 235) has better size and showed flashes of brilliance last year. Steve Williams (6-4, 230) may be the other starter. The back-up strength at tackle is reasonably good in Joe Holt (6-5, 217) and Oliver Cooper (6-3, 210).

DEFENSE

Furman has a history of good defensive teams, finishing either first or second in the conference in total defense in each of the last three seasons. However, only three starters return from last year.

Defensive Line. Frank Moses is the anchor of the defense at nose guard. Strong, quick and a team leader in tackles for three years, Moses usually commands double and triple-team blocking. He is a sure all-conference candidate. Jay Cory is the primary back-up for Moses.

The tackles are also strong, giving the Paladins a strong interior defensive line. With Moses keeping two or three offensive linemen occupied, senior tackles Bobby Church and Mike Sanders have room to roam. Church has been a regular since his freshman year, while Sanders looks forward to being a starter for the first time. Behind these two are a couple of the biggest surprises of spring practice — sophomores David Lyle and Rodney Heintz, neither of whom played a great deal last year. Baker calls the 225-pound Heintz "potentially one of the best tackles Furman has ever had."

At end, Richard Broomfield and Greg Furches are the only players with experience. Both played a lot last year — Broomfield started two games — but Baker is hoping to get help from freshmen.

Linebackers. Four-year starters Larry Anderson and Steve Wilson have graduated, apparently leaving the linebacking chores to Jimmy Neal and Steve Mitchell. Neal, who plays at the strong side, started the second half of last season when Wilson was injured. Mitchell, Furman's Top Freshman last year, seems destined for greatness. Brian Hesselstine and John White have

Position-by-Position

OFFENSE:

Split End — *GREG LAETSCH (9), †*Marty LaPrade.
Tight End — †*Brette Simmons (2), Tom Kuppens, Steve McDougall, Danny Gleason.
Left Tackle — *Oliver Cooper, *Steve Williams, Steve Botkin.
Left Guard — *John Baker (5), Scott Sellers, Lee Fowler.
Center — *Rickey Young, Bobby Woods, Tommy Waitt.
Right Guard — *KEN CADLE (9), Mark Dixon, Stan Stanley.
Right Tackle — Joe Holt, *Hal Westlake, Jeff Beggs.
Quarterback — *Jimmy Kiser, David Henderson.
Fullback — *KENT WOERNER (3), Sandy Davis, Bryan Johnson.
Tailback — *David Kelly (1), *Mark Stowers, Paul Howes, Johnny Craig.
Flanker — *TOMMY SOUTHARD (10), Skip Lax, Kevin Steele.

DEFENSE:

Left End — *Richard Broomfield (2), Scott Montgomery.
Left Tackle — *Mike Sanders, David Lyle.
Nose Guard — *FRANK MOSES (11), @Jay Cory, Pete Sitero.
Right Tackle — *BOBBY CHURCH (11), *Rodney Heintz, John Mulholland.
Right End — *Greg Furches, *Bruce Lancaster, Scott Terrill.
Weakside Linebacker — *Steve Mitchell, *Brian Hesselstine, Steve Young.
Strongside Linebacker — Jimmy Neal (7), *John White.
Left Cornerback — Scott Bowers, Phillip Johnson.
Right Cornerback — *Mark Bowers (1), Chris Pratt.
Strong Safety — *Beach Foster (1), Richard Ingram, Jace Hassett.
Free Safety — *RUSSELL GAMBRELL (9), *Bobby Behr, Greg Darroch.
Punter — *Bill Freeman. **Kicker** — *Bobby Behr.

1976 Starters in CAPS † — Lettered at another position in 1976
 () — Number of games started in 1976 † — Started two years ago
 * — 1976 Letterman @ — Lettered two years ago

1976 LETTERMEN LOST

Name	Position	Letters	1976 Status
Larry Anderson	Linebacker	4	Starter (10)
Steve Baker	Split End	1	Reserve
Don Byerly	Offensive Guard	3	Part-time Starter (5)
Dolphus Carter	Defensive End	4	Starter (11)
Tony Cox	Defensive Tackle	4	Starter (9)
Mike Gibbs	Offensive Tackle	4	Part-time Starter (5)
Mark Gordon	Defensive Back	2	Starter (11)
Andy Goss	Placekicker	4	Kicker
John Graham	Center	3	Starter (11)
Jeff Holcomb	Offensive Tackle	4	Starter (11)
Jim Keenan	Offensive Guard	2	Reserve
*Tim Kennedy	Offensive Guard	4	Starter (3)
Tommy Marshall	Tailback	4	Starter (8)
Larry Nordlinger	Defensive Back	3	Starter (10)
Kirby Pack	Defensive End	2	Reserve
Steve Patton	Defensive Back	4	Starter (9)
Rick Perry	Defensive Back	3	Reserve
Angus Poole	Defensive Back	3	Reserve (2)
Larry Robinson	Tight End	2	Starter (11)
David Shepherd	Tailback	4	Part-time Starter (3)
Ike Simpson	Fullback	4	Starter (8)
Larry Stewart	Offensive Tackle	4	Part-time Starter (6)
David Whitehurst	Quarterback	3	Starter (11)
Bruce Williamson	Defensive Tackle	4	Reserve (2)
*Steve Wilson	Linebacker	4	Starter (4)

* — Injury-shortened season
 () — Number of games started in 1976

some experience as back-ups.
Secondary. The Paladins lost five performers from the defensive backfield. In fact, the only experienced player back is free safety Russell Gambrell, and he missed spring practice because of knee surgery. However, Gambrell has been a regular for two years, and can be counted on to hold down his position. At strong safety, senior Beach Foster has logged playing time and Richard Ingram has looked good as his back-up.

The starting cornerbacks at the end of spring practice were Mark Bowers and non-letterman Scott Bowers. Mark, noted for his fierceness on kick teams in previous years, intercepted three passes and recovered a fumble in the spring game. There is little experience in back of those two and Baker says, "We'll have to have help from freshmen."

KICKING GAME

The Paladins lost kicker Andy Goss, who holds a number of kicking and scoring records, but in Bill Freeman they have an outstanding punter. Freeman can kick as high and as far as any one and is called by Baker "one of the outstanding punters in the country." Bobby Behr is the likely replacement for Goss. Behr has been used in kickoff situations for the past three years.

Kick Returns. For the past two seasons, Jimmy Kiser has handled kickoff and punt returns and done it exceptionally well. He led the conference with a 23.8 kickoff return average last year. For his two years, he has a 23.0 kickoff return average and an 8.0 punt return mark. However, now that he is expected to be the starting quarterback, Kiser's availability for speciality duty may be limited. It could be that a couple of freshmen will figure in the picture, maybe Mike Glenn or Chris Buono.

FRESHMEN

In one respect, this year's crop of freshmen could be the most important group since Coach Baker's first class of recruits at Furman because the Paladins lost so many players that freshmen will be counted on to chip in and help. Fortunately Furman had what could prove to be one of Baker's best recruiting efforts ever. Jerry Scott and Ronnie Cox, listed as linebackers, could become regulars, perhaps even at other positions. Cox has good speed and Scott is a good, all-around athlete. Chris Buono might be a valuable member of the defensive backfield, as could Mike Glenn, who was a running back in high school. Kevin Morgan could play a lot on the defensive line. The defense definitely needs freshmen help, especially the secondary, thus freshmen have the best chance of breaking into the lineup since Baker's first year at Furman.

CAPSULE OUTLOOK

Head Coach: Art Baker (Presbyterian '53); in his fifth season at Furman with a 23-19-2 record.

1976 Record: 6-4-1 overall; 2-2-1 and tied for 3rd in Southern Conference.

Returning Lettermen: 30 of 57.

Returning Starters: 6; 3 on offense, 3 on defense.

Strengths: The receiving corps is composed of returning starters; it could be the best group of receivers in the conference. The defensive line, led by Frank Moses is veteran.

Weaknesses: The loss of 25 seniors, most of whom were regulars, leaves many holes to fill. The secondary and the offensive line need the most help. Freshmen could play a big role, especially in the defense. Depth will be a problem until a young Furman team gains experience. Half of the returning squad is composed of non-lettermen.

Basic Offense: Veer option with multiple formations; emphasis on the running game. Furman ranked 1st in offense in the conference last year.

Basic Defense: Five-two; No. 2 in the conference last year in total defense.

Key Returnees: FL Tommy Southard, TE Brette Simmons, SE Greg Laetsch, FB Kent Woerner, OG Ken Cadle, OG John Baker, QB Jimmy Kiser, DE Richard Broomfield, NG Frank Moses, DT Bobby Church, DB Russell Gambrell.

Key Losses: 25 seniors, 16 starters; including QB David Whitehurst, TB Larry Robinson, OT Jeff Holcomb, LB Larry Anderson, DB Mark Gordon.



Baker



Beggs

JOHN BAKER

Coach Baker calls John "the perfect example of what we would like to have happen to every player". He came to Furman from the heavily-recruited Atlanta, Ga., area and, though not as highly sought-after as some players, "he has gotten better each year," says Coach Baker. John has played in every game the past two seasons and has been a part-time starter at guard. He is one of only two players on the offensive line with experience and his leadership role will be important. "If the offensive line does well, we can have a good record," predicts John. An honorable mention all-state high schooler, John was also a 3-year basketball letterman. His father, Harold, played basketball at Colgate.

Personal: John Kevin Baker. 6-4, 220. Sr. Age: 21. 2 letters. Business major. Hometown: Atlanta, Ga. High School: Riverwood. Coach: Charlie Rose.



Behr

Botkin

JEFF BEGGS

Jeff is physically one of the strongest players on the squad but, because of injuries, he has been in pads only a handful of days during the past year-and-a-half. He played on the junior varsity as a freshman and hopes to shake off the ailments which kept him out all of last season and spring practice. One of his chief interests is weightlifting and he bench presses over 400 pounds. In high school, he was captain of his team and honorable mention all-region. The team had a 29-6 record for 3 seasons.

Personal: Jeffrey Z. Beggs. 6-2, 235. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. P. E. major. Hometown: Decatur, Ga. High School: Southwest DeKalb. Coach: Dewey Alverson.

BOBBY BEHR

Can you take a guy seriously who says his biggest thrill in athletics came when he got knocked unconscious on a kickoff? As a freshman against Wake Forest, Bobby had the experience. "I kicked off," he says, "and both of us were running full speed at each other. The runner didn't bother to make a cut, so we ran into each other. It felt great. I was out for a few seconds." Bobby has worked at free safety the last couple of years, but his primary duty has come as the kickoff man where he hopes "to pop a ball on a kickoff." He could make appearances in the secondary this season. Bobby, who consistently kicks into the end zone, once kicked 26 straight PAT's at Holly Hill High. He earned 4 high school letters in football and basketball and 5 in baseball and track.

Personal: Robert David Behr. 5-8, 170. Sr. Age: 21. 2 letters. Pre-law major. Hometown: Holly Hill, S. C. High School: Holly Hill. Coach: Larry Clark.

STEVE BOTKIN

There are two versions to the "Bear" Botkin story. Coach Baker says the nickname "Bear" was applied to Steve because of "his size and his friendliness". Steve just laughs at that and says it actually goes back to his high school days when he wrestled a black bear while visiting friends in New Jersey. "A man offered me 20 dollars to wrestle the bear and I did it," Steve says, "but I never got paid." As a junior varsity player the last two years, Steve was able to wrestle down opposing runners as a defensive tackle. The last week of spring practice, however, he was moved to offensive tackle. "I like defense, but it's a situation where I can play more on offense, and the coaches think I can help the team more there," he says. "I really want to play." Steve is a former Coaches' All-America high school player.

Personal: Robert Stephen Botkin, Jr. 6-5, 245. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. High School: Pine Crest Prep. Coach: Bill Munsey.



M. Bowers



S. Bowers



Broomfield



Cadle

MARK BOWERS

Mark says he has waited three years for the chance to be a regular, and in the spring game he sure didn't betray the coaching staff's confidence — he had 3 interceptions and a fumble recovery. "I've been waiting for this chance," he admits. "I hope I don't mess around and blow it." He started one game (Richmond) last year and played every game on the kick teams, where he is noted for his fierceness. "I used to get a lot of penalties in high school for spearing," he says. "I'd sort of go crazy and lose my head. Some of the guys started calling me Spearhead, but I've calmed down a lot. I try to be aggressive now. That's my main claim to fame." At Greenville High he was an all-state quarterback and safety for his father, Fred Bowers. He played in the 1973 Shrine Bowl.

Personal: Mark Turner Bowers. 5-9, 165. Sr. Age: 22. 2 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Greenville, S. C. High School: Greenville. Coach: Fred Bowers.

SCOTT BOWERS

Scott has modeled himself after Mark Gordon, a former all-conference player at Furman. In fact, Bowers has been moved from strong safety to left cornerback — Gordon's old position — and is listed No. 1 in pre-season. Like Gordon, he is strong for his size, bench pressing 350. Injuries sidelined him most of last season but he came on strong at the end of spring practice. He even calls "making it through spring practice without getting hurt" his top athletic thrill. Scott is an exceptional, dedicated athlete who will make a big contribution. He was voted Mr. North Cobb High and the Best Sportsmanship Award in high school. His teams were a combined 17-3 his last two years.

Personal: Victor Scott Bowers. 5-11, 180. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Biology major. Hometown: Marietta, Ga. High School: North Cobb. Coach: Rosco Garden.

RICHARD BROOMFIELD

Richard says he wants to be the best defensive end in the Southern Conference and, from what he's shown in his first 2 seasons at Furman, he very well could make it. He got a lot of experience last year, playing in every game and starting a couple. "I've been getting stronger and faster ever since I've been here," he says. He stayed on campus during the summer "so I could work out and be near some good facilities." Broomstick is from the tiny town of Martin, S. C., which has "about 100 people and 2 or 3 stores, and if you want to have a good time you usually have to go out of town." At Allendale-Fairfax High, he was all-state, also lettering in basketball and track. He was named to Boy's State as a junior.

Personal: Richard Broomfield. 6-3, 210. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Martin, S. C. High School: Allendale-Fairfax. Coach: Richard Phillips.

KEN CADLE

Ken has been moved back and forth between guard and tackle during his career, and that's because he is so valuable at each position. He started 9 games at guard last year, but after spring drills was moved back to tackle, where he played as a sophomore. The biggest offensive lineman to play for Coach Baker, he is also one of the strongest, bench pressing 380 flat back. He also has been timed in 4.95 for 40 yards. His combination of strength, agility and speed makes him one of the finest offensive linemen in the conference. The pro scouts will be watching him closely this season. "I've been around players at North Carolina and the rest of the ACC, and there aren't many better," says coach Eddie Williamson. Ken is one of two married players on



Church



Cooper



Craig

the team. He was vice-president of his high school senior class and a former Best Defensive Lineman on his team.

Personal: Stacy Kenard Cadle, Jr. 6-3, 245. Sr. Age: 22. 3 letters. Business major. Hometown: LaGrange, Ga. High School: Troup. Coach: Jim Norris.

BOBBY CHURCH

Small for a defensive tackle by most standards, Bobby's forte is his speed. He is the team's quickest and fastest defensive lineman and calls "pursuing to the ball" his strength. When he first arrived at Furman, his weight was around 240. Within 5 weeks, he had trimmed down to his current 215 and made up for lack of size with his 4.8 speed. "He's an instinctive runner," says defensive coordinator Steve Robertson. "He runs just as fast as he has to." Bobby's work has paid off; he has been a regular since his freshman year. In the last two seasons, he has started every game. A former honorable mention all-state prep player, Bobby played in the Tennessee High School All-Star Game. He also lettered in basketball and track at Chattanooga High. His twin brother, Billy, attends Chattanooga State Tech.

Personal: Bobby Earl Church. 5-11, 215. Sr. Age: 21. 3 letters. Business major. Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn. High School: Chattanooga. Coach: Bob Davis.

OLIVER COOPER

In spring practice Oliver made as much improvement as any other offensive lineman. His football ability now is rivaled only by his reputation as the team comic. He manages to add humor to meetings and practices with his imitation of defensive line coach Eric Hyman, depicting him as Von Hyman — a German concentration camp officer. It's not certain whether that had anything to do with his move from defensive tackle to offensive tackle during the spring; Hyman won't say. Offensive tackle is not new, however. He played it his freshman year for the junior varsity. Oliver has good size and strength and runs a 4.9-40. He played 7 games last year before separating his shoulder. He attended North Fulton High, which also graduated former Furman quarterback Sam Wyche and author James Dickey.

Personal: Oliver M. Cooper, III. 6-3, 210. Sr. Age: 21. 2 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Atlanta, Ga. High School: North Fulton. Coach: Phil Alexander.

JAY CORY

Luther Welsh probably would not recognize Jay Cory today. As a 180-pound quarterback, Cory took Dougherty High to an 8-2 record his senior year, gaining 965 yards in total offense. Welsh was the team's coach. Today, and four positions later, Jay is nearly 35 pounds heavier, is much stronger, and plays in the defensive line at Furman. He has played tight end, guard, linebacker, and now nose guard. And that includes missing last year with a knee injury. He was put at nose guard last spring and has the physical capability to do a good job there. He's an intense, dedicated individual. "In high school, I liked quarterback, but I know I'm not good enough to be a college quarterback," he admits. "Anyway, I was tired of getting hit; I want to hit people."

Personal: Jay A. Cory. 6-2, 213. Jr. Age: 20. 1 letter. Major undecided. Hometown: Albany, Ga. High School: Dougherty. Coach: Luther Welsh.



Darroch



Davis



Dixon



Foster

JOHNNY CRAIG

"I want to be in the best condition of my life this season and be able to improve," vows Johnny Blue Craig after playing 2 seasons on the junior varsity. He worked construction during the summer to stay fit — "totin' bricks and pouring cement." At Munroe High his top athletic thrill was being team MVP his senior year despite playing in only 4 games. A broken collarbone put him out for that season after rushing for 135 yards and 2 touchdowns the week before. Johnny was also MVP and all-state in baseball. In basketball he earned 3 letters. His grandfather, Johnny Blue, played baseball at Oklahoma and later pro baseball. His uncle, Don Blue, wrestled and played baseball at Navy.

Personal: Johnny Blue Craig. 5-11, 185. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Quincy, Fla. High School: Munroe. Coach: Greg Dozier.

GREG DARROCH

Greg is a good athlete who has been moved to the secondary after playing tailback on the junior varsity last year. He has speed enough to be a ranging free safety but it will take time to make the transition. At Columbia High he won his team's academic award and was a member of the Honor Society.

Personal: Darrell Gregory Darroch. 6-2, 185. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Clarkston, Ga. High School: Columbia. Coach: Harold Henderson.

SANDY DAVIS

Sandy hopes this season to achieve some of the success he had as the Best All-Around Athlete at Carolina Academy 2 years ago. As one of only 13 players on his high school team (it was a private school of about 100 students), he kicked, punted and played linebacker and running back. The school was so small "we didn't even get taped before games," he remembers. "One guy did get taped but he had to buy the tape." Nevertheless, Sandy rushed for over 1200 yards as a senior and played in the 1976 North-South All-Star Game. In his first season at Furman, he played on the junior varsity and now must contend with Kent Woerner ahead of him at fullback. But Sandy will be ready for the challenge.

Personal: Isaac E. Davis, III. 6-2, 205. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Biology major. Hometown: Lake City, S. C. High School: Carolina Academy. Coach: Keith Calicut.

MARK DIXON

Mark was a walk-on last year, playing on the junior varsity. He has the physical ability to make a contribution at guard and his goal this year is simple: "I just want to get better." At Hargrave Military Academy, he was MVP of his football team and all-conference in football and track. He also was a corp commander his senior year and graduated second in his class.

Personal: Mark McKee Dixon. 6-1, 215. So. Age: 20. 0 letters. Pre-law major. Hometown: Salisbury, N. C. High School: Hargrave Military Academy. Coach: Dick Phillips.

BEACH FOSTER

One of the veterans of the secondary, Beach started only 1 game last year (Presbyterian), but he played a great deal. He is what coach Bobby Johnson calls "one of the keys to the defense" because he will be looked to for stability in a young backfield. His 4.6 speed and his strength make him good on run support. He played fullback as a sophomore, starting 2 games



Fowler

and rushing for 74 yards. At Greenville High, as a teammate of Mark Bowers, he was all-state and team captain. He also was in the Honor Society. He's the son of Greenville News sports editor Dan Foster.

Personal: John Beach Foster. 5-11, 190. Sr. Age: 21. 2 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Greenville, S. C. High School: Greenville. Coach: Fred Bowers.



Freeman

LEE FOWLER

Spring and summer was a period of rehabilitation for Lee, who tore up his right knee 4 weeks into last season and had to have surgery. He missed spring practice but says, "I think I can play now. I'd like to get a lot of playing time this year and then maybe be a starter my senior year." The shortest offensive lineman since 5-9 Mike Romano (1973), Lee has big legs and hips that make him look shorter than he actually is. "People called me 'turtle' in high school. I always was the slowest one on every team I played. As a shorter player, though, sometimes it's easier to get under the defensive lineman and block him." Oddly enough, he is from the same hometown as Romano, although the two went to different schools. Lee was all-city, All-Tidewater area, and all-district at Kempsville High as a defensive guard.

Personal: Lee V. Fowler. 5-11, 200. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. History major. Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va. High School: Kempsville. Coach: Ed Booth.

BILL FREEMAN

Bill (Willie) Freeman kicks high and far, and he does it barefooted — even on the worst of days. He was a big reason Furman was able to upset William & Mary last year, punting 4 times for a 47.5 average on a cold, rainy day. The reason Willie kicks shoeless and sockless is simple: "I can't kick with a shoe on my kicking foot. I don't know why. In high school there was a rule I had to wear a shoe and I couldn't kick very well." Willie did just fine last year with a 39.4 average, fourth in the conference. Opponents are not very successful in returning his kicks either . . . 2 years ago less than 1 out of every 3 were returned, and the average return was 2.2 yards. He's been a member of the academic all-conference team the past 2 years after coming to Furman from Auburn, where he punted for the freshman team. Willie was the A-2A state high jump champ at Montgomery Academy and all-state in basketball.

Personal: William C. Freeman, 6-4, 178. Sr. Age: 22. 2 letters. Biology major. Hometown: Montgomery, Ala. High School: Montgomery Academy. Coach: Wave Tatum.

GREG FURCHES

The opportunity to be a starter has eluded Greg for 3 years. This year could be a different story for the boy who once was the Best All-Around Athlete at Johnsonville High. The past 2 seasons Greg has been a reserve defensive end, but he has paid his dues and is now one of the veterans of the club. "Ever since the fifth grade, I wanted to play college football," he says. "I always thought I could do the job if I got a chance to start. I'm happy with the way things have worked out." He played in every game last year and forced a fumble with a hit in the upset of N. C. State. During his 4 years as a starter at Johnsonville, the Flashes had an outstanding 36-5-3 record and 5 players from his senior team went on to play college football. In 1973, the Flashes were the 2A state runner-up with an 11-1-1 mark.

