

# FURMAN

## 2008 Football Media Guide



Thomas Twitty, FS

Thomas Slaughter, OT

Joel Bell, OT

William Middleton, CB

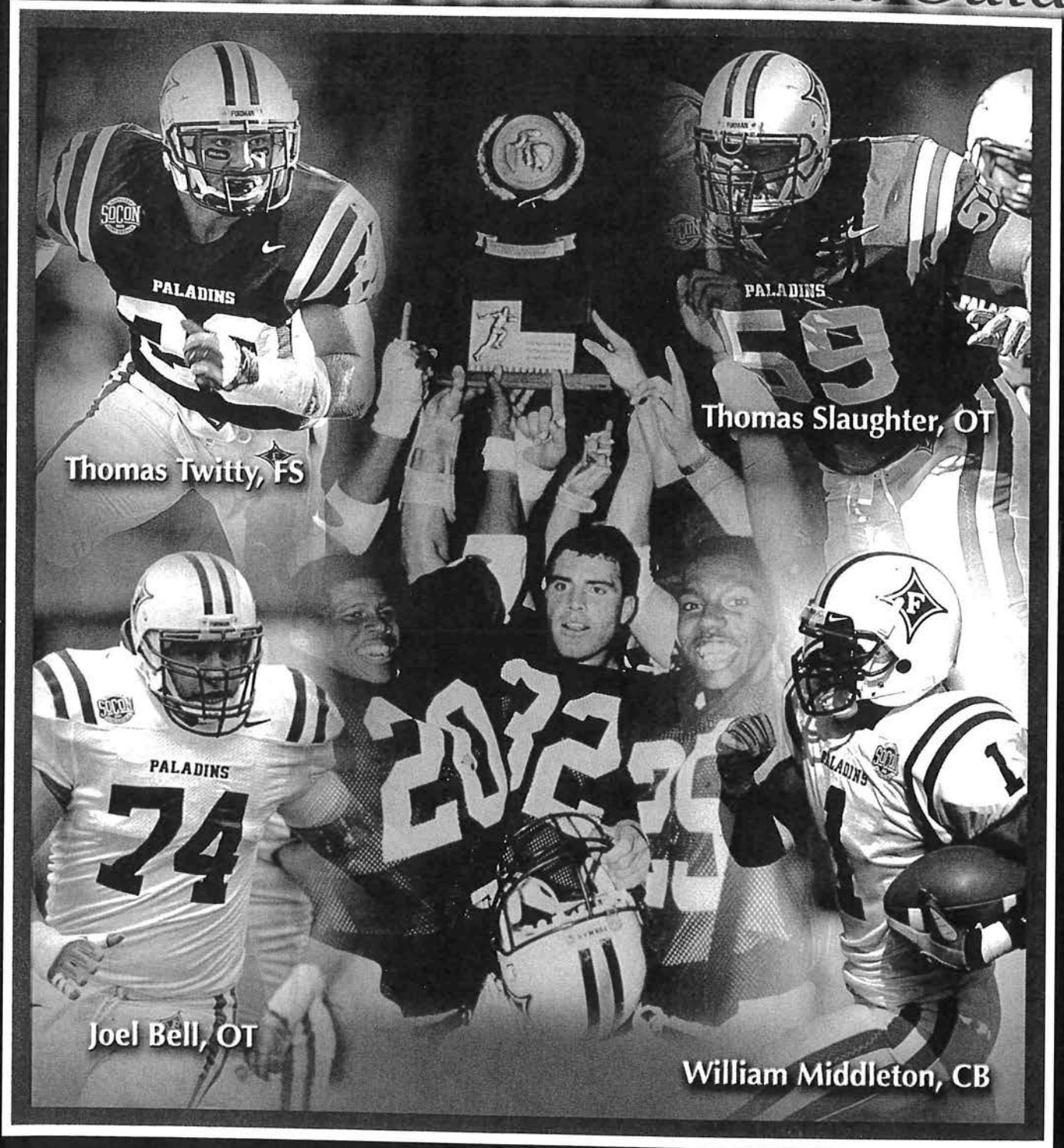


*20th Anniversary*  
*1988 National Champion*



# FURMAN

2008 Football Media Guide



Thomas Twitty, FS

Thomas Slaughter, OT

Joel Bell, OT

William Middleton, CB

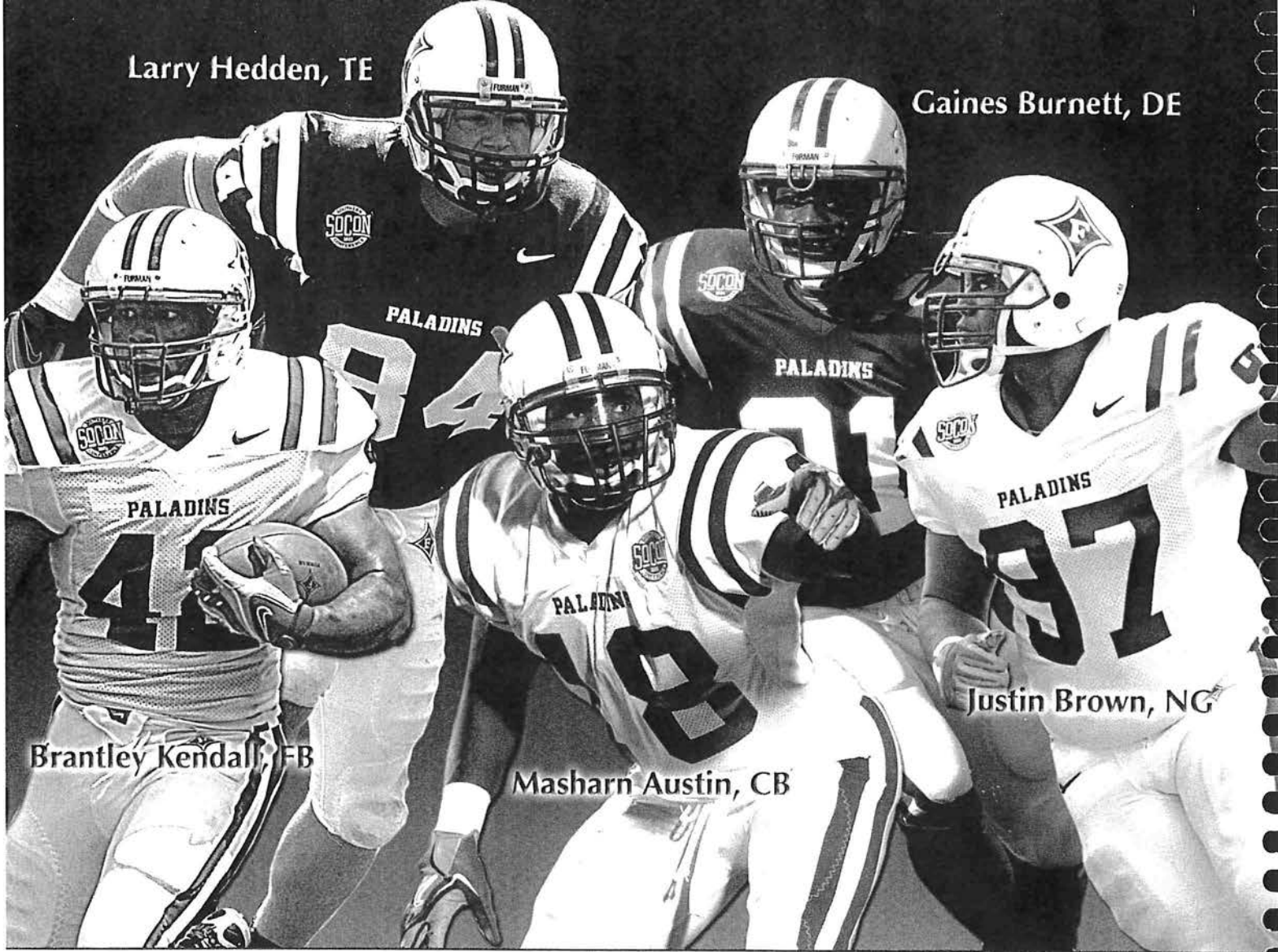


*20th Anniversary*  
*1988 National Champion*



Larry Hedden, TE

Gaines Burnett, DE



Brantley Kendall, FB

Masharn Austin, CB

Justin Brown, NG



R.J. Webb, WR

Tyler Haynes, OG

Julian Hicks, BAN

Jordan Sorrells, QB

# FURMAN PALADINS

# 2008 Furman Football

## General Information



### GENERAL INFORMATION

School	Furman University
Location	Greenville, South Carolina 29613
Enrollment	2,630
Founded	1826
Colors	Purple & White
Nickname (Mascot)	Paladins (Knight On A White Horse)
Conference	Southern (Football Championship Subdivision)
Stadium (Capacity, Year Opened)	Paladin (16,000, 1981)
Field (Surface)	Gene Stone (Natural Grass)
President	Dr. David Shi
Faculty Athletics Representative	Dr. William Pierce
Director of Athletics	Dr. Gary Clark

### FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach	Bobby Lamb (Furman '86)
Record At Furman, Overall Record	49-24 (7th Year), Same
Assistant Coaches	Drew Cronin (Tight Ends), Tom Evangelista (Cornerbacks, Special Teams Coordinator), Jeff Farrington (Co-Defensive Coordinator, Safeties), Tony Elliott (Wide Receivers), Carroll McCray (Offensive Line), Roberto Pinilla (Defensive Line), Bob Price (Punters, Kickers), Tim Sorrells (Assistant Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs), Steve Wilson (Co-Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers)
Video Coordinator	James Foran
Football Administrative Assistant	Diane Rainey
Offensive System	Spread
Defensive System	4-2-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost	39/22
Offensive Lettermen Returning/Lost	19/10
Defensive Lettermen Returning/Lost	18/11
Specialist Lettermen Returning/Lost	2/1
Starters Returning/Lost	10/14
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost	5/6
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost	4/7
Specialist Starters Returning/Lost	1/1
2007 Record	6-5
2007 Southern Conference Record (Finish)	4-3 (T3rd)
FCS Final Ranking (Sports Network)	NR
First Year Of Football	1889
All-Time Record (102 Seasons)	549-411-38

### 2008 FURMAN PALADINS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Series	Streak	Last Meeting
Aug. 30	...MARS HILL (CSS TV)	7:05	2-0	W2	W 34-10 (1985)
Sept. 6	...@ Virginia Tech	1:30	0-4	L4	L 6-20 (1947)
Sept. 13	...@ Colgate	1:00	0-0		
Sept. 20	...DELAWARE (Family Weekend)	2:00	1-0	W1	W 21-7 (1988)
Sept. 27	...CHATTANOOGA* (CSS TV)	3:35	24-13	W13	W 28-22 (2007)
Oct. 4	...@ Elon*	1:30	10-1	W8	W 52-49 (2007)
Oct. 11	...WESTERN CAROLINA* (Homecoming)	2:00	23-10-2	W2	W 52-21 (2007)
Oct. 18	...THE CITADEL*	2:00	54-30-3	L1	L 51-54 OT (2007)
Oct. 25	...@ Appalachian State*	3:30	21-14-3	L3	L 27-34 (2007)
Nov. 1	...@ Samford* (SportSouth TV)	3:05	5-5	W4	W 45-23 (2005)
Nov. 15	...GEORGIA SOUTHERN* (SportSouth TV)	3:05	7-12	W2	W 24-22 (2007)
Nov. 22	...@ Wofford* (CSS TV)	12:05	49-25-7	L1	L 20-45 (2007)

All Times Eastern and Subject To Change

### 2007 FURMAN PALADINS FOOTBALL RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Result	Attend
Sept. 1	...PRESBYTERIAN	GREENVILLE	40-16	W 11,188
Sept. 8	...@ Hofstra	West Hempstead, N.Y.	17-32	L 5,028
Sept. 15	...@ Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	10-38	L 79,215
Sept. 29	...WOFFORD*	GREENVILLE	20-45	L 15,701
Oct. 6	...COASTAL CAROLINA	GREENVILLE	27-17	W 11,251
Oct. 13	...@ The Citadel*	Charleston, S.C.	(OT) 51-54	L 16,272
Oct. 20	...@ Chattanooga*	Chattanooga, Tenn.	28-22	W 5,015
Oct. 27	...APPALACHIAN STATE*	GREENVILLE	27-34	L 13,811
Nov. 3	...ELON*	GREENVILLE	52-49	W 11,476
Nov. 10	...@ Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, Ga.	24-22	W 23,373
Nov. 17	...@ Western Carolina*	Cullowhee, N.C.	52-21	W 5,175

\* Southern Conference Game  
Overall Record 6-5, Southern Conference Record, 4-3 (T3rd)

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>COACHING STAFF</b>	Total Offense	123-124
Lamb	Receiving	125-127
Cronic, Elliott	Scoring	128-129
Evangelista, Farrington	Punting	130
McCray, Pinilla	Punt Returns	131
Sorrells, Wilson	Kickoff Returns	132
Price, Hedrick, Mannino	Tackles	133
	Sacks	134
<b>ATHLETIC FACILITIES</b>	Interceptions	135
Strength & Conditioning Center	Fumble Recoveries, Miscellaneous	136
Sports Medicine Center	Year-By-Year Statistics	137-139
Paladin Stadium	The Last Time	140
Timmons Arena	All-Americans	141
CHAMPS/Life Skills Program	All-Southern Conference	142-143
	All-South Carolina	144
<b>FURMAN UNIVERSITY</b>	Special Recognition	145-148
2007-08 Athletic Year In Review	Furman Athletic Hall-of-Fame	148
University Profile	NCAA I-AA, FCS Playoffs	149-160
President, Director of Athletics	NCAA I-AA Playoff Records	161-163
Athletic Administration, Head Coaches	Versus All Opponents	164
	Biggest Wins/Losses	164
<b>HISTORY &amp; TRADITIONS</b>	Year-By-Year Records	165
Furman Football Glossary	Furman Coaching Records	165
	Homecoming History	166
<b>MEDIA INFORMATION</b>	Milestone Points	166
Media Policies	Series Results	167-170
Mailing Address/Phone Numbers	Football Dateline	171-177
FurmanPaladins.Com	Paladins In The Pros	178-179
Greenville Area Map	Lettermen	180-198
Travel Headquarters	Year-By-Year Results/Poll History	199-204
Primary Media Outlets		
Radio Network		
Furman In The Pros		
<b>OPPONENTS</b>		
Mars Hill	2007 IN REVIEW	
Virginia Tech	Presbyterian	94
Colgate	Hofstra	94
Delaware	Clemson	95
Chattanooga	Wofford	95
Elon	Coastal Carolina	96
Western Carolina	The Citadel	96
The Citadel	Chattanooga	97
Appalachian State	Appalachian State	97
Samford	Elon	98
Georgia Southern	Georgia Southern	98
Wofford	Western Carolina	99
Series Results	Furman Season Statistics	101-102
<b>OUTLOOK</b>	<b>SCHEDULES</b>	
2008 Outlook	2008 Schedule	1/BC
2008 Personnel Breakdown	<b>SOUTHERN CONFERENCE</b>	
2008 Rosters	History, Membership	104
2008 Depth Chart	Past Champions	105
<b>PLAYER PROFILES</b>	Won-Lost Records	106
Veteran Profiles	Playoff History	107
Freshman Profiles	Furman Statistical Champions	108-109
2007 Game-By-Game Statistics	2007 All-SoCon Teams	110
<b>RECORDS</b>	<b>TRADITION</b>	
Rushing	Position Traditions	68-74
Passing		



### SPORTS INFORMATION MAILING/OVERNIGHT ADDRESS

Sports Information Office  
Furman University  
3300 Poinsett Highway  
Greenville, S.C. 29613

### FURMAN FOOTBALL WEB SITE

www.furmanpaladins.com

### HUNTER REID'S EMAIL ADDRESSES

Hunter.Reid@furman.edu

Though it's black here, the purple in Furman's Diamond F is PMS 268.

### KEY TELEPHONE NUMBERS (AC 864)

Sports Information Office.....	294-2061	Sports Information Fax.....	294-3061
Reid Cell.....	567-1663	Football Office Fax.....	294-2091
Football Office.....	294-2120	Ticket Office Fax.....	294-3269
Ticket Office.....	294-3099	Football Press Box.....	294-3066
Football Press Box.....	294-3066		



### FURMANPALADINS.COM

Furman Paladins football information can be accessed on the internet through the school's official athletics home page: [www.furmanpaladins.com](http://www.furmanpaladins.com). Information includes program quick facts, schedule/results, coaches' and player biographies, rosters, game stories and statistics, cumulative season statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as Live Stats (Gametracker), streaming video, auctions, information on athletic facilities, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA.

### SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR



A member of the Furman athletics staff since 1985, Hunter Reid is now in his 23rd year as sports information director.

As Furman's SID, Reid oversees publicity efforts for the school's 18 intercollegiate sports, with direct responsibility for football and baseball.

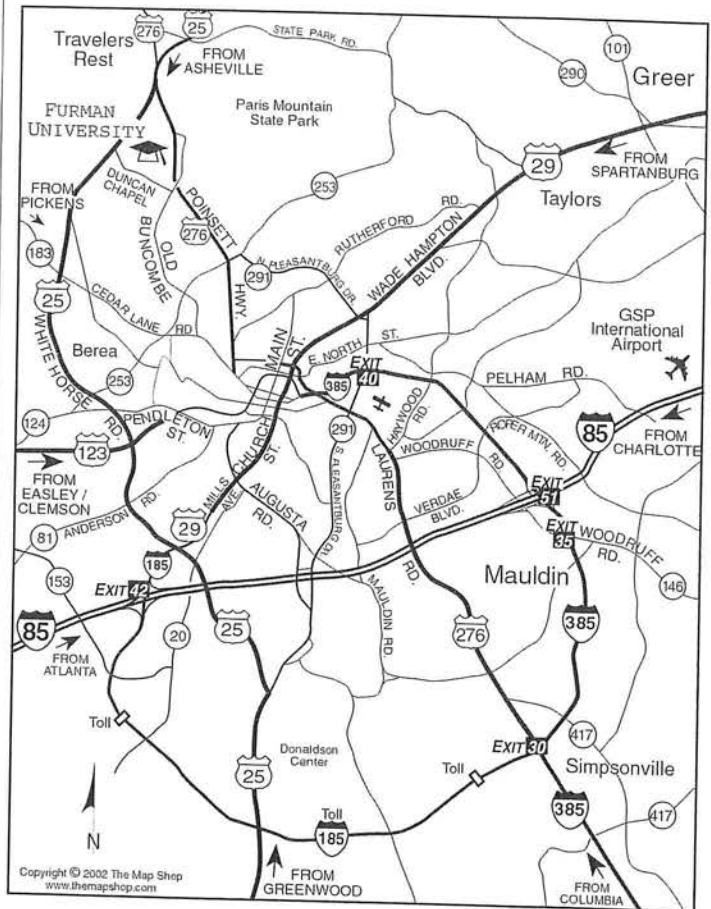
Hired by Dick Sheridan as an assistant in 1985, he was named SID in 1986 by athletics director George Bennett and added the title of assistant athletics director in 1989.

Reid graduated from Presbyterian (S.C.) College in 1983 with a degree in history and business administration after serving as PC's SID for four years. In addition, he served as sports editor of the school's newspaper, The Blue Stocking. A one-year stint at Winthrop (S.C.) University followed before he joined the Furman staff.

Reid, 46, a native of Madison, Ga., is married to the former Jeanne Symmes, also of Madison, and is the father of a son, Alexander Symmes Reid, 3.

### HOW TO GET TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY

- From Asheville, N.C., and points northwest: Take I-26 to Hendersonville, N.C., then U.S. 25 south. Stay on U.S. 25 business to Furman University exit.
- From Charlotte, N.C., and points northeast: Take I-85 to Greenville. Take I-385 to North Pleasantburg Drive (Route 291). Follow 291 six miles north to U.S. 25 business and U.S. 276. Proceed three miles north to Furman University exit.
- From Atlanta, Ga., and points southwest: Take I-85 to U.S. 25 (White Horse Road). Proceed 12 miles north to Duncan Chapel Road. Turn right and drive .8 mile to campus gate on your left.
- From Columbia, S.C., and points southeast: Take I-26 to I-385. Take North Pleasantburg Drive (Route 291) six miles north to U.S. 25 business and U.S. 276. Proceed three miles north to Furman University exit.



### CREDITS

The 2008 Furman Football Yearbook was designed, written, and edited by Hunter Reid. Cover pages were designed by Erica Madden Roberson. Special thanks to Dan Brinkman, Stephen Mannino, Phil Hedrick, Jordan Caskey, Erica Madden Roberson, Kim Tonkin, and Furman University Marketing & Public Relations for their informational contributions; and to Jeanne Reid for her valuable assistance and support. Photographic contributions have been made by Patrick Collard, Charles Register, Jimmy Yawn, David Allio, Tom Day, Stan Badz of the PGA, WaynePaulo.com, International Sports Images, Bo Rinehart, and Hunter Reid. Printing is by Martin Printing Company of Easley, S.C.

# 2008 Furman Football

## Primary Media, Travel Headquarters



PRINT			
	Contact	Address	Phone
The Anderson Independent (adamsonsl@independentmail.com)	Scott Adamson	1000 Williamston Road, Anderson, S.C. 29621	(800) 859-6397
The Associated Press (piacobelli@ap.org)	Pete Iacobelli	1311 Marion Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201	(800) 922-1565
The Charleston Post & Courier (jhartsell@postandcourier.com)	Jeff Hartsell	134 Columbus Street, Charleston, S.C. 29403	(843) 937-5586
The Greenville News (wsmith@greenvillenews.com)	Willie Smith	Box 1688, Greenville, S.C. 29602	(864) 298-4135
The Hendersonville Times-News (dean.hensley@hendersonvillenews.com)	Dean Hensley	1717 Four Seasons Blvd., Hendersonville, N.C. 28792	(828) 692-0505
The Spartanburg Herald-Journal (todd.shanesy@shj.com)	Todd Shanesy	Box 1657, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304	(864) 582-4511
The State (jmclaurin@thestate.com)	Jim McLaurin	Box 1333, Columbia, S.C. 29202	(803) 771-8470
TELEVISION			
	Contact	Address	Phone
WHNS-TV 21 (FOX) (anthony.cox@foxcarolina.com)	Anthony Cox	21 Interstate Court, Greenville, S.C. 29615	(864) 213-2231
WLOS-TV 13 (ABC) (sports@wlos.com)	Stan Pamfilis	110 Technology Drive, Asheville, N.C. 28803	(828) 651-4563
WYFF-TV 4 (NBC) (gshart@hearst.com)	Geoff Hart	Box 788, Greenville, S.C. 29602	(864) 240-5265
WSPA-TV 7 (CBS) (pyanity@wspa.com)	Pete Yanity	Box 1717, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304	(864) 587-5452
RADIO			
	Contact	Address	Phone
The South Carolina Network (philtalk@aol.com)	Phil Kornblut	3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, S.C. 29204	(803) 790-4315
WCCP-FM 104.9 (writerdan33@aol.com)	Dan Scott	P.O. Box 1560, Clemson, S.C. 29633	(864) 654-5400
WRIX-FM 103.1 (hssports@bellsouth.net)	Ron Scarborough	234 Hood Road, Greenville, S.C. 29611	(864) 505-5071
Furman Radio Play-By-Play (chuck.hussion@furman.edu)	Chuck Hussion	3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville, S.C. 29613	(864) 294-3441
Furman Radio Color Commentary (gordon.higgins@hallco.org)	Gordon Higgins	1595 Pond Fork Church Road, Talmo, Ga. 30575	(678) 316-3137
OTHER			
	Contact	Address	Phone
The Southern Conference (jcaskey@socon.org)	Jonathan Caskey	702 North Pine Street, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303	(864) 591-5100
The Sports Network (dcoulson@sportsnetwork.com)	Dave Coulson	2200 Byberry Road, Hatboro, Pa., 19040	(215) 441-8444
College Sporting News (myron.hosea@CollegeSportingNews.com)	Myron Hosea	P.O. Box 5101, Skokie, Ill., 60076	(864) 787-0420

# 2008 Furman Football

## Furman Radio Network

Furman Paladins football action can be heard over the Furman Sports Network and is produced by IMG College of Lexington, Ky. Headed up by Greenville flagship station WOLT-FM 103.3, it is also available over affiliate WGOG-FM 96.3 of Walhalla and over the Internet through StretchAudio. In addition, all home and away games will be available inside the stadium via transmitter at 105.9 FM.

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins", is back for his 15th season. Honored three times as Georgia Sportscaster of the Year while at WCNN radio and WSB radio in Atlanta, he has served as radio play-by-play announcer of Georgia Tech baseball, basketball, and football and Georgia basketball and baseball. He has also delivered play-by-play for numerous regional collegiate football and baseball telecasts, including the Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament in Hoover, Ala., for Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).

A native of Grafton, W. Va., he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from West Virginia University and was awarded a master of science degree in integrated marketing communications from WVU.

Joining him with color commentary for a third straight year will be Gordon Higgins, an award-winning sports broadcaster from Talmo, Ga., who spent 11 seasons on the sidelines on the Furman Sports Network before moving into the broadcast booth. He currently serves as director of community relations and athletics for the Hall County School System in Gainesville, Ga., and is a former high school football coach in Decatur and Gainesville.



**FURMAN FOOTBALL RADIO BROADCAST TEAM (l-r): Dwight Covington, David Cobb, Gordon Higgins, Chuck Hussion, Corey Stewart, Dave Cohen, and Clint Hill.**

All-America center Corey Stewart begins his third season as sidelines analyst and will work alongside former Paladins Don Clardy and David Cobb.

Higgins and Dave Cohen, an 11-year member of the Furman Sports Network, will host the ChickfIA Cherrydale Point Paladin Tailgate Show beginning 90 minutes before each home game. Cohen will also host the New Balance Halftime and Verizon Wireless

Post Game Shows.

Assisting the broadcast as spotters will be Dwight Covington and Clint Hill, who begin their fifth season as part of the Furman broadcast team.

Fans can access live and archived play-by-play broadcast of Paladin football over the internet through the school's official athletics home page [www.furman-paladins.com](http://www.furman-paladins.com).

## 2008 TRAVEL HEADQUARTERS

### VIRGINIA TECH



September 5  
Roanoke Plaza Hotel  
Roanoke, Va.  
(540) 563-9300

### COLGATE



September 12  
Radisson Hotel Utica Centre  
Utica, N.Y.  
(315) 797-8010

### ELON



October 3  
Clarion Hotel  
Greensboro, N.C.  
(336) 299-7650

### APPALACHIAN STATE



October 24  
Best Western  
Mountain Lodge  
Banner Elk, N.C.  
(828) 898-4571

### SAMFORD



October 31  
Hilton Birmingham  
Perimeter Park  
Birmingham, Ala.  
(205) 967-2700

### WOFFORD



Furman will bus to  
Wofford on game day.



The 2007-08 athletic year proved to be another solid campaign for Furman's 18-sport intercollegiate athletics program as Paladin teams combined to win eight Southern Conference regular season and tournament championships and secure five NCAA Tournament bids — both top marks among SoCon schools. In addition, Paladin student-athletes compiled a stellar share of individual accomplishments, adding to the school's national reputation for athletic and academic excellence.

Furman claimed SoCon regular season championships in men's soccer and men's and women's tennis. Paladin squads also racked up league tournament crowns in five sports: men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, and women's golf. That strong showing carried Furman to impressive second place finishes in both Commissioner and German Cup races, which recognize the league's best men's and women's sports programs, respectively. In addition, the five NCAA Tournament appearances — the program's highest tally since 2001 — propelled the university to a solid 108th place ranking in the NACDA United States Sport Academy Directors' Cup — the best finish by a SoCon school.