Personal: Richard Gregory Furches. 6-0, 190. Sr. Age: 21. 2 letters. Business major. Hometown: Johnsonville, S. C. High School: Johnsonville. Coach: Bob Rankin.



Gambrell

RUSSELL GAMBRELL

The Blade they call him . . . that's because Russell is not one of your larger football players. He is a starter, however, and one of the few returning players to the secondary. A knee operation kept him out of spring practice, the surgery a result of an injury against N. C. State last year that sidelined him for a couple of games. Has size been a handicap for Russell as a college player? "Most of the time I'm not the smallest player out there," says the 5-11, 155 pounder. "My freshman year I was, but also then I hadn't learned to adjust to the bigger, faster guys and I was timid about hitting. Actually, I think I have the advantage because I can get there quick enough to get the good angle and not have to worry about size." Russell was Pendleton High's Athlete of the Year and he was 2 years all-conference as both a running back and defensive back.

Personal: Russell Isiah Gambrell, 5-11, 155. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. Computer Science major. Hometown: Pendleton, S. C. High School: Pendleton. Coach: Charles Bagley.

DANNY GLEASON

Danny is a hard worker who wants to be a good player. He played on the junior varsity last year and calls "being able to play college football" his greatest achievement in athletics. He established a strong relationship with the coaching staff by attending coach Jimmy Satterfield's summer camp, first as a camper and later as a counselor. At Keenan High he graduated fifth in his class with a 3.8 grade point average. He made the prep all-state football team and had the highest batting average on his baseball team. He also lettered 1 year in basketball and soccer.

Personal: Daniel F. Gleason. 6-2, 195. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Columbia, S. C. High School: Keenan. Coach: Howard Weaver.

RODNEY HEINTZ

What could be more logical than for Rodney Heintz to wear jersey No. 57? Heintz-57 . . . get it? Rodney wore No. 68 last year as a freshman while playing in all the varsity games and you get the feeling he would rather not wear 57. "I had 57 until my junior year in high school," he says, "but I kept all the 57's until they ran out of them and then they had to give me 91. Heintz-57 . . . that's all I ever heard. People were always calling me that." Well, he'll probably continue to hear that because Furman made a special order for 57's during the summer to outfit him. Rodney is a defensive tackle now after playing backup nose guard last year, and he has all the attributes to be outstanding — strength (bench presses over 450 lbs.), speed (4.9 40), and agility. "He has the potential to be the best defensive tackle ever at Furman," Coach Baker says. Rodney is a former all-state high school player.

Personal: Rodney William Heintz. 6-2, 225. So. Age: 19. 1 letter. Political Science major. Hometown: Winter Haven, Fla. High School: Winter Haven. Coach: Calvin Triplett.

DAVID HENDERSON

David came out of Lakeside High regarded as one of the top passers in Georgia. Though his playing time was limited last year, he did nothing to harm that reputation. Coach Baker calls him "one of the most coachable players on the team." But more than that, David could develop into one of the finest passers Furman has ever had. Here's what coach Dick Sheridan says: "I think he is the finest passer I've ever worked with," and Sheridan's coaching experience spans 14 seasons. "He has tremendous judgment of when to throw. He can be a complete quarter-

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Howes

back." David completed 2 of his 3 passes last year and is certain to see plenty of action this season. In the spring game, he threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to Greg Laetsch. As a high schooler, David took his team to a 22-3 record the last 2 years. He completed 57% of his passes as a senior, throwing for 17 TD's. He was team captain, All-DeKalb County, and All-Metro Atlanta.

Personal: David Mark Henderson. 6-1, 180. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Atlanta, Ga. High School: Lakeside. Coach: Wayman Creel.

BRIAN HESSELTINE

Two years ago in a game against East Carolina, Brian received one of the most serious knee injuries any Furman player has had in the last 4 years. He is still trying to regain the quickness he lost, but he did make progress last spring. Most of his varsity action has been on specialty teams. Brian is a former outstanding player at Hanahan High, where he received the Vince Lombardi Award as the Charleston area's outstanding lineman. He also was named the Lineman of the Year by the Charleston Palmetto Touchdown Club. He was a four-year starter at Hanahan and played linebacker in both the Shrine Bowl and North-South All-Star Game.

Personal: Brian Scott Hesselatine. 6-2, 205. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. Biology major. Hometown: Charleston, S. C. High School: Hanahan. Coach: Wade Crutchfield.

JOE HOLT

Imagine being an offensive lineman and having to play nearly every down for both teams during a 75-minute scrimmage. That's what Joe and Oliver Cooper had to do during a workout last spring when injuries had put all the other offensive tackles out of commission. Their only relief came from Ken Cadle, who played a few downs for each. A non-letterman, Joe improved a lot during the spring and he is going to be counted on for help in the young offensive line. Joe was the Orlando Metropolitan Player of the Year at Oak Ridge High, where he was a teammate of Pete Sitero. Oak Ridge also produced 3 of Furman's recruits this year. Joe's team was 11-1 his senior season and 19-4 over the final 2 years. He played in the Florida All-Star Game.

Personal: Joseph E. Holt. 6-5, 217. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Orlando, Fla. High School: Oak Ridge. Coach: Paul Adams.

PAUL HOWES

Paul hopes to play this season after missing nearly a year of action, but it took a lot of work and dedication to get ready for 1977. He injured his right knee last season and then in January hurt his back while lifting weights and missed all of spring practice. His spring and much of the summer was spent in the training room — sometimes twice a day. "The bad thing about it is that you can't run or do any strenuous exercise," Paul says. "It's hard to stay inactive when you're used to doing things." Paul has earned the respect of the defense because of his hard-running style. The Furman coaching staff expects a lot from the former all-state prep player. It will be up to Paul to make a comeback. At Forest High he rushed for 1,460 yards as a senior and was a starter in the Florida All-Star Game.

Personal: Robert Paul Howes. 5-10, 170. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Ocala, Fla. High School: Forest. Coach: Brent Hall.



Ingram



B. Johnson



P. Johnson



Kelly

RICHARD INGRAM

Richard has not seen any varsity action the past 2 years but is in the running for the starting job at strong safety. He had a good spring and learned a lot about the position. Richard's father, a former fullback at Alabama, farms about 800 acres of soybeans, watermelon and rye. In fact, Richard says, "I eventually would like to be able to coach near my hometown, so I can work on the farm." At Patterson Prep, Hickory, N. C., Richard was a 2-way performer and prep All-American for a 9-0 team. He caught 28 passes for 378 yards as a wide receiver and averaged 8 tackles a game as a defensive back. He played in the 1973 Shrine Bowl and the North-South All-Star Game while at Pageland High.

Personal: Richard Harold Ingram. 6-0, 175. Jr. Age: 21. 0 letters. P. E. major. Hometown: Jefferson, S. C. High School: Pageland. Coach: Bill Few.

BRYAN JOHNSON

Bryan did not see any varsity action last year and he says his goal this season is "to play in each game." At South Dade High, he was all-city in baseball. His teammates call Bryan "Wahoo" and that's because of his Indian Heritage. He has one-quarter Indian blood — a combination of Cherokee and Seneca. His grandmother was full-blooded Cherokee and his father more than half Cherokee. "I like Furman because I think I'll get a good chance to play here," he says.

Personal: Bryan D. Johnson. 5-10, 195. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. P. E. major. Hometown: Homestead, Fla. High School: South Dade. Coach: Sam Miller.

PHILLIP JOHNSON

Phillip played junior varsity last year after a 3-sport career at Mauldin High. "He's a tough little guy who works so hard that there will be a place he can help us," Coach Baker says. Phillip is listed to play left cornerback. As a running back at Mauldin, he was his team's most valuable offensive player. His top athletic thrill came when he scored a touchdown in his first varsity game against rival Hillcrest. He also lettered in baseball and soccer.

Personal: Phillip A. Johnson. 5-10, 175. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Mauldin, S. C. High School: Mauldin. Coach: Jay Lunceford.

DAVID KELLY

After 2 seasons of playing back-up at 3 different positions, David is slated for tailback this year. He is too good a player not to be starting somewhere. Last year he worked at flanker, tailback and defensive back — sometimes all in the same practice. "We could do that with David because he is so versatile," Coach Baker explains. His best game as a runner came against Presbyterian with 120 yards on 10 carries. As a receiver 2 years ago, he caught 8 passes for 68 yards. David attracted some 100 scholarship offers out of Union High, where he was an all-state halfback. However, his father died his senior year and, since he wanted to stay close to home, he chose Furman. "Besides being close to home, I wanted to go to a good academic school," he adds. David rushed for 1,300 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior at Union. He was the Yellow Jackets' MVP in football and basketball.

Personal: David Ross Kelly. 5-11, 190. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. P. E. major. Hometown: Union, S. C. High School: Union. Coach: Rick Carlisle.



Kiser



Kuppens

JIMMY KISER

Jimmy is guaranteed to put excitement into Furman's veer offense, the same way he did against Richmond last year. In that game, he personally turned an otherwise dull game into an exciting one, subbing late in the first half for injured David Whitehurst. He scored one touchdown on a 25-yard run to give the Paladins a 9-7 lead. The 80-yard drive featured Kiser running 7 times for 50 yards. For the game he had 98 yards on 16 carries. "He came in and gave us a spark," says Coach Baker. "That's when he made a real bid to be our quarterback." In the spring game, Jimmy rushed 11 times for 63 yards but did not throw a pass. "I hope I'm able to improve enough from last year so we won't lose any variety on offense," he says. "Throwing is something I've had to work on. I didn't do it much in high school, but you can't run all the time." Jimmy's passing has improved and he makes good decisions on the option. He is the biggest break-away threat on the team. He has been the team's top kick returner the past 2 years and last year led the conference with a 23.8 kickoff return average. He has the highest grade point average on the team. At Northwestern High, he lettered 4 years in football, basketball, baseball, and track. His 3-year career total offense mark was over 4,000 yards. He started at defensive back in the 1974 Shrine Bowl. He was valedictorian of his senior class.

Personal: James Norman Kiser. 5-10, 170. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. Accounting major. Hometown: Rock Hill, S. C. High School: Northwestern. Coach: Doug Echols.

TOM KUPPENS

Tom is a former high school quarterback who has had a big adjustment to make at tight end. He's not big for the position but is a good open-field blocker. He played his freshman year at South Carolina, but injuries have kept him on the sidelines for most of his 2 seasons at Furman. Last year it was a shoulder; the year before, ankle and knee injuries. At Bishop England High he was both the football and baseball MVP and all-conference in both sports. He also lettered in basketball.

Personal: Thomas N. Kuppens. 6-0, 200. Sr. Age: 22. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Charleston, S. C. High School: Bishop England. Coach: Jack Canty.

GREG LAETSCH

A quarterback in high school, Greg now is on the other end of the passes as a split end. Last year — his first as a starter — he caught 9 passes for 111 yards and consistently graded high in his blocking assignments. In the spring game, he teamed with David Henderson for a 73-yard touchdown pass. Greg believes that learning to be a juggler the summer before last has had a lot to do with his success. "I worked on juggling tennis balls," he explains. "I usually did it late at night while watching TV. It helped my hand-eye coordination and made me a better receiver. I also tried to catch at least 50 passes a day. If there was no one else to throw to, I'd lie on my back and flip the ball to myself." Laetsch's work paid off in his first game — the upset of N. C. State. Though he didn't catch any passes, he played every down and his blocking was instrumental in Furman's successful running plays. Greg is a former All-Mountain Conference prep player in football, basketball and track. He was All-Buncombe County and All-Western North Carolina in football. He was Erwin High's Most Outstanding Senior.

Personal: Gregory F. Laetsch. 6-4, 215. Jr. Age: 20. 1 letter. Business major. Hometown: Asheville, N. C. High School: Erwin. Coach: Sam Riddle.



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BRUCE LANCASTER

Whenever you see Bruce, he usually has a big grin on his face. The night of the 1974 Shrine Bowl, though, he didn't. In that game, he recorded what he calls his biggest thrill in athletics — blocking one of Jimmy Kiser's punts and deflecting another from his defensive end position. He laughs when he recalls the incident. "When we reported to Furman as freshmen, Jimmy remembered me," Bruce says. "He didn't think too kindly about it." Bruce played mainly on the junior varsity his freshman year, but he was in all but one varsity game last year, primarily on speciality teams. At Ahoskie High he was all-state, All-Eastern North Carolina and his team's MVP as a senior. He was all-conference for 2 years. He also lettered in basketball, baseball and track. Bruce is from the same hometown as major league pitcher Catfish Hunter, but his family now lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Personal: Bruce E. Lancaster. 6-4, 200. Jr. Age: 20. Major undecided. Hometown: Ahoskie, N. C. High School: Ahoskie. Coach: Daryl Allen.

MARTY LAPRADE

For the past 2 years, Marty performed in the shadow of David Whitehurst at quarterback. Last spring he was moved to split end and has shown a positive attitude in making the change. Marty is a hard-working guy that the coaches respect and he'll have the opportunity for playing time at split end. He will still do the holding for the placekicking. At Englewood High he was a 4-sport letterman — football, basketball, baseball and track. He was a member of the Honor Society. He went to the Air Force Academy for a year before coming to Furman.

Personal: Martin Edward LaPrade. 6-1, 195. Sr. Age: 22. 2 letters. Business major. Hometown: Jacksonville, Fla. High School: Englewood. Coach: Don Jarrett.

SKIP LAX

Skip was a junior varsity player last year, coming all the way from New York to play. He calls the South a different way of life than he is used to. "It has been a big adjustment to the way people talk, act, and the whole lifestyle," he explains. "It's a real slow pace compared to back home. But I like the warm weather." At White Plains High he lettered 2 years in football and baseball. Two pro players — Jay Saldi and Dennis Morgan — attended his school.

Personal: Samuel P. Lax. 6-0, 170. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: White Plains, N. Y. High School: White Plains. Coach: Brant Wintersteen.

DAVID LYLE

After playing junior varsity last year, David emerged as perhaps the biggest "find" of spring practice. He had what Coach Baker calls "a fantastic spring," and will be pushing for a starting job at defensive tackle. He has great instincts and lateral movement; the only thing he lacks is playing time. He dressed out for 2 varsity games last year but didn't play. "Now I have a chance to play in some varsity games and I'm looking forward to it," David says. "I guess I had a good spring, but I think I can do better." At North Springs High he was All-Northside Atlanta and co-captain of the team. The team had a 29-5-1 record during his 3 seasons. David's father, Melvin, was captain of the 1949 LSU football team and later coached at South Carolina and Georgia Tech.

Personal: David W. Lyle. 6-4, 230. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Atlanta, Ga. High School: North Springs. Coach: Bob Morgan.



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STEVE McDOUGALL

Steve is one of several Paladins who made position changes in spring practice. A defensive end on the junior varsity his first 2 seasons, he could very well see varsity playing time as a tight end this year. The coaching staff is happy with his transformation. His strengths are blocking ability and all-around athletic skill. "I enjoy tight end better," admits Steve, who was a receiver in high school. "I'm having a lot of fun." At Mt. Pleasant High, Steve caught 10 passes his senior year, 5 going for touchdowns. He was also the second-leading tackler on the team. He was all-conference and the team's MVP. He was president of his senior class. Steve's Furman teammates call him Cactus and "that's because when my hair is short and gets wet, it sticks out."

Personal: Steven Duane McDougall. 6-4, 200. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Economics major. Hometown: Mt. Pleasant, N. C. High School: Mt. Pleasant. Coach: Larry Honeycutt.

STEVE MITCHELL

Coach Baker calls Steve "overall the best linebacker we have recruited at Furman." He played in every game last year and was named Furman's outstanding freshman. He also was a standout in spring drills and will be counted on to start at weakside linebacker. Steve says his ambition is "to have the best defense in the conference." A 3-year golf letterman in high school, he continues that interest by working at a golf course back home during the summer. At Coosa High, he was the most valuable offensive player as a junior and most valuable on defense his senior year. He was all-area, all-conference, and all-county and a member of the Honor Society. His teams had a combined 16-5-2 record the last 2 years. He also lettered in wrestling and track. He graduated in the top 5% of his class.

Personal: Steven J. Mitchell. 6-0, 195. So. Age: 19. 1 letter. Major undecided. Hometown: Rome, Ga. High School: Coosa. Coach: Leroy Jackson.

SCOTT MONTGOMERY

An intense young player who played on the junior varsity last year, Scott has a chance to make his mark at defensive end this season. "He's not big or fast but he's so tenacious that he will play for us this year," says Coach Baker. Scott, who may attend the seminary after graduation, says he wants "to become better every day of practice and every game until I have realized my full potential." Scott lettered in football and track at Briarwood Academy. He's from the same hometown as Oakland Raider punter Ray Guy.

Personal: Scott McGehee Montgomery. 6-1, 180. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. English or History major. Hometown: Thomson, Ga. High School: Briarwood Academy. Coach: Rodney Collins.

FRANK MOSES

Frank needs no introduction — either to Furman followers or to opposing players. He is often called "pound for pound one of the best nose guards in the country." The opposition double and triple teams him to try to cut off his pursuit. Tennessee Tech Coach Don Wade once commented, "He gave our center fits . . . almost gave him pneumonia, he went by him so fast." In the N. C. State game last year, Frank had 17 total tackles despite suffering a compound dislocation of his thumb in the third quarter. (He kept playing with the injury.) He had to contend with that injury and a groin pull throughout the season, yet still was the team's second-leading tackler. "Frank epitomizes the kind of player we want on the field," says coach Eric Hyman. "He's always working." A regular since his very first game at Furman, he has started the last 25 games. He's been in on an average of 12 tackles a game during his career. Frank's extreme quickness helps him overcome the double and triple teams and so does his wrestling experience. (He's



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a former South Carolina high school heavyweight champ.) "Wrestling heavyweight helps me with my confidence against bigger guys," he says. "I feel like if I can wrestle with them, I can compete with them on the line."

Personal: Frank Everette Mosses. 5-10, 210. Sr. Age: 22. 3 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Sumter, S. C. High School: Sumter. Coach: Bill Noonan.

JOHN MULHOLLAND

John suffered from a head injury last season and that kept him out all year. Doctors never were certain about a diagnosis, but John went through spring practice this year without problems, so he should be ready to play. His top thrill came 2 years ago against Western Carolina when he intercepted the only pass of his career. During the summer, he attended Ranger School — an elite, 8-week intensive course in survival, hand-to-hand combat and other small-unit operations. Two summers ago he went to Paratrooper School. He may decide to make a career of the Army. John's father was a quarterback for Canisius College and brother Matt is currently a starter for East Carolina.

Personal: John Francis Mulholland. 6-2, 212. Sr. Age: 22. 0 letters. Philosophy major. Hometown: Bethesda, Md. High School: Winston Churchill. Coach: Fred Shepherd.

JIMMY NEAL

Jimmy has been moved from weakside linebacker to the strongside since last year, but position switching is nothing new to him. He was tested at 3 positions before finally settling at linebacker ("my natural position") last year. When injuries hit, he became a regular and started the last 7 games. He led the team with 3 fumble recoveries. He considers his best effort the East Carolina game when he had 8 primary tackles, 4 assists. "Strongside linebacker puts more pressure on me," Jimmy insists. "On the weakside, I could roam free and not worry. On the strongside I have to hold my ground and set up." Jimmy also will call defensive signals this year. A 3-year starter at Camden High, Jimmy was captain of his football, basketball, and baseball teams. He was the football MVP and all-conference as both a linebacker and baseball catcher.

Personal: James Brooker Neal. 5-11, 215. Sr. Age: 21. 3 letters. Political Science major. Hometown: Camden, S. C. High School: Camden. Coach: Billy Ammons.

MIKE SANDERS

Mike has been a 2nd-team defensive tackle for 3 years and his experience gives him an edge in the battle for a starting position. He has played in every game the past 2 years and he's had some big moments, like getting 3 quarterback sacks against Wofford last year. He also had 2 fumble recoveries during the season. "I hope to live up to what's expected of me," he says of his chance to be a regular. "I think I can come through. In high school I didn't start until my senior year. I have a lot of experience at Furman; I've just never been a starter." Tucker High has a 10-1 record Mike's senior year, and he received the team's leadership award. His Furman teammates call Mike "The Poet" because he often comes up with rhymes during practice. "They make us go out and practice each day and it sure ain't much fun," he says, "but it all seems worth it on Saturday, especially after you've won."

Personal: William Michael Sanders. 6-3, 215. Sr. Age: 21. 3 letters. Biology major. Hometown: Tucker, Ga. High School: Tucker. Coach: Jack Wilks.



Sellers



Simmons



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SCOTT SELLERS

After a year in the Furman program, Scott has had a chance to impress the coaching staff. Coach Baker states flatly, "He is challenging for a starting position at guard." But Scott almost had decided against college football before he tried it. "I had a back problem in high school and I was not considered that big," he says. "I came to Furman for academic reasons and didn't play as freshman. I missed not being out there, so I did go out the spring of my freshman year." He immediately impressed the coaches and, in his first season, he played all the JV games and in one varsity game and adds, "I'm excited about my chances of playing this season. As a walk-on I didn't know what my chances would be and it made me work hard to prove myself." Scott was a member of the Honor Society at Dalton High and he lettered in football, golf, and track.

Personal: Williams Scott Sellers. 6-0, 200. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Dalton, Ga. High School: Dalton. Coach: Bill Chappell.

BRETTE SIMMONS

Coach Baker calls Brette Simmons "the perfect tight end for the veer offense." He can catch the ball and run as well as any receiver and, as a blocker, he can knock down the strong safety. Pro scouts have been impressed enough to keep an eye on him for 2 years. Brette had to sit out most of last season with a hamstring injury and was granted an extra year of eligibility. Being out of uniform for all but 2 games allowed him to reflect a great deal last year on his situation. "The thing that hurt most was not being able to play with all the seniors we had last year," he recalls. "I had come to Furman when they were sophomores and had seen them grow into good football players. I felt it was their year. Personally, sitting out made me see how much I really loved the game. It came at a good time in my life and helped me get my perspective." Brette started every game his first 2 years and was 2nd on the team in receiving each year. He has caught 38 career passes. Three years ago he was named Furman's Outstanding Freshman. A student leader, Brette is president of Furman's FCA and spends a lot of personal time speaking to church groups. At Swansea High, he was all-state for 2 years and 1A Lineman of the Year as a senior. He played in the 1973 Shrine Bowl, was a member of the Honor Society and graduated 4th in his class.

Personal: Francis Brette Simmons. 6-3, 225. Jr. Age: 21. 2 letters. English major. Hometown: Columbia, S. C. High School: Swansea. Coach: Doug Bennett.

PETE SITERO

Pete has had very little varsity experience in his 2 years at Furman. A knee injury kept him out most of last season and he has had 2 operations to correct it. In the meantime, he was married last Jan. 1 — his birthday. A talented musician, Pete likes to play the organ and "every once in a while I jam on a mandolin with my friends." He began his music career at age 14 and was in a band in high school. He has even played the piano at Furman's football banquet. Pete remembers auditioning for a local TV show while in high school but "we were turned down because they said we were too violent," he laughs. "Too much action." Pete was All-Central Florida and second-team all-state at Oak Ridge High. He was the Metro Conference Lineman of the Year and team MVP.

Personal: Peter John Sitero. 5-10, 205. Jr. Age: 20. 0 letters. Education major. Hometown: Orlando, Fla. High School: Oak Ridge. Coach: Paul Adams.



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Steele

TOMMY SOUTHARD

A brilliant coaching move involved Tommy following his freshman season. As a defensive back, he played on the junior varsity his first year, but the following spring was moved to flanker. He responded with 24 pass receptions as a sophomore and was named honorable mention all-conference. Then last year he led the league with 39 catches and 510 yards despite missing a game. He was awarded first-team all-conference honors. He is the NCAA's 17th-leading receiver returning in 1977. It's not his pass-catching ability that amazes people, though; it's his downfield blocking. For instance, in the William & Mary game last year, he caught 6 passes for 67 yards, but that was only slightly noticed because he recorded 21 knockdowns in the secondary. His grade for the game was 97%, one of the highest grades ever given by the current coaching staff. "All of the receivers try to get as many knockdowns as possible," Tommy explains. "Heck, we probably take more pride in that than catching passes." He doesn't consider his relatively small build to be a handicap, either. "I like to go up against taller defensive backs. They are easier to knock down." Coach Dick Sheridan describes Tommy as a "full-speed player. You don't find many like him who go all out every down," he says. "There is no better receiver and open-field blocker anywhere. He gives everything he has every time the ball is snapped." At Druid Hills High, Tommy was Most Valuable Offensive Back for 2 years and rushed for over 1,000 yards as a senior. He was All-Dekalb County and his team was 9-1. His father, James, played football at Georgia Tech.

Personal: Thomas K. Southard. 5-11, 175. Sr. Age: 22. 3 letters. Business major. Hometown: Decatur, Ga. High School: Druid Hills. Coach: James Rakestraw.

STAN STANLEY

Stan has been a pleasant surprise and has impressed the coaching staff with his willingness to adapt to position changes. A junior varsity linebacker last fall, he was moved to center at the start of spring drills and later went to guard. "He's got a great attitude and he's impressed us," says Coach Baker. An honor graduate from Dublin High, Stan was his team's most valuable offensive lineman and co-captain. He also made the All-Middle Georgia team. Stan lettered in football and baseball at Dublin.

Personal: Rowell A. Stanley, Jr. 5-10, 190. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Dublin, Ga. High School: Dublin. Coach: Tom Simonton.

KEVIN STEELE

Even though he played in just one varsity game last year — and that one away from his normal position — Kevin made a big contribution in his first season. With the regular punt snapper injured the week before, Kevin volunteered for the job against Appalachian although he never had been a center before — in high school or college. He came through in his new role with 9 perfect snaps but, as fate would have it, broke his leg on the final one. That ended his freshman season. Kevin is playing split end after a high school career at quarterback. He was the MVP in the 1976 North-South All-Star game, leading his South team to a 7-6 win. In his 3 years at Dillon High, his teams had a 29-5 record. Kevin's father played football at Livingston State and his brother, Dale, at South Carolina.

Personal: Robert Kevin Steele. 6-1, 195. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. PE major. Hometown: Dillon, S. C. High School: Dillon. Coach: Paul Chapman.



Stowers



Terrill



Westlake



White

MARK STOWERS

Mark is engaged in a nip-and-tuck battle with David Kelly for the starting tailback slot and it could be that the pair will alternate at the position. In spring practice, Mark was the Paladins' most consistent runner, finally getting his chance to play outside the shadow of last year's great tailbacks — Larry Robinson and Harry King. Mark gained 63 yards in 11 carries in the spring game. He saw limited varsity action last year. Mark was recruited out of Tucker High mainly on the basis of his junior year, setting season and career rushing records. He missed 7 games with a dislocated elbow as a senior, but still was MVP for 2 years. He averaged 145 yards a game for his 3-year career. A fine athlete, he was high-point man on the track team for 2 years and was DeKalb County high hurdles champ. Last spring he won the intramural high hurdles at Furman. He has 4.6 speed in the 40.

Personal: Mark W. Stowers. 5-10, 174. Jr. Age: 20. 1 letter. Business major. Hometown: Tucker, Ga. High School: Tucker. Coach: Ken Townley.

SCOTT TERRILL

Scott is a fine defensive end prospect. He didn't see any varsity action as a freshman last year, but he has the talent to be a fine player. His Cedar Shoals High football team had a combined 24-5-1 record his last 3 years there and in Scott's senior year they were ranked among the top 7 teams all season. His soccer team played in the state finals, and Scott was the starting goalie. His father, Dave, played football at Western Colorado State.

Personal: Scott E. Terrill. 6-4, 205. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Athens, Ga. High School: Cedar Shoals. Coach: John Waters.

HAL WESTLAKE

A likely starter at offensive tackle, Hal showed flashes of brilliance last year as a back-up to Jeff Holcomb. He played in every game and calls William & Mary his best. He missed the majority of spring practice with an ankle injury, so he will have to develop quickly. "As a regular, you have to be ready mentally because everyone is relying on you," Hal says. "When you're starting you have to do a better job of preparing yourself. Jeff (Holcomb) taught me more than any other player I ever played with. When he came back to the sidelines during games last year, he always filled me in on things." At East Mecklenburg High, Hal was 1 of only 2 players to make first-team all-county on both offense and defense. He was the school record-holder in the shot put. He also was named to Who's Who. Hal is a trivia enthusiast who likes to quiz teammates about players on opposing teams. "I knew at least 1 player on every team we played last year — even S. W. Louisiana — and that's why I'm interested in trivia about the other teams."

Personal: Harry B. Westlake. 6-2, 235. Jr. Age: 20. 1 letter. Major undecided. Hometown: Charlotte, N. C. High School: East Mecklenburg.

JOHN WHITE

John is a gifted athlete who seems to have found a home at linebacker. He played fullback and guard his freshman year. He missed a great deal of spring practice with mononucleosis but has overcome that. He has 4.8 speed in the 40 and is one of the team's strongest players. At Patrick Henry High, John once rushed for 150 yards on his birthday to knock the No. 1 team out of the regional playoffs. He also had an 89-yard run on that very cold night. John remembers the temperature as being about 15 degrees, and his girlfriend threw a surprise party after



Williams



Woerner



Woods

the game. John was the recipient of the Compton Award for excellence in academics and athletics at Patrick Henry. His father, Luther, is the president of Randolph-Macon College.

Personal: John P. White. 5-11, 200. Jr. Age: 21. 1 letter. Major undecided. Hometown: Ashland, Va. High School: Patrick Henry. Coach: Pete Ritchie.

STEVE WILLIAMS

The ability of Steve to develop quickly this season is important to the progress of Furman's inexperienced offensive line. He missed most of spring practice with an ankle injury and will have to work hard to make up for lost time, but he does have a good opportunity to be a starter. In high school, Steve was a 3-year starter on the basketball team at center, averaging about 13 points a game. The team went to the state playoffs his senior year, the first time in 10 years for the school. "Actually I liked basketball better in high school," he admits. "I thought I was a better basketball player than football player. But there's not much demand in college for 6-4 centers." In football, Steve was a 2nd-team all-city linebacker and a 2-year starter. He attended the same school as former major leaguer Ken Harrelson. Steve's brother, John, plays at UTMartin.

Personal: Stephen J. Williams. 6-4, 230. Jr. Age: 20. 1 letter. Major undecided. Hometown: Savannah, Ga. High School: Benedictine Academy. Coach: Jim Walsh.

KENT WOERNER

Because of his hard-running style, Kent is aptly nicknamed "Truck" but don't get the idea that he is slow . . . he has sprinter's speed. And he is quickly becoming known as one of the best running backs in the Southern Conference. He split time at fullback in his first 2 seasons, but now the position is his. He rushed for 441 yards (5.0 average) last year and, in 498 career yards, has not been dropped for a loss. Kent's career-high games came last year — 85 yards vs. William & Mary and 83 against VMI. Both games came on rainy, muddy days. Kent has scored 1 touchdown in each of his 2 seasons at Furman and, oddly enough, both came in homecoming games. Last year's TD against William & Mary was a 41-yard run on a 4th-and-1 situation. Kent was Clayton County Back of the Year as a senior at Jonesboro High, rushing for 928 yards (6.8 average) and 9 touchdowns. He was team MVP in both football and track. He had a B-plus academic average. His father, John, played at Texas in the early 1950's.

Personal: Kent A. Woerner. 6-3, 215. Jr. Age: 20. 2 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Jonesboro, Ga. Coach: Weyman Sellers.

BOBBY WOODS

Coach Baker is calling Bobby "one of the most pleasant surprises in our 4 years at Furman." He was limited to JV duty last year but now is stronger, quicker and has more confidence after competing for the center position in spring practice. Bobby was MVP of his Southside High team and a starter on the basketball team. He lettered also in track and was a member of the Honor Society. His father, Donald, played football at Gardner-Webb.

Personal: Robert Bryan Woods. 6-3, 215. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Major undecided. Hometown: Greenville, S. C. High School: Southside. Coach: Joe Perkins.



R. Young



S. Young

RICKEY YOUNG

The Furman coaching staff has high hopes for Rickey, who says he wants "to be the best center Furman's ever had." After playing in 5 varsity games last year, Rickey is counted on to be a starter this season. Off the football field, Rickey has an interest in drama. He was president of the drama club in high school and, as a freshman at Furman, he had the lead role in the play, "A Raisin in the Sun." However, he says that might have been his last dramatic effort. "We did the same play in high school and I had the lead role then. I felt like I wanted to do the play again," he explains. "There were a couple of drinking parts and some smoking and profanity. Coach Baker got on me about that, said he was going to make me do some extra running and stuff." Rickey claims that his acting ability can be put to use on the football field. "It helps you during practice when you want to play hurt or sick," he says, tongue-in-cheek. Rickey was the area extemporaneous speaking champion while at East Hall High and the senior class Best All-Around. In football, he was the team MVP and leading tackler.

Personal: Rickey D. Young. 6-2, 230. Jr. Age: 19. 1 letter. Education major. Hometown: Gainesville, Ga. High School: East Hall. Coach: Homer Cuddy.

STEVE YOUNG

A leg injury hindered Steve's progress last year and he did not see any varsity action. Still Coach Baker admits that Steve has a "world of talent, and we expect him to be one of our top athletes." Steve came out of Erwin High as Lineman of the Year in Buncombe County and All-Western North Carolina. He was a linebacker and wingback his senior year. "Yogi", as his teammates call him, says, "I don't care about starting right now. I just want to play a lot. It gets boring beating heads and not being able to play."

Personal: Steven R. Young. 6-2, 215. So. Age: 19. 0 letters. Business major. Hometown: Asheville, N. C. High School: Erwin. Coach: Sam Riddle.

HOW THE PALADINS DRESS

With its uniform of purple, silver and white modeled after that of the Dallas Cowboys, Furman is one of the sharpest-dressed teams in football. Here is how the Paladins are outfitted at home and on the road:

HOME: Purple jerseys with white numerals; silver pants with purple and white trim; silver helmets with purple and white trim; white shoes; white socks.

AWAY: White jerseys with purple numerals; purple pants with silver and white trim; silver helmets with purple and white trim; white shoes; white socks. The Paladins also have white mesh jerseys for hot afternoons.

THE WAY TO SAY IT

Bobby Behr — bear
Mark & Scott Bowers — as in flowers
Ken Cadle — KAY-dul
Jay Cory — KOR-ee
Greg Darroch — DARE-uk
Greg Furches — FUR-ches
Jace Hassett — HASS-it
Rodney Heintz — hynzt
Brian Hesseltime — HESS-ul-tyne

Paul Howes — houeze
Greg Laetsch — latsch
Marty LaPrade — lah-PRADE
Steve McDougall — mac-DOO-gul
Pete Sitero — suh-TEER-o
Tommy Southard — SUH-therd
Mark Stowers — as in flowers
Scott Terrill — as in peril
Kent Woerner — WER-ner

THE PALADINS BY STATE

ALABAMA (1): Bill Freeman (Montgomery).
FLORIDA (9): Steve Botkin (Ft. Lauderdale), Johnny Craig (Quincy), Rodney Heintz (Winter Haven), Joe Holt (Orlando), Paul Howes (Ocala), Bryan Johnson (Homestead), Marty LaPrade (Jacksonville), Chris Pratt (Palmetto), Pete Sitero (Orlando).

GEORGIA (20): John Baker (Atlanta), Jeff Beggs (Decatur), Scott Bowers (Marietta), Ken Cadle (LaGrange), Oliver Cooper (Atlanta), Jay Cory (Albany), Greg Darroch (Clarkston), David Henderson (Atlanta), David Lyle (Atlanta), Steve Mitchell (Rome), Scott Montgomery (Thomson), Mike Sanders (Tucker), Scott Sellers (Daiton), Tommy Southard (Decatur), Stan Stanley (Dublin), Mark Stowers (Tucker), Scott Terrill (Athens), Steve Williams (Savannah), Kent Woerner (Jonesboro), Rickey Young (Gainesville).

KENTUCKY (1): Jace Hassett (Prospect).

NEW YORK (1): Skip Lax (White Plains).

NORTH CAROLINA (6): Mark Dixon (Salisbury), Greg Laetsch (Asheville), Bruce Lancaster (Ahoskie), Steve McDougall (Mt. Pleasant), Hal Westlake (Charlotte), Steve Young (Asheville).

SOUTH CAROLINA (20): Bobby Behr (Holly Hill), Mark Bowers (Greenville), Richard Broomfield (Martin), Sandy Davis (Lake City), Beach Foster (Greenville), Greg Furches (Johnsonville), Russell Gambrell (Pendleton), Danny Gleason (Columbia), Brian Hesseltime (Charleston), Richard Ingram (Jefferson), Phillip Johnson (Mauldin), David Kelly (Union), Jimmy Kiser (Rock Hill), Tom Kuppens (Charleston), Frank Moses (Sumter), Jimmy Neal (Camden), Brette Simmons (Swansea), Kevin Steele (Dillon), Tommy Waitt (Timmonsville), Bobby Woods (Greenville).

TENNESSEE (1): Bobby Church (Chattanooga).

VIRGINIA (2): Lee Fowler (Virginia Beach), John White (Ashland).

PALADIN HONORS IN '76

ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

OT Jeff Holcomb, FL Tommy Southard, LB Larry Anderson

Honorable mention: Mark Gordon, Tommy Marshall, David Whitehurst, Dolphus Carter

ALL-SOUTH CAROLINA

QB David Whitehurst, OT Jeff Holcomb

DB Mark Gordon

ALL-AMERICA

LB Larry Anderson

(Associated Press honorable mention)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ALL-ACADEMIC

OT Jeff Holcomb, QB Jimmy Kiser, C John Graham, DB Steve Patton, P Bill Freeman

ACADEMIC-AMERICA

OT Jeff Holcomb

CHURCHMAN'S HALL OF FAME

OT Mike Gibbs (2nd team), LB Steve Wilson (2nd team)

DB Tommy Marshall (2nd team), DB Mark Gordon (honorable mention)

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

EAST CAROLINA — Larry Robinson

SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

WILLIAM & MARY — Dolphus Carter

CITADEL — Larry Anderson

APPALACHIAN — Mike Gibbs

EAST CAROLINA — Larry Robinson,

John Graham, Bruce Williamson

PALADINS-OF-THE-WEEK

N. C. STATE — Angus Poole

TENNESSEE TECH — Tony Cox

PRESBYTERIAN — Larry Robinson

CITADEL — Larry Anderson

VMI — Kent Woerner

APPALACHIAN — Mike Gibbs

S. W. LOUISIANA — David Whitehurst

RICHMOND — Jimmy Kiser

WILLIAM & MARY — Tommy Southard

EAST CAROLINA — Bruce Williamson

WOFFORD — Jeff Holcomb

Furman Coaches

ART BAKER HEAD COACH

One certainly may say that Art Baker has passed the test. In four years as head football coach at Furman, Baker consistently has produced winners. His record of 23-19-2 is the best four-year mark at Furman since 1963.

However, Baker has succeeded in yet another way . . . he is without a doubt one of the most popular head coaches anywhere, in any sport. His popularity with players, fellow coaches and the news media, combined with his ability to produce winning football, has made Baker a unique coach.

During the off-season, he covers the state with banquet appearances and good-will functions. He represents Furman University in the manner which he expects of his players. He is a proud symbol of Furman, wherever he goes and to whomsoever he meets. To people around South Carolina and the Southeast, Art Baker is not only a football coach but a friend.

Baker's relationship with others is reflected in the members of his coaching staff. Among the staff there exists a real and sincere effort to meet the needs of each player. For instance, the players enjoy home-cooked meals in the coaches' homes on several occasions during the year. The result is a genuine closeness between coaches and players.

In his first season at Furman in 1973, Baker seemed to be a miracle worker. The Paladins had produced a 2-9 record the year before his arrival. When Baker came in as head coach in December, he did a quick but thorough recruiting job and then guided Furman to a 7-4 season. That accomplishment earned for Furman The Dunkel Rating's Most Improved College Football Team award and Baker himself was Southern Conference Co-Coach of the Year, Churchman's Hall of Fame National Coach of the Year and the Columbia (S. C.) Touchdown Club Co-Coach of the Year.

Baker's first class of recruits turned out to be, so far, his best. Included in the group were Larry Robinson — the Southern Conference all-time leading rusher, David Whitehurst — an eighth-round NFL draft choice, and Larry Anderson, an Associated Press honorable mention All-America. A number of others in that first class, which graduated last spring, were four-year starters and, as Baker says, "We lost so many players, it's almost like starting over." But you can bet that Baker will again have Furman fighting for the Southern Conference title. That's his style.

For Art Baker, the sweetness of success in his initial season of collegiate head coaching had special significance because he had waited so long for what he regarded as the "right opportunity."

After an outstanding prep and collegiate athletic career at Edmunds High School and Presbyterian College, Baker began his long coaching career at tiny McColl High School, where he was a one-man staff. Two years later he moved to Newberry High School, and in 1959, was named head football coach at Eau Claire High School in Columbia, S. C.

With a staff consisting of most of his current assistants, the Sumter, S. C., native quickly molded the Shamrocks into one of the state's top prep powers. From 1959-64 Eau Claire compiled a 43-16-4 record, finishing runner-up in the state twice. Three times (1959-60-63), Baker was selected Coach of the Year in Columbia and, in 1963, he was chosen to coach the Palmetto State team in the Shrine Bowl.

Baker's success caught the eye of veteran Clemson mentor Frank Howard and in 1965 he received his first taste of college coaching as head freshman coach for the Tigers. After guiding the Clemson freshmen to their first undefeated season in 20 years, Baker was appointed offensive backfield coach on the varsity level in 1966 and remained on the Tiger staff until 1969 when he went to Texas Tech as an assistant to Jim Carlen.

Here, too, Baker followed his pattern of immediate success as he played a major role in the Red Raiders' surprising 8-3 season in 1970, good enough to earn a trip to the Sun Bowl. During Baker's last campaign with Carlen, Texas Tech again went 8-3 and earned another bid to the Sun Bowl.

The character of Baker's football program for Furman is an extension of the way in which he lives his own life. A very active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baker's calendar is filled during the off-season with speaking engagements at local churches, athletic banquets, and youth organizations.

COACH BAKER PROFILE

As Furman Coach: In his fifth season with a 23-19-2 record. Southern Conference Co-Coach of the year in 1973.

Other College Coaching: Head freshman coach at Clemson, 1965, guiding the team to a 4-0-1 record. Varsity offensive backfield coach at Clemson, 1966-69. Offensive backfield coach at Texas Tech, 1970-72, and coordinator of the running game.

High School Coaching: Head coach at three South Carolina high schools, 1956-64 — McColl, Newberry, and Eau Claire. Coaching record was 57-39-7.

As An Athlete: Lettered three years at Presbyterian College as a quarterback and halfback, graduating in 1953.

Personally: Born — Arthur Wellington Baker on Nov. 30, 1929. He and his wife, Edie, have four children — Artie 22, Kim 21, Ryan 14, Curtis 12.



THE BAKER FAMILY

Seated: Coach Baker and Mrs. Baker; Standing: Curtis, Ryan, Kim, Artie.

STEVE ROBERTSON — Assistant Coach



Steve Robertson is one of the most jovial, likeable persons you will ever meet. The coach of the linebackers and defensive ends, he also has served as defensive coordinator in each of his five seasons at Furman.

Robertson came to Furman in 1973 from Newberry College, where he had served as defensive coordinator since 1968. Before joining the Indian staff, Robertson spent eight years at Eau Claire High School as an assistant and head football coach. He joined the Shamrocks in 1959 as an assistant to Coach Baker and assumed the head coaching duties in 1965 when Baker went to Clemson as freshman coach.

In 1967, Robertson guided Eau Claire to the 3-A state championship and was named South Carolina Coach of the Year. His three-year record at Eau Claire was 28-4-1.

A native of Greer, S. C., Robertson graduated from Newberry after earning all-state and all-conference honors for the Indians. He is married to the former Linda Gossett, and they have two children: Ron, 10, and Robin, 7.

JIMMY SATTERFIELD — Assistant Coach



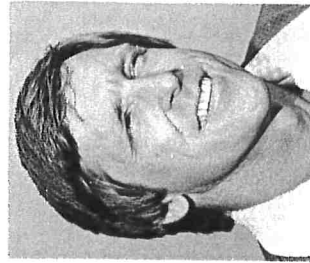
One of the original members of Coach Baker's staff at Furman, Jimmy Satterfield is in his fifth season as coach of the offensive backfield. He also coordinates the running game.

Satterfield came to the Paladins after compiling one of the most outstanding records in South Carolina high school history. During his five seasons as head coach at Eau Claire and Irmo High, Satterfield put together a record of 49-4-1. During that period his team won five conference championships and one Upper State title. When Eau Claire won the Upper State crown in 1970, Satterfield, who also served as Shrine Bowl coach, was named South Carolina 3-A High School Coach of the Year.

A native of Lancaster, S. C., Satterfield graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1962. He immediately joined the Eau Claire staff where he served as an assistant coach under Art Head coach at Eau Claire, where he remained until going to Baker. In 1968, he was named head coach from South Carolina. He is married to Irma in 1971.

Satterfield earned his Master's degree in education from South Carolina. He is married to the former Sara Ann Funderburk and they have three children: Shaun, 13, Sidney, 11, and Lee, 10.

DICK SHERIDAN — Assistant Coach



Dick Sheridan knows how to construct an offensive game plan. He is the coach of the quarterbacks and receivers, but he also worked with the offensive line during three of his five years at Furman. He is responsible for coordinating the passing attack.