In terms of individual honors, three Furman student-athletes earned All-America, SoCon Player-of-the-Year, and SoCon Tournament Most Valuable Player citations, and two captured SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year laurels during the 2007-08 school year. Furman also produced four league coach-of-the-year selections, and the university landed a pair of the conference post-graduate scholarships, as well as a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

In addition, Furman captured the league's annual Barrett-Bonner Award for placing the highest percentage of its student-athletes on the SoCon Academic Honor Roll, and the NCAA honored six Paladin athletic teams with public recognition awards for Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores that ranked among top 10 percent nationally in their respective sports.

The year's highlights include...

### FOOTBALL

After a 1-3 start, Furman's football program rallied to win five of its final seven games, including a 52-49 triumph over 14th-ranked Elon and 24-22 win over 11th-ranked Georgia Southern, to finish with a 6-5 record.

Headlining Furman's play was Jerome Felton, who completed his career as the school's all-time leading rushing fullback (2,652



All-American and two-time SoCon Player-of-the-Year Jon Leathers keyed Furman to an outstanding 2007 season.

yards) and the program's career scoring leader (414 points). The first All-America fullback honoree in school history, he was selected by the Detroit Lions in the fifth round of the 2008 National Football League Draft.

Wide receiver Joe Watson, meanwhile, was honored as the recipient of the SoCon's McCloskey Graduate Scholarship.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Furman volleyball team went 20-9 in 2007, recording the program's first twenty-win season since 2002.

An early season win over eventual Atlantic Coast Conference tournament champion Clemson helped pave the way for the Paladins, who posted a 13-5 league record and third place finish.

Leading the way for Furman was all-conference honoree Nicole Palazzo, who paced the SoCon in hitting percentage and blocking.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Furman's men's soccer program completed one of the most successful seasons in school history in 2007 by posting a 19-4 record and capturing its 18th Southern Conference regular season title and 11th SoCon Tournament championship.

The Paladins also earned their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance, where they downed Campbell, 2-0, in the opening round before dropping a 1-0 decision to eventual national champion Wake Forest.

National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-American defender Jon Leathers garnered SoCon Player-of-the-Year honors and Furman Male Athlete-of-the-Year accolades for the second straight year before being selected in the second round of the Major League Soccer (MLS) Draft by the Kansas City Wizards.

Midfielder Shea Salinas joined Leathers and Patrick Murray on the NSCAA's All-South Region squad and was also named All-America before being selected as the first pick in the second round of the MLS Draft by the San Jose Earthquakes. Salinas and Murray both collected NSCAA Scholar All-American first team honors, and Bryan Amos was tabbed SoCon Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Named SoCon Coach-of-the-Year, head coach Doug Allison improved to 181-71-21 in 13 seasons at Furman and, in the process, became the winningest coach in league history.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Under the direction of head coach Andrew Burr, Furman's women's soccer team shocked top-seed UNC Greensboro, 3-1, to win the program's fourth league tournament championship since 1999 and secure its fifth NCAA Tournament bid in the last decade.

Senior Anna Betton tallied a league leading 13 goals, 10 assists and 36 total points to land SoCon Player-of-the-Year honors, and midfielder Rachel Fry collected SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player laurels after netting game-winning goals versus Appalachian State in the quarterfinals and Davidson in the semifinals.

The Paladins, who finished 16-6-1 overall and in third place in the SoCon with a 7-2-1 record, fell to Tennessee, 2-0, in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Furman women's tennis extended its decade of SoCon dominance in 2008 by winning its 10th consecutive regular season title and fifth straight tournament crown. The Paladins, who posted a 19-6 overall mark, extended their regular-season conference winning streak to 88 matches with an undefeated 9-0 league slate.



Laura Gioia paced Furman to its 10th straight Southern Conference regular season championship in 2008.

Furman also secured its fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament with a 4-0 triumph over Davidson in the SoCon Tournament finals.

Seniors Lauren Osborne and Natasa Manojlovic completed their respective careers with unblemished singles records, and five members of the team, along with head coach Debbie Southern, were recognized by the conference. Junior Laura Gioia earned first team all-conference honors in singles and doubles, was named the SoCon Tournament Most Outstanding Player, and finished the season ranked 99th in the country on the way to being named Furman's Female Athlete-of-the-Year.

Freshman Monica Arguello collected SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year Award after racking up a 17-4 overall record and going undefeated in league play at No. 2 single. Her campaign included a win over 34th ranked Anamika Bhargava of Pepperdine.

Debbie Southern was recognized by her peers as SoCon Coach-of-the-Year for the sixth consecutive season and the 12th time overall. She has compiled a 167-11 (.938) career mark in the conference and is the winningest women's tennis coach in school history (364 victories).

### MEN'S TENNIS

Furman's men's tennis squad cemented the school's Southern Conference hammerlock on the sport in 2008 by going 16-10 overall and a perfect 9-0 in league play en route to the program's eighth regular season championship and 13th tournament crown.

Five Paladins, including veteran head coach Paul Scarpa, were honored by the conference, including junior Andy Juc who captured league player-of-the-year laurels after registering a 9-0 SoCon mark at No. 1 singles. Juc also garnered conference tournament most outstanding player accolades after pacing the Paladins to a 4-1 victory over Elon in the championship match along with junior Bo Laydman, who received the Don Bunch/Buddy Hartsell Sportsmanship Award.

Furman dropped a 4-0 decision to eighth-ranked Tennessee in NCAA Tournament first round action.

### WOMEN'S GOLF

The Furman women's golf program captured its 12th Southern Conference championship in April at the Links At Stono Ferry in

# 2008 Furman Football

## 2007-08 Furman Athletic Year In Review



Charleston, S.C., and extended its streak of consecutive NCAA postseason appearances to 16 since regional format began in 1993.

Freshman Stefanie Kenoyer keyed Furman's SoCon Tournament title by capturing medalist honors and all-conference accolades along with junior Blair Lamb and freshman Jackie Hilea. The Paladins posted an eighth place finish at the NCAA East Regional in Athens, Ga., to secure a spot in the NCAA Championship in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In addition to its victory at the SoCon Championship, Furman also notched impressive finishes at the Alabama/Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate (6th), Bryan National Collegiate (5th) and Canes & Cardinal Classic (T2nd).

Third-year head coach Jen Hanna garnered SoCon Coach-of-the-Year honors and later was honored as Furman's J. Lyles Alley Coach-of-the-Year.

### BASEBALL

A preseason ninth place pick by Southern Conference head coaches, Furman defied its 2008 tab by racking up a 33-24 record that included a 17-10, third place regular season finish — the program's best since 2003. The Paladins' 33 victories also represented a new single season record.

Headlining Furman's campaign was all-conference right-handed pitcher Jay Jackson, who posted a 9-2 record and 3.17 ERA prior to being selected by the Chicago Cubs in the ninth round of the 2008 Major League Draft. Jackson also batted .336 with eight home runs and a team leading 41 RBI.

Spicing the Paladins' campaign was a school record 13-game SoCon winning streak that included a three-game home sweep of College of Charleston. Furman also ran the table in a three-game set versus Western Carolina in Cullowhee and claimed a 4-2 win over then 10th-ranked South Carolina in Columbia for its fifth triumph over the Gamecocks this decade.

Furman followed up its strong regular season with two dramatic final at-bat wins over Appalachian State in SoCon Tournament action, including a two-out, walk-off 10th-inning grand slam by Bobby Hubbard in a 10-8 Paladin opening round victory.

Designated hitter Reese Wade capped off a stellar inaugural campaign by being named SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year and also to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America squad after batting .402 — the first .400 season by a Paladin since 1987.

Right-handed pitcher Mason Smith, meanwhile, signed a free agent contract with the Washington Nationals after posting a 5-4 record in 2008.

### 2007-08 FURMAN ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Furman cross country and track and field standout Paige Bridges captured a pair of prestigious post-graduate scholarships during the 2007-08 school year. Bridges, a member of Phi Beta Kappa who graduated in late May with a 3.97 grade point average in chemistry, received an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship and the Southern Conference's David Knight Graduate Scholarship. The school record holder in the 3000-meter steeplechase, the Greenville native was also honored as the recipient of Furman's



Furman pitcher Jay Jackson was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the ninth round of the 2008 MLB Draft.

Elizabeth Blackwell Academic Achievement and Student-Athlete Achievement Awards. She has been accepted into the M.D./Ph.D. program the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, a seven-year program that combines medical school and medical research.

## FURMAN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP/NCAA TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

#### FOOTBALL

SoCon Champion — (12)  
1978-80-81-82-83-85-88-89-90-99-01-04  
NCAA I-AA (FCS) Playoffs — (15)  
1982-83-85-86-88-89-90-96-99-00-01-02-04-05-06

#### MEN'S SOCCER

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (18)  
1983-84-86-87-88-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-99-00-01-02-07  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (12)  
1988-89-91-92-93-94-96-97-99-00-01-07  
NCAA Tournament — (7)  
1991-93-99-00-01-02-07

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (5)  
1974-75-77-80-91  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (6)  
1971-73-74-75-78-80  
NCAA Tournament — (6)  
1971-73-74-75-78-80

#### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

SoCon Champion — (4)  
1961-62-63-76

#### BASEBALL

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (4)  
1965-69-71-76  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (2)  
1991-05  
NCAA Tournament — (5)  
1965-69-76-91-05

#### MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

SoCon Champion — (3)  
1962-63-65

#### MEN'S TENNIS \*

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (8)  
1992-93-94-98-01-02-06-08

SoCon Tournament Champion — (13)  
1969-72-76-77-86-87-90-91-93-97-01-06-08  
NCAA Tournament — (3)  
2001-06-08

#### MEN'S GOLF

SoCon Tournament Champion — (12)  
1970-73-75-76-77-84-85-86-88-93-97-04  
NCAA Tournament — (5)  
1977-86-97-02-04

#### VOLLEYBALL

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (1)  
1993  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (1)  
1990

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (6)  
1995-99-00-01-02-03  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (4)  
1999-02-04-07  
NCAA Tournament — (5)  
1999-00-02-04-07

#### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

SoCon Tournament Champion — (3)  
1993-94-00

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (4)  
1990-92-93-97  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (2)  
1995-00  
NCAA Tournament — (2)  
1995-00

#### SOFTBALL

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (2)  
1994-95  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (2)  
1994-07

NCAA Tournament — (1)

#### WOMEN'S TENNIS\*

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (13)  
1992-93-94-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (16)  
1987-89-91-92-93-94-98-99-00-01-02-04-05-06-07-08  
NCAA Tournament — (9)  
1999-00-01-02-04-05-06-07-08

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

SoCon Tournament Champion — (12)  
1994-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-04-05-08  
AIAW Tournament — (7)  
1974-75-76-77-78-80-82  
NCAA Tournament — (23)  
1983-84-85-86-87-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06-07-08

\* Prior to 1992 the Southern Conference did not crown a regular season champion in men's and women's tennis.

# Includes participation in AIAW national golf championships (NCAA did not sanction women's golf until 1983).

#### FURMAN SOCON CHAMPIONSHIP/NCAA TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

	Men	Women	Total
SoCon Regular Season Championships .....	47	26	73
SoCon Tournament Championships .....	52	40	92
NCAA Tournament Appearances .....	41	#47	88
National Championships .....	1	1	2



# 2008 Furman Football

## Furman Paladins In Professional Sports

Furman University, long noted for its consistent combination of athletic and academic excellence, boasts an impressive number of former student-athletes now in professional sports. In fact, Furman currently counts 39 products competing at the professional level — the most of any Southern Conference member school.

From the National Football League (NFL), to the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour, to Major League Soccer (MLS), to the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour, former Furman student-athletes have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

Furman's NFL connection consists of quarterback **Ingle Martin '06** of the Tennessee Titans and fullback **Jerome Felton '08** of the Detroit Lions. **Brian Bratton '05** is now in his second season with the CFL's Montreal Alouettes, and linebacker **Cam Newton '05** plays with the AFL's Georgia Force.

In baseball, four former Paladin standouts are now active in the professional ranks, including right-handed pitcher **Tom Mastny '03** of the Cleveland Indians, catcher **Tony Maccani '07** of the Savannah Sand Gnats, and right-handed pitcher **Matt Klinker '07** of the Dayton Dragons. This past spring right-handed pitcher **Jay Jackson '08** was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the ninth round of the MLB Draft.

Furman's representative on the PGA Tour includes **Brad Faxon '83**, who as a senior captured the Fred Haskins Award as the nation's top collegiate golfer. Winner of nine professional tournaments and more than \$8 million in career earnings, Faxon has twice represented the United States in Ryder Cup competition.

Few collegiate women's golf programs have produced more outstanding professionals than Furman, which boasts 11 Lady Paladins on the LPGA Tour, including Hall-of-Famers **Betsy King '77** (1995 inductee) and **Beth Daniel '78** (1999 inductee). From 1989-94, King, Daniel, and former Tour star **Dottie Pepper '87** (currently an analyst with The Golf Channel) combined to capture Rolex LPGA Player-of-the-Year honors five times — a span of dominance rarely equaled by alumni of any college or university in all of

professional sport. In an eight-year stretch from 1987-94, the trio took home the LPGA's Vare Trophy (lowest stroke average) six times. All told, Furman graduates have earned 19 Solheim Cup invitations and claimed 90 tournament titles over the years, including 10 major championships.

Two of Furman soccer's most successful additions to the professional ranks include soccer standouts **Ricardo Clark '02** and **Clint Dempsey '03**. Clark, who stars with the Houston Dynamo, is also a current member of the U.S. National Team. Dempsey, who garnered MLS Rookie-of-the-Year honors

in 2004 and was the lone goal scorer for the United States in 2006 World Cup competition, was named 2006 U.S. Soccer Player-of-the-Year. In January of 2007, Fulham of the Premier League paid a record \$4 million transfer fee to the New

England Revolution for Dempsey's services. Two of Furman's most recent additions to the professional soccer ranks include **Jon Leathers '08** of the Kansas City Wizards and **Shea Salinas '08** of the San Jose Earthquakes.



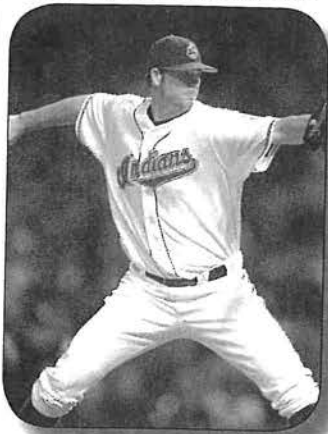
**Ingle Martin**  
Tennessee Titans



**Jerome Felton**  
Detroit Lions



**Clint Dempsey**  
Fulham (EPL), U.S. National Team



**Tom Mastny**  
Cleveland Indians



**Betsy King**  
LPGA Hall-of-Fame, 34 Career Victories



**Cam Newton**  
Georgia Force



**Brad Faxon**  
9 Career PGA Victories, 2 Ryder Cups

### FURMAN PALADINS IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

(On 2007-08 rosters)

#### Football

Brian Bratton '05, WR, Montreal Alouettes, CFL  
Jerome Felton '08, FB, Detroit Lions, NFL  
Ingle Martin '06, QB, Tennessee Titans, NFL  
Cam Newton '05, LB, Georgia Force, AFL

#### Baseball

Jay Jackson '08, RHP, Peoria Cubs (Midwest, A)  
Matt Klinker '07, RHP, Dayton Dragons (Midwest, A)  
Tony Maccani '07, C, Savannah Sand Gnats (SAL, A)  
Tom Mastny '03, RHP, Cleveland Indians (MLB)  
Mason Smith '08, RHP, GCL Nationals (Gulf Coast, R)

#### Men's Basketball

Robby Bostain '07, G/F, Zwolle, Netherlands (Eredivisie)  
Guilherme Da Luz '03, G, Dix Amico Paulistano, Brazil (A1 League)  
Moussa Diagne '07, F, Bonn, Germany (Bundesliga)  
Maleye Ndoye '04, F, Dijon, Bourgogne, France (A League)  
Gerard Punch '07, F, Zwolle, Netherlands (Eredivisie)  
Karim Souchu '03, F, Liege, Belgium (A League)

#### Women's Basketball

Kim Lawrence '04, F, BV Lely-Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Jen Nadalin '05, F, Venezia Reyer, Italy

#### Men's Golf

Matt Davidson '04, Hooters Tour  
Brad Faxon '83, PGA Tour

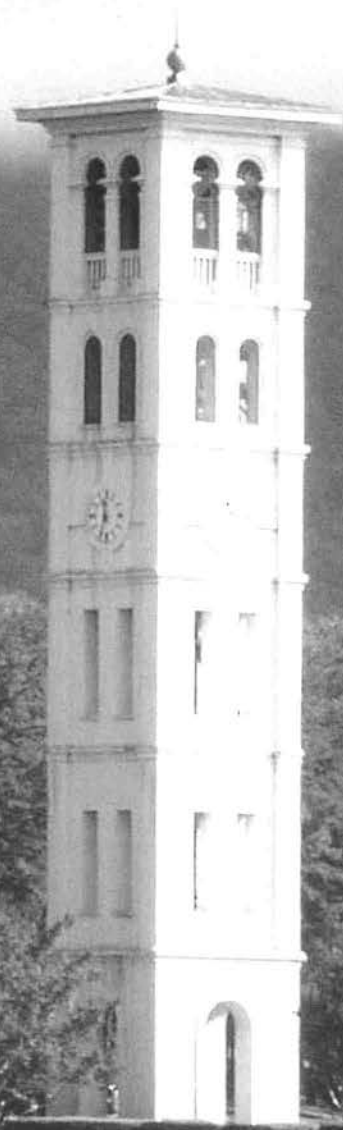
#### Women's Golf

Ashli Bunch '97, LPGA Tour  
Diana D'Alessio '97, LPGA Tour  
Beth Daniel '78, LPGA Tour (Hall-of-Fame)  
Haley Gildea '06, Futures Tour  
Jen Hanna '98, LPGA Tour  
Brandi Jackson '03, LPGA Tour  
Sarah Sargent '04, LPGA Tour  
Denise Killeen '84, LPGA Tour  
Betsy King '77, LPGA Tour (Hall-of-Fame)  
Dottie Pepper '87, LPGA Tour (Golf Channel)  
Sherri Turner '79, LPGA Tour  
Maggie Will '87, LPGA Tour

#### Soccer

Dominic Cianciarulo '08, MF, Charleston Battery (USL1D)  
Ricardo Clark '02, MF, Houston Dynamo (MLS)  
Clint Dempsey '03, MF, Fulham FC (EPL)  
John Barry Nusum '01, FW, Bermuda Hogges (USL2D)  
Ronnie Pascale '99, GK, Richmond Kickers (USL2D)  
Eliot Paschalis '08, MF, Richmond Kickers (USL2D)  
Jon Leathers '08, D, Kansas City Wizards (MLS)  
Shea Salinas '08, MF, San Jose Earthquakes (MLS)

**FURMAN UNIVERSITY**



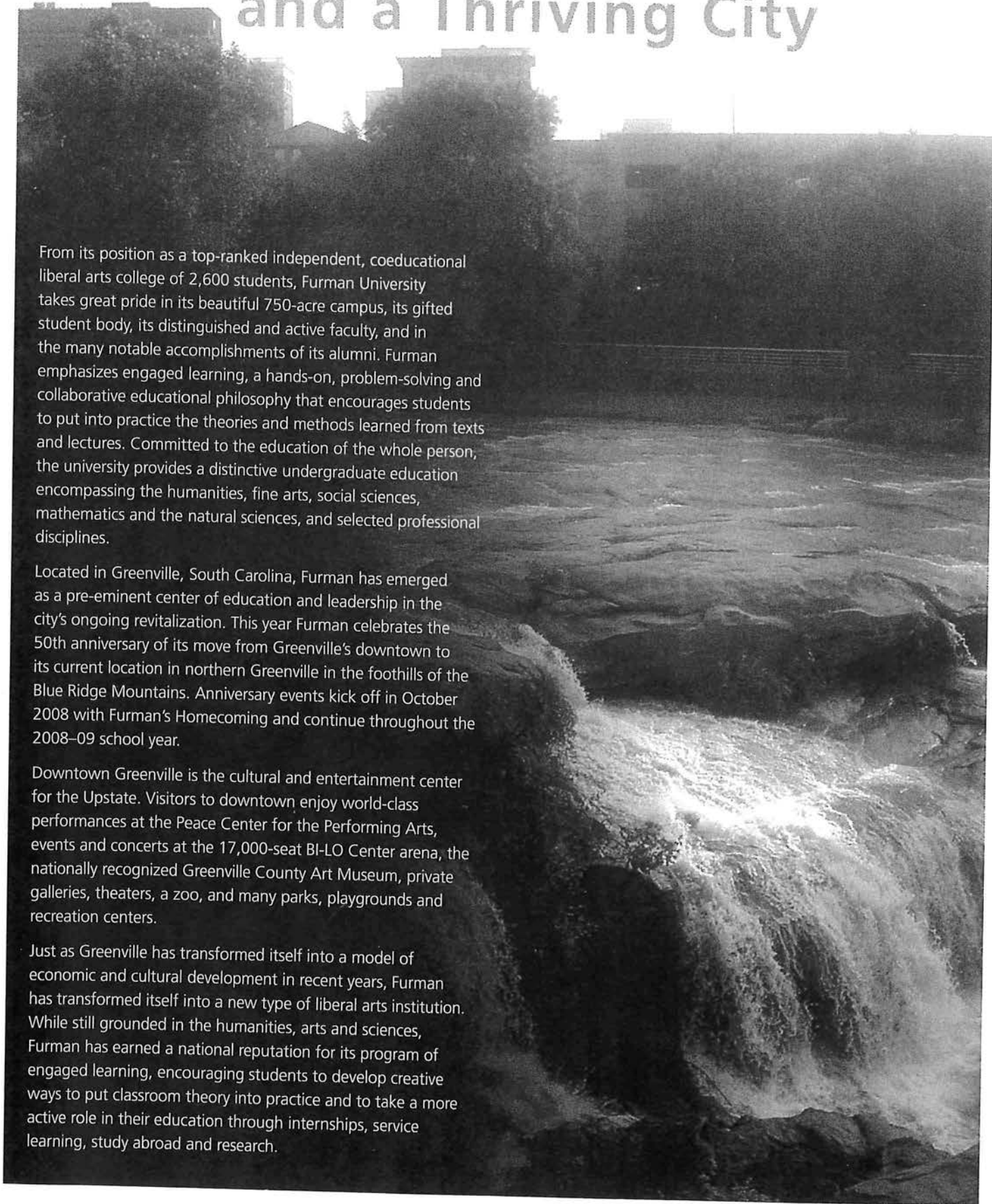
# *Engaged Learning* and a Thriving City

From its position as a top-ranked independent, coeducational liberal arts college of 2,600 students, Furman University takes great pride in its beautiful 750-acre campus, its gifted student body, its distinguished and active faculty, and in the many notable accomplishments of its alumni. Furman emphasizes engaged learning, a hands-on, problem-solving and collaborative educational philosophy that encourages students to put into practice the theories and methods learned from texts and lectures. Committed to the education of the whole person, the university provides a distinctive undergraduate education encompassing the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics and the natural sciences, and selected professional disciplines.

Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Furman has emerged as a pre-eminent center of education and leadership in the city's ongoing revitalization. This year Furman celebrates the 50th anniversary of its move from Greenville's downtown to its current location in northern Greenville in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Anniversary events kick off in October 2008 with Furman's Homecoming and continue throughout the 2008-09 school year.

Downtown Greenville is the cultural and entertainment center for the Upstate. Visitors to downtown enjoy world-class performances at the Peace Center for the Performing Arts, events and concerts at the 17,000-seat BI-LO Center arena, the nationally recognized Greenville County Art Museum, private galleries, theaters, a zoo, and many parks, playgrounds and recreation centers.

Just as Greenville has transformed itself into a model of economic and cultural development in recent years, Furman has transformed itself into a new type of liberal arts institution. While still grounded in the humanities, arts and sciences, Furman has earned a national reputation for its program of engaged learning, encouraging students to develop creative ways to put classroom theory into practice and to take a more active role in their education through internships, service learning, study abroad and research.





## Research, Internships, Academics, Service

More than half of the 2,600 students as well as a number of faculty and staff volunteer 25,000 hours per year with the Max and Trude Heller Service Corps. In 2008 President George W. Bush presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to Heller Service Corps student director, Andrew Barnhill '10. Also in 2008, the Corporation for National and Community Service named the Heller Service Corps to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll With Distinction for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

Research is an integral part of engaged learning at Furman. Noted for research in areas as diverse as nanotechnology, bioinformatics, pharmacology and

petroleum, Furman receives grants from such prestigious funds and agencies as NASA, the Library of Congress, the American Chemical Society, The National Science Foundation, The Lilly Endowment, the National Institutes of Health and the Mellon Foundation. Furman graduates often find themselves better prepared for lab work and statistical analysis than students from universities several times Furman's size.

Internships involve Furman's students in the world, the nation and Greenville, providing expertise and applying their skills

for businesses, government agencies and non-profits. The Furman Advantage Program provides competitive fellowships to students who obtain full-time summer internships with an academic component directly related to their major or career goals.

Academic departments that have received special accolades and well-deserved reputations for distinctive quality include music, chemistry, history, political science, earth and environmental sciences, and health and exercise science.



# Sustainability at Furman

Furman's faculty, staff and students have long been leaders in promoting sustainability both on campus and in the community. The university was acknowledged in KIWI Magazine's 2007 Green College Report as being among the Top 50 "green" colleges and universities. In 1997, the university instituted a strategic plan that elevated campus sustainability to a primary initiative. And in 2001, Furman formally adopted environmental stewardship as one of four major goals in its strategic plan. Sustainability involves the awakened conscience of the individual in regard to the natural environment.

LEED-certified buildings, the organic garden and campus composting program are just a few ways Furman is nurturing a more eco-friendly educational environment. The Cliffs Cottage at Furman, the first LEED-certified Southern Living Showcase Home, opened to the public in June 2008. After the year-long showcase period, Cliffs Cottage will become the university's Center for Sustainability.

Walking on campus instead of driving or turning off lights and computers not in use demonstrate how the little things help reduce our ecological footprint. Even athletic events on campus have become a great opportunity to boost recycling efforts and give campus visitors a chance to participate in the mutually beneficial goal of sustainability.



# *Distinguished Alumni* & notable speakers

Graduating 19 current or former college presidents (including the first woman president of a coeducational college in America), two governors, two U.S. congressmen, 17 Truman Scholars and six Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate, and Templeton and Pulitzer Prize winners, Furman has taken its place among the nation's leading universities. Among the best-known Furman grads are John Broadus Watson, founder of behavioral psychology, Charles H. Townes, Nobel Prize winner for the development of the maser and laser; Richard W. Riley, former governor of South Carolina and secretary of education in the Clinton administration; Keith Lockhart, conductor of the Boston Pops; Mark Sanford, current South Carolina governor; Mike McConnell, current U.S. Director of National Intelligence; Betsy King and Beth Daniel, members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Hall of Fame.

As a stimulating forum for higher learning, Furman has hosted many notable speakers in recent years. During the 2008 election year several presidential nominees held rallies on campus, including Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton and Republican Mike Huckabee. Numerous other political speakers also visited the campus: former US Senate majority leader Bill Frist; U.S. Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell; author and conservative political commentator Ann Coulter; Democratic political consultant and Bill Clinton's former senior advisor James Carville; and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Chris Hedges. Yet another significant speaker at Furman during the '07-'08 academic year was the director of the Iraqi Institute for Peace and former Iraqi general Georges Hormis Sada. However, perhaps the most prominent visitor was Furman's 2008 Commencement speaker, President George W. Bush. While President Bush was the first sitting president to visit the Furman campus, 25 years ago his father delivered the Commencement address as Vice President.