A former South Carolina High School Coach of the Year, Dick Sheridan joined the Paladin staff in 1973 after compiling a 37-8-1 mark in his four years as a prep head coach. The highlight of his impressive coaching career came in 1971 when Sheridan took Orangeburg-Wilkinson to a 13-0 record and the state 4-A championship. That team was also ranked 12th in the nation and Sheridan was tabbed Coach of the Year.

A 1964 graduate of the University of South Carolina, Sheridan joined Coach Baker at Eau Claire in 1964 and remained there as an assistant football and head basketball coach until 1969. He was named head football coach at Orangeburg in 1969 and remained there three

seasons before going to Airport High in 1972. In his final three head coaching seasons, Sheridan teams were 32-3 and won more games during that period than any other team in the state.

A native of North Augusta, S. C., Sheridan and his wife Brenda have two sons: Bobby, 11, and Jon, 9.

ERIC HYMAN — Assistant Coach

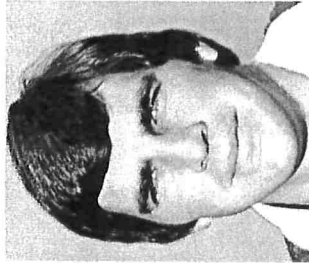


Eric Hyman, 26, has become one of the veteran coaches on the Furman staff, serving in his fifth season. He is in charge of the defensive line.

A former All-Atlantic Coast Conference performer at the University of North Carolina, he played on two ACC championship teams during his career with the Tarheels and played in two bowl games. He was an All-South selection his senior year and played in the 1973 Hula Bowl. He was drafted by the New Orleans Saints as a defensive tackle.

A native of Alexandria, Va., Hyman and his wife Pauline last year coached the North Greenville College women's basketball team to a third-place national finish. He has a Master's degree in education from Furman.

BOBBY JOHNSON — Assistant Coach



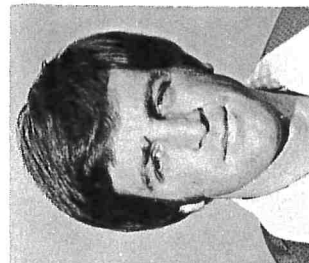
Bobby Johnson, 26, is in his second season on the Furman staff, and he is responsible for rebuilding the defensive backfield which lost five players. Last year Johnson coached the defensive ends.

A former Atlantic Coast Conference all-academic performer at Clemson University, Johnson was a four-year starter, playing wide receiver and cornerback before graduating in 1973.

As a prep player at Eau Claire High, Johnson played both football and basketball and, at one time or another, played under three of the current Paladin assistant coaches — Steve Robertson, Jimmy Satterfield and Dick Sheridan. A tight end for the Shamrocks, he was the South Carolina 4-A Lineman of the Year in 1968 and played in the Shrine Bowl.

A native of Columbia, Johnson is married to the former Catherine Bonner of Charleston. He is serving as a graduate assistant while working on his Master's degree in education.

EDDIE WILLIAMSON — Assistant Coach



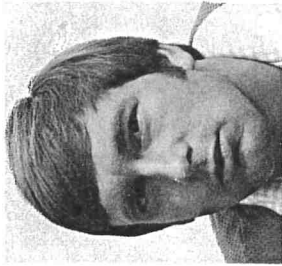
Eddie Williamson is back at Furman after a year at the University of North Carolina, where he was the academic counselor for the athletic program. He coaches the offensive line.

Williamson, 25, was a graduate assistant at Furman for two years before going to UNC. His prior coaching duty with the Paladins was the defensive ends.

A Davidson College graduate, he was a three-year starter at linebacker for the Wildcats and was captain of the team his senior year. Williamson was president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Davidson. He also was a member of Who's Who.

A native of Pendleton, S. C., Williamson earned his Master's degree in education from Furman.

TED CAIN — Graduate Assistant



Ted Cain, 25, is in his first season as a graduate assistant coach. He works with the defensive ends.

A 1974 Furman graduate, Cain served as a platoon leader in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Benning, Ga., for two years.

Cain was a three-year starter at tight end for the Paladins. He attended Aiken (S. C.) High, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball.

Cain is currently working on his Master's degree in education.

RAY PARLIER — Trainer

After only a year at Furman, Ray Parlier, 27, has proven to be one of the most indispensable members of the staff. He always seems to be around to help the Furman athletes.

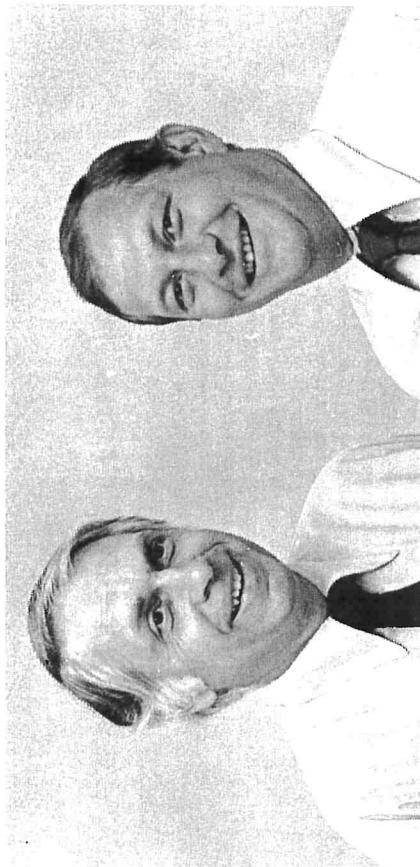
Parlier is a former assistant trainer and head basketball trainer at Georgia Tech, where he was in charge of the rehabilitation program. Prior to that, he was a student trainer and graduate assistant trainer at East Tennessee State for five years, during which time he worked with the New York Yankees rookie league club as head trainer. Parlier also served for two years as trainer for the Georgia High School All-Stars.

Parlier is in charge of travel arrangements for football and basketball at Furman.

A 1973 graduate of East Tennessee State, Parlier earned a double major in health and physical education. An active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Parlier is married to the former Shirley Partin and they have a son, Brad, 2.



FURMAN'S TEAM DOCTORS



The Paladins receive excellent medical attention from team doctors Dayton Riddle (left) and Paul Meunier.

Furman Freshmen

EDDIE ALLSOPP, Linebacker-Defensive End, 6-0, 185, Ocala, Fla.

Played for twice Florida state champ Forest High, which had a 38-2 record his last three seasons. He was in on a total of 109 tackles during the past regular season.

STEVE BISHOP, Fullback, 5-11, 200, Jacksonville, Fla.

Rushed for 982 yards (6.1 average) last year for Orange Park High. Scored 15 touchdowns and was team's co-captain. Named all-city and all-conference.

HORACE BOOKMAN, Defensive Back, 6-3, 180, Swansea, S. C.

A four-year starter at Swansea High, where he had 30 pass interceptions and 15 touchdowns during his career, as Swansea won two AA state titles. Named all-state as a senior. Also was a receiver but likely will be used in the secondary at Furman. Conference MVP in basketball as a junior. He is a Furman Scholar.

DAVID BRASCHLER, Offensive Guard, 6-2, 215, Atlanta, Ga.

Team captain and most valuable offensive lineman for Shamrock High. Also played defensive end. A former regional disc champion in track.

CHRIS BUONO, Defensive Back, 5-11, 170, Orlando, Fla.

All-Metro Conference, All-Central Florida and third-team all-state at Oak Ridge High. In on 88 tackles, recovered two fumbles and intercepted two passes last year. Also returned a kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown.

RICKY BROWN, Flanker, 6-2, 190, Gainesville, Ga.

An all-state player who rushed for 1,141 yards and 17 touchdowns last season at Gainesville High. Also caught 13 passes for 256 yards and was team's MVP. The school record-holder with 3,496 yards rushing for his three-year career. Ran a 9.9 100-yard dash as a junior. Led basketball team to state finals last year.

JIMMY COX, Center, 6-1, 210, Pickens, S. C.

All-conference for two years at Pickens High. A center-linebacker who likely will play center at Furman. An excellent placekicker, he kicked 8 of 14 field goals and 18 of 20 extra points during his career.

RONNIE COX, Linebacker, 5-11, 190, Orlando, Fla.

A speedy linebacker from Oak Ridge High who was one of the top hurdlers in Florida. Has run a sub-10-second 100-yard dash. Could step in and be a starter, perhaps even in the secondary. Teammate of Chris Buono and Ansel Matthews, two other recruits.

BILL FREEMAN, Defensive Back, 5-8, 165, Marietta, Ga.

All-county and all-region at Wheeler High. Intercepted four passes, had two fumble recoveries and had eight games of 10 or more tackles last season. Team made the state playoffs last year and had a 31-6 record for his last three seasons. He also lettered four years in track and soccer. President of the National Honor Society.

MIKE GLENN, Running Back, 6-0, 185, Duncan, S. C.

A three-year starter who rushed for 1,375 yards and 17 touchdowns his senior year for 3A state champ Byrnes High. He averaged 6.7 yards per carry. Named all-conference and all-area. Also returned punts and kickoffs for Byrnes.

MARK GRAINGER, Running Back, 5-10, 175, Savannah, Ga.

Rushed for 1,489 yards as a senior at Savannah Christian School. Named Savannah News-Press Back of the Year. One of the best athletes among the recruits.

CALVIN HARKLESS, Running Back, 6-1, 185, Darlington, S. C.

Rushed for 1,228 yards and 18 touchdowns his senior year at Mayo High, where he was all-conference for 1 year. Honorable mention all-state as a senior and nominated to Coaches Prep All-America Magazine for football and track. Team MVP in football and track and holds conference records in two hurdle events and the long jump. Named senior class Most Popular and Most Athletic.

RICKY HIGGINBOTHAM, Offensive Guard-Linebacker, 6-1, 225, Iva, S. C.

An all-around athlete at Crescent High . . . an all-conference linebacker in football, state heavyweight runner-up in wrestling and a third baseman in baseball. Member of the National Honor Society.

ZACH KELEHEAR, Tight End, 6-5, 200, Dalton, Ga.

Co-captain of Dalton High's Region 6-AA championship team which played for the state AA championship. Region discus champ in track as a junior. An excellent blocker who should gain some weight and play a lot for Furman.

STEVE LAYER, Flanker, 5-10, 170, Louisville, Ky.

Named to three 4-A all-state teams at Western High, including the Louisville Courier Journal's. Caught 36 passes for 616 yards as a senior and 87 passes for over 1500 yards during his three years as a starter. All-county for 3 years and team MVP as a senior, as Western was 8-3 and ranked 10th in the state. Also returned punts and kickoffs, with a 16-yard punt return average.

JOSH LOTT, Offensive Tackle, 6-2, 250, Ninety Six, S. C.

Averaged eight tackles a game as a senior. AA state champ in the shot put at Ninety Six High. Member of the National Honor Society.

ANSEL "TOO TALL" MATTHEWS, Defensive Tackle, 6-6, 230, Orlando, Fla.

All-Metro Conference at Oak Ridge High, which had a 16-5 record his last two years. Possesses outstanding potential. Teammate of recruits Ronnie Cox and Chris Buono.

KEVIN MORGAN, Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 230, Easley, S. C.

All-Region I at Easley High and led the 8-2 Green Wave in tackles his senior year. A two-year starter who has an excellent chance of playing this season.

TOM MORRISH, Tight End, 6-2, 220, Bradenton, Fla.

Received county scholar-athlete-of-the-year award at Manatee High. Graduated third in a class of 500. An outstanding tight end prospect.

MIKE PRUITT, Nose Guard, 6-0, 235, Duncan, S. C.

A South Carolina Sport magazine all-state player. Peach Blossom AAA All-Conference and one of the defensive stars for state champ Byrnes High, which recorded nine shutouts in 14 games (12-1-1) last season. Teammate of recruit Mike Glenn at Byrnes.

JERRY SCOTT, Linebacker, 6-1, 210, Kingstree, S. C.

Played offensive guard and defensive tackle at Kingstree High but has a very good chance to play linebacker as a freshman. Named Kingstree's MVP three times and all-conference twice. Also an AAA all-state basketball player last year.

BRAD SNYDER, Split End, 6-1, 190, Jefferson City, Tenn.

He was on the receiving end of the passes of Tim Sorrells, another Furman recruit. As a tight end for 8-2 Jefferson County High, caught 28 passes for 552 yards and 4 touchdowns. All-Mid-East Conference . . . possesses 4.6 speed for 40 yards. Threw the shot and discus on the track team and lettered in basketball.

PAUL SORRELLS, Defensive Back, 5-9, 160, Sumter, S. C.

Played quarterback at Sumter High but likely will be used in the secondary at Furman. Has good speed and is a member of the track team. The cousin of recruit Tim Sorrells.

TIM SORRELLS, Quarterback, 5-11, 170, Jefferson City, Tenn.

An excellent passer who was named The Knoxville Sentinel player-of-the-year in east Tennessee. He completed 65 per cent of his passes for 1,129 yards as a senior at Jefferson County High. Out of 113 pass attempts, he threw just 1 interception his senior year. Passed for 2,367 yards during his last two seasons and rushed for 834 more. All-conference in three sports — football, basketball and tennis.

DON STRICKLAND, Offensive Tackle, 6-2, 200, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Second-team all-area for two years at East Ridge High, where he was a center and defensive tackle. The brother of Chuck Strickland, a former All-American linebacker at Alabama.

FLOYD SWILLEY, Offensive Guard, 6-1, 215, Summerton, S. C.

A four-sport letterman at Clarendon Hall. Named all-state in football, averaging 10 tackles a game. Also recovered four fumbles. Played offense and defense.

MARK TAYLOR, Running Back-Linebacker, 6-0, 205, Walhalla, S. C.

Rushed for 682 yards and a 5.8 average as a senior. Scored eight touchdowns. Captain of Walhalla High football, basketball and baseball teams. An all-conference linebacker for two years in football and all-conference in baseball four years. All-county in football for two years. A fine athlete who could play offense or defense for Furman.

MARK WHITEHURST, Tight End, 6-3, 190, Decatur, Ga.

A two-year starter at Southwest Dekalb High, which had a 17-3 record during that period. He was injured for half of his senior season but could be a darkhorse prospect. The brother of David Whitehurst, Furman's all-time total offense leader.

FRESHMEN BY STATE

SOUTH CAROLINA (12): Horace Bookman (Swansea), Jimmy Cox (Pickens), Mike Glenn (Duncan), Calvin Harkless (Darlington), Ricky Higinbotham (Iva), Josh Lott (Ninety Six), Kevin Morgan (Easley), Mike Pruitt (Duncan), Jerry Scott (Kingstree), Paul Sorrells (Sumter), Floyd Swilley (Summerton), Mark Taylor (Walhalla).

FLORIDA (6): Eddie Allisopp (Ocala), Steve Bishop (Jacksonville), Chris Buono (Orlando), Ronnie Cox (Orlando), Ansel Matthews (Orlando), Tom Morrish (Bradenton).

GEORGIA (6): David Braschler (Atlanta), Ricky Brown (Gainesville), Bill Freeman (Marietta), Mark Grainger (Savannah), Zach Kellehear (Dalton), Mark Whitehurst (Decatur).

TENNESSEE (3): Brad Snyder (Jefferson City), Tim Sorrells (Jefferson City), Don Strickland (Chattanooga).

KENTUCKY (1): Steve Layer (Louisville).

Spring Game '77

The Purple squad, composed mainly of first-teamers, scored back-to-back second-quarter touchdowns and added a fourth-period TD to down the Whites, 20-0, in Furman's spring game on April 2. The White team was made up of last year's seniors and some second-stringers.

Jimmy Kiser and David Henderson directed the Purple offense, which moved the ball at will. The game left Coach Baker pleased that his first team could gain 308 yards total offense against a senior defense that ranked 2nd in the Southern Conference last year. However, the game also left him unsure about his depth situation.

The Purple defense — led by Mark Bowers with 3 interceptions and a fumble recovery — held all-time total offense leader, David Whitehurst, in check for most of the day.

Purple TD's were scored by Kent Woerner (6-yard run), Greg Laetsch (73-yard pass from Henderson) and Mark Stowers (2-yard run).

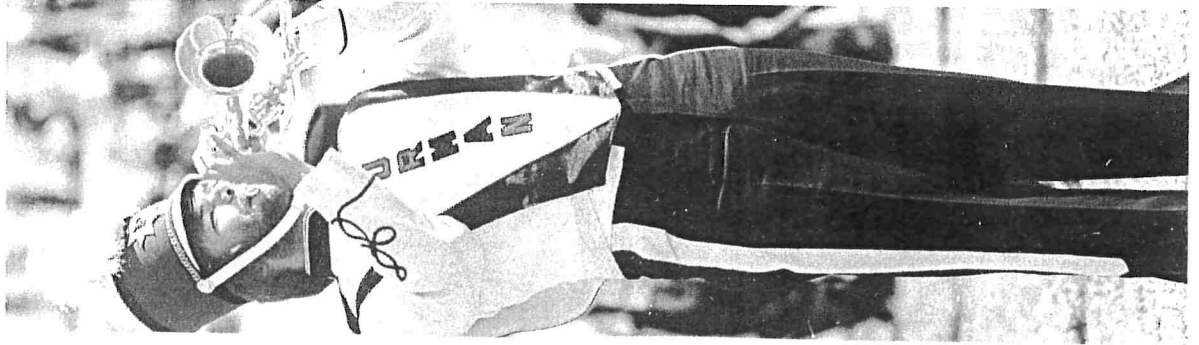
"The big thing that worries me is that we don't have the depth that I had hoped we would have after my four years here," Baker said. "We had a number of injuries this spring, and that kept us from seeing everyone at full speed, but overall it was a good spring."

STATISTICS

RUSHING				PASSING				RECEIVING						
	Att.	Yds.	TD		Cpl.	Att.	Yds.	Int.	TD		No.	Yds.	No.	Yds.
Kiser	11	63	0	Henderson	3	5	93	0	1	Carapellotti	2	24	0	0
Stowers	11	63	1	Whitehurst	4	14	43	4	0	Laetsch	1	73	1	0
Kelly	11	58	0	Trotta	0	3	0	0	0	Shepherd	1	15	0	0
Woerner	8	39	1							Simmons	1	11	0	0
Davis	8	22	0							Southard	1	9	0	0
Trotta	4	15	0							Poolle	1	4	0	0
Shepherd	3	12	0											
Goss	4	7	0											
B. Johnson	3	5	0											
Craig	2	4	0											
Whitehurst	1	2	0											
Henderson	7	-11	0											

PUNTING			INTERCEPTIONS			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.		No.	Yds.
Freeman	6	230	38.3	M. Bowers	3	32
Steele	2	49	24.5	Behr	1	0

1977 Furman Paladins



Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Birth	High School	Hometown	Numerically
**John Baker	OG	6-4	220	Sr.	2-8-56	Riverwood	Atlanta, Ga.	7 Bobby Behr, K-DB
Jeff Beggs	OT	6-2	235	Jr.	11-4-57	Southwest DeKalb	Decatur, Ga.	10 Jimmy Kiser, QB
**Bobby Behr	K-DB	5-8	170	Jr.	1-22-56	Holly Hill	Holly Hill, S. C.	11 Skip Lax, FL
Steve Botkin	OT	6-5	245	Jr.	9-14-57	Pine Crest Prep	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	12 David Henderson, QB
**Mark Bowers	DB	5-9	165	Sr.	12-23-55	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	19 Marty LaPrade, SE
Scott Bowers	DB	5-11	180	So.	3-12-58	North Cobb	Marietta, Ga.	20 Mark Bowers, DB
**Richard Broomfield	DE	6-3	210	Jr.	5-23-57	Allendale-Fairfax	Martin, S. C.	21 Mark Stowers, TB
**Ken Cadle	OG	6-3	245	Sr.	4-15-55	Troup	LaGrange, Ga.	22 David Kelly, TB
**Bobby Church	DT	5-11	215	Sr.	10-3-56	Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.	23 Tommy Southard, FL
**Oliver Cooper	OT	6-3	210	Jr.	6-24-56	North Fulton	Atlanta, Ga.	24 Russell Gambrell, DB
*Jay Cory	NG	6-2	213	Jr.	6-5-57	Dougherty	Albany, Ga.	25 Scott Bowers, DB
Johnny Craig	TB	5-11	185	Jr.	1-16-57	Munroe	Quincy, Fla.	26 Greg Darroch, DB
Greg Darroch	DB	6-2	185	So.	10-23-58	Columbia	Clarkston, Ga.	27 Richard Ingram, DB
Sandy Davis	FB	6-2	205	So.	12-3-57	Carolina Academy	Lake City, S. C.	28 Phillip Johnson, DB
Mark Dixon	OG	6-1	215	So.	10-16-57	Hargrave Military Academy	Salisbury, N. C.	30 Beach Foster, DB
**Beach Foster	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	8-22-56	Greenville	Greenville, S. C.	32 Johnny Craig, TB
Lee Fowler	OG	5-11	200	Jr.	1-10-57	Kempsville	Virginia Beach, Va.	33 Kent Woerner, FB
**Bill Freeman	P	6-4	178	Sr.	2-3-55	Montgomery Academy	Montgomery, Ala.	34 Sandy Davis, FB
**Greg Furches	DE	6-0	190	Sr.	10-4-56	Johnsonville	Johnsonville, S. C.	35 Bryan Johnson, FB
**Russell Gambrell	DB	5-11	155	Jr.	7-5-57	Pendleton	Pendleton, S. C.	40 Kevin Steele, SE
Danny Gleason	TE	6-2	195	So.	12-20-57	Keenan	Columbia, S. C.	42 Danny Gleason, TE
Jace Hassett	DB	6-1	185	So.	3-7-58	Culver Military Academy	Prospect, Ky.	43 Bill Freeman, P
*Rodney Heintz	DT	6-2	225	So.	1-23-58	Winter Haven	Winter Haven, Fla.	44 Paul Howes, TB
**Brian Hesselstine	LB	6-2	205	Jr.	11-20-56	Hanahan	Charleston, S. C.	45 Steve Young, LB
Joe Holt	OT	6-5	217	Jr.	6-8-57	Oak Ridge	Orlando, Fla.	46 Tom Kuppens, TE
Paul Howes	TB	5-10	170	Jr.	8-24-57	Forest	Ocala, Fla.	50 Jimmy Neal, LB
David Henderson	OB	6-1	180	So.	7-8-58	Lakeside	Atlanta, Ga.	51 John White, LB
Richard Ingram	DB	6-0	175	Jr.	9-17-56	Pageland	Jefferson, S. C.	52 Frank Moses, NG
Bryan Johnson	FB	5-10	195	So.	4-25-58	South Dade	Homestead, Fla.	53 Brian Hesselstine, LB
Phillip Johnson	DB	5-10	175	So.	12-25-58	Mauldin	Mauldin, S. C.	54 Jay Cory, NG
**David Kelly	TB	5-11	190	Jr.	12-29-56	Union	Union, S. C.	55 Greg Furches, DE
**Jimmy Kiser	OB	5-10	170	Jr.	3-4-57	Northwestern	Rock Hill, S. C.	56 Steve Mitchell, LB
Tom Kuppens	TE	6-0	200	Sr.	2-19-55	Bishop England	Charleston, S. C.	57 Rodney Heintz, DT
*Greg Laetsch	SE	6-4	215	Jr.	9-30-57	Erwin	Asheville, N. C.	60 Steve Williams, OT
*Bruce Lancaster	DE	6-4	200	Jr.	4-9-57	Ahoskie	Ahoskie, N. C.	61 Jeff Beggs, OT
**Marty LaPrade	SE	6-1	195	Sr.	6-27-55	Englewood	Jacksonville, Fla.	62 Stan Stanley, OG
Skip Lax	FL	6-0	170	So.	10-3-58	White Plains	White Plains, N. Y.	63 Mark Dixon, OG
David Lyle	DT	6-4	230	So.	1-9-58	North Springs	Atlanta, Ga.	64 Oliver Cooper, OT
Steve McDougall	TE	6-4	200	Jr.	1-18-57	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	65 Scott Sellers, OG
*Steve Mitchell	LB	6-0	195	So.	6-3-58	Coosa	Rome, Ga.	66 Rickey Young, C
**Frank Moses	NG	5-10	210	Sr.	11-26-55	Sumter	Sumter, S. C.	67 Bobby Woods, C
Scott Montgomery	DE	6-1	180	So.	11-17-58	Briarwood Academy	Thomson, Ga.	70 Bobby Church, DT
John Mulholland	DT	6-2	212	Sr.	9-22-55	Winston Churchill	Bethesda, Md.	71 Hal Westlake, OT
Chris Pratt	DB	5-11	215	Sr.	8-3-56	Camden	Camden, S. C.	72 John Baker, OG
**Mike Sanders	DT	6-3	215	Sr.	7-12-58	Bayshore	Palmetto, Fla.	73 Ken Cadle, OG
*Steve Sellers	OG	6-0	200	Jr.	11-23-56	Tucker	Tucker, Ga.	74 Mike Sanders, DT
**Brette Simmons	TE	6-3	225	Jr.	2-10-57	Dalton	Dalton, Ga.	75 Steve Botkin, OT
Pete Sitero	NG	5-10	205	Jr.	1-1-57	Swansea	Swansea, S. C.	76 David Lyle, DT
**Tommy Southard	FL	5-11	175	Sr.	6-29-55	Oak Ridge	Orlando, Fla.	77 Joe Holt, OT
Stan Stanley	OG	5-10	190	So.	5-15-58	Dublin	Dublin, Ga.	78 Scott Terrill, DE
Kevin Steele	SE	6-1	195	So.	3-17-58	Dillon	Dillon, S. C.	80 Steve McDougall, TE
*Mark Stowers	TB	5-10	174	Jr.	1-24-57	Tucker	Tucker, Ga.	81 Scott Montgomery, DE
Scott Terrill	DE	6-4	205	So.	7-2-58	Cedar Shoals	Athens, Ga.	82 Bruce Lancaster, DE
*Hal Westlake	OT	6-2	235	Jr.	5-9-57	East Mecklenburg	Charlotte, N. C.	83 Richard Broomfield, DE
*Steve Williams	OT	6-4	230	Jr.	6-21-57	Benedictine Academy	Savannah, Ga.	84 Greg Laetsch, SE
Tommy Waitt	C	5-10	190	So.	7-14-58	Lamar	Timmonsville, S. C.	85 Brette Simmons, TE
*John White	LB	5-11	200	Jr.	11-9-56	Patrick Henry	Ashland, Va.	
**Kent Woerner	FB	6-3	215	Jr.	3-11-57	Jonesboro	Jonesboro, Ga.	
Bobby Woods	C	6-3	215	So.	5-8-58	Southside	Greenville, S. C.	
*Rickey Young	C	6-2	230	Jr.	12-3-57	East Hall	Gainesville, Ga.	
Steve Young	LB	6-2	215	So.	12-16-57	Erwin	Asheville, N. C.	

1977 Opponents

WAKE FOREST

Sept. 10 at Winston-Salem, N.C. (Groves Stadium — 31,000) 7:30



Steve Young

DEMON DEACON FACTS:

Location: Winston-Salem, N.C.

Conference: Atlantic Coast

Colors: Gold, Black

Athletic Director: Gene Hooks

SID: Pat Gainey

Office: (919) 761-5640

Home: (919) 768-9991

1976 Record: 5-6-0; 3-3-0 in ACC

Series Record: Furman leads, 11-6-0; first game in 1917.

Head Coach: Chuck Mills (Illinois St. '50). Record at Wake: 10-33-1 (4 years); Overall: 75-81-4 (16 years).

Assistants: Steve Bernstein, Don Brown, Harry Elliott, Beattie Feathers, Gene McKeehan, Win Headley, Vito Ragazzo, Cliff Yoshida, Mike Cook.

Lettermen Returning: 34 of 55.

Starters Returning: 8 on offense; 5 on defense.

Top Players: RB James McDougald, QB Mike McGlamry, TE Steve Young, C Larry Teary, OT Jackie Robinson, LB Don Cervi, DB James Royster.

Strengths: The offensive backfield is in fine shape with James McDougald running and Mike McGlamry throwing. Quarterback also has depth. The offensive line should be sound. The secondary has experience.

Weaknesses: Defensive end is the most critical position with the top four from last year gone. Depth is short on much of the offensive line.

Basic Offense: Power-I.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Sept. 17 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 7:30



Dennis Law

BUCCANEER FACTS:

Location: Johnson City, Tenn.

Conference: Ohio Valley

Colors: Blue, Gold

Athletic Director: Madison Brooks

SID: John Cathey

Office: (615) 929-4220

Home: (615) 926-5302

1976 Record: 3-7-0; 3-4-0 in OVC

Series Record: Furman leads, 2-1-0; first game in 1957.

Head Coach: Roy Frazier (E. Tennessee St. '64). Record at ETSU: 13-28-2 (4 years).

Assistants: Miles Aldridge, Larry Beckman, L. T. Helton, Rick Reiprish, Darrell Watson, Mike White.

Lettermen Returning: 32 of 45.

Starters Returning: 10 on offense; 6 on defense.

Top Players: RB Jimmy Dykes, RB Greg Wilson, RB Charles Clark, WR Dennis Law, OT James Matthews, DT Al Anderson, DT James Mackey.

Strengths: There is a fine group of running backs in Dykes, Wilson and Clark and there are experienced receivers — Dennis Law should be one of the best in the OVC.

Weaknesses: The secondary was riddled by losses and there are holes to be filled in the defensive line.

Basic Offense: Veer option.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Sept. 24 at Chattanooga, Tenn. (Chamberlain Stadium — 10,500) 7:30

MOCASIN FACTS:

Location: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Conference: Southern (first year)

Colors: Navy Blue, Gold

Athletic Director: Harold Wilkes

SID: Willie Patrick

Office: (615) 755-4148

Home: (615) 875-0842

1976 Record: 6-4-1

Series Record: UTC leads, 5-1-0; first game in 1928.

Head Coach: Joe Morrison (Cincinnati '59). Record at UTC: 19-23-2 (4 years).

Assistants: Joe Lee Dunn, Bob Feaster, Roy Gregory, Frank Sadler, Henry Sorrell.

Lettermen Returning: 41 of 54.

Starters Returning: 8 on offense; 7 on defense.

Top Players: QB Tony Merendino, TE Jim Schoepfer, C Garfield Wells, OG Pete Pullara, DE Kurt Woerner, DB Stan Eller, P Greg Cater, K Joe Zeman.

Strengths: Last year was the Mocs' first winning season in the last eight which should mean a confidence boost. The defense is strong, especially the secondary which returns three starters. QB's Doug Elstad and Tony Merendino are back, along with a fine blocking tandem of Pete Pullara and Garfield Wells.

Weaknesses: More defensive depth is needed, along with a proven running back. Linebacker was a problem last year when injuries hit.

Basic Offense: Veer option.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.



Pete Pullara

WESTERN CAROLINA

Oct. 1 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 7:30

CATAMOUNT FACTS:

Location: Cullowhee, N.C.

Conference: Southern (first year)

Colors: Purple, Gold

Athletic Director: Bob Waters

SID: Jim Rowell

Office: (704) 293-7171

Home: (704) 293-9687

1976 Record: 6-4-0

Series Record: Furman leads, 2-1-0; first game played in 1971.

Head Coach: Bob Waters (Presbyterian '60). Record at WCU: 50-28-2 (8 years).

Assistants: Don Powers, Don Dalton, Don Millwood, Bobby Pate, Bob Setzer.

Lettermen Returning: 24 of 39.

Starters Returning: 6 on offense; 3 on defense.

Top Players: TB Darrell Lipford, SE Wayne Tolleson, WR Jeff Ciccone, OG Robbie Vannoy, MG Ty Smith, LB Frank Wilson.

Strengths: WCU returns its entire running back and receiver corps led by Darrell Lipford, and quarterback has more experience and depth. The defense, led by Ty Smith, should be tough and aggressive.

Weaknesses: The Cats lost eight starters from the defense, so the secondary and line must be rebuilt. Offensive line also is inexperienced. This is Coach Waters' youngest team at WCU.

Basic Offense: Pro-I with multiple formations.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.



Darrell Lipford

WOFFORD
Oct. 8 at Spartanburg, S.C. (Snyder Field — 6,000) 7:30



Coach Sasser

TERRIER FACTS:
Location: Spartanburg, S.C.
Conference: NAIA Independent
Colors: Old Gold, Black
Athletic Director: Buddy Sasser
SID: Bob Brannon
Office: (803) 585-4821
1976 Record: 4-7-0
Series Record: Furman leads, 33-15-4; first game in 1901.
Head Coach: Buddy Sasser (North Carolina '59). First year as a head coach.
Assistants: John Craig, Ladson Cabbage, Rick Gilstrap, Bill Parker.
Lettermen Returning: 29
Starters Returning: 9 on offense; 8 on defense.
Top Players: QB Rick Cloninger, C Scott Wilkens, OG Bobby Jones, MG Keith Kinard, LB Jeff Davis, DB Melvin Lowry.
Strengths: Quarterback is sound with Rick Cloninger back. The secondary also is solid.
Weaknesses: There is a general lack of depth and size.
Basic Offense: Wishbone.
Basic Defense: Five-Two.

MARSHALL
Oct. 15 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 1:30



Mike Bailey

THUNDERING HERD FACTS:
Location: Huntington, W. Va.
Conference: Southern (first year)
Colors: Kelly Green, White
Athletic Director: Joe McMullen
SID: John Evenson
Office: (304) 696-3190
Home: (304) 736-3773
1976 Record: 5-6-0
Series Record: Furman leads 1-0-0; only game played in 1938.
Head Coach: Frank Ellwood (Ohio St. '57). Record at Marshall: 7-15 (2 years).
Assistants: Don Arthur, Bob Brown, Carlin Carpenter, Bill Gary, Lee Thompson.
Lettermen Returning: 35 of 43.
Starters Returning: 9 on offense; 6 on defense.
Top Players: RB Mike Bailey, FL Ray Crisp, OT Mike Kelsing, OG Dan Wells, LB Ray Crabtree, DB Bob Coleman, K Ed Hamrick.
Strengths: Last year's team won more games than any in 11 years, and 35 lettermen are back. The secondary returns intact, as does most of the offensive backfield. Offensive line has size and experience.
Weaknesses: It's a very young squad, only 14 seniors out of 91 players. Need a big offensive improvement and development of a couple of receivers. Defense needs help from recruits.
Basic Offense: I-Formation.
Basic Defense: Oklahoma-50.

APPALACHIAN STATE
Oct. 22 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 2:00



Gill Beck

MOUNTAINEER FACTS:
Location: Boone, N.C.
Conference: Southern
Colors: Gold, Black
Athletic Director: Jim Jones
SID: Rick Layton
Office: (704) 262-3080
Home: (704) 295-7849
1976 Record: 6-4-1; 2-2-1 in Southern Conference
Series Record: Furman leads 3-1-2; first game in 1971.
Head Coach: Jim Brakefield (Centre '41). Record at ASU: 35-27-3 (6 years); Overall 70-45-5 (12 years).
Assistants: Fisher DeBerry, Roachel Laney, Mike Martin, David McKnight, Bob Ward.
Lettermen Returning: 33 of 52.
Starters Returning: 8 on offense; 4 on defense.
Top Players: RB Emmitt Hamilton, RB Scott McConnell, C Gill Beck, K Gary Davis, P David Abernathy.
Strengths: The kicking game is very solid. The offensive backfield is veteran and should be strong. The offensive line has some veterans, also.
Weaknesses: The defensive backfield is questionable.
Basic Offense: Wishbone.
Basic Defense: Five-Two.

PRESBYTERIAN
Oct. 29 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 7:30



Paul Moye

BLUE HOSE FACTS:
Location: Clinton, S.C.
Conference: South Atlantic
Colors: Garnet, Blue
Athletic Director: Cally Gault
SID: Tom Horonzy
Office: (803) 833-0705
Home: (803) 833-2820 ext. 309
1976 Record: 3-7-0
Series Record: Furman leads, 28-9-0; first game in 1913.
Head Coach: Cally Gault (Presbyterian '48). Record at PC: 74-68-4 (14 years).
Assistants: John Perry, Elliott Poss, Wayne Renwick, Bob Stroock.
Lettermen Returning: 26
Starters Returning: 6 on offense; 7 on defense.
Top Players: HB Ralph McBride, HB Elliott Pauling, HB Kevin Williams, OT Gary Corley, OG Robbie Strickland, DT Paul Moye, DE David Shaddrix, MG Alan Smith, DB Claude Crocker, DB David Elliott.
Strengths: The offensive backfield and the secondary return almost intact. The defensive line will be missing only one starter from last year.
Weaknesses: Two starting linebackers will have to be found and the offensive line has to be rebuilt. The Hose also are looking for a quarterback and a tight end.
Basic Offense: Varied-T.
Basic Defense: Five-Two.

RICHMOND

Nov. 5 at Richmond, Va. (City Stadium — 22,000) 1:30

SPIDER FACTS:

Location: Richmond, Va.
Conference: NCAA Independent

Colors: Red, Blue

Athletic Director: Chuck Boone

SID: Nick Boccella

Office: (804) 285-6360

Home: (804) 282-7462

1976 Record: 5-6-0

Series Record: Richmond leads, 14-7-0; first game in 1922.

Head Coach: Jim Tait (Mississippi St. '57). Record at Richmond: 15-17 (3 years).

Assistants: Buck Buchanan, Laurin Collins, Phil Elmastian, Jerry Foshee, Jeff Hanson, Tom Throckmorton.

Lettermen Returning: 32 of 57.

Starters Returning: 5 on offense; 8 on defense.

Top Players: QB Dave Taylor, FB Tim Thacker, C Dick Adams, OG Lou Bonato, OG Cubby Pritchard, DE Ray Chase, DE Mike Copley, DT Billy Cheshire, LB Orlandus Branch, DB Jeff Nixon, DB Rickey Crawford.

Strengths: A good defense with 8 starters returning. The secondary, led by All-American Jeff Nixon, and the linebackers, led by Orlandus Branch, are strong.

Weaknesses: The top three receivers are gone and there is a lack of overall depth.

Basic Offense: Pro-I.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.



Rickey Crawford

CITADEL

Nov. 19 at Charleston, S.C. (Johnson Hagood Stadium — 22,500) 1:30

BULLDOG FACTS:

Location: Charleston, S.C.

Conference: Southern

Colors: Blue, White

Athletic Director: Eddie Teague

SID: Jimmy Wilder

Office: (803) 577-6900

Home: (803) 577-7337

1976 Record: 6-5-0; 1-4-0 in Southern Conference

Series Record: Furman leads, 32-21-3; first game in 1913.

Head Coach: Bobby Ross (VMI '59). Record at Citadel: 19-25 (4 years).

Assistants: Frank Beamer, Ralph Friedgen, Rusty Hamilton, Cal McCombs, Steve Regan, Keith Roden.

Lettermen Returning: 34 of 52.

Starters Returning: 4 on offense; 5 on defense.

Top Players: QB Marty Crosby, SE Mike Riley, TE Al Major, DE Ronnie Easterby, DG Tony Starks, LB-P Kenny Caldwell, DB Tyrone Roper, K Paul Tanguay.

Strengths: Last year's inconsistent offense will be stronger, especially the passing game headed by Marty Crosby, who has a good corps of receivers. Good kicking game with Paul Tanguay and Kenny Caldwell.

Weaknesses: Defensive tackle and linebacker positions have inexperience. Fullback is a question mark.

Basic Offense: I-Formation.

Basic Defense: Wide Tackle Six.



Kenny Caldwell

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Top Players: QB Dave Taylor, FB Tim Thacker, C Dick Adams, OG Lou Bonato, OG Cubby Pritchard, DE Ray Chase, DE Mike Copley, DT Billy Cheshire, LB Orlandus Branch, DB Jeff Nixon, DB Rickey Crawford.

Strengths: A good defense with 8 starters returning. The secondary, led by All-American Jeff Nixon, and the linebackers, led by Orlandus Branch, are strong.

Weaknesses: The top three receivers are gone and there is a lack of overall depth.

Basic Offense: Pro-I.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.



Rickey Crawford

VMI

Nov. 12 at Greenville, S.C. (Sirrine Stadium) 7:30

KEYDET FACTS:

Location: Lexington, Va.

Conference: Southern

Colors: Red, White, Yellow

Athletic Director: Tom Joynes

SID: Tom Shupe

Office: (703) 463-6251

Home: (703) 463-7555

1976 Record: 5-5-0; 2-3-0 in Southern Conference

Series Record: VMI leads, 6-2-0; first game in 1946.

Head Coach: Bob Thalman (Richmond '48). Record at VMI: 21-44 (6 years); Overall: 47-53-1 (10 years).

Assistants: Joe Bush, Dick Harmison, Karl Lombel, Bill Shaw, Bill Tornabene, Donnie White.

Lettermen Returning: 36 of 56.

Starters Returning: 8 on offense; 7 on defense.

Top Players: QB Robby Clark, TB Andre Gibson, DT Ned Stepanovich, LB Glen Jones, K Craig Jones.

Strengths: The Keydets have a veteran offensive backfield and a solid situation at quarterback with depth. The kicking game is good, especially kicker Craig Jones.

Weaknesses: The offensive line is inexperienced and there is a lack of depth on defense.

Basic Offense: Power-I.

Basic Defense: Five-Two.



Andre Gibson

Furman Travel Plans

WAKE FOREST

Sept. 10, 1976

Team will depart the Furman campus Friday afternoon at 2:00 by charter bus, arriving in Winston-Salem, N. C., about 5 p.m. Team will stay at The Sheraton Motor Inn, telephone (919) 765-4321. Departure from Winston-Salem will be immediately after the game.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

Sept. 24, 1976

Team will depart the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport via Southern Airways charter on Saturday morning at 10:30, arriving in Chattanooga about 11:15 a.m. Team will spend the day at the Holiday Inn on West 9th Street, telephone (615) 267-0650. Departure will be immediately after the game, with arrival time at the Greenville airport 11:45 p.m.

WOFFORD

Oct. 8, 1976

Team will bus to Spartanburg prior to game time.

RICHMOND

Nov. 5, 1976

Team will depart the Greenville-Spartanburg airport via Southern Airways charter on Friday afternoon at 4:00, arriving in Richmond at 5 p.m. Team will stay at the Holiday Inn on West Franklin Street, telephone (804) 648-1616. Departure from Richmond will be at 8:30 Saturday evening.

CITADEL

Nov. 19, 1976

Team will depart the Furman campus via charter bus on Friday afternoon around 2:00, arriving in Charleston at 6 p.m. Team will stay at The Sheraton Motor Inn, telephone (803) 744-2501. Departure from Charleston will be immediately after the game.

Past Scores With 1977 Opponents

WAKE FOREST (11-6-0)	1935 29-0	1926 13-7	1975 10-13
1917 7-6	1936 31-0	1928 6-0	1976 3-17
1919 37-7	1937 58-0	1935 23-0	CITADEL (32-21-3)
1920 17-0	1941 40-19	1936 14-0	1913 0-75
1925 0-9	1947 20-6	1937 52-0	1919 21-6
1926 10-0	1948 7-7	1949 13-20	1920 21-6
1927 53-0	1950 13-13	1951 12-13	1921 42-0
1928 18-0	1951 12-14	1951 39-0	1922 28-0
1929 12-0	1952 29-21	1952 27-6	1923 30-14
1931 36-6	1953 7-6	1953 19-0	1924 0-6
1934 3-2	1954 0-19	1954 27-0	1925 7-0
1935 9-0	1955 6-27	1959 23-24	1926 7-0
1940 0-19	1956 6-18	1960 20-12	1927 6-0
1941 13-52	1957 12-13	1961 27-6	1928 13-0
1942 6-14	1958 40-39	1962 40-6	1929 0-0
1952 0-28	1959 3-6	1963 27-0	1930 31-6
1953 21-19	1960 41-26	1964 28-6	1931 33-7
1974 10-16	1961 12-7	1965 7-14	1932 20-0
EAST TENNESSEE (2-1)	1962 34-21	1968 13-9	1933 14-0
1957 13-7	1963 21-19	1969 14-12	1934 6-0
1973 40-21	1964 14-21	1970 19-7	1935 35-0
1974 13-24	1965 13-35	1971 14-35	1936 13-7
UT-CHATTANOOGA (1-5)	1966 15-15	1972 7-10	1937 0-8
1928 0-15	1967 21-20	1973 13-6	1938 6-9
1929 7-20	1968 7-13	1974 22-19	1939 7-0
1957 0-34	1969 7-21	1975 35-7	1940 36-7
1959 7-20	1970 13-28	1976 38-21	1941 13-13
1968 14-31	1971 0-27	RICHMOND (7-14-0)	1942 20-0
1970 18-16	1972 24-7	1922 0-13	1946 14-0
WESTERN CAROLINA (2-1)	1973 21-19	1923 22-7	1947 7-0
1971 21-14	1974 21-10	1931 34-6	1948 9-0
1972 15-20	1975 14-14	1933 14-6	1949 19-7
1975 34-0	1976 56-14	1948 0-7	1950 21-7
WOFFORD (33-15-4)	MARSHALL (1-0)	1949 0-12	1951 35-14
1901 17-0	1938 18-13	1959 14-48	1952 7-7
1914 19-12	APPALACHIAN STATE (3-1-2)	1960 28-35	1953 27-0
1915 25-0	1971 0-0	1964 19-18	1954 31-20
1916 7-9	1972 20-17	1965 14-0	1955 19-25
1917 18-3	1973 17-0	1966 14-24	1956 7-0
1919 7-6	1974 14-14	1967 14-42	1957 14-18
1920 69-0	PRESBYTERIAN (28-9-0)	1968 0-34	1958 6-24
1921 62-0	1913 65-0	1969 0-37	1959 14-18
1922 41-0	1914 2-39	1970 23-9	1961 8-9
1928 26-0	1915 38-7	1971 0-20	1962 33-25
1929 25-6	1916 42-10	1972 0-37	1963 34-25
1930 14-0	1917 7-14	1973 17-20	1964 0-17
1931 20-0	1918 7-13	1974 24-14	1965 0-28
1932 24-0	1919 6-0	1975 21-27	1966 6-10
1933 38-0	1923 20-0	1976 9-13	1967 14-6
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			1974 0-24
			1975 9-13
			1976 16-17

Game-by-Game in 1976

FURMAN 10 0 0 7 - 17 September 4, 1976
N. C. State 0 6 3 3 - 12 at Raleigh, N. C.