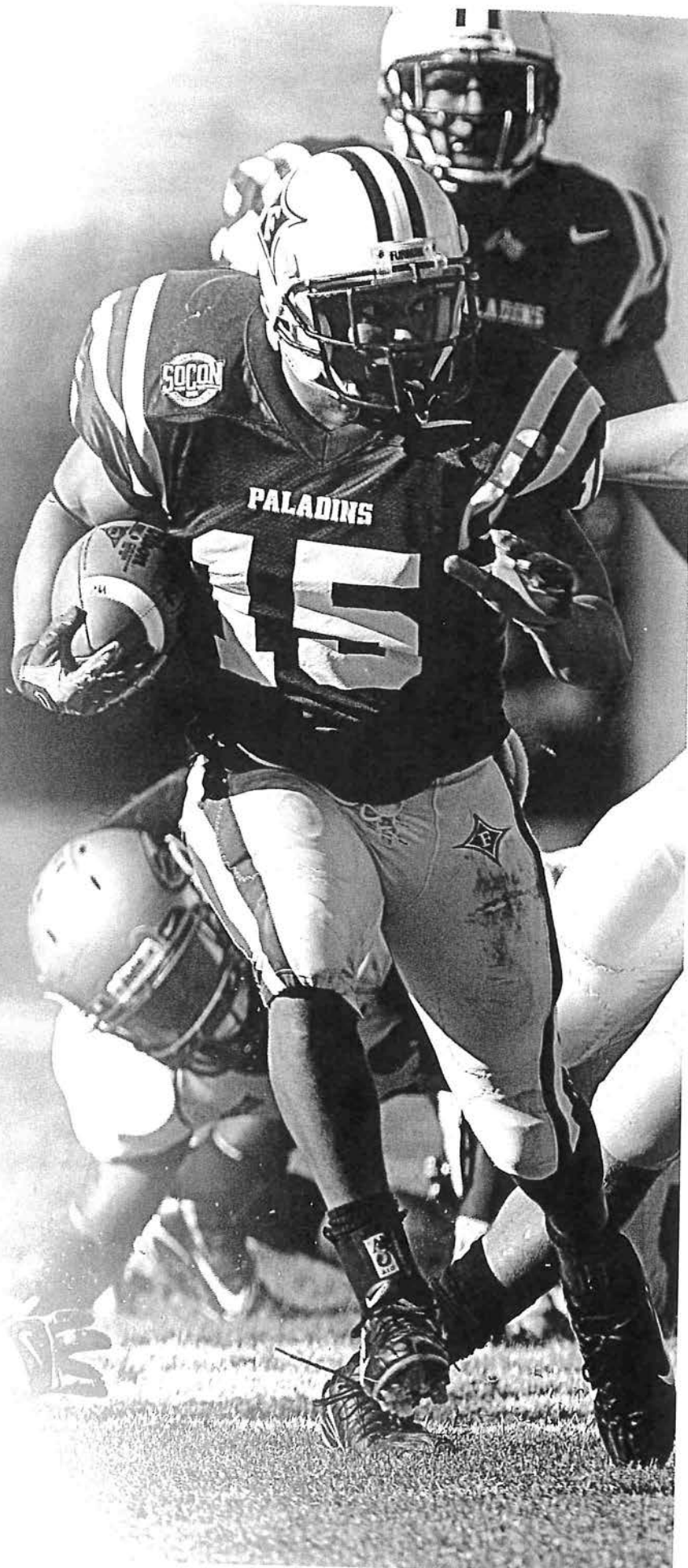
*Charles H. Townes '35, Nobel Prize winner for the development of the maser and laser*

# Furman and The Southern Conference

Furman boasts a successful NCAA Division college sports program, where athletes are truly "scholar athletes." Although the smaller student body makes this one of the smallest NCAA Division I schools in the nation, Furman teams consistently rank among the elite in the Southern Conference. With great success in women's golf, tennis, football and most recently, soccer, Furman boasts an impressive number of former student athletes now in professional sports. Several athletes have recently enjoyed success on the national and world stage.

Former Furman soccer players Ricardo Clark and Clint Dempsey have had outstanding professional careers and are members of the U.S. Men's National Team.

2003 Southern Conference Pitcher-of-the-Year Tom Mastny is now a solid performer in the bullpen for the Cleveland Indians. While helping Furman to a school season record 32 wins, Mastny became the Paladins' first All-American baseball player in 2003 with an 11-2 record and an NCAA leading 1.09 ERA.



# THE OUTLOOK

DAVID MENOCA, C



**W**hen preseason camp gets underway on August 5, the Furman Paladins probably won't be considered among the top teams in the Southern Conference and a contender for an NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff berth this fall. With 39 lettermen and just 10 starters returning off last year's 6-5 squad, it would appear hard to argue the Paladins warrant anything more than a middle of the pack conference tab.

But given Furman's history of success this decade, including a 70-30 overall record (.700) and 44-16 SoCon mark (.733) highlighted by two SoCon championships, four second place finishes, one third place league showing, and six playoff berths, it might be unwise to completely dismiss the purple and white in 2008.

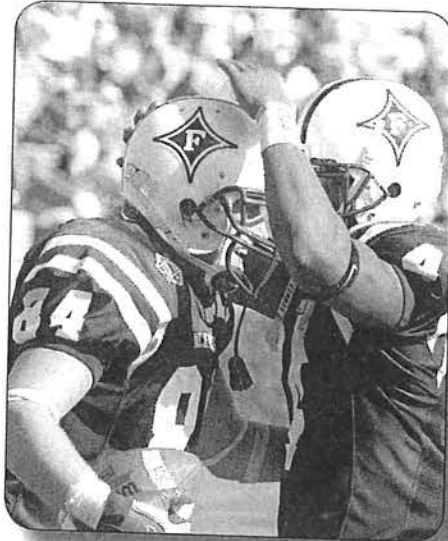
Head coach Bobby Lamb certainly won't concede anything, but the Furman mentor, who enters his seventh year at the helm and 26th overall season at his alma mater, is pragmatic enough to realize the task his Paladins face against one of the program's toughest schedules in a rapidly improving SoCon.

"We've got a lot of question marks, no doubt about it, but I think we've also got some answers, too," said Lamb in late June.

The biggest question facing Furman this fall will be how well it makes the transition from a traditional 4-3 defensive alignment to the new 4-2-5 scheme designed to essentially bring another defensive back onto the field. In addition, there are key positional losses that must be addressed, namely in the backfield where All-American Jerome Felton, Furman's all-time leading scorer (414 points), the program's top career rushing fullback (2,652 yards), and fifth round draft selection by the Detroit Lions, has graduated. The Paladins also sustained significant attrition at defensive end, linebacker, and wide receiver and must overcome the graduation of the top kick scorer in Furman history.

Furman's small contingent of returning regulars would appear to signal a rebuilding year, but the truth within the bigger picture is the Paladins boast just enough experience to not be overlooked. Led by its offensive line, which sports four starters, and the league's top tight end corps, Furman also possesses a backfield that features a quarterback and trio of running backs who, though light in starting experience, have already proven themselves in pressure situations. Defensively the Paladins boast three experienced interior linemen, a couple of veterans linebackers, and a duo of returning regulars in the secondary.

2007 proved to be a tale of two seasons for Furman, which went 2-4 through the first six games before rallying to go 4-1 in its last five outings, including victories over 14th-ranked Elon (52-49) and 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22). That strong finish, along with a commitment to a new defensive look and solid mix of returning talent on offense, are assets upon which the Paladins will look to build in 2008.



Furman boasts a solid tight end corps, including 2007 consensus All-SoCon performer Larry Hedden (84).

### OFFENSE

With only five returning starters, Furman may be challenged to match last year's offensive production that included a solid 31.6 points and 408.7 yards per game. There is also the issue of red zone production that must be addressed as the Paladins ranked as the least productive SoCon team inside the opponents' 20-yard line a year ago, converting on just 77.6 percent (45x58) of their scoring opportunities. The good news is Furman sports one of the the SoCon's most experienced offensive lines, an outstanding contingent of tight ends, and a unheralded, yet talented backfield.

Offense: .....	Spread
Lettermen Returning/Lost: .....	19/10
Starters Returning/Lost: .....	5/6
2007 Rushing Offense: .....	194.6 (4/33)
2007 Passing Offense: .....	213.2 (4/50)

2007 Passing Efficiency Offense: .....	132.3 (5/30)
2007 Total Offense: .....	407.8 (6/27)
2007 Scoring Offense: .....	31.6 (6/23)
2007 Red Zone Offense: .....	77.6% (8th in SoCon)
2007 Third Down Conversions: .....	46.3% (3rd in SoCon)
2007 Fourth Down Conversions: .....	54.5% (5th in SoCon)
2007 Sacks Against: .....	11 (1st in SoCon)
(Southern Conference Rank/National Rank)	

### OFFENSIVE LINE

The unquestioned strength of this year's team heading into preseason practice, Furman's offensive line returns four starters and nine lettermen, including the squad's top All-America candidate. The Paladins' four returning regulars have combined for 51 career starts and 4,248 snaps, thus giving Furman a solid nucleus of experienced talent up front. There is also quality depth spread among a trio of players who count four starts and 1,352 plays among them.

"Our offensive line has more experience and depth than any area on our team, and that's a real plus because it will take some pressure off some of the new guys behind them," said Lamb.

Headlining the list of returnees is senior left tackle **Joel Bell (6-8, 308, Sr.)**, a two-year starter and consensus 2007 All-Southern Conference selection who is considered by many to be one of the top offensive linemen in FCS. The All-America candidate counts 24 career starts and is coming off a junior campaign that saw him register a unit best 80.4 blocking percentage on 781 snaps. He sports tremendous leverage and athletic ability for his size and has already garnered the attention of NFL scouts. Backing him up will be **Ryan Lee (6-4, 265, R-Fr.)**, who should see his first action this fall.

At right tackle **Thomas Slaughter (6-4, 272, Sr.)** returns after beginning 2007 as a backup and moving into the lineup four games into the season. An All-SoCon candidate who has also served as the Paladins' long snapper for the past three seasons, he tallied an 80.2 blocking percentage on 501 plays a year ago to trail only Joel Bell's team leading standard. He will be backed up by **Antonio Frazier (6-4, 274, So.)**.

Furman boasts experience at guard in returning regulars **Tyler Haynes (6-2, 283, Jr.)** and **Heath Cockburn (6-1, 282, Jr.)**. Haynes, who plays left guard, registered starts in eight games last year before exiting the lineup late in a 34-27 loss to eventual national champion Appalachian State. Cockburn, meanwhile, counts 12 career starts, and was the unit leader in snaps (793) in 2007.

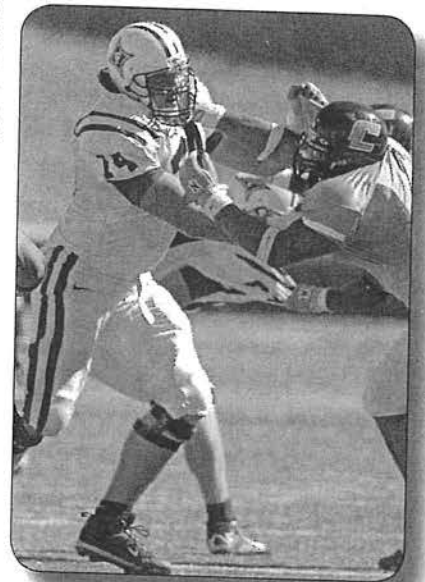
There is also quality depth at guard in **Will Landers (6-3, 263, Jr.)**, who completed a successful return from injury a year ago to collect three late season starts at left guard for the injured Haynes. **Nic Ayoob (6-3, 288, So.)** will provide Cockburn's relief at right guard.

Center is the only position that will sport a new face this fall, and the leading candidate to take over for the graduated Reggie Goolsby is **David Menocal (6-2, 251, Sr.)**. Expected to push him will be **Dustin Chancellor (6-3, 271, So.)**, who appears set to complete a return from a non-football related injury that sidelined him for the entire 2007 campaign.

### TIGHT END

Long known for producing outstanding tight ends, Furman sports another bumper crop in the field this fall in consensus first team All-SoCon choice **Larry Hedden (6-5, 241, Jr.)** and **Chris Truss (6-4, 243, Jr.)**.

A big target sporting excellent hands, Hedden, who began last year as a backup before injuries sidelined Truss, moved into the starting lineup in game five and went on to rack up an impressive 36 receptions for 421 yards and three touchdowns — easily tops among league tight ends.



Paladin All-SoCon left tackle Joel Bell has been named to several preseason All-America teams.

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Outlook



Truss, meanwhile, had 13 catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns in 2007 before being forced to the sideline. A physical performer who excels as both a blocker and receiver, he will play a critical role in the Paladins' multi-faceted offensive attack this fall.

Also expected to see his first action this year at tight end will be **Seth Skogen** (6-4, 220, R-Fr.).

"We plan to utilize our tight ends as much as possible in both our passing and running game," said Lamb. "Those guys have proven themselves as receivers and as blockers and can help give us some good matchups."

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Furman's wide receivers loom as a major key for the Paladins in 2008. The main challenge will be overcoming the loss of Patrick Sprague, last year's leading receiver (59 rec., 883 yds., 6 TDs), and successfully incorporating several talented but inexperienced young performers into the rotation. Perhaps the biggest question for the unit is whether veteran **R.J. Webb** (6-2, 200, Jr.) can complete his comeback after missing the final seven games of the 2007 season with a knee injury.



R.J. Webb's successful return from injury should give Furman a big lift this fall.

"I think we have a chance to be solid at receiver, but right now we certainly lack depth," said Lamb. "If R.J. Webb is 100 percent and Adam Mims continues to come on, we should be fine. We also have some guys like David Hendrix and Sederrick Cunningham who are raw but who have some real ability."

A healthy Webb will go a long way in stabilizing the wide receiving corps. The owner of the lone career start among Paladin wideouts, the Liberty, S.C., product totaled 51 receptions for 724 yards and two touchdowns in his first season and a half of action before being sidelined with a torn ACL in a 27-17 win over Coastal Carolina a year ago. Competing for his relief work will be **David Hendrix** (6-4, 196, R-Fr.), **Chris Welborn** (6-2, 187, Sr.), or **Matthew Gordon** (6-1, 193, Fr.) — all of whom lack game experience.

At flanker the leading contender to step into the starting lineup is **Adam Mims** (5-9, 187, So.), a speedy performer who caught 11 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown while also displaying ability as a punt return specialist in 2007.

Depth at flanker mirrors that at split end — there is none. Candidates who will compete for backup duty are **Lance Canington** (6-1, 200, Sr.), **Sederrick Cunningham** (5-11, 187, R-Fr.), **Korey Sims** (5-11, 178, Jr.), and **Daniel McFadden** (6-2, 180, Fr.).

### QUARTERBACK

There will be a changing of the guard at quarterback, and the new signal caller hardly needs an introduction. **Jordan Sorrells** (6-2, 205, Jr.), a smooth throwing left-hander and son of former Furman standout and current offensive coordinator Tim Sorrells, is set to take over for the graduated Renaldo Gray.

"Jordan Sorrells will be our starting quarterback," said Lamb. "He has gained the respect of everyone in our program and proven himself in several pressure situations over the last two years. He is smart and plays with a lot of savvy and composure — elements that are key to for any quarterback and offense."

In Sorrells the Paladins get a respected leader with quality game credentials. As a freshman in 2006 he came off the bench for an ailing Gray against Jacksonville State and directed Furman on a game winning 50-yard drive culminated by a 19-yard touchdown strike with 28 seconds left in the contest. The former Greenville High standout went on to register other significant action that season, including starts against both The Citadel (23-17 win) and Chattanooga (28-22 win), the latter of which saw him throw for 335 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winner in overtime. Last year he passed for 553 yards and pair of scores, including 172 yards (18-of-28)

off the bench versus Clemson. He also spelled a shaken-up Gray for a series in the Paladins' win over Elon, completing all four pass attempts for 59 yards and a score. All told in two seasons of duty, including two starts, he has thrown for 1,404 yards and six touchdowns.

**Cody Worley** (6-1, 205, So.), a third-year player who is blessed with slightly more mobility than Sorrells, sports a quality arm but very limited game experience.

The Paladins' third string signal caller is **Bryan Hayes** (5-11, 179, So.), a walk-on.

The newest scholarship quarterback is **Dakota Derrick** (6-5, 200, Fr.), who passed for 4,882 yards and 49 touchdowns in a stellar prep career at Conway (S.C.) High School.



Serving primarily as a backup, Jordan Sorrells has thrown for over 1,400 yards and a pair of game winning touchdowns the last two seasons.

### RUNNING BACKS

The departures of starting fullback Jerome Felton and tailback Cedrick Gipson, who combined to rush for 5,318 yards and 75 touchdowns in their careers, are notable losses, but Furman may shock some folks who might be tempted to predict a significant production decline in the backfield this fall.

The biggest positional loss sustained by the Paladins is at fullback, where Felton, a bruising All-America performer, has taken his game to the NFL. His replacement will be **Brantley Kendall** (5-10, 219, Sr.), a three-year letterman and team co-captain who, like Sorrells, has already proven himself in game pressure situations. In 2006 he was on the receiving end of Sorrells' game winning 19-yard touchdown with 28 seconds remaining in a 17-13 win over Jacksonville State. Later that season he gathered in another 19-yard strike in an eventual 13-10 victory over Georgia Southern that secured a post-season playoff berth for the Paladins.

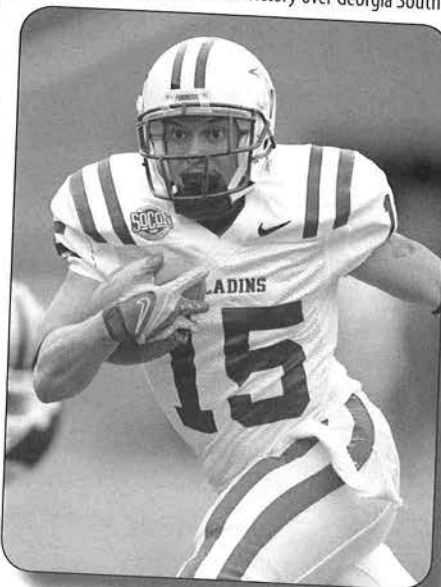
"Brantley Kendall is a superb person and leader who is a joy to coach," said Lamb. "He's physical and consistent in everything he does, and he has been patient yet productive when given opportunities the last couple of years. I think he could have a very good year for us."

Contending for Kendall's backup work are **Pete Sanders** (6-0, 234, So.) and **Cardenal Coleman** (6-0, 227, R-Fr.).

Tailback is a position that could be poised to see a dramatic increase in production, especially with the return of **Mike Brown** (5-8, 176, So.), a speedy, instinctive runner with demonstrated big play ability.

"Mike Brown is a true breakaway threat who can take it the distance anytime," said Lamb. "He has a chance to be a really special player."

Working exclusively as a backup in 2007, he averaged a solid 6.5 yards per carry and rushed for 314 yards and a touchdown, including a 50-yard scoring run against Appalachian State. In addition he established himself as one of the SoCon's top return specialists, finishing second in



Mike Brown is set to take over the starting tailback reins in 2008.



the league with a 25.9 yard average on 19 returns.

**Stephone LaFrance** (6-2, 219, Jr.) should also see plenty of action. He has shown flashes of brilliance, rushing 100 times for 432 yards and a pair of touchdowns over the last two campaigns. Another player bidding for playing time is **Tank Baker** (5-9, 205, R-Fr.).

### DEFENSE

Furman's defense generated a mixed bag of results in 2007. The Paladins racked up a SoCon leading 29 sacks and had no peer in the league against the run (135.0 ypg). Defending the pass and winning the turnover battle, however, again proved to be difficult propositions as Furman ranked last in the conference (263.7 ypg) in pass defense and seventh in turnover margin (-0.64). To improve on those numbers the Paladins, who return four defensive starters and face the real prospect of playing freshmen at linebacker, cornerback, and safety, will deploy a new 4-2-5 scheme featuring three safeties that Lamb states "is designed to get more speed on the field and give us more flexibility in matchups."

Defense:	4-2-5
Lettermen Returning/Lost:	18/11
Starters Returning/Lost:	4/7
2007 Rushing Defense:	135.0 (1/31)
2007 Passing Defense:	263.7 (8/110)
2007 Passing Efficiency Defense:	153.6 (7/109)
2007 Total Defense:	398.7 (5/86)
2007 Scoring Defense:	31.8 (6/86)
2007 Red Zone Defense:	83.0 % (T4th in SoCon)
2007 Opponent Third Down Conversions:	40.0% (3rd in SoCon)
2007 Opponent Fourth Down Conversions:	60.0% (6th in SoCon)
2007 Sacks:	29 (1st in SoCon)

(Southern Conference Rank/National Rank)

### DEFENSIVE LINE

Only one starter and five lettermen return along Furman's defensive front that last year posted solid work. Among the returning veterans, however, are a two-time All-SoCon selection and another versatile performer who counts notable starting experience.

The returning starter is nose guard **Justin Brown** (5-11, 260, Jr.), who collected his second all-conference scroll a year ago after racking up 55 tackles, eight tackles for-loss, and three sacks. Compact, strong and intelligent, he will anchor the Paladin defensive front. His backup will be two-year letterman **Daniel Leagans** (6-1, 246, Sr.).



*Justin Brown, a two-time All-SoCon selection, will anchor Furman's defense in 2008.*

The tackle slot will be manned by **Ricky Jones** (6-4, 266, Sr.), who fashioned a fine spring practice to solidify his starting candidacy. Jones' projected backup, **Adim Obata** (6-0, 260, R-Fr.), should see his first action.

Both defensive end positions will sport new regulars. **Gaines Burnett** (6-2, 257, Sr.), who actually got the starting nod at end in the Paladins' final three games, appears set to take over on the left side following a strong finish in 2007 that saw him tally 28 tackles, eight tackles for-loss, and 3.5 sacks. At right end **Shaun Van Rensburg** (6-4, 230, Jr.) and **Kyle McKinney** (6-1, 239, Jr.) are vying to take over for graduated all-conference performer Wallace Artis, last year's SoCon sacks leader. Van Rensburg showed promise in limited action last fall while McKinney, a two-year letterman and special teams veteran, is making the move from linebacker as

part of the Paladins' new defensive set. The same goes for **Philip Morris** (6-1, 238, Jr.), another converted linebacker coming off a 2007 campaign that saw him register 30 tackles.

### LINEBACKERS

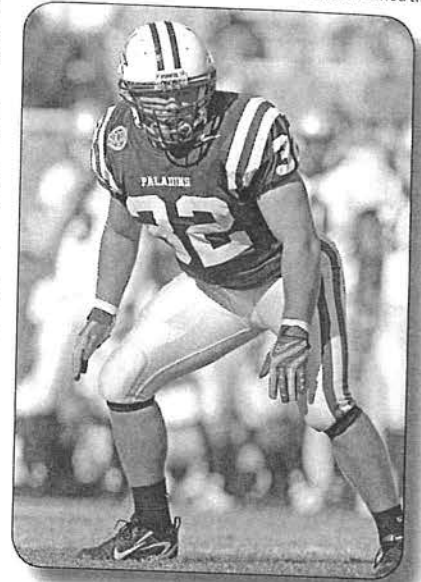
Graduation and the change in defensive schemes have altered the look of Furman's linebacking corps more than any other area in the program. Gone are three veterans, including starters Andrew Jones, a two-time all-conference performer, and Gary Nelson, as well as Clifton Dortch. Combined the trio racked up 90 starts and nearly 700 tackles over their four-year careers. In addition, two others made the switch to defensive end.

To fill the void, Furman will count on one starter, a three-year letterman, and a host of promising young players to compete for playing time at the two linebacking slots.

The leader of this year's contingent is **Hunter Twitty** (6-0, 225, Sr.), who is back after a junior campaign that saw him tally 30 tackles in his first season of starting duty. He will man the weak side slot.

Expected to take over for Jones on the strong side is **Brandon Williams** (6-2, 220, Sr.), a three-year letterman coming off a 2007 season that saw him tally 22 stops.

There is no experienced depth behind Twitty and Williams, but the Paladins do have a couple of highly regarded, speedy second year players in **Kadarron Anderson** (6-1, 224, R-Fr.) and **Brandon Boykin** (6-0, 223, R-Fr.). Anderson, in particular, may be a player with major impact potential this fall following an impressive spring practice.



*Hunter Twitty headlines a revamped Paladin linebacking corps.*

### SECONDARY

In the secondary, which will expand from four to five positions in the Paladins' new defensive set, Furman boasts a pair of returning starters and eight lettermen. There is also a promising crop of newcomers who could contend for action, particularly at cornerback, and hopefully assist in improving the program's pass defense.

At right cornerback the Paladins need a big year from **William Middleton** (5-11, 186, Sr.), who is entering his third year of starting duty. Last year he racked up 53 tackles and three interceptions and was named SoCon Defensive Player-of-the-Week after a two-interception performance in a win over Elon. **Mark Standridge** (5-9, 181, Jr.), who made the switch from reserve tailback in the spring, is listed as Middleton's backup.

The projected starter at left cornerback is **Masharn Austin** (5-8, 185, Sr.), the heir apparent to graduated three-year starter Austin Holmes. His backup will be **Dustin Gourdin** (5-11, 198, So.), a physical, athletic young player who began to display some of his potential late in the 2007 campaign.

Three newcomers who could get looks for playing time at cornerback include **Ryan Steed** (5-11, 180, Fr.), **E.J. Vinsang** (5-10, 185, Fr.), and **Jordan Griffin** (5-10, 165, Fr.).

Furman now has three safety slots, including some new position terminology to go along with the changes. Strong safety will henceforth be known as "rover," and the previous third linebacking post has been con-



*Free safety Thomas Twitty earned consensus second team All-SoCon honors in 2007.*

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Outlook



verted into a position known as "bandit." The free safety label remains the same, so it is probably natural that Furman's most recognized defensive back, **Thomas Twitty (5-11, 192, Sr.)**, the twin brother of starting linebacker Hunter Twitty, returns there. A consensus second team All-SoCon selection in 2007, he tallied a team leading 95 tackles and six pass deflections last year. He will be backed up by **John Castleberry (6-0, 179, Jr.)**.

At rover **Max Lerner (5-11, 188, So.)** appears set to take over for graduated all-conference performer Andrew Thacker. He is a hard-hitting player who, like Dustin Gourdin, began to emerge late last year as a quality performer. **Rick Furman (6-2, 192, R-Fr.)** is listed as Lerner's backup.

The newly created bandit position will likely be manned by **Julian Hicks (5-9, 188, Jr.)**. Last year he helped give Paladin fans a preview of the new-look defensive scheme with his first career start in Furman's win at Georgia Southern. In that contest he tallied a game high 11 tackles and was named SoCon Defensive Player-of-the-Week after helping the Paladins hold explosive Eagle quarterback Jayson Foster, the eventual Walter Payton Award winner, to a season low 82 yards rushing on 26 carries. **Chris Stone (6-1, 186, Sr.)** will look to claim Hicks' relief duty.

### SPECIALISTS

Furman special teams fashioned a solid 2007 campaign, with good performance in the both the kicking and punting departments and SoCon leading work on both punt and kickoff returns.

Matching last year's work on placements may be a tall order following the departure of Scott

Beckler, who completed his career as Furman's career kick scoring leader (314 points). None of his possible replacements, including **Matt Cesari (6-0, 173, Sr.)**, **Trent Hawk (6-0, 173, Jr.)**, and **Chas Short (6-3, 194, R-Fr.)** has ever attempted a kick under game conditions.

Hawk will again handle punting duties after averaging 38.4 yards on 30 kicks in 2007.

Last year the Paladins topped the SoCon in both punt returns (12.5 avg.) and kickoff returns (24.5 avg.), and almost all the principals who helped generate those numbers return, including Mike Brown (25.9 avg) and Stephone LaFrance (24.8 avg.) on kickoffs and Adam Mims (11.1 avg) on punts.

Veteran long snapper **Thomas Slaughter** and holder **Jordan Sorrells** are also back.

<b>2007 Punt Returns:</b> .....	<b>12.5 (1)</b>
<b>2007 Net Punting Average:</b> .....	<b>33.0 (5)</b>
<b>2007 Kickoff Returns:</b> .....	<b>24.5 (1)</b>
<b>2007 Field Goals:</b> .....	<b>14x22, 63.6% (5)</b>
<b>2007 PAT Kicking:</b> .....	<b>40x42, 95.2% (6)</b>

(Southern Conference Rank)

# 2008 Furman Football

## Furman Squad Breakdown



### LETTERMEN LOST (22):

**Offense (10):** Jerome Felton (FB), Cedrick Gipson (TB), Reggie Goolsby (C), Renaldo Gray (QB), Ryan McKie (FLK), Scott Shuford (OT), Patrick Sprague (SE), Joe Watson (FLK), Keiron Williams (FLK), Bobby Yawn (TE)

**Defense (11):** Wallace Artis (DE), Clifton Dortch (LB), Austin Holmes (CB), Bynum Jaeger (FS), Andrew Jones (LB), Jay Jay Mars (DE), Gary Nelson (LB), Corey Ray (DT), Andrew Thacker (SS), Channing Welch (DE), Paul White (DE)

**Specialists (1):** Scott Beckler (PK)

### LETTERMEN RETURNING (39):

**Offense (19):** Nic Ayoob (OG), Joel Bell (OT), Mike Brown (TB), \*Dustin Chancellor (OG), Heath Cockburn (OG), Antonio Frazier (OT), Tyler Haynes (OG), Larry Hedden (TE), Brantley Kendall (FB), Stephone LaFrance (TB), Will Landers (OG), David Menocal (C), Adam Mims (FLK), \*Chris Rogers (TB), Pete Sanders (FB), Thomas Slaughter (OT), Jordan Sorrells (QB), Chris Truss (TE), R.J. Webb (SE).

\*Lettered in 2006 (injured in 2007)

**Defense (18):** Masharn Austin (CB), Justin Brown (NG), Gaines Burnett (DE), John Castleberry (FS), Dustin Gourdin (CB), Julian Hicks (BAN), Ricky Jones (DT), Daniel Leagans (NG), Max Lerner (ROV), Kyle McKinney (DE), William Middleton (CB), Philip Morris (DE), #Mark Standridge (CB), Chris Stone (BAN), Hunter Twitty (LB), Thomas Twitty (FS), Shaun Van Rensburg (DE), Brandon Williams (LB).

#Lettered as TB and member of special teams in 2007

**Specialists (2):** Matthew Cesari (PK), Trent Hawk (P)

### STARTERS LOST (14):

**Offense (6):** Jerome Felton (FB), Cedrick Gipson (TB), Reggie Goolsby (C), Renaldo Gray (QB), Ryan McKie (FLK), Patrick Sprague (SE)

**Defense (7):** Wallace Artis (DE), Austin Holmes (CB), Andrew Jones (LB), Gary Nelson (LB), Corey Ray (DT), Paul White (DE), Andrew Thacker (SS)

**Specialists (1):** Scott Beckler (PK)

### STARTERS RETURNING (10):

**Offense (5):** Joel Bell (OT), Heath Cockburn (OG), Tyler Haynes (OG), Thomas Slaughter (OT), Larry Hedden (TE)

**Defense (4):** Justin Brown (NG), William Middleton (CB), Hunter Twitty (LB), Thomas Twitty (FS)

**Specialists (1):** Trent Hawk (P)

### PALADINS BY CLASS (96):

**Seniors (19):** Masharn Austin (CB), Joel Bell (OT), Gaines Burnett (DT), Lance Canington (FLK), Matthew Cesari (PK), Clay Crosby (LB), Ricky Jones (NT), Brantley Kendall (FB), Daniel Leagans (NG), David Menocal (C), William Middleton (CB), Chris Rogers (TB), Thomas Slaughter (OT), Chris Stone (FS), Hunter Twitty (LB), Thomas Twitty (FS), Chris Welborn (SE), Brandon Williams (LB), Chris Yankow (DE).

**Juniors (19):** Justin Brown (NG), John Castleberry (FS), Heath Cockburn (OG), Trent Hawk (P), Tyler Haynes (OG), Larry Hedden (TE), Julian Hicks (BAN), Stephone LaFrance (TB), Will Landers (OG), Kyle McKinney (DE), Philip Morris (DE), Kyle Rae (C), Corey Sims (FLK), Jordan Sorrells (QB), Mark Standridge (CB), Chris Truss (TE), Shaun Van Rensburg (DE), R.J. Webb (SE), Thomas Williams (P).

**Sophomores (14):** Nic Ayoob (OG), Mike Brown (TB), Dustin Chancellor (C), Antonio Frazier (OT), Dustin Gourdin (CB), Bryan Hayes (QB), Sterling Johnson (BAN), Max Lerner (ROV), Kevin McCarthy (LB), Adam Mims (FLK), Chisom Onyeuku (LB), Cody Reynolds (DE), Pete Sanders (FB), Cody Worley (QB).

**Redshirt Freshmen (16):** Kadarron Anderson (LB), Tank Baker (TB), David Barrington (OT), Brandon Boykin (LB), Cardenal Coleman (FB), Sederrick Cunningham (FLK), Jordan Eshelman (OG), Rick Furman (ROV), David Hendrix (SE), Ryan Lee (OT), Trey McCray (TE), Adim Obata (DT), McKenzie Opio (OT), Derrick Parrea (DE), Chas Short (PK), Seth Skogen (TE).

**True Freshmen (28):** Colin Anderson (QB), Brett Basik (ROV), Kenny Beck (DE), Matt Blades (OT), Dakota Derrick (QB), Daniel Dixon (FB), Matthew Gordon (FLK), Ben Granger (P), Jordan Griffin (CB), Sam Hopkins (DE), Leander Jones (CB), Will King (QB), Walt Lenard (TB), Vince Marsh (BAN), Daniel McFadden (FLK), Mitch McGrath (ROV), Josh Moseley (BAN), Bryan Poole (NG), Trevor Reeves (OG), Phillip Silverstein (TE), Daniel Spisak (C), Ryan Steed (CB), Tersoo Uhaa (FB), E.J. Vinsang (CB), Nathan Wade (FS), Will White (OG), Chris Wiley (LB), Luke Wynn (SN).



No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
...	Colin Anderson	QB	6-4	180	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/The Principia (Mo.) School
46	Kadarron Anderson	LB	6-1	224	R-Fr.	Greenwood, S.C./Emerald H.S.
18	Masharn Austin	CB	5-8	185	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Buford H.S.
64	Nic Ayoob	OG	6-3	288	So.	Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County H.S.
25	Tank Baker	TB	5-9	205	R-Fr.	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville H.S.
67	David Barrington	OT	6-3	248	R-Fr.	Montgomery, Ala./Montgomery Academy
48	Brett Basik	ROV	5-9	180	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Briarwood Christian School
98	Kenny Beck	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Salem, Ala./Smiths Station, Ala.
74	Joel Bell	OT	6-8	308	Sr.	Spartanburg, S.C./Spartanburg H.S.
76	Matt Blades	OT	6-6	275	Fr.	Laurel Hill, N.C./Richmond County H.S.
33	Brandon Boykin	LB	6-0	223	R-Fr.	Collierville, Tenn./White Station H.S.
97	Justin Brown	NG	5-11	260	Jr.	Warner Robins, Ga./Warner Robins H.S.
15	Mike Brown	TB	5-8	176	So.	Marietta, Ga./South Cobb H.S.
91	Gaines Burnett	DE	6-2	257	Sr.	Kathleen, Ga./Houston County H.S.
81	Lance Canington	FLK	6-1	200	Sr.	Bel Air, Md./C. Milton Wright H.S.
3	John Castleberry	FS	6-0	179	Jr.	Cumming, Ga./Gainesville H.S.
88	Matthew Cesari	PK	6-0	173	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster H.S.
69	Dustin Chancellor	C	6-3	271	So.	Byron, Ga./Peach County H.S.
65	Heath Cockburn	OG	6-1	282	Jr.	Dalton, Ga./Northwest Whitfield H.S.
38	Cardenal Coleman	FB	6-0	227	R-Fr.	Tennille, Ga./Washington County H.S.
49	Clay Crosby	LB	6-1	211	Sr.	Easley, S.C./Easley, S.C.
13	Sederrick Cunningham	FLK	5-11	187	R-Fr.	Zephyrhills, Fla./Zephyrhills H.S.
...	Daniel Dixon	FB	5-9	180	Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif./Weisbaden H.S.
11	Dakota Derrick	QB	6-5	200	Fr.	Conway, S.C./Conway H.S.
77	Jordan Eshelman	OG	6-2	254	R-Fr.	Howell, Mich./Howell H.S.
71	Antonio Frazier	OT	6-4	274	So.	Chattanooga, Tenn./Baylor H.S.
37	Rick Furman	ROV	6-2	192	R-Fr.	Greenville, S.C./Christ Church Episcopal School
21	Matthew Gordon	SE	6-1	193	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Briarwood Christian School
26	Dustin Gourdin	CB	5-11	198	So.	Greer, S.C./Riverside H.S.
...	Ben Granger	P	5-11	165	Fr.	Athens, Ga./Clarke Central H.S./Navy Prep
8	Jordan Griffin	CB	5-10	165	Fr.	Fairburn, Ga./Sandy Creek H.S.
17	Trent Hawk	P/PK	6-0	173	Jr.	Norcross, Ga./Norcross H.S.
16	Bryan Hayes	QB	5-11	179	So.	Chester, N.J./Mendham H.S.
60	Tyler Haynes	OG	6-2	271	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Vestavia Hills H.S.
84	Larry Hedden	TE	6-5	241	Jr.	Hoover, Ala./Briarwood Christian H.S.
14	David Hendrix	SE	6-4	196	R-Fr.	Buford, Ga./Buford H.S.
31	Julian Hicks	BAN	5-9	188	Jr.	College Park, Ga./Riverwood H.S.
99	Sam Hopkins	DE	6-4	218	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Culver (Ind.) Military Academy
23	Sterling Johnson	BAN	6-0	200	So.	Decatur, Ga./Martin Luther King H.S.
47	Leander Jones	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	Aiken, S.C./South Aiken H.S.
78	Ricky Jones	DT	6-4	266	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Centennial H.S.
42	Brantley Kendall	FB	5-10	219	Sr.	Senoia, Ga./East Coweta H.S.
90	Will King	QB	5-10	170	Fr.	Rock Hill, S.C./Northwestern H.S.
10	Stephone LaFrance	TB	6-2	219	Jr.	College Park, Ga./Creekside H.S.
73	Will Landers	OG	6-3	263	Jr.	Roswell, Ga./Roswell H.S.
72	Daniel Leagans	NG	6-1	246	Sr.	Ware Shoals, S.C./Ware Shoals H.S.
75	Ryan Lee	OT	6-4	265	R-Fr.	Carrollton, Ga./Carrollton H.S.
29	Walt Lenard	TB	6-0	201	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Landmark Christian School
24	Max Lerner	ROV	5-11	188	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Hoover H.S.
58	Vince Marsh	BAN	5-9	185	Fr.	Mill Spring, N.C./R.S. Central H.S.
53	Kevin McCarthy	LB	6-0	202	So.	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Christian School
87	Trey McCray	TE	6-3	208	R-Fr.	Greer, S.C./Rossvie (Tenn.) H.S.
86	Daniel McFadden	FLK	6-2	180	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla./Mainland H.S.
20	Mitch McGrath	ROV	6-2	180	Fr.	Longwood, Fla./Lake Brantley H.S.
54	Kyle McKinney	DE	6-1	239	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta H.S.
52	David Menocal	C	6-2	251	Sr.	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville H.S.
1	William Middleton	CB	5-11	186	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist H.S.
2	Adam Mims	FLK	5-9	187	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Spain Park H.S.
51	Philip Morris	DE	6-1	238	Jr.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson H.S.
...	Josh Moseley	BAN	5-9	190	Fr.	Newberry, S.C./Newberry H.S.
56	Adim Obata	DT	6-0	260	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Martin Luther King H.S.
41	Chisom Onyeuku	LB	6-1	210	So.	Fayetteville, Ga./Fayette County H.S.
68	McKenzy Opio	OT	6-3	295	R-Fr.	Flowery Branch, Ga./Flowery Branch H.S.
92	Derrick Parrea	DE	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Dunnellon, Fla./Dunnellon H.S.
79	Bryan Poole	NG	5-11	278	Fr.	Marietta, Ga./Kennesaw Mountain H.S.
66	Kyle Rae	C	5-10	229	Jr.	Wilmington, N.C./John T. Hoggard H.S.
63	Trevor Reeves	OG	6-1	250	Fr.	Belmont, N.C./South Point H.S.
95	Cody Reynolds	DE	6-3	230	So.	Falls Church, Va./George Mason H.S.
1	William Middleton***	CB				
2	Adam Mims*	FLK				
3	John Castleberry***	FS				
4	R.J. Webb**	SE				
5	Ryan Steed	CB				
6	Nathan Wade	FS				
7	Cody Worley	QB				
8	Jordan Griffin	CB				
9	Jordan Sorrells**	QB				
10	Stephone LaFrance**	TB				
11	Dakota Derrick	QB				
12	Chas Short	PK				
13	Sederrick Cunningham	FLK				
14	David Hendrix	SE				
15	Mike Brown*	TB				
16	Bryan Hayes	QB				
17	Trent Hawk**	P/PK				
18	Masharn Austin***	CB				
19	Chris Stone*	BAN				
20	Mitch McGrath	ROV				
21	Matthew Gordon	SE				
22	E.J. Vinsang	CB				
23	Sterling Johnson	BAN				
24	Max Lerner*	ROV				
25	Tank Baker	TB				
26	Dustin Gourdin*	CB				
28	Thomas Twitty***	FS				
29	Walt Lenard	TB				
30	Mark Standridge**	CB				
31	Julian Hicks**	BAN				
32	Hunter Twitty***	LB				
33	Brandon Boykin	LB				
35	Shaun Van Rensburg**	DE				
36	Brandon Williams**	LB				
37	Rick Furman	ROV				
38	Cardenal Coleman	FB				
39	Thomas Williams	P				
40	Tersoo Uhaa	FB				
41	Chisom Obeyeuku	LB				
42	Brantley Kendall***	FB				
43	Chris Rogers*	TB				
44	Pete Sanders*	FB				
45	Chris Wiley	LB				
46	Kadarron Anderson	LB				
47	Leander Jones	CB				
48	Brett Basik	ROV				
49	Clay Crosby	LB				
51	Philip Morris**	DE				
52	David Menocal***	C				
53	Kevin McCarthy	LB				
54	Kyle McKinney**	DE				
55	Daniel Spisak	C				
56	Adim Obata	DT				
58	Vince Marsh	BAN				
59	Thomas Slaughter***	OT				
60	Tyler Haynes**	OG				
61	Will White	OG				
62	Luke Wynn	SN				
63	Trevor Reeves	OG				
64	Nic Ayoob*	OG				
65	Heath Cockburn**	OG				
66	Kyle Rae	C				
67	David Barrington	OT				
68	McKenzy Opio	OT				
69	Dustin Chancellor*	C				
71	Antonio Frazier*	OT				
72	Daniel Leagans**	NG				
73	Will Landers*	OG				
74	Joel Bell***	OT				
75	Ryan Lee	OT				
76	Matt Blades	OT				
77	Jordan Eshelman	OG				

## Pre-Season Roster, Paladins By State, Birthday Calendar



43	Chris Rogers	TB	5-10	193	Sr.	Hickory, N.C./Hickory H.S.
44	Pete Sanders	FB	6-0	234	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga./Parkview H.S./LSU
12	Chas Short	PK	6-3	194	R-Fr.	Thomaston, Ga./Flint River Academy
82	Phillip Silverstein	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Anderson, S.C./T.L. Hanna H.S.
93	Korey Sims	FLK	5-11	178	Jr.	Lutz, Fla./The Cambridge School
83	Seth Skogen	TE	6-4	220	R-Fr.	Lookout Mountain, Tenn./Tennessee Temple Academy
59	Thomas Slaughter	OT	6-4	272	Sr.	Rock Hill, S.C./Northwestern H.S.
9	Jordan Sorrells	QB	6-2	205	Jr.	Greenville, S.C./Greenville H.S.
55	Daniel Spisak	C	6-1	250	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Z.B. Vance H.S.
30	Mark Standridge	CB	5-9	181	Jr.	Buford, Ga./Buford H.S.
5	Ryan Steed	CB	5-11	180	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, S.C./Pinewood Prep
19	Chris Stone	BAN	6-1	186	Sr.	Greenville, S.C./Eastside H.S./Clemson
85	Chris Truss	TE	6-4	243	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Riverwood H.S.
32	Hunter Twitty	LB	6-0	225	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook H.S.
28	Thomas Twitty	FS	5-11	192	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook H.S.
40	Tersoo Uhaa	FB	5-8	198	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga./Riverside Military Academy
35	Shaun Van Rensburg	DE	6-4	230	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles School
22	E.J. Vinsang	CB	5-10	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
6	Nathan Wade	FS	6-0	175	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
4	R.J. Webb	SE	6-2	200	Jr.	Liberty, S.C./Pickens H.S.
89	Chris Welborn	SE	6-2	187	Sr.	Fernandina Beach, Fla./Fernandina Beach H.S.
61	Will White	OG	6-3	300	Fr.	Round Oak, Ga./Jones County H.S.
45	Chris Wiley	LB	5-10	191	Fr.	Anderson, S.C./Westside H.S.
36	Brandon Williams	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	Tucker, Ga./Lakeside H.S.
39	Thomas Williams	P	6-3	185	Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Preparatory School
7	Cody Worley	QB	6-1	205	So.	Calhoun, Ga./Calhoun H.S.
62	Luke Wynn	SN	6-3	230	Fr.	Cordova, Tenn./Memphis University School
94	Chris Yankow	DE	6-1	215	Sr.	Olyphant, Pa./Bishop O'Hara H.S.

78	Ricky Jones***	DT
79	Bryan Poole	NG
81	Lance Canington	FLK
82	Phillip Silverstein	TE
83	Seth Skogen	TE
84	Larry Hedden**	TE
85	Chris Truss**	TE
86	Daniel McFadden	FLK
87	Trey McCray	TE
88	Matthew Cesari	PK
89	Chris Welborn	SE
90	Will King	QB
91	Gaines Burnett***	DE
92	Derrick Parrea	DE
93	Korey Sims	FLK
94	Chris Yankow	DE
95	Cody Reynolds	DE
97	Justin Brown**	NG
98	Kenny Beck	DE
99	Sam Hopkins	DE

\* Letters Won

### PALADINS BY STATE

**GEORGIA (38):** Alpharetta (Ricky Jones), Athens (Ben Granger), Atlanta (Matt Cesari, Walt Lenard, Kyle McKinney, William Middleton, Adim Obata, Chris Truss), Buford (David Hendrix, Mark Standridge), Byron (Dustin Chancellor), Carrollton (Ryan Lee), College Park (Sephone LaFrance, Julian Hicks), Cumming (John Castleberry), Dalton (Heath Cockburn), Decatur (Sterling Johnson), Fairburn (Jordan Griffin), Fayetteville (Chisom Onyeuku), Flowery Branch (McKenzy Opio), Gainesville (David Menocal, Tersoo Uhaa), Kathleen (Gaines Burnett), Lawrenceville (Masharn Austin), Marietta (Mike Brown, Bryan Poole), Norcross (Trent Hawk), Rome (Cody Worley), Roswell (Will Landers), Round Oak (Will White), Savannah (Kevin McCarthy), Senoia (Brantley Kendall), Stone Mountain (Pete Sanders), Tennille (Cardenal Coleman), Thomaston (Chas Short), Tucker (Brandon Williams), Warner Robins (Justin Brown), Watkinsville (Nic Ayoob)

**SOUTH CAROLINA (19):** Aiken (Leander Jones), Anderson (Philip Silverstein, Chris Wiley), Easley (Clay Crosby), Conway (Dakota Derrick), Greenville (Rick Furman, Jordan Sorrells, Chris Stone), Greenwood (Kadarron Anderson), Greer (Dustin Gourdin, Trey McCray), Liberty (R.J. Webb), Mount Pleasant (Ryan Steed), Newberry (Josh Moseley), Orangeburg (Philip Morris), Rock Hill (Will King, Thomas Slaughter), Spartanburg (Joel Bell), Ware Shoals (Daniel Leagans),

**ALABAMA (10):** Birmingham (Brett Basik, Matthe Gordon, Tyler Haynes, Max Lerner, Adam Mims, Hunter Twitty, Thomas Twitty), Hoover (Larry Hedden), Montgomery (David Barrington), Salem (Kenny Beck)

**FLORIDA (8):** Daytona Beach (Daniel McFadden), Dunnellon (Derrick Parrea), Fernandina Beach (Chris Welborn), Jacksonville (Shaun Van Rensburg), Longwood (Mitch McGrath), Lutz (Korey Sims), Orlando (Thomas Williams), Zephyrhills (Sederrik Cunningham)

**TENNESSEE (7):** Antioch (Nathan Wade), Chattanooga (Antonio Frazier), Collierville (Brandon Boykin), Cordova (Luke Wynn), Lookout Mountain (Seth Skogen), Maryville (Tank Baker), Nashville (E.J. Vinsang)

**NORTH CAROLINA (6):** Belmont (Trevor Reeves), Charlotte (Daniel Spisak), Hickory (Chris Rogers), Wilmington (Kyle Rae), Laurel Hill (Matt Blades), Mill Spring (Vince Marsh)

**CALIFORNIA (1):** Santa Ana (Daniel Dixon)

**OHIO (1):** Cincinnati (Sam Hopkins)

**MARYLAND (1):** Bel Air (Lance Canington)

**PENNSYLVANIA (1):** Olyphant (Chris Yankow)

**MICHIGAN (1):** Howell (Jordan Eshelman)

**TEXAS (1):** Dallas (Colin Anderson)

**NEW JERSEY (1):** Chester (Bryan Hayes)

**VIRGINIA (1):** Falls Church (Cody Reynolds)

### PALADIN BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

**JANUARY:** 8 (Will White), 12 (Chris Rogers), 15 (Clay Crosby), 18 (Masharn Austin), 19 (Will King, Bob Price), 21 (Heath Cockburn), 24 (Drew Cronin)

**FEBRUARY:** 3 (Justin Brown), 4 (Carroll McCray, Philip Silverstein), 9 (Matthew Cesari), 16 (Jordan Sorrells), 17 (Brandon Boykin), 24 (Kyle Rae), 26 (Sephone LaFrance, Philip Morris),

**MARCH:** 3 (Tom Evangelista), 10 (Bryan Hayes, McKenzie Opio), 20 (Trent Hawk, Pete Sanders), 26 (Dustin Chancellor)

**APRIL:** 1 (Roberto Pinilla), 2 (Kenny Beck), 3 (Tank Baker, Daniel Dixon), 16 (Brandon Williams), 23 (Hunter Twitty, Thomas Twitty), 27 (Lance Canington)

**MAY:** 6 (Leander Jones), 11 (Bryan Poole), 13 (Mike Brown), 19 (Daniel Leagans), 22 (Shaun Van Rensburg), 23 (Chas Short), 26 (Mitch McGrath, Adam Mims)

**JUNE:** 4 (Chris Wiley), 5 (Sam Hopkins, E.J. Vinsang), 6 (Kadarron Anderson, David Barrington), 28 (Steve Wilson), 30 (Rick Furman)

**JULY:** 7 (Larry Hedden), 14 (Sederik Cunningham), 8 (Brett Basik), 21 (Ryan Steed), 24 (Ricky Jones), 28 (William Middleton), 29 (Joel Bell, Will Landers)

**AUGUST:** 5 (Thomas Slaughter), 6 (Chris Yankow), 7 (Daniel McFadden), 12 (Trey McCray), August 13, (Cardenal Coleman), 15 (Mark Standridge), 18 (Antonio Frazier), 21 (Dakota Derrick), 22 (Matthew Gordon), 23 (Kevin McCarthy), 24 (R.J. Webb), 25 (Jordan Eshelman)

**SEPTEMBER:** 1 (Chisom Onyeuku), 8 (Max Lerner), 14 (Jeff Farrington, Cody Worley), 18 (Tim Sorrells), 24 (Adim Obata), 26 (Nic Ayoob)

**OCTOBER:** 4 (Derrick Parrea), 8 (Ben Granger), 9 (David Menocal), 13 (Chris Truss), 16 (Ryan Lee), 17 (Rocco Adrian), 22 (Jordan Griffin, Cody Reynolds), 23 (Brantley Kendall), 25 (Walt Lenard)

**NOVEMBER:** 3 (Sterling Johnson), 6 (Seth Skogen), 14 (Chris Welborn), 15 (Chris Stone), 16 (Matt Blades, Korey Sims), 19 (Gaines Burnett), 24 (Julian Hicks), 30 (Josh Moseley)

**DECEMBER:** 2 (Dustin Gourdin), 5 (David Hendrix), 6 (Trevor Reeves), 7 (Daniel Spisak), 10 (Tyler Haynes), 14 (Tersoo Uhaa), 17 (Kyle McKinney), 22 (John Castleberry), 24 (Bobby Lamb), 27 (Thomas Williams), 30 (Nathan Wade)



### FURMAN OFFENSE

#### TIGHT END

84	Larry Hedden (9)**	6-5	241	Jr.	Hoover, Ala.
85	Chris Truss**	6-4	243	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
83	Seth Skogen	6-4	220	R-Fr.	Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
87	Trey McCray	6-3	208	R-Fr.	Greer, S.C.
85	Philip Silverstein	6-5	230	Fr.	Anderson, S.C.

#### LEFT TACKLE

74	Joel Bell (22)***	6-8	308	Sr.	Spartanburg, S.C.
75	Ryan Lee	6-4	265	R-Fr.	Carrollton, Ga.
68	McKenzy Opio	6-3	295	R-Fr.	Flowery Branch, Ga.
76	Matt Blades	6-6	275	Fr.	Laurel Hill, N.C.

#### LEFT GUARD

60	Tyler Haynes (8)**	6-2	283	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala.
73	Will Landers (3)*	6-3	263	Jr.	Roswell, Ga.
61	Will White	6-3	300	Fr.	Round Oak, Ga.
63	Trevor Reeves	6-1	250	Fr.	Belmont, N.C.

#### CENTER

52	David Menocal (1)**	6-2	251	Sr.	Gainesville, Ga.
69	Dustin Chancellor*	6-3	271	So.	Byron, Ga.
66	Kyle Rae	5-10	229	Jr.	Wilmington, N.C.
55	Daniel Spisak	6-1	250	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.

#### RIGHT GUARD

65	Heath Cockburn (12)**	6-1	282	Jr.	Dalton, Ga.
64	Nic Ayoob*	6-3	288	So.	Watkinsville, Ga.
77	Jordan Eshelman	6-2	254	R-Fr.	Howell, Mich.

#### RIGHT TACKLE

59	Thomas Slaughter (9)***	6-4	272	Sr.	Rock Hill, S.C.
71	Antonio Frazier*	6-4	274	So.	Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
67	David Barrington	6-3	248	R-Fr.	Montgomery, Ala.

#### SPLIT END

4	R.J. Webb (1)*	6-2	200	Jr.	Liberty, S.C.
14	David Hendrix (or)	6-4	196	R-Fr.	Buford, Ga.
89	Chris Welborn (or)	6-2	187	Sr.	Fernandina Beach, Fla.
21	Matthew Gordon	6-1	193	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.