Underdogs by as many as 27 points, Furman got the season going in fine style with one of the biggest wins in school history. Furman led for the first three quarters of the game but had to drive 80 yards in the final minutes for the winning touchdown, Harry King going 6 yards for the score with 2:29 left. N. C. State made a last effort to win, getting to its own 40-yard line, where two attempts to make a yard for a first down failed. The Paladins scored first in the game on a 25-yard pass from David Whitehurst to Angus Poole on an automatic called at the line of scrimmage. Furman picked up 387 yards in total offense and Coach Baker said that "David executed the veer as well as anyone I have ever seen do it." King rushed for 159 yards to complement the effort. The offensive line did a great job despite being outweighted 28 pounds per man. Frank Moses was the defensive leader with 17 total tackles. The victory broke a 17-game losing streak to ACC opponents.

FURMAN 7 0 7 3 - 17 September 11, 1976
Tennessee Tech 0 7 0 0 - 7 at Cookeville, Tenn.

An underdog for the second straight week, Furman was able to handle Tennessee Tech's 8-man front, something the Paladins had not been able to do the year before. Harry King, who rushed for 118 yards, scored midway through the first quarter on a 3-yard run set up by a fumble recovery. Tech tied the game in the second period on a 48-yard run by Cecil Fore, but the Paladins came back late in the third on a 2-yard pass from David Whitehurst to King. Andy Goss added an 18-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter. Furman stopped two Tech scoring threats in the game — one from the 1-yard line and the other from the 13. Whitehurst had a good passing night, hitting 12 of 18 for 180 yards.

Presbyterian 0 7 0 14 - 21 September 18, 1976
FURMAN 14 21 3 0 - 38 at Greenville, S. C.

For the third straight week, Furman put on an impressive offensive show — this one of 506 yards, the most yardage by a Furman team in 6 years. Some 16,000 fans saw what PC Coach Cally Gault called "by far the best football team Furman has had since I began coaching in 1963." Furman scored the first five times it had the ball and then let the second and third units play the entire second half. David Kelly, third-string tailback, rushed for 120 yards on 10 carries. Presbyterian made the game close at 14-7 early in the second quarter, but the Paladins hogged the ball the rest of the half, leading 35-7 at halftime. Harry King scored on 5 and 2-yard runs; David Whitehurst scored on a 1-yarder and Andy Goss kicked a 25-yard field goal to set a school career field goal record. PC scored 2 fourth-quarter TD's to make the game close.

Citadel 0 3 14 0 - 17 September 25, 1976
FURMAN 0 10 0 6 - 16 at Greenville, S. C.

Furman dominated the show offensively and defensively, but mistakes — 3 interceptions and a fumble — led to the Paladins' first defeat of the season and the 6th straight Citadel win over Furman. Furman had 208 more yards total offense (372-164) and 11 more first downs (21-10) and "we had the best overall effort by the defense that I can ever remember," according to Coach Baker. Furman held Citadel quarterback Marty Crosby, ranked 10th nationally in total offense going in, to just 48 yards. All three Citadel scores resulted from turnovers . . . the TD drives were of 1 and 31 yards, and the field goal — which gave the Bulldogs their initial score with 6 seconds left in the half — was a 52-yard drive. Furman scored 10 second-quarter points, 3 on a school record 44-yard field goal by Andy Goss. An extra point by Goss just four minutes later helped him break the school's all-time scoring record. Furman had a fourth-quarter TD drive of 74 yards, but Goss missed his first extra point of the season and the Bulldogs won the game. Defensively, linebackers Larry Anderson and Steve Wilson combined for 22 individual tackles.

FURMAN 0 3 0 0 - 3 October 2, 1976
VMI 0 0 0 17 - 17 at Lexington, Va.

A driving rain and costly mistakes combined to give Furman its second straight defeat, and VMI Coach Bob Thalman said, "I can't ever remember being so thrilled." The Paladins out-

named the conference player-of-the-week. More important, Robinson put the winning points on the board with an 84-yard TD run midway through the third quarter. Furman, which for the first time all season did not win the statistical battle, shut off ECU the rest of the way for its first victory over the Pirates since 1965. The Paladin offense did gain 279 yards against the 2nd-ranked defense in the NCAA. Down 7-0 in the 2nd quarter, Furman took advantage of 2 ECU fumbles for 10 points — a 3-yard run by Ike Simpson and a school-record 47-yard field goal by Andy Goss. Coach Baker called it “the biggest home victory since I have been here.”

Wofford 14 0 0 0 — 14 November 20, 1976
FURMAN 6 18 21 11 — 56 at Greenville, S. C.

Believe it or not, Wofford led this game, 14-6, at the end of the first quarter. However, that was before the Paladins scored 50 straight points on the way to their biggest scoring day in 40 years. Led by Larry Robinson for the second straight week, Furman rolled up 519 yards in total offense, and Robinson became the 30th player in NCAA Division I history to go over the 3,000-yard rushing mark for a career. He gained 141 yards and had 3 touchdowns. A 6-yard run in the 4th quarter gave him the 3,000 yards. David Whitehurst had 177 yards total offense, along with a 1-yard TD run and a 33-yard scoring pass to Tommy Southard. “We wanted to go out a winner,” said Robinson.

Game-by-Game Statistics

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing		Passing		Pass Yds	Total Fumbles	Pen	Att'd
			Att-Yds	Att-Cpl-Int	Yds	No-Lost				
FURMAN	17	21	51-274	10-20-1	113	387	4-4	5-39	35,500	Away
N.C. State	12	21	65-258	7-13-2	47	305	5-2	4-30		
FURMAN	17	16	54-216	12-18-1	180	396	5-2	7-67	11,000	Away
Tenn. Tech	7	13	41-144	12-26-1	164	308	4-2	7-74		
FURMAN	38	32	65-419	8-11-0	87	506	3-2	7-75	16,000	Home
Presbyterian	21	18	43-99	11-23-1	154	253	1-1	3-19		
FURMAN	16	21	54-208	14-31-3	164	372	4-2	6-74	17,200	Home
Citadel	17	10	47-126	5-14-2	38	164	2-2	8-68		
FURMAN	3	16	65-219	5-10-1	48	267	6-4	6-63	3,100	Away
VMI	17	6	50-198	2-4-0	39	237	4-2	5-41		
FURMAN	14	14	51-213	4-12-0	54	267	2-2	5-40	8,210	Away
Appalachian	14	20	70-208	3-13-0	84	292	4-3	6-75		
FURMAN	16	19	53-263	12-22-2	148	411	8-4	2-20	18,340	Away
SW Louisiana	27	18	50-204	10-25-1	157	361	1-1	7-36		
FURMAN	9	18	51-225	7-22-2	67	292	4-2	6-40	8,000	Home
Richmond	13	14	47-136	5-17-1	97	233	4-0	3-21		
FURMAN	23	23	65-305	11-14-1	113	418	4-3	4-29	7,000	Home
Wm. & Mary	7	12	45-220	4-16-1	69	289	1-0	2-21		
FURMAN	17	10	44-243	4-8-0	36	279	3-2	8-76	13,600	Home
East Carolina	10	20	76-263	1-6-0	15	278	3-3	3-15		
FURMAN	56	25	58-333	11-16-2	186	519	1-0	8-77	4,500	Home
Wofford	14	13	36-111	8-17-1	101	212	2-2	10-108		

distanced VMI in total offense, 267-237, but they fumbled twice inside the Keydet 4-yard line. Despite the bad breaks, Furman led, 3-0, on a 36-yard Andy Goss field goal until VMI scored 17 fourth-quarter points. Tailback Andre Gibson scored twice for VMI, once on a 85-yard run. Furman lost four fumbles and all proved detrimental, while VMI lost only 2, neither in a crucial situation. Fullback Kent Woerner gained 83 yards on the muddy field. Linebacker Steve Wilson was injured in the game and would be out until the final game of the season; Brett Simmons reinjured his hamstring to put himself out for the year.

FURMAN 7 7 0 0 — 14 October 9, 1976
Appalachian 0 7 7 0 — 14 at Boone, N. C.

It was a windy, cold day in Boone — temperature in the 30's — with two of the top offensive teams in the conference operating, but Furman continued its losing slump. The Paladins were outgained in total offense (292-267) for the only time all season. Furman drove 80 and 81 yards for first and second-quarter David Whitehurst touchdown runs, but Appalachian came back for a 60-yard pass play in the second period and a 2-yard TD run by Calvin Simon in the third. Furman called on the defense to stop Appalachian four times inside the 10-yard line during the day. ASU Coach Jim Brakefield admitted, “When the chips were down, they made the big plays and we didn't.”

FURMAN 9 0 0 7 — 16 October 16, 1976
S. W. Louisiana 0 7 13 7 — 27 at Lafayette, La.

Trying to regain its winning ways, Furman jumped out to a 9-0 first-quarter lead over the favored Regis' Cajuns, but USL came back for a touchdown with 17 seconds left in the first half and scored again on its first 2 possessions of the second half. The Paladins had managed to hold a potent USL passing attack in check throughout most of the first half before quarterback Roy Henry took the Cajuns 59 yards for their first score. The Paladins turned the ball over 5 times in USL territory to nullify an outstanding performance by David Whitehurst, who had the best total offense game by a Furman player in 7 years — 253 yards. Whitehurst passed for both Furman scores — a 17-yarder to Angus Poole and a 4-yarder to Harry King.

Richmond 0 7 0 6 — 13 October 23, 1976
FURMAN 0 3 6 0 — 9 at Greenville, S. C.

Jimmy Kiser, subbing for David Whitehurst, put a little excitement into an otherwise dull game, but Furman continued its 5-game winless streak. Kiser rushed for 98 yards and passed for 21, scoring Furman's only touchdown on a 25-yard run. However, Coach Baker called his team's effort “our least emotional game of the season.” Despite that, Furman held a 9-7 lead into the fourth quarter. But Richmond scored on an 80-yard drive with 7:47 left, the TD coming on a 31-yard Larry Shaw to John Call pass. Furman threatened late, getting to the Richmond 21 with 50 seconds left, but a Whitehurst pass interception dashed any hopes.

William & Mary 0 0 7 0 — 7 October 30, 1976
FURMAN 7 7 7 2 — 23 at Greenville, S. C.

It was a cold, rainy homecoming day, but the Paladins finally regained their winning ways, dominating the game all the way and defeating the most improved team in the Southern Conference. Furman jumped out to a 14-0 lead on 5 and 1-yard touchdown runs by David Whitehurst, as the Paladins rolled up 418 yards of offense for the game to 289 for William & Mary. Jim Kruis made it close for the Indians, going 62 yards for a score on their first possession of the second half. Eight minutes later on a 4th-down-and-1 play, Kent Woerner went 41 yards for Furman's final TD to put the game out of reach. Woerner rushed for a career-high 85 yards. The Paladins got a safety when W&M quarterback Tom Rozantz was trapped in the end zone, typifying what Coach Baker called the “inspired and enthusiastic football our defense played.” W&M Coach Jim Root called Furman “the best team we have played this year as far as the game today.”

East Carolina 7 0 3 0 — 10 November 13, 1976
FURMAN 0 10 7 0 — 17 at Greenville, S. C.

Coming off an open date, Furman dealt its second straight major upset and delayed East Carolina's march to the Southern Conference title. The individual hero was Larry Robinson, who had 137 yards on 10 carries to establish a new conference career rushing record and be

1976 Furman Statistics

(Overall 6-4-1; Conference 2-2-1; Home 4-2; Away 2-2-1)

RESULTS	
17	N. C. State
17	Tennessee Tech
38	Presbyterian
16	Citadel
3	VMI
14	Appalachian State
16	S. W. Louisiana
9	Richmond
23	William & Mary
17	East Carolina
56	Wofford

TEAM STATISTICS:

	Fur.	Opp.
TOTAL POINTS	226	159
FIRST DOWNS	215	165
Rushing	144	100
Passing	56	45
Penalty	15	20
RUSH YARDAGE (per game)	265.3	178.8
PASS YARDAGE (per game)	108.7	87.7
TOTAL OFFENSE (per game)	374.0	266.5
PASSING	98-184-13	68-174-10
RETURN YARDAGE	311	269
PUNTING	52/39.4	71/39.0
PENALTIES	64-600	58-508
FUMBLES	44-27	31-18

RUSHING:

	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	LG	TD
Harry King	129	745	25	720	5.6	43td	6
Larry Robinson	104	636	27	609	5.9	84td	6
Kent Woerner	88	441	0	441	5.0	41td	1
David Whitehurst	148	547	144	403	2.7	48	6
Ike Simpson	72	316	0	316	4.4	16	1
Jimmy Kiser	46	223	28	195	4.1	25td	1
David Kelly	12	155	6	149	12.4	56	1
Tommy Southard	4	70	0	70	17.5	29	0
Mark Stowers	5	12	0	12	2.4	4	0
David Henderson	3	4	1	3	1.0	4	0
TOTALS	611	3149	231	2918	4.8	84td	22
OPP.	570	2314	347	1967	3.5	85td	12

PASSING:

	Att.	Cpl.	Yds.	Avg.	Pct.	Int.	TD
David Whitehurst	164	87	1019	11.7	.530	13	6
Jimmy Kiser	8	4	43	10.8	.500	0	0
Harry King	3	3	64	21.3	.500	0	0
David Henderson	3	2	20	10.0	.667	0	0
Tommy Southard	1	1	42	42.0	1.000	0	0
Bill Freeman	1	1	8	8.0	1.000	0	0
Marty LaPrade	1	0	0	0.0	.000	0	0
TOTALS	184	98	1196	12.2	.533	13	6
OPP.	174	68	965	14.2	.391	10	8

TOTAL OFFENSE:

	G	Pl.	Yds.	P/P	P/G	TD
David Whitehurst	11	312	1422	4.6	129.3	12
Harry King	11	135	784	5.8	71.3	6
Jimmy Kiser	11	54	238	4.4	21.6	1
Tommy Southard	10	5	112	22.4	11.2	0
David Henderson	2	6	23	3.8	11.5	0
Others same as rush & pass totals above						
TOTALS	11	795	4114	5.2	374.0	26
OPP.	11	744	2932	3.9	266.5	21

RECEIVING:

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Tommy Southard	39	510	13.1	33td	2
Angus Poole	14	220	15.7	44	2
Harry King	11	57	5.2	15	2
David Kelly	10	168	16.8	42	0
Greg Laetsch	9	111	12.3	28	0
Brette Simmons	4	37	9.3	13	0
Ike Simpson	3	12	4.0	8	0
Bubba McWhorter	2	21	10.5	15	0
David Glover	1	16	16.0	16	0
David Whitehurst	1	15	15.0	15	0
Andy Goss	1	11	11.0	11	0
Mike Fisher	1	8	8.0	8	0
Steve Baker	1	5	5.0	5	0
Larry Robinson	1	5	5.0	5	0
TOTALS	98	1196	12.2	44	6
OPP.	68	965	14.2	60td	8

KICKOFF RETURNS:

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Jimmy Kiser	14	333	23.8	32	0
David Kelly	5	79	15.8	20	0
David Shepherd	3	55	18.3	24	0
Mark Stowers	2	36	18.0	20	0
Kent Woerner	2	30	15.0	18	0
Beach Foster	1	16	16.0	16	0
Andy Goss	1	13	13.0	13	0
Rick Perry	1	3	3.0	3	0
TOTALS	29	565	19.5	32	0
OPP.	41	857	20.9	53	0

PUNT RETURNS:

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Jimmy Kiser	22	162	7.4	37	0
David Shepherd	2	40	20.0	39	0
Kirby Pack	1	4	4.0	4	0
TOTALS	25	206	8.2	39	0
OPP.	24	151	6.3	30	0

SCORING:

	TD	EP-1	EP-2	FG	Tot.
Andy Goss	0	22-26	0-0	10-17	52
Harry King	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	48
Larry Robinson	6	0-0	1-1	0-0	38
David Whitehurst	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	36
Tommy Southard	2	0-0	1-1	0-0	14
Angus Poole	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	12
David Kelly	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Jimmy Kiser	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Ike Simpson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Kent Woerner	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6
TOTALS	28	22-26	2-2	10-17	226*
OPP.	21	18-20	0-1	5-16	159

* includes 2-point safety

INTERCEPTIONS:

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Mark Gordon	5	36	7.2	19	0
David Shepherd	2	45	22.5	30	0
Rick Perry	2	24	12.0	21	0
Tommy Marshall	1	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS	10	105	10.5	30	0
OPP.	15	139	9.3	45td	1

PUNTING:

	No.	Yds.	Bl.	LG	Avg.
Bill Freeman	52	2051	0	53	39.4
OPP.	71	2771	1	58	39.0

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Jimmy Neal 3, Mark Gordon 2, Mike Sanders 2, Steve Wilson 2, Mark Bowers 1, Bobby Church 1, Russell Gambrell 1, Rodney Heintz 1, David Kelly 1, Tommy Marshall 1, Steve Mitchell 1, Kirby Pack 1, David Shepherd 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:

Furman	60	79	51	36	- 226
Opposition	21	44	47	47	- 159

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	G	T	A	Tot.	FR	Int.
Larry Anderson, LB	11	89	52	141	0	0
Frank Moses, NG	11	80	40	120	0	0
Dolphus Carter, DE	11	65	41	106	0	0
Tommy Marshall, DB	10	46	45	91	1	1
Jimmy Neal, LB	11	50	37	87	3	0
Mark Gordon, DB	11	49	30	79	2	5
Bruce Williamson, DT	11	47	32	79	0	0
Kirby Pack, DE	10	38	31	69	1	0
David Shepherd, DB	11	35	29	64	1	2
Tony Cox, DT	10	40	23	63	0	0
Steve Wilson, LB	6	38	20	58	2	0
Russell Gambrell, DB	9	23	29	52	1	0
Richard Broomfield, DE	9	24	27	51	0	0
Bobby Church, DT	11	30	18	48	1	0
Rick Perry, DB	10	11	22	33	0	2
Mike Sanders, DT	11	11	12	23	2	0
Greg Furches, DE	6	8	5	13	0	0
Beach Foster, DB	6	5	6	11	0	0
Brian Hesselstine, LB	8	4	6	10	0	0
Mark Bowers, DB	7	4	6	10	1	0
Rodney Heintz, NG	8	4	5	9	1	0
Steve Mitchell, LB	8	5	3	8	1	0
Bruce Lancaster, DE	4	4	3	7	0	0
John White, LB	4	1	2	3	0	0
Oliver Cooper, DT	2	0	1	1	0	0
Mike Fisher, DB	5	0	1	1	0	0
G - Games	FR - Fumble Recoveries					
T - Tackles	Int. - Interceptions					
	A - Assisting Tackles					
	Tot. - Total Tackles					

1976 FURMAN SUPERLATIVES

Individual

Longest Run: 84 (TD), Larry Robinson vs. East Carolina.
Longest Pass: 44, David Whitehurst to Angus Poole vs. Tennessee Tech.
Longest Punt Return: 39, David Shepherd vs. Richmond.
Longest Kickoff Return: 32, Jimmy Kiser vs. Citadel.
Longest Interception Return: 30, David Shepherd vs. William & Mary.
Longest Field Goal: 47, Andy Goss vs. East Carolina.
Longest Punt: 53, Bill Freeman vs. Tennessee Tech, Richmond.
Most Rushes: 22 Harry King vs. Tennessee Tech.
Most Yards Rushing: 159, Harry King vs. North Carolina State.
Most Passes Attempted: 30, David Whitehurst vs. Citadel.
Most Passes Completed: 13, David Whitehurst vs. Citadel.
Most Yards Passing: 180, David Whitehurst vs. Tennessee Tech.
Most Passes Caught: 6, Tommy Southard vs. N. C. State, William & Mary.
Most Yards Receiving: 78, Tommy Southard vs. Wofford.

Team Offense High-Lows

First Downs: Most: 32 vs. Presbyterian; Least: 10 vs. East Carolina.
Rush Attempts: Most: 65 vs. Presbyterian, VMI, Wm. & Mary; Least: 44 vs. East Carolina.
Pass Attempts: Most: 31 vs. Citadel; Least: 8 vs. East Carolina.
Pass Completions: Most: 14 vs. Citadel; Least: 4 vs. Appalachian, East Carolina.
Total Offense Plays: Most: 85 vs. Citadel; Least: 52 vs. East Carolina.
Yards Rushing: Most: 419 vs. Presbyterian; Least: 208 vs. Citadel.
Yards Passing: Most: 186 vs. Wofford; Least: 36 vs. East Carolina.
Yards Total Offense: Most: 519 vs. Wofford; Least: 267 vs. VMI, Appalachian.
Passes Had Intercepted: Most: 3 vs. Citadel; Least: 0 vs. Presbyterian, Appalachian, East Carolina.
Fumbles Lost: Most: 4 vs. N. C. State, VMI, S. W. Louisiana; Least: 0 vs. Wofford.

Team Defense Low-Highs

First Downs: Least: 6 by VMI; Most: 21 by N. C. State.
Rush Attempts: Least: 36 by Wofford; Most: 76 by East Carolina.
Pass Attempts: Least: 4 by VMI; Most: 26 by Tennessee Tech.
Pass Completions: Least: 1 by East Carolina; Most: 12 by Tennessee Tech.
Total Offense Plays: Least: 53 by Wofford; Most: 83 by Appalachian.
Yards Rushing: Least: 99 by Presbyterian; Most: 263 by East Carolina.
Yards Passing: Least: 15 by East Carolina; Most: 164 by Tennessee Tech.
Yards Total Offense: Least: 164 by Citadel; Most: 361 by S. W. Louisiana.
Passes Intercepted: Most: 2 vs. N. C. State, Citadel; Least: 0 vs. VMI, Appalachian, East Carolina.
Fumbles Recovered: Most: 3 vs. Appalachian, East Carolina; Least: 0 vs. Richmond, William & Mary.
 *School Record.