#### FLANKER

2	Adam Mims	5-9	187	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
81	Lance Canington (or)	6-1	200	Sr.	Bel Air, Md.
13	Sederrick Cunningham (or)	5-11	187	R-Fr.	Zephyrhills, Fla.
93	Korey Sims (or)	5-11	178	Jr.	Lutz, Fla.
86	Daniel McFadden	6-2	180	Fr.	Daytona Beach, Fla.

#### QUARTERBACK

9	Jordan Sorrells (2)**	6-2	205	Jr.	Greenville, S.C.
7	Cody Worley	6-1	205	So.	Rome, Ga.
16	Bryan Hayes	5-11	179	So.	Chester, N.J.
11	Dakota Derrick	6-5	200	Fr.	Conway, S.C.
90	Will King	5-10	170	Fr.	Rock Hill, S.C.
	Colin Anderson	6-4	180	Fr.	Dallas, Texas

#### FULLBACK

42	Brantley Kendall (1)***	5-10	219	Sr.	Senoia, Ga.
	Pete Sanders* (or)	6-0	234	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
38	Cardenal Coleman	6-0	227	R-Fr.	Tennille, Ga.
40	Tersoo Uhaa	5-8	198	Fr.	Gainesville, Ga.
	Daniel Dixon	5-9	180	Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif.

#### TAILBACK

15	Mike Brown*	5-8	176	So.	Marietta, Ga.
21	Stephone LaFrance**	6-2	219	Jr.	College Park, Ga.
25	Tank Baker	5-9	205	R-Fr.	Maryville, Tenn.
43	Chris Rogers*	5-10	193	Sr.	Hickory, N.C.
29	Walt Lenard	6-0	201	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.

**Bold** — Returning Starter

(No.) — Career Starts

\* Letters Won

### FURMAN DEFENSE

#### LEFT END

91	Gaines Burnett (3)*** (or)	6-2	257	Sr.	Kathleen, Ga.
51	Philip Morris**	6-1	238	Jr.	Orangeburg, S.C.
95	Cody Reynolds	6-3	230	So.	Falls Church, Va.
99	Sam Hopkins	6-4	218	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
98	Kenny Beck	6-3	230	Fr.	Salem, Ala.

#### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

78	Ricky Jones***	6-4	266	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
56	Adim Obata	6-0	260	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.

#### NOSE GUARD

97	Justin Brown (23)**	5-11	260	Jr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
72	Daniel Leagans**	6-1	246	Sr.	Ware Shoals, S.C.
79	Bryan Poole	5-11	278	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.

#### RIGHT END

35	Shaun Van Rensburg** (or)	6-4	230	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
54	Kyle McKinney**	6-1	239	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
92	Derrick Parrea	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Dunnellon, Fla.
94	Chris Yankow	6-1	215	Sr.	Olyphant, Pa.

#### STRONG LINEBACKER

36	Brandon Williams***	6-2	220	Sr.	Tucker, Ga.
46	Kadarron Anderson	6-1	224	R-Fr.	Greenwood, S.C.
49	Clay Crosby	6-1	211	Sr.	Easley, S.C.
53	Kevin McCarthy	6-0	202	So.	Savannah, Ga.

#### WEAK LINEBACKER

32	Hunter Twitty (10)***	6-0	225	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
33	Brandon Boykin	6-0	223	R-Fr.	Collierville, Tenn.
41	Chisom Onyeuku	6-1	210	So.	Fayetteville, Ga.
45	Chris Wiley	5-10	191	Fr.	Anderson, S.C.

#### BANDIT

31	Julian Hicks**	5-9	188	Jr.	College Park, Ga.
19	Chris Stone*	6-1	186	Sr.	Greenville, S.C.
23	Sterling Johnson	6-0	200	So.	Decatur, Ga.
58	Vince Marsh	5-9	185	Fr.	Mill Spring, N.C.
	Josh Moseley	5-9	190	Fr.	Newberry, S.C.

#### LEFT CORNERBACK

18	Masharn Austin**	5-8	185	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.
26	Dustin Gourdin*	5-11	198	So.	Greer, S.C.
5	Ryan Steed	5-11	180	Fr.	Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
22	E.J. Vinsang	5-10	185	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.

#### RIGHT CORNERBACK

1	William Middleton (23)***	5-11	186	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.
30	Mark Standridge**	5-9	181	Jr.	Buford, Ga.
8	Jordan Griffin	5-10	165	Fr.	Fairburn, Ga.
47	Leander Jones	5-11	170	Fr.	Aiken, S.C.

#### ROVER

24	Max Lerner*	5-11	188	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
37	Rick Furman	6-2	192	R-Fr.	Greenville, S.C.
20	Mitch McGrath	6-2	180	Fr.	Longwood, Fla.
48	Brett Basik	5-9	180	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.

#### FREE SAFETY

28	Thomas Twitty (11)***	5-11	192	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
3	John Castleberry**	6-0	179	Jr.	Cumming, Ga.
6	Nathan Wade	6-0	175	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn.

### FURMAN SPECIALISTS

#### PLACEKICKER

88	Matthew Cesari	6-0	173	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.
17	Trent Hawk**	6-0	173	Jr.	Norcross, Ga.
12	Chas Short	6-3	194	R-Fr.	Thomaston, Ga.

#### PUNTER

17	Trent Hawk**	6-0	173	Jr.	Norcross, Ga.
39	Thomas Williams	6-3	185	Jr.	Orlando, Fla.
	Ben Granger	5-11	165	Fr.	Athens, Ga.

# THE PLAYERS



WILLIAM MIDDLETON, CB



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### KADARRON ANDERSON

46

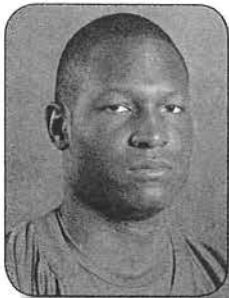
**LB, 6-1, 224, R-Freshman**  
Greenwood, South Carolina  
Emerald High School

**Furman:** Highly regarded young player who represents the face of change in Furman's defensive philosophy — that of utilizing smaller, quicker linebackers in the Paladins' new 4-2-5 scheme...heads into the fall listed as the backup to projected starting middle linebacker Brandon Williams. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Emerald (2A) High School...

...saw action at six positions, including free safety, wide receiver, wingback, quarterback, as well as punt and kickoff returns...registered 342 tackles, 12 interceptions, eight forced fumbles, and four fumble recoveries in his career... three-time All-Lakeland and all-region selection and two-time coaches all-state honoree...collected 73 tackles and an interception in 2006 on a team that finished 3-7 following the graduation of 23 seniors...notched 128 tackles his junior year in helping his squad to an 11-3 record, region championship, and Upper State runner-up finish...tallied 21 stops, two forced fumbles, and an interception in a 28-21 win over Newberry in the Upper State semifinals...averaged 17.0 points and 9.2 rebounds in basketball as a senior.

**Personal:** Full name is Kadarron Daloma Anderson...son of Sheila Anderson and Leroy Golden...born June 6, 1989, in Rock Hill, South Carolina...lived in the Connie Maxwell Children's Home from the age of eight until coming to Furman...has a brother, Demarco, and sisters Närkeisha, Sabrina, and Christa...brother Demarco plays football at Pikeville College...cousin Jonathan Joseph plays for the Cincinnati Bengals...another cousin, Arkee Whitlock, was a standout tailback for Southern Illinois University...undeclared major.



### MASHARN AUSTIN

18

**CB, 5-8, 185, Senior**  
Lawrenceville, Georgia  
Buford High School

**Furman:** Fifth-year player who appears set to take over the starting job at left cornerback following the graduation of three-year regular Austin Holmes. **2007** — Registered action in all 11 games as a reserve cornerback and contributor on special teams...notched 12 tackles and an interception...also tallied a forced fumble and pass breakup...had three, three-tackle outings against Presbyterian (40-16 win), Wofford, and Western Carolina (52-21 win)...garnered his forced fumble against PC and interception versus Western Carolina. **2006** — Completed comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament sustained midway through 2005 spring practice by seeing his first action as a backup cornerback and member of special teams...notched 21 tackles and a sack...recorded 10 kickoff returns for 150 yards and one punt return for 15 yards...had a season high four tackles against both Western Carolina (42-7 win) and Coastal Carolina (29-27 loss)...registered his sack for a loss of 13 yards at Wofford (35-21 win) ...had a season best 29-yard kickoff return in 17-13, season opening win over Jacksonville State. **2005** — Did not see any action due to injury. **2004** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Buford (2A) High School...football coach was Dexter Wood...saw action as a cornerback, running back, quarterback, and return specialist...rushed for over 1,200 yards and accounted for 30 touchdowns responsibilities in his prep career, which included three seasons at Collins Hill (Ga.) before transferring to Buford for his senior campaign...registered five scores in 2003 in helping Buford to a 15-0 record and state championship...team defeated Charlton County 31-3 in title game...recorded an 81-yard fumble return for a touchdown in a 48-19 win over Adairsville in second playoff victory...was a 2003 Gainesville Times All-Area second team selection...former prep teammate of Paladin cornerback Mark Standridge...member of Buford's 2003 4x100 state championship squad.

**Personal:** Full name is Masharn Jerel Austin...son of Aric and Carolyn Austin...born January 18, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia...biology major.

#### AUSTIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	12-0	15	6	21	1	(-13)	0	0	1.0	0	1
2007	11-0	6	6	12	0	0	1	0	0.0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(-13)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	12-0	1	15	15.0	0	15
2007	11-0	3	16	5.3	0	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	12-0	10	150	15.0	0	29
2007	11-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>



### NIC AYOOB

64

**OG, 6-3, 288, Sophomore**  
Watkinsville, Georgia  
Oconee County High School

**Furman:** Third-year player who is expected to serve as the primary backup to returning starting right guard Heath Cockburn. **2007** — Saw action in all 11 games, primarily as a member of special teams...logged 35 plays as a reserve guard, including 24 snaps in against Western Carolina (52-21 win). **2006** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Oconee (3A) High School...

...played offensive and defensive line...attended Furman's Offensive Lineman Camp...two-year starter on the offensive and defensive fronts...named first team All-Northeast Georgia as a tackle in 2005 after making the same team as an offensive guard in 2004...two-time recipient of Oconee County's Scholar-Athlete Award...helped his squad go 8-4 in 2004, capture the Region 8-AAA championship, and advance three rounds into the state playoffs.

**Personal:** Full name is Nicholas Elias Ayooob...son of John and Marianne Ayooob...born September 26, 1987, in Athens, Georgia...has a brother, Christian...mother played volleyball at the University of Maine-Presque Isle from 1978-82...business administration major.

#### AYOOB'S 2007 STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	11-0	35	25	.714



### TANK BAKER

25

**TB, 5-9, 205, R-Freshman**  
Maryville, Tennessee  
Maryville High School

**Furman:** Highly regarded young performer who used a strong spring practice to solidify his candidacy for playing time at tailback this fall behind projected starter Mike Brown and Stephone LaFrance...strong, compact runner who sports excellent balance. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Maryville (4A) High School...football coach was former Furman wide receiver George Quarles

(1987-88)...three-year starter at running back...rushed for 3,006 yards and 38 touchdowns in his career while helping Maryville to a 58-1 record and three state championships...program went 45-0 over his final three seasons...two-time All-Blount County and all-region selection...garnered All-East Tennessee and Tennessee Preps All-State honors in 2006 after rushing 153 times for 1,055 yards and 13 touchdowns...also ran track, competing in the 200 meters and 4x100, and 4x200 meters.

**Personal:** Full name is Adrian Spencer Baker...son of Don and Joy Baker...born April 3, 1988, in Covington, Georgia...has four siblings: Marquiel, Colton, Brittany, and Kullen...father played football on Maryville's 1970 state championship team...brother Colton played football at Tennessee Tech...undeclared major.

### DAVID BARRINGTON

67

**OT, 6-3, 248, R-Freshman**  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Montgomery Academy

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at offensive tackle...first action will likely come on special teams. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Montgomery Academy...football coach was John Tatum...played both offensive and defensive

line...four-year starter...named Alabama Sportswriters Association All-State as a senior after serving as team captain and helping his squad to a 12-1 record (best in school history)...Alabama North-South All-Star Game selection...finalist for state lineman of the year...two-time academic all-state pick...two-time all-area honoree in basketball...helped key Montgomery Academy to a 24-6 hoops record in 2006-07...Honor Council President...recipient of Jimmy Hitchcock Award.

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



**Personal:** Full name is David Allen Barrington...son of Steve and Elizabeth Barrington...born June 6, 1988, in Birmingham, Alabama...has a brother, Jonathan...mother is a 1981 Furman graduate...father played football at Air Force...sports a 3.64 GPA...undeclared major.

### BARRINGTON'S CAREER HONORS 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



#### JOEL BELL

**OT, 6-8, 308, Senior**  
Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Spartanburg High School

74



**Furman:** Consensus first team All-Southern Conference tackle who should contend for All-America honors...Furman's most experienced offensive lineman...entering his third season of starting duty...solid athlete...sports outstanding size and quick feet, which he uses effectively to gain leverage on defenders... at 6-foot-8 ranks as the tallest offensive lineman in Furman

history...has already gained the notice of NFL scouts...will serve as a team captain this year along with Brantley Kendall and William Middleton. **2007** — Consensus first team All-SoCon selection in balloting by head coaches and media...earned starts at left tackle in all 11 games, totaling 781 plays...recorded a unit best blocking grade of 80.4 percent, helping key a Paladin offense that averaged a solid 407.8 yards per game...was particularly strong over Furman's final five games (4-1 record), notching blocking grades of 88.5 percent on 78 snaps versus 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win), 86.6 percent on 67 plays versus 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win), and 84.6 percent on 65 plays against Western Carolina (52-21 win)...registered his best game performance (89.5 percent on 67 plays) versus Wofford...captured Furman's Best Offensive Lineman Award... named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned second team All-SoCon honors in balloting by media after starting in all 12 games and earning winning grades in nine contests... strong work against Western Carolina (42-7 win) helped pave the way for fullback Jerome Felton's SoCon game record six rushing TDs...helped Furman go 8-4, earn a playoff berth, and finish ranked No. 12 in The Sports Network poll...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Saw action in eight games at tackle...earned first career start in the Paladins' 44-41 double overtime win over Hofstra...stepped up to record 90 snaps against the Pride en route to capturing SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors — the first by a Paladin offensive lineman and only the second ever by a league offensive lineman. **2004** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...finished sixth in the discus event at the 2005 SoCon Track & Field Championships.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Spartanburg (4A Big 16) High School...football coach was Doc Davis...two-year starter...played tackle...earned all-region and all-area academic honors as a senior...also played basketball and competed in track and field.

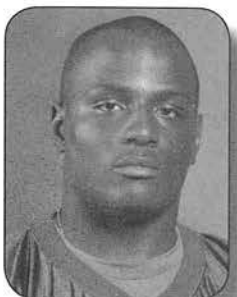
**Personal:** Full name is Joel Richard Bell...son of Richard and Beverly Bell...born July 29, 1985, in Cleveland, Ohio...has two sisters, Joanna and Deborah...parents are missionaries and moved to Egypt in 1990 for three years...moved with family to Croatia in 1993, where he lived for eight years before returning to the United States alone in 2001...health & exercise science major.

#### BELL'S 2007 STATISTICS/CAREER HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	11-11	781	621	.804

Career Games/Starts: 37/24 Career Plays: 1753

- 2005 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Hofstra)
- 2006 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Media)
- 2006 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll
- 2007 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Coaches)
- 2007 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)
- 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll
- 2007 Furman Best Offensive Lineman Award



#### BRANDON BOYKIN

**LB, 6-0, 223, Sophomore**  
Collierville, Tennessee  
White Station High School

33

**Furman:** Projected backup to Hunter Twitty at weak side linebacker heading into preseason drills...should figure prominently into the Paladins linebacking corps rotation and be a major contributor on special teams. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of White Station (5A) High School along with Furman basketball guard Jordan Miller...

football coach was Major Wright...position coach, Brent Blankenship, played linebacker at Furman (2004)...racked up 225 tackles, 13 sacks, and 10 fumble recoveries during his career...two-time all-region selection...captured all-metro and all-district honors in 2006 after totaling 88 tackles, including 19 for-loss, four sacks, and three fumble recoveries while helping pace White Station to a 12-2 record and state semifinal finish...keyed a win over arch-rival Germantown, the first by White Station in 30 years...program went 37-13 in his four seasons — the best four-year run in school history...also ran track, competing in the 100 and 200 meters as well as the 4x100 and 4x200...Tennessee Boys State participant...named Mr. White Station for 2007.

**Personal:** Full name is Brandon Lamar Boykin...son of Tim and Vanessa Boykin...born January 17, 1989, in Memphis, Tennessee...has a sister, Christina...father played football at Denison University...undeclared major.



#### JUSTIN BROWN

**NG, 5-11, 260, Junior**  
Warner Robins, Georgia  
Warner Robins High School

97



**Furman:** Strong, compact two-time All-Southern Conference performer...the lone returning starter on the defensive front...helps comprise a contingent of four returning defensive regulars...will again man the nose guard slot...smart performer with quick feet. **2007** — Second team All-SoCon selection by league media...earned starts in all 11 games and totaled 55 tackles — tops among Paladin linemen...helped Furman

pace the SoCon in rushing defense (135.0 ypg) and collected three sacks on a Paladin defense that led the SoCon with 29 sacks...registered eight tackles against both Hofstra and Appalachian State...tallied five tackles and a sack versus Coastal Carolina (27-17 win) and three stops and sack against Presbyterian (40-16 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — All-SoCon first team selection by league media...also tabbed Furman Freshman-of-the-Year...earned starts at nose guard in all 12 games and totaled 43 tackles, including six for-loss, and a team leading three sacks...also had a pair of fumble recoveries...solid play helped Furman go 8-4, earn a playoff berth, and finish ranked No. 12 in Sports Network final national poll...recorded a season high seven tackles, a sack, and a fumble recovery in his first collegiate game, a 17-13 win over Jacksonville State...tallied five stops, a sack, and a fumble recovery versus Western Carolina (42-7 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Warner Robins (4A) High School...football coach was Bryan Way...saw action almost exclusively at defensive tackle...three-year starter who registered 216 tackles, 24 tackles-for-loss, and 10 sacks in his career...helped lead Warner Robins to a 14-0-1 record and state championship in 2004...team defeated Statesboro, 34-13, in title game...served as team captain and totaled 78 tackles, 11 tackles-for-loss, and four sacks...earned all-county, All-Middle Georgia, and Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Georgia Sportswriters Association All-State honors...also starred in wrestling, winning a city title and finishing third in the region and among the Top 16 at the state championships in 2004.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Michael Brown...son of Joyce and Johnny Brown...born February 3, 1987, in Columbus, Georgia...has a brother, Johnny, and a sister, Jessica...communications/religion major...interned with the Greenville Drive Single A Boston Red Sox affiliate this summer.

#### JUSTIN BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2006	12-12	14	29	43	6 (-30)	0	2	3.0	0
2007	11-11	19	36	55	8 (-21)	1	0	3.0	0
Totals	23-23	33	65	98	14 (-51)	1	2	6.0	0

- 2006 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)
- 2006 Furman Freshman-of-the-Year
- 2007 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Media)
- 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



#### MIKE BROWN

**TB, 5-8, 176, Sophomore**  
Marietta, Georgia  
South Cobb High School

15

**Furman:** Impressive heir-apparent to graduated starting tailback Cedrick Gipson...appears poised to deliver big-play ability to the position...also boasts quality experience as a return specialist...sports excellent cutting ability and acceleration. **2007** — Recipient of Furman Freshman-of-the-Year and Specialist Awards...saw action in all 11 games as a backup tailback, rushing for 314 yards and a touchdown...averaged a strong 6.5 yards per carry — tops among Paladins



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins

tailbacks...led Furman and ranked second in the Southern Conference in kickoff returns, averaging 25.9 yards over 19 attempts, helping Furman top the league in kickoff returns (24.5 avg.)...reeled off a fourth quarter 76-yard return for a touchdown against The Citadel on the way to capturing SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors...had a 68-yard return against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win) to set up a touchdown...registered seven carries for a season best 83 yards, including a 50-yard second half touchdown sprint, against Appalachian State...finished off the season with a 7-carry, 65-yard outing against Western Carolina (52-21 win). **2006** — Member of scout team...sustained a knee injury in the preseason and did not see any action...awarded a medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility... recipient of Furman's Purple Pounder Award.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of South Cobb (5A) High School...football coach was Shane Queen...played running and cornerback...rushed for 2,632 yards and 26 touchdowns during his two-year tenure at South Cobb...two-time All-Cobb County selection...served as team captain as both a junior and senior...named county running back-of-the-year in 2005 after rushing for 1,517 yards and 11 touchdowns...led South Cobb to 9-1 regular season and school's first region championship since 1967, and first win over rival McEachern since 1984...ran 18 times for 304 yards against North Cobb...Georgia North-South All-Star Game selection...scored five touchdowns in seven-overtime, 70-68 playoff game loss to Collins Hill — the longest playoff game in state history.

**Personal:** Full name is Michael Charles Brown...son of James and Aleah Brown...born May 13, 1988, in New Orleans, Louisiana...has a sister, Ambria...father played basketball at Dillard University...undeclared major.

### MIKE BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2007	11-0	48	314	6.5	1	50	14	72	5.1	0	14

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2007	11-0	19	492	25.9	1	76

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2007	11-0	2	22	11.0	1	76

**2006 Furman Purple Pounder Award**  
**2007 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. The Citadel)**  
**2007 Furman Most Valuable Freshman**  
**2007 Furman Specialist Award**



### GAINES BURNETT

**DE, 6-2, 257, Senior**  
**Kathleen, Georgia**  
**Houston County High School**

91

**Furman:** Versatile, experienced performer who heads into the preseason as one of the biggest keys to Furman's 2008 campaign...importance is due primarily to heavy losses sustained along the defensive front...has split playing time at both end and tackle during his career, which includes some starting experience...expected to start at right end after moving into the lineup for the last three games a year ago...very strong and

quick. **2007** — Saw action in all 11 games, including starts at defensive end in the final three games — all wins...season also included work at tackle...finished the campaign with 28 tackles, 3.5 sacks, and a fumble recovery...helped key an improved Paladin pass rush that paced the Southern Conference in sacks (29)...tallied a season high six tackles, including two for-loss and a sack, versus Hofstra...had five tackles and pair for-loss against Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...notched a sack against Elon (52-49 win)...fumble recovery came against Presbyterian (40-16 win)...recipient of Furman Hustle Award. **2006** — Registered action in all 12 games as a backup defensive end and member of special teams...tallied 14 tackles, including season high four stops and tackle for-loss in 42-7 triumph over Western Carolina. **2005** — One of five true freshmen to earn playing time...worked at both defensive end and defensive tackle...saw action in all 14 games and totaled 23 tackles, including four tackles for-loss, and a pass deflection...turned in strong performances in each of the Paladins' three playoff games, recording four tackles each against Nicholls State (14-12 win), Richmond (24-20 win), and Appalachian State...performance versus Nicholls State included two tackles for-loss.

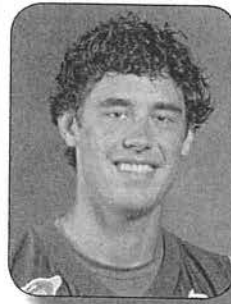
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Houston County (5A) High School...football coach was Doug Johnson...played linebacker, nose guard, defensive tackle, and defensive end during his career...registered a team leading 81 tackles in 2004 to pace Houston County to a quarterfinal round appearance in the state playoffs...recorded an interception in overtime to lead his squad to a 21-14 win over Tift County...team finished 7-5-1 to become only second team in school history advance to the quarterfinals...attended the 2005 Presidential Inauguration as part of the National Young Leaders Conference.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph Gaines Burnett...son of Joseph and Shirley Burnett...November 19, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia...has a sister, Leah...father was an All-America defensive end at Florida A&M in 1970...political science major.

### BURNETT'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2005	14-0	6	17	23	4	(-4)	0	0	0.0	1
2006	12-0	7	7	14	1	(-2)	0	0	0.0	0
2007	11-3	11	17	28	8	(-38)	0	1	3.5	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(-44)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1</b>

2007 Furman Hustle Award



### LANCE CANINGTON

**FLK, 6-1, 200, Senior**  
**Bel Air, Maryland**  
**C. Milton Wright High School**

81

**Furman:** Listed as the backup to projected starting flanker Adam Mims but will likely have to battle a number of players to secure a spot in the rotation. **2007** — Saw action as a reserve versus Western Carolina (52-21 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Saw his first playing time, seeing action in a pair of games as a reserve flanker...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Member of scout

team...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll.  
**High School:** 2005 graduate of C. Milton Wright (3A) High School...football coach was Steve Harward...played wide receiving, running back, and tight end during his prep career...caught 102 passes for 1224 yards and 12 touchdowns...served as team captain and was named team MVP and first team all-county his senior year...four-time recipient of Maryland Athletic Association Minds In Motion Scholar-Athlete Award...National Honor Society & Spanish National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Lance Larkin Canington...son of Larkin and Tammy Canington...born April 27, 2005, in York, Pennsylvania...father played football at Vanderbilt under Bill Parcells...grandfather, Hal Morgan, played football at Kentucky under Paul "Bear" Bryant...grandfather, Heyward Canington, played basketball at West Georgia...has performed with several bands as lead guitarist and singer...carries a 3.28 grade point average...business administration major.

### CANINGTON'S CAREER HONORS

2005, '06, & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### JOHN CASTLEBERRY

**FS, 6-0, 179, Junior**  
**Cumming, Georgia**  
**Gainesville High School**

3

**Furman:** Heads into the fall listed as the backup to returning all-conference free safety Thomas Twitty...has battled injuries since joining the Furman program, working at cornerback and at both safety positions. **2007** — Logged action in all 11 games...credited with six tackles, including a pair of stops against Chattanooga (28-22 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**2006** — Earned playing time in 10 of Furman's 12 games as a backup cornerback and member of special teams...tallied three tackles, including a pair of stops against Coastal Carolina (29-27 loss)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Gainesville (3A) High School, which also produced Furman center David Menocal...football coach was Bruce Miller...saw action at defensive back, running back and wide receiver...played his junior and senior seasons at Gainesville after two years at North Forsyth (Ga.) High School...scored 21 touchdowns and totaled 91 tackles, 38 assists, 12 interceptions, and 12 pass deflections in his prep career...served as team captain, scored 12 touchdowns, notched eight interceptions and earned Gainesville High MVP, all-area, and all-state honors in 2004...helped his squad to an 8-4 record, including a 28-21 win over McNair in state playoff action...selected to play in the Georgia North-South All-Star Game...batted .360, belted four home runs, and was a perfect 12-of-12 in steals on Gainesville's 28-3 region championship baseball team in 2004.

**Personal:** Full name is John William Castleberry...son of Don and Beth Castleberry...born December 22, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia...communications major.

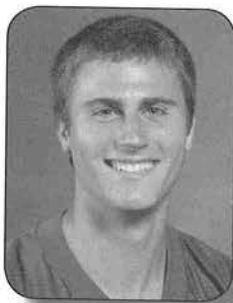
### CASTLEBERRY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	10-0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	11-0	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### MATT CESARI

**PK, 6-0, 173, Senior**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Westminster High School

88

**Furman:** Left-footer who is battling to take over for graduated All-Southern Conference placekicker Scott Beckler...has yet to attempt a field goal or extra point in a game. **2007** — Saw limited action in five games...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Appeared in one game, attempting an onside kick in the closing seconds of the North Carolina game (45-42 loss)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005**

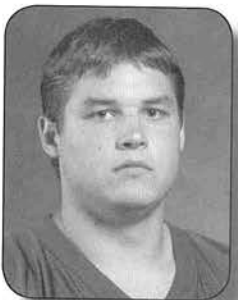
— Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Westminster (3A) High School...played wide receiver and handled kicking and punting chores...football coach was Gerry Romberg...named first team all-city as a kicker after converting 11-of-14 field goals his senior year in helping Westminster into the state playoffs...also starred in soccer, earning all-state honors after scoring a school record 18 goals as a senior.

**Personal:** Full name is Matthew Steven Cesari...son of Steve and Indy Cesari...born February 9, 1987, in Atlanta, Georgia...has three sisters: Courtney, Stefany, and Whitney...father played football at Northeastern University and grandfather played football at Army...owns a 3.10 grade point average...business administration major.

#### CESARI'S CAREER HONORS

2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### DUSTIN CHANCELLOR

**OG, 6-3, 271, Sophomore**  
Byron, Georgia  
Peach County High School

69

**Furman:** Appears set to return to action this year after missing all of 2007 with a knee injury...successful comeback should provide a boost to Furman's offensive line...will compete with David Menocal for the starting job at center vacated by the graduation of Reggie Goolsby. **2007** — Sat out the entire season after sustaining a torn anterior cruciate ligament...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — One of

four true freshmen to see action...played in 11 of Furman's 12 games as a reserve and member of special teams...saw limited duty at center and tackle...totaled 38 plays, including 11 snaps against West Georgia (24-7 win) and Western Carolina (42-14 win)...had 10 snaps in Furman's NCAA I-AA playoff game against Montana State (31-13 loss).

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Peach County (3A) High School...football coach was Rance Gillespie...played offensive tackle, offensive guard, and defensive end...served as a team captain of 2005 squad that went 14-2 and captured state championship...earned all-region and first team Georgia Sportswriters Association all-state honors...helped Peach County post a 44-11 record and make four state playoff appearances...three-time scholar-athlete award recipient.

**Personal:** Full name is Dustin Kyle Chancellor...son of Darrin and Sherry Chancellor...born March 26, 1988, in Wiesbaden, Germany...has a brother, Dylan...has a 3.00 grade point average...health and exercise science major.

#### CHANCELLOR'S 2007 STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007 (Inj.)	0-0	0	0	0.0

Career Games/Starts: 11/0.....Career Plays: 38

2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### HEATH COCKBURN

**OG, 6-1, 282, Junior**  
Dalton, Georgia  
Northwest Whitfield High School

65

**Furman:** Returning starter at right guard...helps form a contingent of four returning regulars along the offensive front, which should be one of the primary strengths of this year's squad. **2007** — Earned starts in all 11 games...logged a unit high 793 plays and 73.6 season blocking percentage...played a key role on a Paladin offense that averaged a solid 407.8 yards

per game...posted a season high 92.3 blocking percentage against Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...graded out 80.8 percent on 78 snaps versus Georgia Southern (24-22 win). **2006** — Registered playing time in all 12 games and earned one start at right guard in his first season of action...also saw playing time on special teams...worked primarily as a backup at right guard behind Filipovic, totaling 175 plays...lone start and season high 35 snaps came against Appalachian State...notched 25 plays against West Georgia (24-7 win) and had 24 snaps versus The Citadel (23-17 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

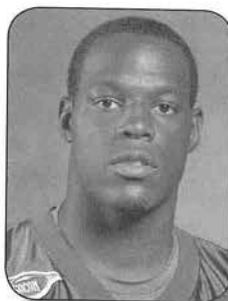
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Northwest Whitfield (4A) High School...football coach was Mike Falleur...saw action at offensive guard and defensive tackle...served as team captain and earned all-area, all-region, all-tri-state, and Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State honors in 2004 after helping lead Northwest Whitfield to a 9-3 record and second round appearance in the state playoffs...squad's 28-27 win over North Clayton marked first playoff victory in school history...Georgia North-South All-Star Game selection.

**Personal:** Full name is Aaron Heath Cockburn...son of Bruce and Sherrie Cockburn...born January 21, 1987, in Dalton, Georgia...has two siblings, Korde and Ethan...health & exercise science major.

#### COCKBURN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	11-11	793	584	736

Career Games/Starts: 23/12.....Career Plays: 968



### CARDENAL COLEMAN

**FB, 6-0, 227, R-Freshman**  
Tennille, Georgia  
Washington County High School

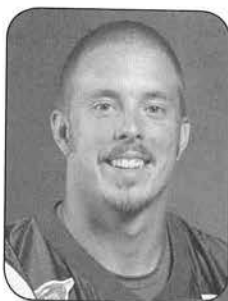
38

**Furman:** Promising young fullback who will compete for his first action this year...heads into the preseason listed third on the depth chart...should also figure prominently on special teams. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Washington County (3A) High School...football coach was Joel Ingram...played line-backer and fullback...started in 36 games over three seasons

and racked up 329 tackles, nine forced fumbles, five fumble recoveries, and three interceptions his career...also rushed for 375 yards and three scores...earned first team all-area and All-Middle Georgia honors in 2006 after helping lead his squad to an 11-3 record and into the state semifinals before falling to eventual state champion Peach County...finished the 2006 season with 119 tackles two interceptions, four forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries.

**Personal:** Full name is Cardenal Coleman, Jr...son of Eartha Cummings and Cardenal Coleman...born August 13, 1989, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida...has a sister Exavier...father played football at Morehouse College...cousin, Terrance Edwards, played football at Georgia and the Atlanta Falcons...another cousin, Robert Edwards, played football at Georgia and with the New England Patriots...undeclared major.



### CLAY CROSBY

**LB, 6-1, 211, Senior**  
Easley, South Carolina  
Easley High School

49

**Furman:** Expected to compete for reserve duty at strong side linebacker...should see playing time on special teams. **2007** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Saw limited action in one game, versus Western Carolina (42-7 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Member of scout team...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Easley (4A) High School...football coach was Donnie Woolsey...played linebacker, tight end, defensive end, and served as holder for placements during career...three-year starter and two-time All-Pickens County selection as a defensive end...served as team captain, and racked up 80 tackles, 14 tackles-for-loss, and seven sacks his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Clay Martin Crosby...son of Stan and Mary Kay Crosby...born January 15, 1987, in Greenville, South Carolina...has three brothers, Daniel, Mark, and Matt, and two sisters, Kay and Chelsea...carries a 3.56 grade point average...biology major.

#### CROSBY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

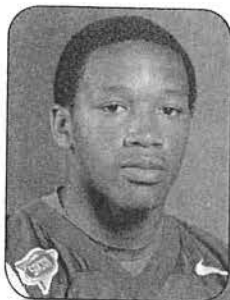
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2005, '06, & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



# 2008 Furman Football

The Paladins



**SEDERRIK CUNNINGHAM** **13**  
**FLK, 5-11, 187, R-Freshman**  
**Zephyrhills, Florida**  
**Zephyrhills High School**

**Furman:** Highly regarded wide receiver who may be poised to compete for his first action this year at flanker and on special teams...outstanding athlete with impressive speed...won both the 100 meters (11.15) and 200 meters (21.70) at the 2008 Furman Invitational...ran a 22.54 200 meters to finish eighth at the 2008 SoCon Championship. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...served a scout team quarterback the week of Furman's clash with 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...recipient of Furman's Purple Pounder Award.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Zephyrhills (3A) High School...football coach was Tom Fischer...played quarterback, defensive back, and wide receiver...threw for 3,146 yards and 31 touchdowns in just over two and a half seasons of play...in all combined for 4,513 all-purpose yards in his career...registered 117 tackles, five interceptions, a two fumble recoveries...had a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in 2006 district championship...played wide receiver three games into his sophomore season before making the move to quarterback...two-time all-county selection on the hardwood...set a new school record in the triple jump (43'9") his freshman year...Boys State participant.

**Personal:** Full name is Sederrick Deone Cunningham...son of Shirley and Wardell Cunningham...born July 14, 1989, in Zephyrhills, Florida...is the youngest of eight children...siblings include Terrell, Torey, Terri, Jason, Cody, and Persephone...brother Jason played football at Western Kentucky and Gannon...father played football at Arkansas-Pine Bluff...undeclared major.

**CUNNINGHAM'S CAREER HONORS**  
**2007 Furman Purple Pounder Award**



**JORDAN EHELMAN** **77**  
**OG, 6-2, 254, R-Freshman**  
**Howell, Michigan**  
**Howell High School**

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at right guard...joined the program as a walk-on. **2007** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Howell (Division I) High School...football coach was Jim Webb...played both offensive and defensive tackle...two-year starter...earned All-KVC Conference and all-county honors as a senior...starred on his

school's wrestling team in the heavyweight class, keying his squad to conference and divisional titles...played clarinet in the school band, earning first chair for two years.

**Personal:** Full name is Jordan David Eshelman...son of Jim and Anne Eshelman...born August 25, 1989, in Commerce Township, Michigan...has a sister, Dorothy Marie...had an aunt who played basketball at Coe College and an uncle who ran track & cross country at Spring Arbor College...undeclared major...carries a 3.34 GPA.

**ESHELMAN'S CAREER HONORS**  
**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



**ANTONIO FRAZIER** **71**  
**OT, 6-4, 274, Sophomore**  
**Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
**Baylor High School**

**Furman:** Entering his third season at Furman and second as a backup at right tackle...will work behind returning starter Thomas Slaughter. **2007** — Saw his first action, appearing in eight games, primarily on special teams...totaled 36 snaps at tackle, all as a reserve...logged a season high 24 snaps against Western Carolina (52-21 win)...named to the SoCon Academic

Honor Roll. **2006** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

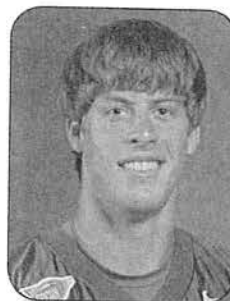
**High School:** 2006 graduate of Baylor (Division II-3A) School...football coach was David Bibee...played offensive tackle and defensive end during his prep tenure...first team Division II all-state selection and two-time first team All-Super 7 honoree...named to 2005 *Chattanooga Times Free-Press* Best of Preps Team...attended Furman's Offensive Lineman Camp...also competed in track and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Antonio L'Juan Frazier...son of Amos and the late Delsa Frazier...born August

18, 1988, in Chattanooga, Tennessee...pre-engineering major.

FRAZIER'S 2007 STATISTICS/CAREER HONORS				
YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	8-0	36	27	750

**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



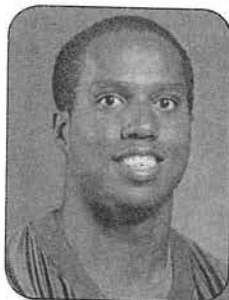
**RICK FURMAN** **37**  
**ROV, 6-2, 192, R-Freshman**  
**Greenville, South Carolina**  
**Christ Church Episcopal School**

**Furman:** Heads into preseason practice listed as the backup to projected starting rover Max Lerner...appears primed to see his first action this fall. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Christ Church Episcopal (A) School...football coach was Ashley Haskins...played quarterback and cornerback, and also punted during his prep career...rushed for 2,297 yards, passed for 2,030 yards, and accounted for 55 touchdown responsibilities on offense, and registered 79 tackles, 11 interceptions, and 34 pass deflections as a defensive back...two-time Region II-A Player-of-the-Year and 2006 High School Sports Report All-State selection...named to the 2006 Palmetto Championship All-Star and North-South All-Star Team...rushed for 1,119 yards, passed for 1,428 yards, and accounted for 40 touchdowns responsibilities (26 rush, 14 pass) as a senior, helping CCES to its first region championship in 28 seasons...tacked on 30 tackles, 23 pass deflections, and six interceptions...member of three CCES state championship soccer teams...named 2006 National Soccer Coaches Association/Adidas High School All-America...National Merit Commended Student...International Baccalaureate Student...Furman University Scholar...Blair Babb Smoak Award winner.

**Personal:** Full name is Richard Hendricks Furman, Jr...son of Richard and Nancy Furman...born June 30, 1988, in Greenville, South Carolina...has a brother, Robert, and a sister, Sitton...has the strongest Furman University lineage of any football player in school history...fifth great-grandfather, Richard Furman, founded Furman University in 1826...father, uncle, Earle Furman, Jr., grandfather, Earle Furman, Sr., and grandmother, Carolyn Hendricks Furman, all graduated from the university...mother, Nancy Yeargin Furman, was an All-American tennis player at Rollins College who played professionally at Wimbledon...undeclared major...carries a 3.67 GPA.

**FURMAN'S CAREER HONORS**  
**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



**DUSTIN GOURDIN** **26**  
**CB, 5-11, 198, Sophomore**  
**Greer, South Carolina**  
**Riverside High School**

**Furman:** Athletic young cornerback who should figure into the mix at left cornerback along with Masharn Austin. **2007** — Earned playing time in all 11 games as a reserve cornerback and member of special teams...tallied a pair of tackles and fumble recovery versus Hofstra...also collected two tackles and an interception, which he returned 44 yards, versus Western Carolina (52-21 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**2006** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...also competed in track...finished fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 42'5 1/4" at the Clemson Solid Orange and recorded an eighth place showing at the 2007 SoCon Championships with a mark of 42' 10 3/4".

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Riverside (3A) High School...football coach was Don Frost...played defensive back, running back, and wide receiver...served as team captain and caught 44 passes for 623 yards in 2005 in his first season as a wide receiver...reeled off 99-yard kickoff return in final two minutes of game to defeat Union...two-time all-county and all-region selection...attended Furman Quarterbacks & Receivers Camp...also competed in track and field.

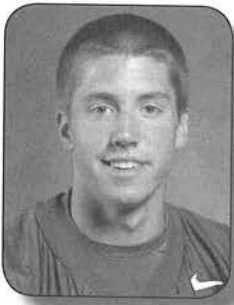
**Personal:** Full name is Dustin Isaiah Gourdin...son of Dexter and Deborah Gourdin...born December 2, 1987, in Greenville, South Carolina...has two brothers, Daniel and Michael, and a sister, Mary-Esther...family members Joy Gourdin played basketball at Mercy (N.Y.) College and Kahlil Gourdin played baseball at New York Tech...owns a 3.35 GPA...philosophy/sociology major.

GOURDIN'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS											
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2007	11-0	8	2	10	1	(-3)	0	1	0.0	1	0

**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### TRENT HAWK

17

**P/PK, 6-0, 173, Junior**  
Norcross, Georgia  
Norcross High School

**Furman:** Returning starting punter may also secure a place-kicking role this fall following the graduation of Scott Beckler, Furman's all-time leading kick scorer...originally joined the program as a walk-on. **2007** — Averaged 38.4 yards on 30 attempt to rank seventh among SoCon punters and helping the Paladins to finish fifth in the league in net punting (33.0

avg.)...recorded a season long 54-yard punt and averaged 41.5 yards on four attempts versus Appalachian State...connected on a 51-yard effort and averaged 46.0 yards on three boots against Elon (52-49 win). **2006** — Began the season serving as a backup before taking over the squad's punting chores at mid-season...averaged 38.0 yards on 21 punts over the final six games...best game came in a 13-10 win over Georgia Southern when he averaged 43.6 yards on five punts, including a season best 58-yard effort.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Norcross (5A) High School...football coach was Keith Maloof...two-year letterman as a punter and placekicker...averaged 40 yards per punt and converted 9-of-13 field goals his senior year...earned second team all-conference honors as a punter...also starred in soccer, serving as team captain his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Trent Harrison Hawk...son of Bill and Rhonda Hawk...born March 20, 1988, in Norcross, Georgia...uncle, Scott Bridge, played football at Georgia Tech...cousin, Jen Walters, played soccer at Auburn...undeclared major.

#### HAWK'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG	LNG	TB	FC	I20	BLK
2006	6	21	798	38.0	58	1	5	5	1
2007	11	30	1151	38.4	54	0	6	5	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

YEAR	G	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	6	2	(-12)	(-6.0)	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0



### BRYAN HAYES

16

**QB, 5-11, 179, Sophomore**  
Chester, New Jersey  
Mendham High School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at quarterback behind returning projected starter Jordan Sorrells and backup Cody Worley...joined the program as a walk-on. **2007** — Did not see any action.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Mendham (Group 3) High School...football coach was Doug Kirk...played quarterback...passed for 1,389 yards as a senior, the third highest total in

school history...threw for 236 yards against eventual state champion Weequeh and for 226 yards and a pair of touchdowns in state playoff game against Hanover Park...tossed a game winning strike with seven seconds left to beat Parsippany, 16-14...earned Morris County Daily Record second team all-area honors and **New Jersey Star Ledger** third team.

**Personal:** Full name is Bryan Scott Hayes...son of Furman graduates Tim '80 and Susan '81 Hayes...father was a baseball catcher at Furman...grandfather, Tom Hayes, played quarterback at The Citadel...has two siblings, Chris, and T.K...played baseball as a catcher for six seasons with pitcher Rick Porcello, the 2007 Gatorade National Player-of-the-Year and first round draft choice (27th overall) of the Detroit Tigers...undeclared major.



### TYLER HAYNES

60

**OG, 6-2, 271, Junior**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Vestavia Hills High School

**Furman:** Returning starter at left guard...will help form a contingent of four returning regulars along Furman's offensive front, making it one of the program's strengths this fall... part of a contingent of seven Birmingham area products now in the Furman program. **2007** — Earned starts at left guard in the season's first eight games before sustaining a leg injury

in the final series of the Appalachian State game...missed the Elon contest due to injury before

returning to see action off the bench in the Paladins' final two games of the campaign: vs. No. 11 Georgia Southern (24-22 win) and Western Carolina (52-21 win)...in all registered 604 plays and graded out 76.6 percent, helping key a Paladin offensive unit that averaged a solid 407.8 yards per game...graded out 84.5 percent on 71 plays in season opener against Presbyterian (40-16 win)... recorded an 86.3 percent mark on 80 snaps versus Clemson and a 81.8 percent mark on 77 plays against Chattanooga (28-22 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Logged 171 plays in his first season of action...work came as a backup at offensive guard and as a member of special teams...was in on a season high 29 plays against Appalachian State...recorded 25 snaps versus West Georgia (24-7 win) and 24 plays against The Citadel (23-17 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Vestavia Hills (6A) High School...football coach was Buddy Anderson...played offensive tackle...earned first team Super All-State, All-Metro, and All-Over-the-Mountain honors after leading his squad to an 8-3 record and state playoff appearance...squad finished fifth in the state in the final regular season poll...also competed in track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Tyler Raymond Haynes...son of Jeff and Michelle Haynes...born December 10, 1986, in Birmingham, Alabama...has a brother, Hunter...grandfather, George Salem, played football at Alabama (HB, 1956), as did and uncle, George Salem, Jr. (OG, 1986)...political science major.

#### HAYNES' 2007 STATISTICS/ CAREER HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	10-8	604	363	766

Career Games/Starts: 22/8 Career Plays: 775

#### 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### LARRY HEDDEN

84

**TE, 6-5, 241, Junior**  
Hoover, Alabama  
Briarwood Christian High School

**Furman:** The Southern Conference's premier tight end and the latest in an impressive line of outstanding Furman tight ends stretching back 30 years (since 1977 Furman has had 22 tight ends named All-SoCon)...should contend All-America candidate this fall...sports good size, hands, and mobility...key member of a Paladin offense that returns five starters — all along the offensive front...part of a contingent of seven Birmingham

area products now in the Furman program. **2007** — Garnered consensus first team All-Southern Conference honors in balloting by league head coaches and media after catching 36 passes for 421 yards and three touchdowns, second only to Patrick Sprague (59, 883 yds, 6 TDs)...oddly enough, began the year as a backup to preseason All-SoCon tight end selection Chris Truss, coming off the bench in three of the Paladins' first four games before moving into the starting lineup after a season ending injury to Truss...recorded receptions in all 11 games, including a season best eight receptions for 78 yards against 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...finished out the season with six catches for 74 yards against Western Carolina (52-21 win)...three touchdown catches came in Paladin victories: Coastal Carolina (27-17 win), Chattanooga (28-22 win), and Elon (52-49 win)... nabbed four passes for 45 yards versus Clemson. **2006** — Saw action in nine contests, primarily in a reserve capacity... earned the first start of his career at tight end against West Georgia (24-7 win)...had a 22-yard reception against Western Carolina (42-7 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Briarwood Christian (5A) High School, which also produced Paladin wide receiver Matthew Gordon...football coach was Fred Yancey...saw action at tight end, wide receiver, and quarterback...caught 71 passes for 858 yards and eight touchdowns in his prep career...led county with 46 receptions for 658 yards and four touchdowns in 2004 en route to earning all-county honors...as a junior caught 25 passes for 200 yards and two scores in helping his squad to a 13-2 record and state championship...also starred in basketball, earning All-Over The Mountain honors after helping pace his squad to an area crown in 2004.

**Personal:** Full name is Larry Steven Earl Hedden...son of Tim and Pamela Hedden...born July 7, 1986, in Davenport, Iowa...has a sister, Anna, and a brother, Frank...father played basketball at Montevallo...grandfather, Larry Hedden, a member of Indiana's Basketball Hall-of-Fame, was a forward and three-year letterman at Michigan State (1956-58) who helped lead the Spartans to a Big Ten Championship and Final Four appearance in 1957...health and exercise science major.

#### HEDDEN'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	8-0	2	25	12.5	0	22	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	11-8	36	421	11.7	3	30	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2007 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Coaches)  
2007 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)



### DAVID HENDRIX

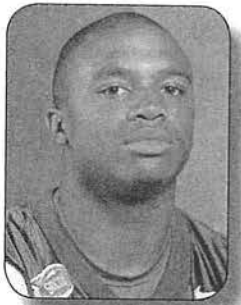
14

SE, 6-4, 196, R-Freshman  
 Buford, Georgia  
 Buford High School

**Furman:** Promising young wide receiver with good size and skills...fashioned a solid spring practice to position himself for playing time...listed as the backup to R.J. Webb at split end heading into fall practice. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Buford (2A) High School...football coach was Jess Simpson...played wide receiver and free safety...former high school teammate of Paladin cornerbacks Masharn Austin and Mark Standridge...caught 71 passes for 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns in a highly successful, run oriented Buford football program...earned All-Gwinnett County and second team all-state honors in 2006 after collecting 35 receptions for 735 yards and eight touchdowns while keying Buford to a 13-win campaign and state runner-up finish...program won 55 games in his four seasons, including state record 47 straight during one stretch...also played basketball and baseball and also participated in track & field...cleared 6'4" in the high jump in his first prep competition.

**Personal:** Full name is David Mark Hendrix...son of Mark and Patti Hendrix...born December 5, 1988, in Duluth, Georgia...has a sister, Leslie-Ann...father played baseball at Auburn...undeclared major.



### JULIAN HICKS

31

BAN, 5-9, 188, Junior  
 College Park, Georgia  
 Riverwood High School

**Furman:** Versatile performer who appears set to play a key role in Furman's new 4-2-5 defensive scheme...projected to start at the newly created bandit position, which replaces a linebacker slot in the Paladins' old 4-3 alignment...strong, compact player with good speed and tackling ability...a successful transition into the starting lineup will be a big lift for the Paladins this fall. **2007** — Registered action in all 11 games and his first

start at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...start against GSU came at outside linebacker in what proved to be a preview of the new defensive scheme the Paladins will deploy this fall...tallied a season high 11 tackles vs. GSU and played a key role in limiting Eagle quarterback and eventual Walter Payton Award winner Jayson Foster to a season low 82 rushing yards on 26 carries (Georgia Southern's 170 team rushing total was its lowest of the season)...performance against GSU landed him SoCon Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors...had two tackles for-loss and sack against Clemson...tallied 24 of his 38 tackles over the Paladins' final five games, helping Furman to a 4-1 record during that span, including a 52-49 triumph over 14th-ranked Elon. **2006** — Lettered as a true freshman, seeing action in eight games and contributing primarily on special teams...recorded a pair of tackles against The Citadel (23-17 win)...credited with a fumble recovery against Coastal Carolina.

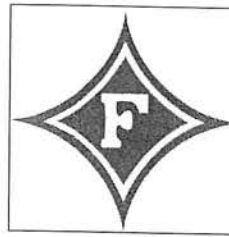
**High School:** 2006 graduate of Riverwood (3A) High School...football coach was Harris Rainbow...saw action as a running back and defensive back in his career...started every game, racked up over 3,000 all-purpose yards, and totaled over 400 tackles in his prep tenure...became the first player in the last 20 years of Riverwood football to garner first team all-state accolades when he was named to the **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** All-State squad in 2005...served as a team captain his senior year and earned all-area, all-county, North Fulton Super 11, and All-North Fulton honors in 2005...also starred in track and basketball...keying Riverwood to a region championship in 2005...member of school record 4x100 meter relay team.

**Personal:** Full name is Julian Lamar Hicks...son of Garry and Cassandra Echols...born November 24, 1987, in Paterson, New Jersey...has a brother, Jarrett, and a sister, Destiny...business administration major.

#### HICKS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	8-0	5	1	6	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	0
2007	11-1	25	13	38	2	(-13)	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(-13)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

2007 Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week (vs. Georgia Southern)



### STERLING JOHNSON

23

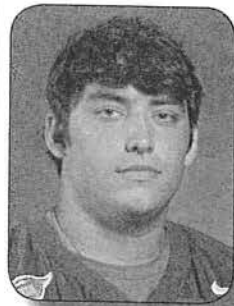
BAN, 6-0, 200, Sophomore  
 Decatur, Georgia  
 Martin Luther King High School

**Furman:** Listed as No. 3 at the newly created bandit position...first action will likely come on special teams...joined the program as a walk-on last fall. **2007** — Member of scout

team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Martin Luther King (5A) High School, which also produced Paladin defensive tackle Adim Obata...football coach was Corey Jarvis...played defensive back...racked up 54 tackles, nine pass deflections, and an interception his senior year in helping his squad to a 10-2 record...defensive unit that season allowed less than 75 passing yards per game...also starred in track, competing in sprints and relays.

**Personal:** Full name is Sterling Jarrard Johnson...son of James and Janet Johnson...born November 3, 1988, in East Point, Georgia...has two sisters: Ranata, and Michaela...cousin, Curtis McGee played football at Georgia Tech...another cousin, Chelsea Grimes ran track for Georgia Tech...uncle, Stanley Rivers, coached football at Savannah State...two other uncles, Wil Grimes and Steve Sterling, played football at Albany State and Morris Brown, respectively...undeclared major.



### RICKY JONES

78

DT, 6-4, 266, Senior  
 Alpharetta, Georgia  
 Centennial High School

**Furman:** Along with returning starting nose guard Justin Brown is considered a big key to Furman's potential defensive success this year due to the number of losses along the defensive front...projected to start at tackle. **2007** — Saw action in 10 of 11 games, all in a reserve role...registered seven tackles, including three for-loss...had a pair of tackles at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...named to the SoCon Academic

Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned playing time as a backup in all 12 games...totaled 10 tackles, including two for-loss, a sack, and a caused fumble...recorded a pair of tackles and a sack versus West Georgia (24-7 win)...also had two stops against Western Carolina (42-7 win) and Montana State in playoff action...credited with a forced fumble against The Citadel (23-17 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Saw limited action in five games...appeared poised to garner significantly more playing time in the second half of the season until sustaining a broken eye socket in a non-football related accident.

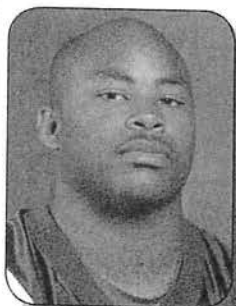
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Centennial (5A) High School...football coach was Mike Cloy...earned starts in 23 consecutive games as an offensive and defensive lineman...totaled 55 tackles and three pass deflections in 2004 en route to capturing Centennial's Best Defensive Lineman Award...also competed in track, specializing in the discus and shot put, and wrestling.

**Personal:** Full name is Richard Gibson Jones...son of Mary Trapp and Rick Jones...born July 24, 1987, in Tampa, Florida...has a sister, Alisha...individualized curriculum major.