School Records

TEAM RECORDS

Single Game

Most Points—73 (Mercer, 1921)
Most Points By Opponent—99 (Clemson, 1915)
Most Yards Rushing—504 (Davidson, 1953)
Most Yards Rushing By Opponent—524 (Auburn, 1956)
Fewest Yards Rushing—minus 40 (Wofford, 1968)
Fewest Yards Rushing By Opponent—minus 52 (George Washington, 1959)
Most Yards Passing—354 (Samford, 1967)
Most Yards Passing by Opponent—333 (Davidson, 1969)
Most Yards Total Offense—590 (Carson-Newman, 1970)
Most Yards Total Offense By Opponent—621 (Samford, 1967)
Fewest Yards Total Offense—0 (Wake Forest, 1952)
Fewest Yards Total Offense By Opponent—37 (George Washington, 1959)
Most Passes Attempted—67 (Wofford, 2nd game, 1969)
Most Passes Attempted By Opponent—50 (Guilford, 1970 & 1971)
Fewest Passes Attempted—1 (Davidson, 1957)
Fewest Passes Attempted By Opponent—1 (Wofford, 1955)
Most Passes Completed—32 (Wofford, 2nd game, 1969)
Most Passes Completed by Opponent—33 (Davidson, 1972)
Fewest Passes Completed—0 (Wofford, 1962)
Fewest Passes Completed By Opponent—0 (Wm. & Mary, 1974; Samford, 1969; George Washington, 1957; Wofford, 1955; West Virginia, 1951)
Most Passes Intercepted—8 (Presbyterian, 1951)
Most Passes Intercepted By Opponent—6 (Wofford, 2nd game, 1969)
Most First Downs—32 (Wofford, 1960 & Presbyterian, 1976)
Most First Downs By Opponent—32 (Davidson, 1972)
Fewest First Downs—2 (Memphis State, 1961)
Fewest First Downs By Opponent—4 (George Washington, 1959; Davidson 1957; Citadel, 1953; Wofford, 1946)
Most Times Punted—13 (East Carolina, 1972)
Most Times Punted By Opponent—10 (Davidson, 1962)
Most Fumbles Lost—7 (Wofford, 1952)
Most Fumbles Lost By Opponent—6 (Presbyterian, 1970)
Most Yards Penalized—139 (William & Mary, 1962)
Most Yards Penalized By Opponent—197 (William & Mary, 1962)
Largest Crowd—41,827 (Miami, 1954)

TEAM—Season

Most Victories—10 (1927, 10-1-0)
Most Defeats—9 (1955, 1968, 1972)
Fewest Victories—1 (1955, 1968, 1969)
Most Points—288 (1921)
Fewest Points—28 (1902)
Most Points By Opponents—343 (1968)
Fewest Points By Opponents—16 (1920)
Most Consecutive Victories—13 (1932-33)
Most Consecutive Losses—11 (1954-55)

Most Tie Games—4 (1902)
Most Consecutive Shutouts—7 (1932)
Most Consecutive Times Shutout—3 (1924, 1948)
Most Games Held Opponents Scoreless—7 (1920, 1921, 1927, 1932, 1932)
Most Games Been Held Scoreless—5 (1924, 1948)
Most First Downs—215 (1976)
Fewest First Downs—71 (1949)
Most Yards Rushing—2,918 (1976)
Best Rushing Average Per Game—265.3 (1976)
Most Yards Passing—2,088 (1967)
Most Passes Attempted—303 (1969)
Most Pass Completions—146 (1967)
Most Passes Intercepted—21 (1961)
Most Passes Had Intercepted—25 (1969)
Fewest Passes Had Intercepted—3 (1970)
Most Yards Total Offense—4,114 (1976)
Most Consecutive Wins Over One Team—18 (Wofford)
Most Consecutive Losses To One Team—21 (Clemson)

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Single Game

Most Rushing Attempts—33 (Steve Crislip vs. Carson-Newman, 1971)
Most Passing Attempts—67 (Cleve Hightower vs. Wofford, 2nd game 1969)
Most Pass Completions—32 (Cleve Hightower vs. Wofford, 2nd game 1969)
Most Passes Caught—13 (Byron Trotter vs. Wofford, 2nd game, 1969)
Most TD Passes Thrown—4 (Billy Canty vs. Davidson, 1961; Sam Wyche vs. Newberry, 1965)
Most TD Passes Caught—3 (Tim Crawford vs. Newberry, 1965)
Most Yards Returning Kickoffs—163 (Vince Perone vs. Wofford, 1973)
Most Touchdowns Rushing—3 (Sonny Horton vs. Newberry, 1951; John Talkington vs. Mars Hill, 1967; Randy Mahaffey vs. East Tennessee St., 1973; Larry Robinson vs. The Citadel, 1973 & Wofford 1976)
Most Extra Points—7 (Al Standiford vs. Lenoir Rhyne, 1973)
Most Extra Point Attempts—7 (Al Standiford vs. Lenoir Rhyne, 1973; Gordon Powers vs. Newberry, 1965)
Most Field Goals—3 (Al Standiford vs. Wofford, 1972)
Most Points Scored—22 (Bradley Fowler vs. Wofford, 1960)
Most Pass Interceptions—3 (Joe Watts vs. Presbyterian, 1951; Mark Gordon vs. Presbyterian, 1975)
Longest Kickoff Return—103 (John Popson vs. The Citadel, 1954; Vince Perone vs. Wofford, 1973)
Longest Punt—95 (Roy Stevens vs. Georgia, 1935)
Longest Pass Interception Return—97 (Red Schneider vs. Georgia, 1926)
Longest Fumble Return—27 (Richard Giddings vs. Richmond, 1964)
Longest Run From Scrimmage—93 (Russ Sutton vs. Presbyterian, 1951)
Longest Pass Completion—81 (Clyde Hewell to Robbie Hahn vs. George Washington, 1966)
Longest Field Goal—47 (Andy Goss vs. East Carolina, 1976)

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME BESTS

Rushing

1. 229 Yards — Steve Crislip vs. Carson-Newman, 1971
 2. 202 Yards — Pat Carroll vs. Carson-Newman, 1970
 3. 189 Yards — Bob Buzzell vs. Lehigh, 1965
 4. 169 Yards — John Cook vs. Citadel, 1962
 5. 160 Yards — Russ Sutton vs. Presbyterian, 1951
 6. 159 Yards — Harry King vs. N. C. State, 1976
1. 356 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Wofford, 1969
 2. 354 Yards — Clyde Hewell vs. Samford, 1967
 3. 346 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Mississippi College, 1969
 4. 292 Yards — Billy Baker vs. Citadel, 1957
 5. 267 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Citadel, 1969

Passing

Pass Receiving

1. 197 Yards — Robbie Hahn vs. Samford, 1967
2. 178 Yards — Robbie Hahn vs. George Washington, 1966
3. 155 Yards — Mike Bartik vs. Louisville, 1973
4. 147 Yards — Tim Crawford vs. William & Mary, 1964
5. 138 Yards — Dick Pfiffer vs. Florida State, 1955
6. 131 Yards — Pat Carroll vs. Wofford, 1969

Total Offense

1. 374 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Mississippi College, 1969
2. 354 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Wofford, 1969
3. 333 Yards — Clyde Hewell vs. East Carolina, 1967
4. 295 Yards — Sam Wyche vs. William & Mary, 1964
5. 287 Yards — Billy Baker vs. Citadel, 1957
6. 263 Yards — Cleve Hightower vs. Citadel, 1969
7. 253 Yards — David Whitehurst vs. S. W. Louisiana, 1976

INDIVIDUAL—Season

- Most Passes Completed— 132 (Clyde Hewell, 1967)
Most Passes Attempted— 238 (Cleve Hightower, 1969)
Most Passes Had Intercepted— 19 (Cleve Hightower, 1969)
Most TD Passes Thrown— 11 (Clyde Hewell, 1967)
Most Passes Caught— 53 (Robbie Hahn, 1967)
Most TD Passes Caught— 9 (Robbie Hahn, 1967)
Most Pass Interceptions— 10 (Vince Perone, 1972)
Best Passing Pct.— .600 (Clyde Hewell, 1967)
Most Kickoff Returns— 24 (Donny Griffin, 1972)
Most Yards Kickoff Returns— 557 (Vince Perone, 1973)
Most Punt Returns— 23 (Donny Griffin, 1971)
Most Yards Punt Returns— 337 (Donny Griffin, 1971)
Most PAT Attempts— 33 (Al Standiford, 1973)

- Most PATs Kicked— 31 (Al Standiford, 1973)
Most Field Goal Attempts— 17 (Andy Goss, 1976)
Most Field Goals Kicked— 10 (Andy Goss, 1976)
Most TD Rushing— 10 (Steve Crislip, 1970)
Most Points Scored— 62 (Steve Crislip, 1970; Robbie Hahn, 1967)
Best Punting Average— 45.6 (Paul Stombaugh, 1949)
Most Rushing Attempts— 204 (Larry Robinson, 1974)
Most Punts— 86 (Mike Bartik, 1972)
Most TD Rushing & Passing— 15 (David Whitehurst, 1975)

INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS

1,000 Yards Total Offense

1. 1,740 Yards — Clyde Hewell, 1967
2. 1,472 Yards — Cleve Hightower, 1969
3. 1,422 Yards — David Whitehurst, 1976
4. 1,302 Yards — David Whitehurst, 1975
5. 1,196 Yards — David Whitehurst, 1973
6. 1,194 Yards — John DeLeo, 1971
7. 1,135 Yards — John DeLeo, 1970
8. 1,072 Yards — Billy Canty, 1960

Rushing

1. 1,002 Yards — Steve Crislip, 1971
2. 916 Yards — Larry Robinson, 1973
3. 871 Yards — Steve Crislip, 1970
4. 780 Yards — Larry Robinson, 1975
5. 767 Yards — Tommy Campbell, 1961
6. 757 Yards — Ed Jasonok, 1950
7. 733 Yards — Larry Robinson, 1974
8. 724 Yards — Elliott Keller, 1967

Pass Receiving

1. 840 Yards — Robbie Hahn, 1967
2. 568 Yards — Ray Siminski, 1958
3. 560 Yards — Jimmy Jordan, 1967
4. 535 Yards — Robbie Hahn, 1966
5. 525 Yards — Mike Bartik, 1973
6. 510 Yards — Tommy Southard, 1976

1,000 Yards Passing

1. 1,873 Yards — Clyde Hewell, 1967
2. 1,404 Yards — Cleve Hightower, 1969
3. 1,096 Yards — Clyde Hewell, 1966
4. 1,024 Yards — Clyde Hewell, 1968
5. 1,019 Yards — David Whitehurst, 1976
6. 1,001 Yards — Gene Pedricks, 1951

INDIVIDUAL—Career

- Most Points Scored— 155 (Andy Goss, 1973-76); 152 (Larry Robinson, 1973-76)
Most Yards Total Offense— 4,392 (David Whitehurst, 1973-76)
Most Yards Rushing— 3,038 (Larry Robinson, 1973-76)
Most Yards Passing— 3,993 (Clyde Hewell, 1966-68)
Most Touchdowns Scored— 25 (Larry Robinson, 1973-76)
Most TD Passes— 24 (Billy Canty, 1958-61)
Most Rushing Attempts— 661 (Larry Robinson, 1973-76)
Most Passing Attempts— 563 (Clyde Hewell, 1966-68)
Most Pass Completions— 313 (Clyde Hewell, 1966-68)
Most Passes Caught— 98 (Bryan Trotter, 1968-70)
Most Yards Receiving— 1,375 (Robbie Hahn, 1966-67)
Most TD Passes Caught— 16 (Robbie Hahn, 1966-67)
Most Pass Interceptions— 16 (Vince Perone, 1972-74)
Most PATs— 69 (Al Standiford, 1971-73)
Most PAT Attempts— 74 (Al Standiford, 1971-73)
Most Field Goal Attempts— 38 (Andy Goss, 1973-76)
Most Field Goals— 23 (Andy Goss, 1973-76)
Most Punts— 205 (Jimmy Jordan, 1966-68)

FURMAN LEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS

	RUSHING Att-Yds	PASSING Cpl-Att-Int-Yds	RECEIVING No-Yards	TOTAL OFFENSE Att-Yards
1956	Jerry Penland 122-579	Billy Baker 41-93-4-449	Ray Siminski 7-83	Billy Baker 171-591
1957	Hicky Horton 93-290	Billy Baker 88-150-5-846	Tom Avery 19-191	Billy Baker 211-894
1958	Hicky Horton 97-381	Billy Baker 35-68-7-495	Ray Siminski 35-568	Billy Baker 99-519
1959	George Angelica 112-453	Billy Baker 43-89-7-525	Hicky Horton 14-193	Billy Baker 114-481
1960	Tom Campbell 126-616	Billy Canty 74-135-8-920	Tony Carmignani 18-198	Billy Canty 180-1072
1961	Tom Campbell 157-767	Billy Canty 84-168-12-884	Tony Carmignani 24-247	Billy Canty 204-966
1962	Elliott Keller 133-724	Elton Brunty 45-105-5-624	Rodger Senter 11-155	Elliott Keller 133-724
1963	Ernie Zuberer 126-515	Danny Donovan 43-94-6-638	Sam Pickens 14-239	Danny Donovan 188-969
1964	Ernie Zuberer 111-424	Sam Wyche 70-139-8-840	Tim Crawford 23-319	Sam Wyche 224-871
1965	Bob Buzzell 142-661	Sam Wyche 58-118-11-753	Tim Crawford 23-379	Sam Wyche 204-877
1966	David Nemeth 105-453	Clyde Hewell 81-157-13-1096	Robbie Hahn 26-535	Clyde Hewell 217-980
1967	Joe Street 133-692	Clyde Hewell 132-220-11-1873	Robbie Hahn 53-840	Clyde Hewell 294-1740
1968	Dickey Sowell 135-447	Clyde Hewell 100-186-8-1024	Jimmy Jordan 38-502	Clyde Hewell 235-714
1969	George Vaughn 165-493	Cleve Hightower 105-238-19-1404	Byron Trotter 38-421	Cleve Hightower 279-1472
1970	Steve Crislip 152-871	John DeLeo 60-140-1-882	Byron Trotter 32-348	John DeLeo 307-1135
1971	Steve Crislip 186-1002	John DeLeo 81-167-6-896	Blake Carlyle 34-389	John DeLeo 311-1194
1972	Donny Griffin 120-583	Charles Elvington 77-143-1-650	Mike Bartik 29-307	Donny Griffin 120-583
1973	Larry Robinson 189-916	David Whitehurst 59-108-3-829	Mike Bartik 31-525	David Whitehurst 228-1196
1974	Larry Robinson 204-733	Charles Elvington 55-103-5-652	Kenny Brown 16-249	Charles Elvington 197-935
1975	Larry Robinson 164-780	David Whitehurst 80-150-6-973	Tommy Southard 24-333	David Whitehurst 276-1302
1976	Harry King 129-720	David Whitehurst 87-164-13-1019	Tommy Southard 39-510	David Whitehurst 312-1422

FURMAN vs. ALL OPPONENTS

School	Games	W	L	T	First Game	(score)	Last Game	(score)
Alabama	5	0	5	0	1924	(0-20)	1960	(0-51)
Appalachian State	6	3	1	2	1971	(0-0)	1976	(14-14)
Army	5	0	5	0	1930	(0-54)	1955	(0-81)
Auburn	3	0	3	0	1946	(6-26)	1956	(0-41)
Bailey	2	2	0	0	1913	(59-0)	1914	(57-0)
Bingham	2	2	0	0	1902	(12-0)	1915	(20-6)
Bucknell	4	2	0	0	1933	(0-12)	1938	(6-28)
Carson-Newman	4	2	1	1	1969	(21-21)	1972	(7-59)
Centre	2	2	0	0	1933	(7-6)	1934	(7-6)
Charleston	3	2	0	1	1902	(5-5)	1903	(30-0)
UT-Chattanooga	6	1	5	0	1928	(0-15)	1970	(18-16)
Citadel	56	32	21	3	1913	(0-75)	1976	(16-17)
Clemson	44	10	30	4	1902	(0-28)	1964	(0-28)
Clemson 'B'	4	3	1	0	1913	(7-2)	1914	(7-2)
Davidson	43	29	14	0	1902	(6-0)	1973	(38-7)
Davis-Elkins	2	2	0	1	1930	(7-7)	1932	(19-0)
Duke	2	2	0	0	1927	(13-7)	1928	(6-0)
East Carolina	14	3	11	0	1961	(29-8)	1976	(17-10)
East Tennessee State	3	2	1	0	1957	(13-7)	1974	(13-24)
Elon	1	1	0	0	1920	(33-0)	1920	(33-0)
Erskine	15	13	0	2	1915	(60-0)	1940	(40-0)
Florida	6	2	4	0	1922	(7-6)	1950	(7-19)
Florida State	9	2	7	0	1952	(9-0)	1963	(6-49)
Frederick	1	1	0	0	1965	(51-14)	1965	(51-14)
Georgetown	1	0	1	0	1924	(0-20)	1924	(0-20)
George Washington	14	6	7	1	1938	(0-7)	1966	(28-49)
Georgia	22	2	20	0	1916	(0-49)	1950	(0-40)
Georgia Tech	9	1	6	2	1902	(0-0)	1947	(0-51)
Guilford	2	2	0	0	1970	(49-28)	1971	(42-14)
Holy Cross	1	1	0	0	1975	(21-14)	1975	(21-14)
Lehigh	2	2	0	0	1965	(27-15)	1967	(38-15)
Lenoir Rhyne	2	2	0	0	1973	(52-20)	1974	(14-10)
Louisville	1	0	1	0	1973	(14-35)	1973	(14-35)
Marshall	1	1	0	0	1938	(18-13)	1938	(18-13)
Mars Hill	1	1	0	0	1967	(42-0)	1967	(42-0)
Maryville	1	0	1	0	1914	(19-27)	1914	(19-27)
Memphis State	1	1	0	0	1961	(7-6)	1961	(7-6)
Mercer	11	7	2	2	1921	(37-0)	1930	(20-9)
Miami (Fla.)	3	1	2	0	1927	(38-7)	1954	(13-51)
Mississippi	1	1	0	0	1924	(7-2)	1924	(7-2)
Mississippi College	7	5	2	0	1960	(33-20)	1970	(38-17)
Newberry	24	20	4	0	1913	(7-16)	1966	(29-7)
North Carolina	2	0	2	0	1902	(0-10)	1916	(0-46)
North Carolina State	6	3	4	0	1902	(0-0)	1976	(17-12)
Oglethorpe	9	6	3	0	1919	(13-0)	1938	(13-7)
Ohio University	1	0	1	0	1940	(6-15)	1940	(6-15)
Penn State	1	0	1	0	1966	(6-20)	1966	(6-20)
Piedmont	1	1	0	0	1958	(0-36)	1958	(0-36)
Presbyterian	36	28	9	0	1935	(69-0)	1935	(69-0)
Richmond	21	7	14	0	1922	(65-0)	1976	(38-21)
St. Albans	1	0	1	0	1902	(0-13)	1902	(0-0)
Samford	6	1	5	0	1961	(21-14)	1969	(14-34)
South Carolina	39	16	22	1	1916	(14-0)	1959	(0-30)
Southwestern Louisiana	1	0	1	0	1976	(16-27)	1976	(16-27)
Stetson	2	0	2	0	1951	(20-21)	1952	(14-25)
Tampa	3	0	2	1	1960	(7-7)	1967	(13-39)
Tennessee Tech	2	1	1	0	1975	(5-17)	1976	(17-7)

Coach	Seasons	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Vanderbilt	1	0	0	1963	(14-13)	(14-13)
Villanova	1	0	1	1957	(0-20)	(0-20)
Virginia	1	0	0	1923	(13-10)	(13-10)
Virginia Military	8	2	6	1946	(7-26)	(3-17)
Virginia Tech	4	0	4	1939	(7-20)	(6-20)
Wake Forest	17	11	6	1917	(7-6)	(10-16)
Washington & Lee	5	2	3	1925	(20-15)	(7-25)
Western Carolina	3	2	1	1971	(21-14)	(34-0)
West Virginia	5	1	4	1950	(7-18)	(7-38)
William & Mary	10	5	5	1959	(8-7)	(23-7)
Wofford	52	33	14	1901	(17-0)	(56-14)

FURMAN COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Seasons	Years	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
C. S. Roller	1901-02	2	4	5	5	.286
W. C. "Cuppy" Farmer	1913	1	6	3	0	.667
W. B. Bible	1914	1	3	3	0	.500
W. L. Laval	1915-27	13	86	34	4	.693
T. B. Amis	1928-31	4	21	13	4	.563
A. P. "Dizzy" McLeod	1932-42	11	56	37	7	.560
R. W. Smith	1946-47	2	4	15	0	.211
H. E. Smith	1948-49	2	5	12	1	.278
Bill Young	1950-54	5	23	25	3	.451
Homer Hobbs	1955-57	3	6	22	1	.207
Bob King	1958-72	15	60	87	4	.397
Art Baker	1973-	4	23	19	2	.523

FURMAN IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Season	Conference			Overall			Opp.
	W	L	T	W	L	T	
1953	2	0	0	7	2	0	100
1954	2	0	0	5	5	0	196
1955	1	1	0	1	9	0	319
1956	2	2	0	2	8	0	194
1957	2	1	0	3	7	0	236
1958	1	2	0	2	7	0	269
1959	3	2	0	3	7	0	216
1960	2	2	0	5	4	1	244
1961	2	2	0	7	3	0	132
1962	2	2	0	4	6	0	209
1963	3	2	0	7	3	0	198
1964	1	4	0	3	7	0	212
1965	2	3	0	5	5	0	173
1966	1	4	0	2	7	1	226
1967	2	3	0	5	5	0	249
1968	0	4	0	1	9	0	229
1969	3	2	0	8	3	0	343
1970	2	3	0	1	8	1	204
1971	2	3	0	5	5	1	187
1972	1	6	0	2	9	0	309
1973	3	3	0	7	4	0	181
1974	2	4	0	5	6	0	166
1975	2	4	0	5	5	1	155
1976	2	2	1	6	4	1	226



Elliott Keller



Robbie Patterson



Peyton Barton



Vince Perone, Jr.



Jeff Holcomb



Larry Anderson



Danny Utley



Mark Gordon



Larry Robinson

Furman All-Conference Selections

- 1936—Bob King, E
- 1939—Roten Shetley, B
- 1953—Vince Perone, G
- 1954—Webster Williams, G
- Johnny Popson, B
- 1958—Ray Siminski, E
- 1960—Tom Campbell, B
- 1961—Tom Campbell, B
- 1962—Elliott Keller, B
- 1966—Robbie Hahn, E
- 1967—Robbie Patterson, C
- 1970—Peyton Barton, OT
- Chuck Cross, LB
- Butch Kersey, OT
- 1971—David Shi, DE
- 1972—Danny Utley, OT
- Vince Perone, Jr., DB
- 1973—Danny Utley, OT
- Vince Perone, Jr., DB
- 1974—Vince Perone, Jr., DB
- Bill Anderson, DE
- 1975—Larry Robinson, TB
- Larry Anderson, LB
- Mark Gordon, DB
- 1976—Larry Anderson, LB
- Jeff Holcomb, OT
- Tommy Southard, FL



Furman Facts

Furman University is a private, coeducational college of liberal arts located in Greenville, S. C. Founded in 1826 and located on its present campus in 1958, the University is partially supported by the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

The University is located on a 750-acre wooded campus five miles north of the city. Campus facilities include a 30-acre lake for swimming, boating and fishing, an 18-hole golf course, 20 tennis courts, theatre playhouse, 2,000-seat auditorium, 350-seat recital hall, physical activities center with swimming pool and diving well, athletic building and eight playing fields.