#### JONES' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2005	5-0	0	1	1	0	(0)	0	0	0	0
2006	12-0	2	8	10	2	(-12)	1	0	1	0
2007	10-0	3	4	7	3	(-5)	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(-17)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### BRANTLEY KENDALL

42

FB, 5-10, 219, Senior  
 Senoia, Georgia  
 East Coweta High School

**Furman:** Has the challenging task of stepping in for graduated All-America fullback Jerome Felton, a 2007 fifth round draft selection of the Detroit Lions and leading scorer in Furman history...despite working in Felton's shadow for three seasons, has proven to be a strong, productive performer in his own right...physical, hard runner and quality receiver...highly respected

as a player and person by teammates and coaching staff...will serve as a team captain this year along with offensive tackle Joel Bell and cornerback William Middleton. **2007** — Saw action in

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



all 11 games as a reserve and member of special teams...recorded nine rushes for 60 yards and a touchdown...also caught seven passes for 60 yards and two scores and collected eight tackles on special teams...had four rushes for 41 yards and a touchdown (26-yard run) versus Clemson... caught two passes for 34 yards against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...touchdown receptions came against Presbyterian (40-16 win) and at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win). **2006** — Emerged as a playmaker despite primarily working as a backup to Jerome Felton...saw action in all 12 games and earned one start (for an injured Felton) versus Appalachian State...wasted little time in gaining notice when, in the season opener against Jacksonville State (17-13 win), he hooked up with backup quarterback Jordan Sorrells on a game winning 19-yard touchdown catch with 28 seconds left in the game...despite being closely defended, gathered in another 19-yard strike from Renaldo Gray in the Paladins' 13-10 victory over Georgia Southern in the regular season finale, thereby helping Furman nail down its third straight NCAA I-A playoff bid...ran for 24 yards and caught a pair of passes for 27 yards against Chattanooga (28-22 OT win). **2005** — Appeared in all 14 games as a reserve fullback and member of special teams. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...captured Furman's Purple Pounder Award (scout team player-of-the-year) following the season.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of East Coweta (5A) High School...football coach was Danny Cronic, father of Furman wide receivers coach Drew Cronic...played fullback and defensive end...rushed for 1,705 yards and 18 touchdowns and totaled 61 tackles in his career, helping East Coweta to three straight playoff appearances...earned first team all-region honors after running for 755 yards and seven touchdowns and averaging 7.5 yards per carry in 2003, keying his squad to a 7-3 regular season record...Georgia Merit Award recipient...named to Who's Who in American High Schools.

**Personal:** Full name is Brantley Renard Kendall...son of Otis and Cynthia Kendall...born October 23, 1985, in Newnan, Georgia...has four siblings: Erek, Corey, Jordan, and O'Darius...computing business major.

### KENDALL'S CAREER STATISTICS/AWARDS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	11	35	3.2	0	6	2	14	7.5	0	9
2006	12-1	18	84	4.7	0	19	5	74	14.8	2	19
2007	11-0	9	60	6.7	1	26	7	60	8.6	2	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	1	15	15.0	0	15
2006	12-1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	11-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2004 Furman Purple Pounder Award



### STEPHONE LAFRANCE

10

**TB, 6-2, 219, Junior**  
College Park, Georgia  
Creekside High School

**Furman:** Listed as the No. 3 tailback behind projected starter Mike Brown and backup Adrian Baker but will push for playing time...presence gives Furman quality, experienced depth at tailback...should again figure into the mix as a kickoff return specialist. **2007** — Recorded 62 rushes for 267 yards and two touchdowns serving in a backup role...had nine carries for 51 yards in season opener against Presbyterian (40-16 win)...

had 12 rushes for 65 yards a touchdown against Wofford...finished the season with a 12-carry, 55-yard effort versus Western Carolina (52-21 win) that included a touchdown...averaged a solid 24.8 yards on 27 kickoff returns, good for third best in the Southern Conference...strong work helped Furman lead the SoCon in kickoff returns (24.5 avg.)...had a season long 46-yard return at Chattanooga (28-22 win). **2006** — Served as a backup tailback, earning playing time in 10 of Furman's 12 games...was slowed with knee injury the last half of the season...ran for 165 yards... had 11 rushes for a season high 44 yards versus West Georgia (24-7 win)...ran eight times for 42 yards versus Georgia Southern (13-10 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Creekside (4A) High School...football coach was Kevin Whitley, brother of former Paladin tailback Billy Whitley (1990-93)...played running back and linebacker...rushed 120 times for 1,001 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2004 to help Creekside to a 10-2 record and region runner-up finish...team advanced to the second round of the state playoffs before falling 34-21 to an eventual state champion Warner Robins squad that included fellow Paladin Justin Brown...also tallied 55 tackles and three sacks...served as team captain...second team all-area honoree his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Stephone DeMeire LaFrance...son of Aloma LaFrance...born February 26, 1987, in Fort Hood, Texas...has a sister, Sydney...communications major.

LAFRANCE'S CAREER STATISTICS											
YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	10-0	38	165	4.3	0	21	3	27	9.0	0	12
2007	11-0	62	267	4.3	2	24	5	24	4.8	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2007	11-0	27	670	24.8	0	46



### WILL LANDERS

73

**OG, 6-3, 263, Junior**  
Roswell, Georgia  
Roswell High School

**Furman:** Experienced player who has battled back from injury to secure a key role along Furman's offensive line...will provide quality depth at offensive guard...penciled in as the backup to returning starter Tyler Haynes at left guard. **2007** — Completed his comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament sustained in the spring of 2006 that forced him to miss the entire 2006 campaign...registered playing time in seven games and earned

starts at left guard in the final three games (3-0) after Haynes was slowed due to injury...first start (63 plays) came against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...graded out 77.1 percent on 61 plays at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win) and finished the season with a stellar 89.5 percent blocking mark on 38 snaps against Western Carolina (52-21 win). **2006** — Did not see any action due to ongoing rehabilitation efforts associated with knee injury. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Roswell (5A) High School...football coach was Tim McFarlin...played offensive and defensive tackle, starting both ways in 22 consecutive games his junior and senior seasons...served as team captain in 2004 and was named to North Fulton Super 11 and area Super Six...graded out 90 percent on offense, helping his team to a 7-4 record and state playoff appearance...placed fourth in the state in the discus and 10th in the state in the shot put in 2004.

**Personal:** Full name is Wilson Lee Landers...son of Cathy and Lee Landers...born July 29, 1987, in Atlanta, Georgia...has two sisters, Amy and Ashley...Ashley plays volleyball at Piedmont (Ga.) College...business administration major.

### LANDERS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	7-3	177	135	.763



### DANIEL LEAGANS

72

**NG, 6-1, 246, Senior**  
Ware Shoals, South Carolina  
Ware Shoals High School

**Furman:** Helps form a contingent of three experienced returning defensive interior linemen...projected to serve as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference nose guard Justin Brown. **2007** — Earned playing time in all 11 games, all in a reserve role...totaled five tackles and a sack...sack came against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned playing time in four games as a reserve...garnered four tackles, including a pair against Western Carolina (42-7 win)...had a half sack versus Appalachian State...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Member of scout team...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Ware Shoals (A) High School...football coach was Jeff Murdock...saw action at offensive guard, tight end, and defense tackle...twice earned all-region honors as an offensive guard and was an All-Lakelands and all-state pick his senior year after helping Ware Shoals to an 11-2 record...served as team captain...was his class Valedictorian.

**Personal:** Full name is Daniel Ellis Leagans...son of George and Kay Leagans...born May 19, 1987, in Rock Hill, South Carolina...mother is a Furman graduate...carries a 3.47 grade point average... business administration major.

### LEAGANS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

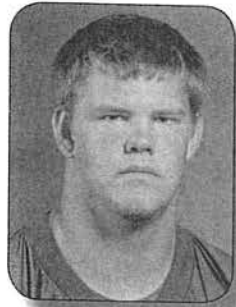
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2006	4-0	1	3	4	1 (-2)	0	0	0.5	0
2007	11-0	2	3	5	1 (-7)	0	0	1.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2 (-9)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>

2005, '06, & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



# 2008 Furman Football

The Paladins



**RYAN LEE**

**75**

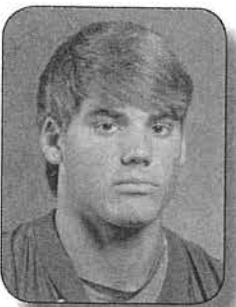
**OT, 6-4, 265, R-Freshman**  
Carrollton, Georgia  
Carrollton High School

**Furman:** Talented young offensive lineman who heads into the preseason as the backup to returning consensus All-Southern Conference left tackle Joel Bell...should see his first action... ranks as one of the quickest members of Furman's offensive front. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...played for Furman's baseball

team in the spring of 2008, batting .280 as a switch hitter with five home runs and 35 RBI in 52 games (48 starts), mostly at first base...hit grand slams against both Presbyterian (10-7 win) and UNC-Asheville...delivered a game winning two-run home run in a 4-2 victory at Charleston Southern...helped Furman post a program record 33 wins (33-24) and 17-10, third place SoCon regular season finish.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Carrollton (3A) High School...football coach was Rayvan Teague...played offensive guard...three-year starter, two-time all-area, and 2006 Atlanta Journal-Constitution All-State honorable mention selection...2006 Georgia North-South All-Star Game participant...helped his squad post an 11-2 record and state quarterfinal finish his senior year...program went 33-4, won two region titles, and twice advanced into the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs during his career...also starred in baseball, earning all-state honors as a pitcher (7-1 record) and first baseman in 2006...fashioned a 9-2 mark in 2007, helping his team to state playoffs...broke the Georgia state power clean record in 2006 with a lift of 370 pounds en route to a third place finish in state powerlifting meet.

**Personal:** Full name is Ryan Edward Lee...son of Steve and Carol Lee...born October 16, 1988, in Douglasville, Georgia...uncle, Stan Tedder, played football at Georgia...undeclared major.



**MAX LERNER**

**24**

**ROV, 5-11, 188, Sophomore**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Hoover High School

**Furman:** Aggressive, hard hitting heir apparent to graduated All-Southern Conference strong safety Andrew Thacker...position has been renamed "rover" in the Paladins' new 4-2-5 defensive scheme...part of a contingent of seven Birmingham area products now in the Furman program. **2007** — Saw his first action as a backup at strong safety and member of special teams...earned playing time in 10 games...totaled 13 tackles,

including two for-loss, and a sack...also recorded three pass deflections...sack came against Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...collected a season high four tackles, including one for a loss of 11 yards versus Presbyterian (40-16 win)...had a pair of tackles and two pass breakups against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win). **2006** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Hoover (6A) High School...football coach was Rush Propst...high school senior season was featured in MTV hit series "Two-A-Days"...played safety and cornerback and also punted...racked up 183 tackles, nine interceptions, three touchdowns during his career, helping Hoover to a 43-2 record and three state championships in his three varsity campaigns...two-year captain and two-time all-state, all-metro, and all-over-the-mountain selection...totaled 85 tackles, three interceptions, and a touchdown as part of a 14-1 state championship campaign in 2005...squad was ranked seventh nationally by USA Today and played in first national high school game televised by ESPN...selected to play in the prestigious 2005 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game...registered 53 tackles, five interceptions, and two touchdowns in 2004, helping Hoover to a 15-0 season, state championship, and a USA Today No. 4 final national ranking...named MVP of the North-South All-Star Game...registered 35 tackles and an interception on a 2003 Hoover state title team that went 14-1 and was ranked 12th nationally in USA Today final poll...also starred in baseball as a centerfielder.

**Personal:** Full name is Maxwell Sanos Lerner...son of Jim and Cindy Counts...born September 8, 1987, in Birmingham, Alabama...has four siblings: Alexandra, Jason, Megan, Chris, and Wyatt...undeclared major.

**LERNER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2007	10-0	9	4	13	2	(-22)	0	0	1.0	0	3



**KEVIN MCCARTHY**

**53**

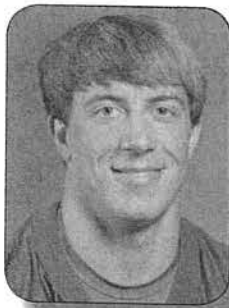
**LB, 6-0, 202, Sophomore**  
Savannah, Georgia  
Savannah Christian School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at linebacker...joined the program as a walk-on. **2007** — Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Savannah Christian (2A) Preparatory School...football coach was Donald Chumley...played linebacker...2006 Savannah Quarterback Club Defensive Player-of-the-Year selection...also earned all-region and All-

Greater Savannah first team honors after recording 165 tackles, 15 sacks, and 11 forced fumbles while helping his team to a 9-3 record and into the state playoffs his senior year...also starred as a baseball catcher, first baseman, and pitcher at SCPS.

**Personal:** Full name is Kevin David McCarthy...son of Pat and Gail McCarthy...born August 23, 1988, in Savannah, Georgia...has a brother, Patrick, and a sister, Colleen...brother Patrick was an All-American pitcher at LaGrange College...uncle, Chris McCarthy, was a fullback at the University of Georgia from 1979-82 and member of Georgia's 1980 national championship team...wore jersey No. 34 as a freshman before giving it to teammate and future Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker...undeclared major.



**TREY MCCRAY**

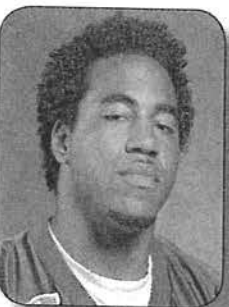
**87**

**TE, 6-3, 208, R-Freshman**  
Greer, South Carolina  
Rossvie (Tenn.) High School

**Furman:** Faces the challenge of competing at a tight end position that sports as much talent and depth as has been seen at Furman in years...listed as a reserve behind returning veteran All-Southern Conference performer Larry Hedden and Chris Truss, and redshirt freshman Seth Skogen. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Rossvie (4A/Tenn.) High School...football coach was Brian Bell...played tight end and defensive end and also served as a long snapper...four-year starter...tallied 125 tackles, 15 sacks and also caught 25 passes for 332 yards in his career...served as team captain and earned all-area, all-region, and Tennessee Sportswriters Association All-State honors as a defensive end his senior year, helping Rossvie to first ever winning season and playoff appearance...captured his team's Leadership and Scholar Award...totaled 79 tackles and eight sacks to go along with nine catches for 110 yards in 2006...was also a two-time all-district selection in basketball, twice leading his squad in rebounding and serving as team captain his senior season...senior class president and recipient of Outstanding Senior Award...Boy's State.

**Personal:** Full name is Henry Carroll McCray III...son of Carroll and Angel McCray...born August 12, 1988, in Boone, North Carolina...has a sister, Meredith...father is in his second year as offensive line coach at Furman...uncle, Randall McCray, played football at Appalachian State...two great aunts have attend Furman...has lived in five states (N.C., S.C., Ala., Miss., and Tenn.) due to father's job as an assistant and head football coach.



**KYLE MCKINNEY**

**54**

**DE, 6-1, 239, Junior**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
North Atlanta High School

**Furman:** Made the move from linebacker to defensive end in the spring...expected to compete with Shaun Van Rensburg for the starting job at right defensive end...shares a unique experience with Van Rensburg, as both have lived in South Africa. **2007** — Earned playing time in 10 games, all as a member of special teams and reserve linebacker...registered five tackles, including a pair of stops against Appalachian State...fielded

and returned a pair of short kickoffs against both Coastal Carolina (27-17 win) and Chattanooga (28-22 win). **2006** — Garnered the first action of his career, appearing in three games as a reserve linebacker and member of special teams...had one tackle versus Chattanooga (28-22 OT win). **2005**

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



— Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

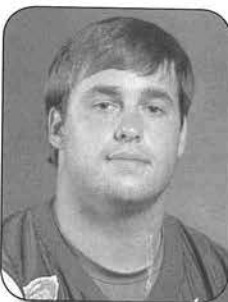
**High School:** 2005 graduate of North Atlanta (4A) High School...football coach was Schredrick Austin...saw action primarily at middle linebacker and offensive tackle during his prep tenure...registered 67 tackles and eight pass deflections in 2004...earned first team all-city honors as a linebacker...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Kyle Lynn McKinney...son of Spencer and Lynn Brown McKinney...born December 17, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia...has a brother, Spencer...plays the guitar and writes poetry...communications major.

### MCKINNEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	3-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	10-0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	3-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	10-0	2	37	18.5	0	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>



### DAVID MENOCA

**C, 6-2, 251, Senior**  
Gainesville, Georgia  
Gainesville High School

52

**Furman:** Experienced player...expected to compete with Dustin Chancellor for the starting job at center vacated by the graduation of Reggie Goolsby...position is the only one along the offensive front that will boast a new regular this fall...has bounced back from major injury to figure prominently into Furman's plans. **2007** — Completed a successful return from a knee injury that sidelined him for the entire 2006 campaign...served as the backup center,

earning quality playing time in all 11 games...logged 253 snaps and tallied a 74.7 season blocking percentage...recorded four game blocking marks above 80.0 percent, including a season best 84.2 percent grade against Appalachian State...registered a season high 36 snaps against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Sat out the entire season due to ongoing rehabilitation efforts associated with a knee injury sustained early in the preseason...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Compiled 147 plays in his first season of play, including his first career start in the Paladins' 44-41 double overtime win over Hofstra...emergency start versus Hofstra came after starting center Chris Stewart was sidelined with a reaction to a laceration sustained in the Paladins' season opening 37-35 win over Jacksonville State...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Gainesville (3A) High School, which also produced Furman cornerback John Castleberry...football coach was Bruce Miller...started in 37 consecutive games at center and also played defensive tackle during his prep career, helping Gainesville to a 30-7 record during that span...served as team captain and earned all-area and Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Associated Press All-State honors in 2003 after helping the Red Elephants to an 11-1 record and second round state playoff appearance...also played in Georgia's North-South All-Star Game... National Certificate of Merit recipient...member of National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club, and Spanish Honor Society...attended Furman's Offensive Lineman Camp.

**Personal:** Full name is David Michael Menocal...son of Gus and Nancy Menocal...born October 9, 1985, in Wilmington, North Carolina...has two siblings, Victor and Chris...brother Victor, played baseball at Georgia Tech...has an impressive family heritage...father and grandfather fled Cuba ahead of communist takeover under Fidel Castro...great-great uncle, Maj. Gen. Mario Garcia Menocal, was president of Cuba from 1913-21...another ancestor, Aniceto Garcia Menocal, was a Cuban born naturalized United States citizen who was a co-author of the original Nicaraguan and Panama Canal surveys, as well as instrumental in the design and construction of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Navy Yard and Washington Monument (he is buried at Arlington National Cemetery)...yet another ancestor, Pedro Garcia Menocal, is an acclaimed Cuban-American painter...is also a descendant of famed Cuban writer and independence hero Jose Marti...Spanish and political science major.

### MENOCA'S 2007 STATISTICS/CAREER HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	11-0	253	189	74.7

Career Games/Starts: 25/1..... Career Plays: 400

2004, '05, '06, '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### WILLIAM MIDDLETON

**CB, 5-11, 186, Senior**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Marist High School

1

**Furman:** Two-year starter who with 23 starts at cornerback ranks as one of Furman's most experienced players...helps form a contingent of four returning defensive starters, two of whom are in the Paladin secondary...seen as a big key to this year's team...will serve as a team captain along with Brantley Kendall and Joel Bell...in addition to work at cornerback, also has been

a notable contributor as a return specialist. **2007** — Earned starts at right cornerback in all 11 games...totaled 53 tackles, including four for-loss, three interceptions, and six pass deflections...registered a career high 10 tackles and a pass breakup versus Appalachian State...garnered Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors after tallying six tackles and a pair of interceptions against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...returned his first pickoff against the Phoenix 27 yards to set up a touchdown...second interception came in the end zone in the fourth quarter to help preserve Furman's lead...recorded a pair of breakups at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...season's first interception came against Presbyterian (40-16 win). **2006** — Took over the starting job at right cornerback and helped Furman to an 8-4 campaign that included a third straight playoff appearance and No. 12 national ranking in The Sports Network's final poll...compiled 38 tackles, including four for-loss, four pass breakups, and a pair of fumble recoveries...notched a season high seven tackles, including one for-loss, two pass deflections, and a fumble recovery against The Citadel (23-17 win)...was Furman's primary kickoff return specialist, averaging 23.1 yards on 25 returns, good for fourth in the SoCon...tied a Furman record held by four others with a 100-yard return versus Wofford (35-21 win). **2005** — Registered playing time as both a backup cornerback and kickoff return specialist...averaged 22.0 yards on 32 returns...had a season high four tackles in a 48-31 win over Gardner-Webb...forced fumble came against Elon (45-6 win)...had a season best 67-yard kickoff return versus Chattanooga (56-35 win)...ranked fourth in the SoCon in kickoff return average. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

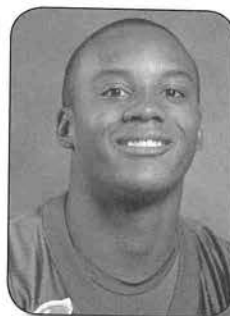
**High School:** 2004 graduate of Marist (4A) High School...football coach was Alan Chadwick...saw action as a cornerback, wide receiver, and return specialist...totaled 148 tackles, 10 interceptions, six pass deflections, two kickoff returns for touchdowns, and two blocked punts during his prep career...also recorded a school record 103-yard interception return and averaged 27.0 yards on 21 kickoff returns...earned first team all-county and all-region honors in 2003 after helping his squad to a 14-1 record and state championship with 21-6 triumph over Statesboro in title contest...two-time Marist Defensive Player-of-the-Year selection...stole second and third base and then scored the go-ahead run on a bunt in 5-3 state title game victory in 2003.

**Personal:** Full name is William Albert Middleton...son of Karen and Albert Middleton...born July 28, 1986, in New York, New York...has three siblings: Kellie, Dana, and Wyatt...father played basketball at Gannon University and sister, Kellie, played softball at Notre Dame...brother, Wyatt, plays football at Navy...biology major.

### MIDDLETON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-0	6	2	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2006	12-12	26	12	38	4	(-14)	2	0	0	0	4
2007	11-11	27	26	53	4	(-8)	0	0	0	3	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-23</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>(-22)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	32	705	22.0	0	67
2006	12-12	25	577	23.1	1	100
2007	11-11	1	23	23.0	0	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-23</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>



### ADAM MIMS

**FLK, 5-9, 187, Sophomore**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Spain Park High School

2

**Furman:** Key member of a Paladin receiving corps that faces a big season of transition following the departure of both starters...projected to take over for Ryan McKie at flanker...sports outstanding speed and cutting ability...could also be a contributor as a punt return specialist again this fall. **2007** — Fashioned a good inaugural season, seeing action in all 11 games...caught 10 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown...also stepped up late in the season to handle punt return chores...averaged 11.0 yards on eight returns...had four returns for 56 yards, including a season best 33-yard effort, against Western Carolina (52-21 win)...collected



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins

five of his season's 10 receptions over the Paladins' final four games...touchdown reception covered seven yards against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...had three catches for 18 yards against Clemson...recorded a season long 24-yard catch versus Hofstra...also contributed on coverage teams, totaling seven tackles, including three stops against Elon. **2006** — Used an impressive pre-season to earn a slot on Furman's travel roster, one of only two true freshmen (Julian Hicks) to do so...saw action in the Paladins' first three games before suffering a broken leg in the first half of the North Carolina contest (45-42 loss)...was granted a medical redshirt...caught one pass for seven yards and had one rush for 11 yards versus North Carolina on the play that he sustained the season ending injury.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Spain Park (6A) High School...football coach was Vince DiLorenzo...played wide receiver and also returned punts and kickoffs...caught 67 passes for 1,051 yards and 11 touchdowns while also rushing for 473 yards and four touchdowns...led team in receptions (39), receiving yards (617) and touchdown receptions (7) his senior year...also starred in basketball and track & field...three-time team basketball MVP...first player in school's young history to score 1,000 points...placed second in the state in the long jump and third place in the triple jump in 2005.

**Personal:** Full name is Adam Keith Mims...son of Keith Viola Mims...born May 26, 1988, in Birmingham, Alabama...born May 26, 1988, in Birmingham, Alabama...has two brothers, Damon and Jason...brother Jason plays football at Stillman College...cousin, Sam Mitchell, was a standout for the Minnesota Timberwolves...undeclared major.

### MIMS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	3-0	1	7	7.0	0	7	1	11	11.0	0	11
2007	11-0	10	113	11.3	1	24	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0	(-1)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	3-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	11-0	8	88	11.0	0	33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	11-0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



### PHILIP MORRIS

**DE, 6-1, 238, Junior**  
Orangeburg, South Carolina  
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

51

**Furman:** Made the switch from linebacker to defensive end in the spring with Furman's new 4-2-5 defensive scheme...will provide backup duty to Gaines Burnett at left end. **2007** — Earned playing time in all 11 games as a backup linebacker and on special teams...totaled 30 tackles...had a season high six stops at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...tallied five stops against both Coastal Carolina (27-17 win) and The

Citadel...interception came versus The Citadel...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Registering playing time in all 12 games, including 11 in backup role...earned his first collegiate start versus Montana State in first round playoff game...contributed on special teams...totaled 23 tackles, including a season high five stops and two for-loss versus West Georgia (24-7 win)...had four tackles and a tackle for-loss against Western Carolina (42-7 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson (4A) High School...football coach was Tony Felder...played both inside and outside linebacker, as well as tight end...racked up 261 tackles in two seasons of action...tallied 188 stops, three interceptions, and seven fumble recoveries in 2004 to help Orangeburg-Wilkinson to a 6-6 record and second round appearance in the state playoffs before being eliminated by T.L. Hanna...ranked third in the state in tackles...served as team captain and earned all-state honors...joined fellow Paladins Jordan Sorrells and Thomas Slaughter as Shrine Bowl selections, helping South Carolina to a 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...Palmetto Fellows Scholar and member of the National Honor Society and Palmetto Boys State.

**Personal:** Full name is Philip Mario Morris...son of John and Ida Morris...born February 26, 1987, in Orangeburg, South Carolina...has two brothers, Max and Anthony, and a sister, Jennifer...health and exercise science major.

### MORRIS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	12-1	7	16	23	3	(-7)	0	0	0	0
2007	11-0	10	20	30	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(-7)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### ADIM OBATA

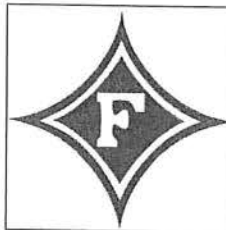
**DT, 6-0, 260, R-Freshman**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Martin Luther King High School

56

**Furman:** Appears poised to enter Furman's defensive interior line rotation this year after making the switch from offensive tackle last season...listed as the backup to projected starting tackle Ricky Jones following spring practice. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Martin Luther King (5A) High School, where he was a teammate of Paladins sophomore bandit Sterling Johnson...football coach was Correy Jarvis...played defensive line, linebacker, and running back...compiled 268 tackles, 26 sacks, 47 tackles-for-loss, and eight forced fumbles in his career...helped his school post a 30-8 record and earn state playoff appearances in each of his three seasons...registered 91 tackles, including 21 for-loss, and six sacks in 2006 while leading his team to a 10-3 campaign...two-time all-county selection and 2006 all-region pick.

**Personal:** Full name is Adimabua Michael Obata...son of Linda and Ash Obata...born September 24, 1988, in Atlanta, Georgia...siblings include Ngozi, Nkeme, and Ugo...communications major.



### CHISOM ONYEUKU

**LB, 6-1, 210, Sophomore**  
Fayetteville, Georgia  
Fayette County High School

41

**Furman:** Linebacker who joined the team as a walk-on at the start of the 2007 season...may contend for his first action on special teams this fall. **2007** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Fayette County (4A) High School...football coach was Tommy Webb...two-year starter...played tight end, defensive end, and offensive line during his prep career...served as team captain and racked up 52 tackles, eight tackles for-loss, two forced fumbles, and a sack his senior year...named first team all-county...also competed in track & field, representing Fayette County in the discus and shotput...recipient of Richard Penland Award for enthusiasm, hard work, leadership and dedication.