Furman offers the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of General Studies, Master of Arts in education and Master of Science in chemistry. The Master of Business Administration is offered jointly by Furman and Clemson University with all courses taught on the Furman campus.

The James B. Duke Library houses 250,000 volumes. More than 1,400 periodicals are received regularly and the microfilm and record collections are extensive.

The faculty, 86 per cent of whom hold earned doctoral degrees, consists of 138 full-time and 42 part-time and adjunct professors. The student-faculty ratio of 15:1 allows for individual attention and personal relationships.

Enrollment in the fall of 1976-77 was 2,100, along with 184 graduate students, with 35 states and 9 foreign countries represented.

The Furman University physical plant is valued at over \$33,000,000. Twenty-two major buildings have been completed.

The 1976-77 Furman freshman class averaged 1075 on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

Furman is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Southern University Conference, the Association of American Colleges and the South Carolina Association of Colleges. It is on the approved list of the American Association of University Women and the American Chemical Society, and is a member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

DR. JOHN E. JOHNS PRESIDENT

After only a year as Furman's president, Dr. John E. Johns has become one of the best friends of the athletic program. Dr. Johns, an avid golfer, takes an interest in all athletic pursuits at Furman and often follows the Paladin basketball and football teams on the road.



Johns was president of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., before returning to Furman, his alma mater, last year. He is a 1947 Furman graduate.

Johns had been a member of the Stetson faculty and staff since 1948 before assuming the position of president in 1970. He achieved the rank of full professor in the Department of History and Political Science and served as department chairman. Dr. Johns became business manager at Stetson in 1963 until he was named Vice-President for Finance in 1968.

A native of Ozark, Ala., Johns, 56, is the author of Florida During the Civil War, the state's official publication for its Centennial. He has written articles for Encyclopedia Britannica, Jefferson Encyclopedia, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and Florida Historical Quarterly.

Johns was a World War II Army Air Corps pilot from 1942-1945, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He graduated cum laude from Furman, receiving the Bradshaw-Feaster Medal for General Excellence. He earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He has been awarded honorary degrees in Literature and the Humanities by Rollins College, William Jewell College, Furman, and Stetson.

Johns is married to the former Martha Mauney of Shelby, N. C., also a 1947 Furman graduate. Mrs. Johns has been recognized for service to her community and state and for valuable contributions to higher education. The Johns have three sons: John, Jr., 25; Steven, 22; and Marcus, 13.

DR. FRANCIS W. BONNER VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST FACULTY CHAIRMAN OF ATHLETICS



Dr. Francis Bonner, who has been Faculty Chairman of Athletics since 1968, came to Furman as Associate Professor of English in 1949. Since 1953, he has been both teacher and administrator, serving consecutively as Dean of the Men's College, Dean of the University, Vice President, and since 1972 as Vice President and Provost. He is chairman of the university's Committee on Athletics and is presently in his fourth term as President of the Southern Conference.

A native of Alabama, Dr. Bonner earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Alabama, and Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina and did post-doctoral study and research at Harvard. His field is English, with concentration on Chaucer and the medieval period. He is one of the most loyal and enthusiastic Paladin sport fans.

The Southern Conference

Furman is a member of the Southern Conference, one of the nation's oldest intercollegiate athletic conferences. The conference is composed of eight members — Appalachian State, The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, Marshall, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Virginia Military Institute and Western Carolina. Marshall, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Western Carolina are in their first full year of competition within the conference.

The Southern Conference was formed in 1921 at a meeting of 15 institutions in Atlanta, Ga. The league initially was known as the Southern Intercollegiate Conference and the following 12 schools were charter members: Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee.

The growth of the SIC was rapid and, within a year, Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tulane and Vanderbilt were added.

In 1923, the league was officially renamed the Southern Conference. Through the years, other schools were admitted but, in 1932, 13 of the 21 members left the conference to form the Southeastern Conference.

In February 1936, Furman was one of six new members admitted to the Southern Conference, including current members Davidson and The Citadel. In 1953, there was another mass exodus of schools from the Southern to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Southern Conference declares champions in 12 different sports, nine being decided by tournament play. Tournaments have been a popular and profitable method of determining the champions, particularly in basketball, as evidenced by last year's tournament in Roanoke, Va., which was one of the most successful basketball tournaments ever. Southern Conference champions in basketball, baseball and wrestling automatically qualify for participation in NCAA national tournaments. All member schools of the conference possess NCAA Division I status.

Kenneth Germann is the commissioner of the Southern Conference. Dallas Shirley serves as assistant to the commissioner. Furman University vice-president Francis W. Bonner has served as president of the conference for the past four years.

The conference annually awards the Commissioner's Cup to the university which accumulates the greatest number of points in championship competition throughout the year. Furman, with its program growing stronger each year, has finished fourth in the Commissioner's Cup standings in each of the past two years, despite competing against schools which offer more financial aid. In the eight years of the award, Furman has finished below fourth only two times.



1976 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Conference	All Games	
	W-L-T	Pct.
*East Carolina	4-1-0	.800
*William & Mary	9-2-0	.818
Furman	7-4-0	.636
Appalachian	6-4-1	.600
VMI	6-4-1	.600
Citadel	5-5-0	.500
	1-4-0	.200

JOHN C. WEST DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Tireless, dedicated, striving for the best . . . those words define John West. The Furman athletic program under West reflects those qualities, also.

As vigorous and dynamic as he is youthful, at age 39 West has become recognized as one of the most innovative, young athletic directors in the nation. He has initiated countless promotions designed to draw attention to Furman's athletic program. And they have worked. In his three years as associate athletic director, average football attendance tripled, and basketball crowds also reached an all-time high. The scheduling in both sports has reflected the increased interest, and future slates show a decided national flavor.

West is dedicated to the challenge of maintaining a competitive level for every sport at Furman while recognizing the role that the athlete must assume in a tough academic environment and as an individual in life. He believes a total athletic program is worth achieving and that no program which thrives on the success of one or two sports is as fulfilling as the well-rounded one that serves the greatest number of participants and followers.

The man with the smiling face and the tireless dedication to his work never seems to stop moving. Whether it is speaking four times a week to civic and youth groups, or getting up at daylight every morning to run several miles around the campus, or opening his home to Furman students in a show of fellowship.

During recent years he has been very active in state and community affairs, serving as campaign director of the 1976 March of Dimes, honorary chairman of the 1975 Greenville County Multiple Sclerosis campaign and as chairman of the professional division for the United Way campaign. A state representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, West has served the FCA as a national platform speaker. On campus he has built one of the most active FCA chapters in the country, constantly giving of his own time to encourage involvement by Furman's young athletes. West also serves as a deacon at Taylors First Baptist Church. He recently was named to FCA's National Board of Trustees.

Before concentrating his efforts on the administrative end of athletics, West was one of the nation's most successful track coaches at Furman and at the University of South Carolina. He coached Paladin teams to unprecedented heights during the mid-sixties before going to South Carolina in 1968. His 1971 team had the first undefeated dual meet season in the history of the university with a 6-0 record and accomplished a victory in the prestigious Penn Relays.

West, a native of Memphis, Tenn., attended Louisiana State University and graduated from East Texas State, where he was one of the nation's fastest sprinters with a 9.4 time in the 100-yard dash. As recently as last year, he won the 100-yard dash in the 35-39 age group at both the Master's Track Meet at Montgomery, Ala., and the Atlanta (Ga.) Track Classic. He holds a Master's degree in education from Memphis State. Before coming to Furman, he coached at Fraysure High in Memphis and at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

He and his lovely wife Charlotte have three children: DeAnn, 17; John, 14; and Elizabeth, 13.



1976-77 COMMISSIONER'S CUP STANDINGS

*East Carolina	58½ points
*William & Mary	57½ points
Appalachian	56 points
Furman	52½ points
VMI	45 points
Citadel	35½ points
Davidson	24 points

*No longer a member of the conference.

HOW THE PALADINS RANKED IN THE CONFERENCE IN '76

Furman ranked among the top three in the conference in every major team category. The Paladins were first in total offense (374.0); second in rushing offense (265.3), passing offense (108.7) and total defense (266.5); third in rushing defense (178.8), passing defense (87.7), scoring offense (20.5) and scoring defense (14.5).

Individually, TOMMY SOUTHWARD led the conference in pass receiving with 39 catches for 510 yards. JIMMY KISER led in kickoff returns with an average of 23.8 yards per return. DAVID WHITEHURST was second in total offense with 129.3 yards per game. HARRY KING was fifth in rushing with 65.5 yards per game and LARRY ROBINSON was 10th at 55.4.

WHITEHURST was third in passing with 1019 yards. BILL FREEMAN was fourth in punting with a 39.4 average. MARK GORDON was fourth in pass interceptions with 5.

Area News Outlets

Dan Foster	Bill Greene
Greenville News	The News & Courier
Greenville, S. C. 29601	Charleston, S. C. 29401
Rudy Jones	Will Parrish
Greenville News	Charlotte Observer
Greenville, S. C. 29601	Charlotte, N. C. 28201
Frank Vehorn	Jim Phillips
Greenville Piedmont	WFBC-TV
Greenville, S. C. 29601	Greenville, S. C. 29609
Reese Fant	Eston Johnson
Greenville Piedmont	WFBC-TV
Greenville, S. C. 29601	Greenville, S. C. 29609
Les Timms	Stan Olenik
Spartanburg Herald	WSPA-TV
Spartanburg, S. C. 29301	Spartanburg, S. C. 29301
Herman Helms	Scott Palmer
The State	WLOS-TV
Columbia, S. C. 29202	Asheville, N. C. 28802
Dick Huguley	Alan Mason
The Record	WQOK Radio
Columbia, S. C. 29202	Greenville, S. C. 29609
Barry Lasswell	Bill Hogan
Anderson Independent	WLBG Radio
Anderson, S. C. 29621	Laurens, S. C. 29360
Willie Binnette	Jim Forest
The Daily Mail	WIS-TV
Anderson, S. C. 29621	Columbia, S. C. 29202

Game Scores

Furman University had student football teams of a somewhat unorganized nature before 1900. Harold Claassen's Encyclopedia of Football lists an 1891 game in which Duke defeated Furman 96-0. Also, the University of South Carolina football brochure records a game in 1895 in which the Paladins were defeated by a score of 14-10 and Clemson lists its first football victory as a 14-6 win over Furman in 1896. The first schedule (and results) that recent research has revealed was in 1902. Down through the years football has been an important part of the Furman athletic program, and indeed, of the University itself. Of necessity, there have been two periods when football was not played. No inter-collegiate games were played from 1903 through 1912 — because of University administrative action — and no games were played during World War II.

The following are the official scores of Furman football games which have been gleaned from authoritative sources:

1902	Coach W. L. Laval	1917	Coach W. L. Laval
12 Bingham	0 Georgia Tech	0 Georgia Tech	25
0 N. C. State	0 Wake Forest	7 Wake Forest	6
6 Davidson	0 Clemson	20 Newberry	38
5 N. C. State	10 North Carolina	0 Davidson	7
0 Georgia	2 South Carolina	0 Georgia	28
0 Clemson	12 Presbyterian	28 Citadel	0
0 St. Albans	0 Georgia Tech	18 Wofford	14
5 Charleston	0 St. Albans	59 3-5-0	147
28 3-3-4	57	1918	Coach W. L. Laval
1903-1912	6 Erskine	12 South Carolina	20
No Intercollegiate	7 Clemson	7 Clemson	6
Games Played	7 Presbyterian	242 8-3-0	65
1913	Coach W. L. Laval	Coach W. L. Laval	1923
Coach	Furman won 3 of 4 games	13 Virginia	10
W. C. "Cuppy" Farmer	with Army teams from Camp	3 Mercer	6
7 Clemson "B"	Sevier, the score of one be-	20 Presbyterian	0
6 Riverside	try 7. Furman also lost to	30 Citadel	14
38 Charleston	Georgia Tech and Presby-	13 Davidson	10
7 Newberry	terian. Information on these	22 Richmond	7
59 Bailey	games not available.	29 Oglethorpe	0
0 Citadel	3-4-1	23 South Carolina	3
30 Charleston	0	35 Newberry	0
65 Presbyterian	0	63 Erskine	0
40 Clemson "B"	0	6 Clemson	7
252 6-3-0	100	257 9-2-0	57
1914	Coach W. L. Laval	Coach W. L. Laval	1924
Coach W. B. Bible	0 Georgia Tech	14 Newberry	0
19 Wofford	7 Wofford	0 Alabama	20
57 Bailey	6 Presbyterian	0 Mercer	23
0 Clemson "B"	0 Wake Forest	0 Georgia	23
7 Clemson "B"	21 Citadel	6 Davidson	6
6 Newberry	41	0 Georgetown	20
19 Maryville	14 Davidson	7 Mississippi	2
2 Presbyterian	146 6-2-1	3 Clemson	0
111 3-4-0	146	40 5-5-0	94
1915	Coach W. L. Laval	Coach W. L. Laval	1925
Coaches	33 Elon	0 Georgetown	0
W. B. Bible and W. L. Laval	41 Erskine	10 South Carolina	0
0 Clemson	21 Citadel	7 Mississippi	2
60 Erskine	0 Georgia	6 Clemson	0
13 Presbyterian	17 Wake Forest	27 Presbyterian	3
20 Bingham	0 Georgia	2 South Carolina	0
38 Presbyterian	42 Newberry	0 Wake Forest	9
7 Newberry	69 Wofford	26 Clemson	75
25 Wofford	7 Davidson	116 7-3-0	175
163 5-2-0	286 9-1-0	1921	Coach W. L. Laval
1916	Coach W. L. Laval	42 Erskine	7
Coach W. L. Laval	63 Newberry	7 Georgia	27
6 Erskine	0 Georgia	0 Georgia Tech	69
60 Erskine	10	0 Clemson	0
14 Davidson	46	42 Citadel	0
0 Georgia	49	37 Mercer	0
14 South Carolina	0	7 South Carolina	0
7 Wofford	9	62 Wofford	0
21 Georgia Tech	46	28 Davidson	103
0 North Carolina	170	288 7-2-1	61
164 4-5-0	170		

1973

Coach Art Baker	
13 Presbyterian	6
17 Appalachian St.	0
21 Wofford	19
3 East Carolina	14
17 Richmond	20
38 Davidson	7
19 VMI	13
21 East Tenn. State	20
52 Lenoir-Rhyne	21
21 Citadel	26
14 Louisville	35
255	7 - 4 - 0 181

1974

Coach Art Baker	
0 VMI	7
22 Presbyterian	19
10 Wm. & Mary	0
24 Richmond	14
12 East Carolina	15
13 E. Tenn. State	24
21 Wofford	20
3 Appalachian St.	27
14 Lenoir-Rhyne	10
0 Citadel	24
10 Wake Forest	16
129	5 - 6 - 0 166

1975

Coach Art Baker	
5 Tennessee Tech	17
21 Richmond	27
30 Appalachian St.	13
10 VMI	13
35 Presbyterian	7
21 Holy Cross	14
21 William & Mary	6
10 East Carolina	21
34 Western Carolina	0
9 Citadel	13
14 Wofford	14
210	5 - 5 - 1 155

1976

Coach Art Baker	
17 N.C. State	12
17 Tennessee Tech	7
38 Presbyterian	21
16 Citadel	17
3 VMI	17
14 Appalachian St.	14
16 S.W. Louisiana	27
9 Richmond	13
23 William & Mary	7
17 East Carolina	10
556	6 - 4 - 1 159
226	

ORIGIN OF THE PALADIN

Furman University athletic teams were known by different names until the 1960 school year. The baseball team was "Hornets", the football team "Hurricanes", and the basketball team "Paladins".

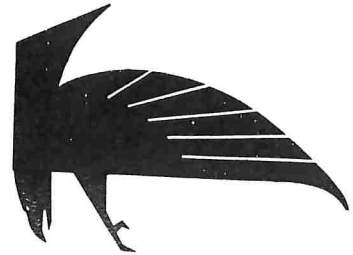
The basketball team was dubbed "Paladins" by a Greenville sportswriter in the 1930's and the name stuck. When it was decided in 1960 to consolidate all athletic teams under one name, "Paladin" is derived from Count Palatine, one of the twelve knights who comprised the bodyguard and inner circle of Emperor Charlemagne.

FURMAN AND THE FALCONS

Furman University has been the pre-season home of the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League for the past seven summers. The Falcons use the Furman athletic facilities and the dormitories for their training camp and, with the beautiful Furman campus only a 2 1/2-hour drive from Atlanta, Falcon fans and the news media are able to keep in close touch with the team.

The Falcons and Furman have a special relationship. Former Furman sports information director Charlie Dayton is now the Falcon publicist, and former trainer Jay Shoop is in his second year as an assistant trainer.

After making several administrative changes during the off-season, the Falcons are looking forward to an exciting 1977 season. The new general manager is Eddie LeBaron and Leeman Bennett is the first-year head coach. The Falcons feature quarterback Steve Bartkowski and veteran defensive end Claude Humphrey as two of their top players.



Athletic Directory

NAME	POSITION	OFFICE	HOME
PETE ANDERSON	swimming	294-2044	246-7750
ART BAKER	head football	294-2120	834-3432
ART BLACK	sports information director	294-2061	246-5978
DR. FRANCIS BONNER	faculty chairman	294-2200	246-3384
TED CAIN	assistant football	294-2121	246-3282
BOB DOTSON	assistant basketball	294-2170	246-8768
ERIC HYMAN	assistant football	294-2121	246-9684
BOBBY JOHNSON	assistant football	294-2122	246-1403
JOHN JONES	assistant basketball	294-2172	
BILL KEESLING	track, cross country	294-2039	268-8967
AL KYBER	assistant basketball	294-2172	859-1709
GARY MEREDITH	golf	246-5115	246-6579
RAY PARLIER	trainer	294-2130	242-2169
STEVE ROBERTSON	assistant football	294-2122	834-7535
JIM SATTERFIELD	assistant football	294-2121	246-7291
PAUL SCARPA	tennis, soccer	294-2011	271-1566
TOM SCOTT	Paladin Club director	294-2040	271-0645
DICK SHERIDAN	assistant football	294-2121	246-7227
TOM WALL	baseball	294-2146	246-6067
JOHN WEST	athletic director	294-2151	834-3866
JOE WILLIAMS	head basketball	294-2173	
EDDIE WILLIAMSON	assistant football	294-2121	246-3282

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1965

Coach Bob King	
51 Frederick	14
0 Davidson	27
14 East Carolina	4
13 Wofford	35
7 Presbyterian	14
48 Newberry	12
27 Leigh	15
7 Geo. Washington	24
14 Richmond	0
0 Citadel	28
181	5 - 5 - 0 173

1966

Coach Bob King	
6 Parson	20
28 Davidson	26
0 East Carolina	17
15 Wofford	45
2 Tampa	41
29 Newberry	7
28 Geo. Washington	49
14 Richmond	24
7 Samford	17
6 Citadel	10
135	2 - 7 - 1 226

1967

Coach Bob King	
42 Mars Hill	0
15 Miss. College	6
22 Davidson	45
21 Wofford	20
14 Richmond	42
13 Tampa	39
38 Leigh	15
29 East Carolina	34
28 Samford	42
14 Citadel	6
236	5 - 5 - 0 249

1968

Coach Bob King	
12 Miss. College	21
13 Presbyterian	9
7 Wofford	13
12 Citadel	31
0 Richmond	34
7 Davidson	28
13 East Carolina	24
12 Samford	17
14 U.T.-Chattanooga	31
7 Wofford	21
97	1 - 9 - 0 229

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE OF FURMAN'S OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
WAKE FOREST		*FURMAN (H)	*Vanderbilt (H)	*N.C. State (A)	Purdue (A)	North Carolina (A)	Maryland (H)	Virginia (A)	Clemson (A)	Duke (H)	South Carolina (H)	Virginia Tech (A)	
E. TENNESSEE STATE		*North Alabama (H)	*FURMAN (A)	*Eastern Kentucky (H)	Western Kentucky (A)	*Appalachian (H)	*Western Carolina (A)	Murray State (H)	Tennessee Tech (A)	Morehead State (A)	*Middle Tennessee (H)	Austin Peay (A)	
UT-CHATTANOOGA		Western Kentucky (A)	*Appalachian (A)	*FURMAN (H)	*Middle Tennessee (H)	*Western Carolina (A)	*Illinois State (H)	*Jacksonville State (A)	*Citadel (H)	Bowling Green (A)	*Tennessee State (H)	*Marshall (H)	
WESTERN CAROLINA	*Jacksonville State (A)	*Tennessee Tech (H)	*Citadel (A)	*Indiana State (A)	*FURMAN (A)	*UT-Chattanooga (H)	*E. Tennessee (H)	Maine (H)	Wofford (H)		Marshall (A)	Appalachian (H)	
WOFFORD	*Citadel (A)	*Elon (H)	*Lenoir Rhyne (A)	*Carson Newman (H)		*FURMAN (H)	Newberry (H)	Presbyterian (A)	Western Carolina (A)	Carroll (H)	S.C. State (A)	*Gardner-Webb (A)	
MARSHALL		Ohio (H)	Morehead State (H)	Toledo (H)	Appalachian (A)	Miami, O. (A)	FURMAN (A)	Western Michigan (A)	Louisville (H)	*Akron (A)	Western Carolina (H)	*UT-Chattanooga (A)	
APPALACHIAN STATE	*South Carolina (A)		*UT-Chattanooga (H)	Richmond (A)	Marshall (H)	*E. Tennessee (A)	*Lenoir Rhyne (H)	FURMAN (A)	Ball State (H)	East Carolina (H)	Citadel (A)	Western Carolina (A)	
PRESBYTERIAN		*Mars Hill (H)	Guilford (A)	*Lenoir Rhyne (H)	*Citadel (A)	Catawba (A)	*Elon (H)	Wofford (H)	*FURMAN (A)	*Gardner-Webb (A)	*Carson Newman (H)		*Newberry (A)
RICHMOND		West Virginia (A)	North Carolina (A)	Appalachian (H)	N. Texas State (H)	VMI (A)	*East Carolina (A)	Virginia Tech (H)	Georgia (A)	FURMAN (H)	Maryland (H)	William & Mary (A)	
VMI		William & Mary (H)	Army (A)	*East Carolina (A)		Richmond (H)	Citadel (H)	Lehigh (A)	Davidson (H)	Virginia (A)	*FURMAN (A)	Rhode Island (H)	Virginia Tech (A)
CITADEL	*Wofford (H)	Navy (A)	*Western Carolina (H)		*Presbyterian (H)	Delaware (A)	VMI (A)	*East Carolina (H)	*UT-Chattanooga (A)	William & Mary (H)	Appalachian (H)	FURMAN (H)	

* - Night Game
 † - Nov. 25