**Personal:** Full name is Chisom Jeremiah Onyeuku...son of Alfred and Felicia Onyeuku...born September 1, 1989, in Omaha, Nebraska...has three siblings: Nasar, Anma, and Udobi...brother, Nasar, is a rising junior and defender on Furman's soccer team that last season won both SoCon regular season and tournament championships on the way to a second round NCAA Tournament appearance...carries a 3.47 grade point average...undeclared major.

ONYEUKU'S CAREER HONORS  
2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### MCKENZY OPIO

**OT, 6-3, 295, R-Freshman**  
Flowery Branch, Georgia  
Flowery Branch High School

68

**Furman:** Young offensive tackle who will compete for his first collegiate action this fall...listed as a reserve behind returning All-Southern Conference performer Joel Bell and redshirt freshman backup Ryan Lee...began his career at defensive tackle before making the switch to offense. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Flowery Branch (3A) High School...football coach was Lee Shaw...saw action at defensive tackle, offensive tackle, and offensive guard...two-year starter...two-time first team All-Hall County selection...was an Elite 11 pick...registered 64 tackles, including 11 for-loss, and one sack in 2006 in helping Flowery Branch to a 7-AAA sub-region championships and state Sweet 16 playoff appearance...team knocked off No. 2-ranked Gainesville during the regular season.

**Personal:** Full name is Mckenzy Jaron Opi...son of Jill Turner and Julius Opi...born March 10, 1989, in Gainesville, Georgia...has two brothers, Maurice and Kevin, and two sisters, Sicili and Jasmine...undeclared major.

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### DERRICK PARREA

DE, 6-3, 220, R-Freshman  
Dunnellon, Florida  
Dunnellon High School

92

**Furman:** Young defensive end prospect who should see his first action this year, most likely on special teams...listed as a reserve behind projected starting left end Shaun Van Rensburg and backup Kyle McKinney...has added needed weight since joining the program. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Dunnellon (3A) High School...

football coach was Frank Beasley...played tight end, defensive end, and defensive tackle...two-way starter in 26 of his squad's 32 regular season games over a three-year period...compiled 162 tackles, 12 sacks, and an interception in his career...also had 14 receptions for 223 yards and a touchdown...2006 Florida High School Athletic Association All-State third team pick after totaling 87 tackles and seven sacks...also caught 13 passes for 208 yards and a score on 7-3 team...averaged 19.7 ppg and 4.6 rpg as a member of Dunnellon's basketball team.

**Personal:** Full name is Derrick Durrell Parrea...son of Michael and Betty Parrea...born October 4, 1988, in Tacoma, Washington...has a brother, Omar...grandfather is a former New York City and All-Army Golden Glove boxing champion...undeclared major.



### KYLE RAE

C, 5-10, 229, Junior  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
John T. Hoggard High School

66

**Furman:** Listed as a reserve at center behind David Menocal and Dustin Chancellor...can play either center or guard...should see his initial action as a member of special teams...joined the team as a walk-on at the start of the 2006 preseason. **2007** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of John T. Hoggard (4A) High

School...football coach was Scott Braswell...played nose guard and center...earned first team all-area and all-conference honors as a center on 9-2, conference championship team his senior year...tallied 52 tackles, 16 tackles-for-loss, two sacks, and two fumble recoveries as starting nose guard as a junior...two seasons of football at nearby Mauldin (S.C.) High School before moving to Wilmington...registered perfect attendance all 13 years of school, including kindergarten.

**Personal:** Full name is Kyle Edward Rae...son of Joe and Susan Rae...born February 24, 1988, in Wilmington, North Carolina...has two siblings, Tyler and Kelly...accounting major...sports a 3.13 grade point average.

#### RAE'S CAREER HONORS

2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### CODY REYNOLDS

DE, 6-3, 230, Sophomore  
Falls Church, Virginia  
George Mason High School

95

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at defensive end behind projected starter Gaines Burnett and backup Philip Morris...candidate for special teams play...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2007 season. **2007** — Member of scout team...did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of George Mason (1A) High School...football coach was Tom Horn...played tight end, defensive end, linebacker, and running back...tallied 52 career tackles, including 11 for-loss...two-time All-Bull Run District selection, once as a tight end and another time as defensive end...served as team captain his senior year, helping George Mason to its first district championship since 1988...despite missing four games had eight receptions for 133 yards and 32 tackles, two interceptions, and two fumble recoveries in 2006.

**Personal:** Full name is Gregory Cody Roden-Reynolds...son of Greg and Karen Reynolds...born October 22, 1988, in Falls Church, Virginia...has a sister, Devin...undeclared major...carries a 3.11 GPA.

#### REYNOLDS' CAREER HONORS

2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### CHRIS ROGERS

TB, 5-10, 193, Senior  
Hickory, North Carolina  
Hickory High School

43

**Furman:** Fifth-year player...attempting comeback from reconstructive knee surgery that sidelined him for the entire 2007 season. **2007** — Did not see any action due to ongoing rehabilitation efforts associated a knee injury sustained during the 2006 season...awarded medical redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **2006** — Saw limited action in five games...sustained torn knee ligaments against Appalachian State...missed the remainder of the season. **2005** — Saw his first action, appearing in three games in a reserve role...had four rushes for 17 yards against Elon (45-6 win) and four rushes for 13 yards versus Chattanooga (56-35 win). **2004** — Did not see any action.

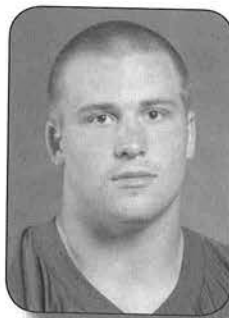
**High School:** 2004 graduate of Hickory (3A) High School...football coach was John Worley...played quarterback, strong safety, and running back...two-time all-conference selection...served as team captain his senior year after helping his squad to a 10-3 record.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Luke Rogers...son of Tim and Jewell Rogers...born January 12, 1986, in Hickory, North Carolina...has a sister, Nicole...family owns horses...physiology major.

#### ROGERS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	3-0	8	30	3.8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006	5-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007 (Inj.)	0-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### PETE SANDERS

FB, 6-0, 234, Sophomore  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
Parkview High School/LSU

44

**Furman:** Expected to compete for backup duty to projected starting fullback Brantley Kendall...should be a mainstay on special teams...joined the Furman program as in the spring of 2007 after transferring from LSU. **2007** — Saw playing time in all 11 games, primarily as a member of special teams...had one carry for 11 yards against Western Carolina (52-21 win) in the season finale. **2006** — Member of LSU's football program...

did not see any action.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of 5A powerhouse Parkview High School...football coach was Cecil Flow...saw action at five positions during his prep career, including fullback, offensive line, defensive tackle, defensive end, and linebacker...earned first team All-Gwinnett County honors as a senior after totaling 72 tackles...also competed in wrestling.

**Personal:** Full name is Peter James Sanders...son of Leavitt and Debra Sanders...born March 20, 1988, in Vally, Alabama...has a brother, Adam, and a sister, Priscilla...brother Adam was a fullback and four-year letterman (1997-00) at Furman is a Marine veteran of the Iraq War...father played football at Georgia Tech...grandfather, James Kelly, played baseball at North Carolina...accounting major.

#### SANDERS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2007	11-0	1	11	11.0	0	11	0	0	0.0	0	0



### CHAS SHORT

PK, 6-3, 194, R-Freshman  
Thomaston, Georgia  
Flint River Academy

12

**Furman:** Will look to compete with Matt Cesari and Trent Hawk for placekicking duties vacated by the graduation of All-Southern Conference kicker Scott Beckler. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Flint River (GISA/A) Academy...football coach was Bobby Smith...handled kicking and punting

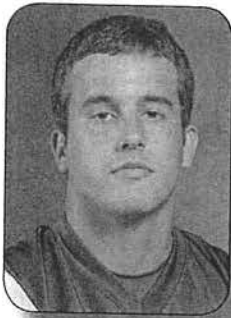


# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins

duties and also played quarterback...member of three Flint River Academy teams that combined to post a 40-2 record and make three state championship game appearances, including one title campaign (14-0 in 2005)...kicked field goals covering 45, 47, and 49 yards in 30-29 state championship game loss to Thomas Jefferson Academy in 2006...team finished 13-1...two-time all-region pick...earned Georgia Independent Schools Association (GISA) first team All-State honors as a placekicker as a senior...converted 82-of-84 PATs in 2006...recorded punts of 61 and 58 yards in the same game his junior year...four-year starter and two-time all-region pick in basketball...also competed in golf and track & field...is an Eagle Scout.

**Personal:** Full name is Charles David Short II...son of David and Angie Short...born May 23, 1988, in Thomaston, Georgia...has two siblings, Cam and Seth...undeclared major.



### KOREY SIMS

**FLK, 5-11, 178, Junior**  
Lutz, Florida  
The Cambridge School

93

**Furman:** Listed as a reserve at split end behind a number of returning veterans and newcomers but could compete for playing time...joined the team walk-on in the fall of 2006. **2007** — Did not see any action. **2006** — Did not see any action.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of The Cambridge School...football coach was Rick Shears...played quarterback, wide receiver, and defensive back while also handling placekicking and punt-ing chores...threw for 2,075 yards and 18 touchdowns and averaged 36.1 yards on 50 punts in his career...served as team captain his senior year...also competed in soccer and track & field.

**Personal:** Full name is Corey Daniel Sims...son of Earl and Kelley Sims...born November 16, 1987, in Tampa, Florida...business administration major.



### SETH SKOGEN

**TE, 6-4, 220, R-Freshman**  
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee  
Tennessee Temple Academy

83

**Furman:** Heralded young player who rounds out an outstanding trio of tight ends that also includes All-Southern Conference performer Larry Hedden and proven veteran Chris Truss...should see his first action this year...sports excellent hands and mobility. **2007** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2007 graduate of Tennessee Temple (A) Academy...football coach was his father, Kevin Skogen...played wide receiver and linebacker, starting both ways all four years...set Tennessee all division records for most receptions (282), receiving yards (5,281 yards), and receiving touchdowns (62)...collected 97 receptions for 1,858 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior in leading his squad to a 12-1 record, Region 3-A championship, and No. 5 state ranking...two-time first team Tennessee Sportswriters Association (TSWA) All-State selection...named 2006 region player-of-the-year...racked up a Chattanooga area record 310 receiving yards and five touchdowns against Oakdale his junior year, helping Temple to its first ever playoff appearance...outstanding football career was mirrored by his work in basketball...became the school's all-time leading basketball scorer, surpassing the previous record held by his brother, Jacob, who played collegiately at Mercer...two-time all-region and all-district selection...was a two-time first team TSWA All-State choice and finalist for Tennessee Mr. Basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Seth Robert Skogen...son of Kevin and Dana Skogen...born November 6, 1988, in St. Louis Missouri...has three brothers, Jacob, Caleb, and Joseph, and two sisters, Annie and Bonnie...father played football at Pacific Lutheran.



### THOMAS SLAUGHTER

**OT, 6-4, 272, Senior**  
Rock Hill, South Carolina  
Northwestern High School

59

**Furman:** Talented, three-year letterman who returns for his second season of starting duty at right tackle...helps comprise a veteran offensive front that counts four of five returning regulars...unit is clearly the strength of this year's team...is overshadowed by Paladin consensus All-Southern Conference left tackle Joel Bell but may very well contend for all-conference honors himself...career includes starting duty at center and three seasons of near flawless work as the team's snapper for punts and placements. **2007**

— Began the season as a backup at right tackle but by game four had firmly established himself as a starter...got the starting nod in the Paladins' final eight games, helping Furman's offense average a solid 407.8 yards per game...logged 501 plays and an 80.2 percent blocking grade, second only to Bell's unit leading 80.4 percent mark...topped the 80 percent mark in five of the Paladins' final six games, including a season high 89.5 percent mark against Western Carolina (52-21 win) in the season finale...was superb against both 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win), tallying a grade of 86.2 percent on 48 snaps, and versus 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win) with a mark of 87.3 percent on 71 plays. **2006** — Logged 218 plays as a backup tackle and center, seeing action in all 12 games...also handled all shorts and long snaps on special teams...registered the first start of his career (at center) against Chattanooga (28-22 OT win) in place of injured regular Reggie Goolsby...came off the bench for a season high 66 plays versus The Citadel (23-17 win)...was in on 62 plays against Elon (24-13 win). **2005** — One of five true freshmen to earn playing time...activated mainly due to snapping skills but also registered some reserve action at tackle, totaling 33 plays...most action (21 plays) came in 45-6 win over Elon...was flawless on special teams, contributing in Paladin punter Ingle Martin earning All-America honors (43.2 avg.) and placekicker Scott Beckler landing All-SoCon accolades (14x24 FGs).

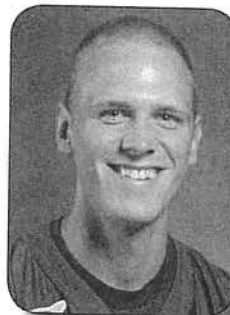
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Northwestern (4A) High School...football coach was Jimmy Wallace...saw action at offensive tackle, defensive end, and long snapper...served as team captain in 2004, helping Northwestern to a 13-1 record, region championship, and Upper State runner-up finish...team finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in South Carolina and No. 18 nationally by USA Today...named all-region, all-area, All-Upper State, Associated Press All-State, and Big 16 Offensive Lineman-of-the-Year...joined fellow Paladins Jordan Sorrells and Philip Morris as Shrine Bowl selections...helped South Carolina to a 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic.

**Personal:** Full name is Thomas Gary Slaughter...son of Chuck and Joy Slaughter...born August 5, 1982, in Rock Hill, South Carolina...has a brother, Chuck...father played offensive tackle at South Carolina and was selected by the New Orleans Saints in the eighth round of the 1982 NFL Draft...business administration major.

#### SLAUGHTER'S 2007 STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLAYS	POINTS	PCT
2007	11-8	501	402	80.2

Career Games/Starts: 37/9 Career Plays: 752



### JORDAN SORRELLS

**QB, 6-2, 205, Junior**  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Greenville High School

9

**Furman:** Left-handed heir-apparent to graduated starting quarterback Renaldo Gray...heads into the 2008 campaign with a resume that includes proven ability as a reserve and as a part-time starter...quality experience gained over the last two seasons (including a pair of game winning touchdown passes) should be a major plus...has the confidence of teammates and coaching staff to engineer Furman's offense this fall...has served

as holder on all team placements the last two seasons. **2007** — Appeared in all 11 games as a backup quarterback and holder on placements...most action came in the Paladins' first four games...completed 8-of-12 passes for 83 yards and a touchdown versus Presbyterian (40-16 win)...came off the bench to complete 8-of-9 passes for 67 yards against Hofstra...saw his most action against Clemson, finding the mark on 18-of-28 passes for 172 yards...went 12-for-20 for 143 yards versus Wofford...delivered solid play against 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win), completing 4-for-4 passes for 59 yards and a touchdown...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Turned in an impressive inaugural season serving primarily as the backup to Gray but also performing exceptionally well in two emergency starts, leading Furman to a pair of victories...made an immediate impact in his first collegiate game, coming off the bench in the second half for an injured Gray to lead Furman to a 17-13 win over Jacksonville State...completed a 19-yard game winning touchdown pass to Brantley Kendall with 28 seconds left to cap a six-play, 50-yard drive...performance against JSU netted him the first of three SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors...came off the bench (again for an injured Gray) to throw for 168 yards (14x27) and a touchdown against Coastal Carolina...with Gray sidelined, earned his first collegiate start the following week versus The Citadel, completing 20-of-31 attempts for 251 yards in a 23-17 victory...second start came the following week against Chattanooga (28-22 OT win) when he went 22-for-39 for 335 yards and two touchdowns...hooked up with Cedrick Gipson for a 25-yard game winning scoring strike in overtime...forced the extra period by leading Furman on a 10-play, 68-yard drive for a game tying 23-yard Scott Beckler field goal on the final play of regulation...late fourth quarter drive included a critical 41-yard completion to R.J. Webb on fourth-and-seven play...335-yard performance versus UTC marked the fifth best passing total in Furman history...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Greenville (3A) High School...football coach was Larry Frost...played quarterback and passed for 9,405 yards and 105 touchdowns in his career, helping Greenville to

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



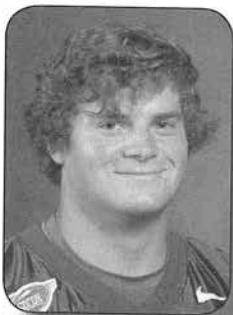
a 40-9 record, three region championships, and four state playoff appearances...threw for 3,555 yards and 39 touchdowns in 2004 to lead his squad to a 10-2 record...named all-region, all-state, South Carolina Coaches Association Back-of-the-Year, **Greenville News** Player-of-the-Year, and **The State** Player-of-the-Year...earned Shrine Bowl MVP honors after completing 18-of-30 passes for 173 yards and a touchdown in South Carolina's 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...Palmetto Shrine Bowl squad also included current Paladins Thomas Slaughter and Philip Morris...garnered all-region and all-state citations, as well as High School Sports Report Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors, after helping Greenville to a 12-1 record and passing for 2,940 yards and 35 touchdowns in 2003, his junior year...keyed Greenville to an 11-1 record in 2002 (the first undefeated regular season in school history) by passing for 2,910 yards and 31 touchdowns...also played tennis in high school.

**Personal:** Full name is Jordan James Sorrells...son of Tim and Tracy Sorrells...born February 16, 1987, in Greenville, South Carolina...has a brother, Caleb, and a sister, Emma...father currently serves as Furman's assistant head coach and offensive coordinator and was a two-time All-Southern Conference selection and Paladin starting quarterback on SoCon championship teams in 1980 & 81...mother is also a Furman graduate...brother Caleb currently plays football at Carson-Newman...cousins John Sorrells (1982-83) and Paul Sorrells (1979-80) — both Furman graduates — played wide receiver and defensive back, respectively for the Paladins...grandfather, Fred Sorrells, played and coached football at Carson-Newman in addition to serving as a high school coach for many years in Tennessee...carries a 3.57 grade point average...history major.

### SORRELLS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
2006	12-2	117	69	3	851	4	56.5	126.23	8	-48	-6.0	0
2007	11-0	82	55	5	553	2	67.1	119.58	3	-21	-7.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-2</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>123.49</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>0</b>

- 2005 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll
- 2006 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Jacksonville State)
- 2006 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. The Citadel)
- 2006 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Chattanooga)
- 2006 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll
- 2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### MARK STANDRIDGE

30

**CB, 5-9, 181, Junior**  
**Buford, Georgia**  
**Buford High School**

**Furman:** Made the switch from tailback to cornerback in the spring...will likely again see duty on special teams. 2007 — Saw limited duty as a reserve tailback, recording three rushes for 12 yards...recorded a blocked punt against The Citadel. 2006 — Saw limited playing time in four games, rushing five times for 14 yards...had an 8-yard reception versus Montana State in playoff action. 2005 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

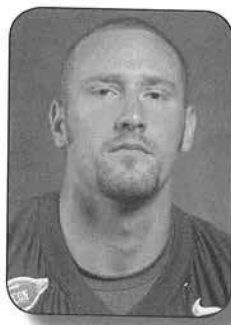
**High School:** 2005 graduate of football power Buford (2A) High School, which also produced...Paladin cornerback Masharn Austin and wide receiver David Hendrix...football coach was Dexter Wood...saw action at tailback and linebacker during his prep career, helping Buford to claim a pair of state titles and a state record 47 consecutive wins during one stretch...succeeded graduated Georgia AA Player-of-the-Year Darius Walker (Notre Dame) at tailback in 2004 and rushed for 1,703 yards and 32 touchdowns despite missing four games with mononucleosis...keyed Buford to a 13-2 record and state runner-up finish...came within one victory of becoming the first school in Georgia football history to win four consecutive state championships...earned first team **Atlanta Journal-Constitution** (AJC) and Georgia Sportswriters Association All-State honors, as well as **AJC Gwinnett News** Offensive Player-of-the-Year accolades...rushed for a career high 248 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-14 win over Chattooga...recorded 96 tackles as a linebacker on Buford's 2003 15-0 state championship team...captured 2004 region championships in the 200 meters, 4x100 meters, and 4x400 meters.

**Personal:** Full name is Mark Ryan Standridge...son of Gary and Melinda Standridge...born August 15, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia...has two brothers, Brad and Rick, and a sister, Haley...father played baseball for Middle Georgia College...brother Brad played baseball at North Georgia College, and brother Rick played baseball at Georgia Perimeter College...plays guitar.

### STANDRIDGE CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	4-0	5	14	2.8	0	7	2	8	4.0	0	8
2007	10-0	3	12	4.0	0	9	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

Blocked punt vs. The Citadel (2007)



### CHRIS STONE

19

**BAN, 6-1, 186, Senior**  
**Greenville, South Carolina**  
**Eastside High School/Clemson**

**Furman:** Local product who figures to be in the mix for playing time at the renamed "bandit" position in Furman's new 4-2-5 defensive scheme...listed as the backup to projected starting Julian Hicks...should also be a mainstay on special teams...joined the Furman program as a walk-on in June of 2006 after two years at Clemson. 2007 — Saw action in all 11 games as a member of special teams and reserve strong safety...totaled

seven tackles, including two stops each against 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win) and Western Carolina (52-21 win). 2006 — Saw limited duty in one game (vs. Western Carolina, 42-7 win). 2005 — Walk-on member of the Clemson football program...did not see any action in the fall campaign.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Eastside (3A) High School...football coach was John Carlisle...played wide receiver, quarterback, and free safety during his prep career...started for two seasons as a wide receiver before making the switch to quarterback his junior and senior years...sustained a broken hip in game seven his senior year versus Greenville after helping Eastside to a 6-0 start...came back to play in final game of an 11-2 season...two-time team MVP...earned all-county honors his junior year...also starred in baseball as a pitcher and outfielder, earning all-region honors twice.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher James Stone...son of Jeff and Donna Stone...born November 15, 1985, in Greenville, South Carolina...has a brother, Jeffrey, and a sister, Sandy...father swam for Florida State...business administration major.

### STONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2006	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11-0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



### CHRIS TRUSS

85

**TE, 6-4, 243, Junior**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Riverwood High School**

**Furman:** Veteran player who joins with All-Southern Conference performer Larry Hedden in giving Furman one of the top tight end tandems in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS)...looking to complete a comeback from injury that limited him over the second half of the 2007 campaign...strong, physical performer...sports good blocking skills and hands. 2007 — Entered the season as Furman's top tight end...named preseason All-SoCon in balloting by coaches and earned starts in the three of the Paladins' first four games before the effects of a leg injury significantly curtailed his playing time...was replaced in the lineup by Hedden, who went on to capture consensus All-SoCon honors (36 rec., 421 yds., 3 TDs)...in all saw action in eight games, missing the final three contests...caught 13 passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns — all in the first four games...touchdown catches came in the first two games against Presbyterian (40-16 win) and Hofstra...had five catches for 44 yards versus Clemson. 2006 — Fashioned a solid inaugural season working primarily in a backup role...logged three early season starts after regular starter Brad Bell was sidelined in the preseason with an eye injury...saw action in all 12 games...three starts came against Jacksonville State (17-13 win), North Carolina (45-42 loss), and Western Carolina (42-7 win). 2005 — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Riverwood (3A) High School, where he played alongside Paladin defensive back Julian Hicks...football coach was Harris Rainbow...played tight end, linebacker, and defensive end...served as team captain and earned all-county and first team all-area as a tight end in 2004 after catching 21 passes for 198 yards and four touchdowns...graded out 83 percent as a blocker...also tallied 59 tackles and two sacks in 2004, helping lead Riverwood to a 4-6 season after back-to-back winless campaigns in 2002 and '03...was one of only two seniors on 2004 squad.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher David Truss, Jr...son of Chris and Mary Beth Truss...born October 13, 1986, in West Palm Beach, Florida...has two brothers, Cameron and Connor...health and exercise science major.

### TRUSS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	12-3	4	40	10.0	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	8-3	13	122	9.4	2	15	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20-6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### HUNTER TWITTY

**LB, 6-0, 225, Senior**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Mountain Brook High School**

**32**

**Furman:** Furman's most experienced linebacker and one of four returning defensive starters that also includes his twin brother, free safety Thomas Twitty...will again man the weak side line-backing post in the Paladins' new 4-2-5 defensive scheme...part of a contingent of seven Birmingham area products now in the Furman program. **2007** — Registered starts at weak side linebacker in 10 of Furman's 11 games...lone non-start came

at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win) when the Paladins' deployed a two-linebacker set in its first switch to a 4-2-5 scheme...tallied 30 tackles, one tackle for-loss, and an interception...racked up a season high six tackles and an interception against Presbyterian (40-16 win)...had five stops and a pass deflection versus Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...helped Furman pace the SoCon in rushing defense (135.0 ypg)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned notable playing time as a backup linebacker and contributor on special teams, seeing action in all 12 games and logging 25 tackles...had a season high four stops against both Wofford (35-21 win) and Appalachian State...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — One of five true freshmen to earn playing time, contributing primarily on special teams...credited with 14 tackles and a pass deflection...had a season best four tackles against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win).

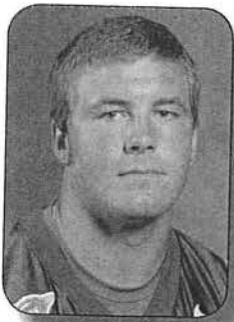
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Mountain Brook (6A) High School...football coach was Joey Jones...played linebacker and fullback...totaled 276 tackles and averaged over 10 tackles per game in two seasons of play...served as a team captain and registered a team leading 142 tackles, 27 tackles-for-loss, three caused fumbles, and two fumble recoveries in 2004 while keying Mountain Brook to a 10-4 record...earned All-Over The Mountain, **Birmingham News** All-Metro, super all-metro, and Alabama Sportswriters Association honorable mention All-State honors.

**Personal:** Full name is William Hunter Twitty...son of Marcia and Tom Twitty...born April 23, 1987, in Birmingham, Alabama, 12 minutes ahead of twin brother, Thomas, a senior free safety in the Paladin program...grandfather, Tom Twitty was a member of Tennessee's 1951 Southeastern Conference and national championship team...religion major.

#### HUNTER TWITTY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-0	7	7	14	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	1
2006	12-0	5	20	25	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	1
2007	11-10	13	17	30	1	0	0	0	0.0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

**2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



### THOMAS TWITTY

**FS, 5-11, 192, Senior**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Mountain Brook High School**

**28**

**Furman:** All-Southern Conference free safety who helps form a group of four returning defensive starters, including his twin brother, Hunter, at weak side linebacker...part of a contingent of seven Birmingham area products now in the Furman program. **2007** — Consensus second team All-SoCon choice in separate balloting by league head coaches and media...led Furman and ranked fifth in the SoCon in tackles with 95 stops...also tied for

the team lead with six pass deflections...captured SoCon Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors after totaling a career high 17 tackles along with an interception and pass deflection against Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...had 14 stops against Hofstra in only his second collegiate start...helped key Furman to a 4-1 record over its final five games with a 10-tackle performance at 11th-ranked Georgia Southern (24-22 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned playing time in all 12 games as both a backup free safety and special teams contributor...totaled 16 tackles, a sack, and a pass deflection...tallied a season high five tackles and pass breakup versus Appalachian State...registered a sack for loss of 10 yards versus West Georgia (24-7 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2005** — Saw action as a true freshman, working primarily on special teams...one of five true freshmen to earn playing time...totaled 12 tackles and a forced fumble...forced fumble came Appalachian State (34-31 win) in the regular season.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Mountain Brook (6A) High School...football coach was Joey Jones...played safety and tailback...three-year starter...served as team captain and totaled 89 tackles, 12 pass deflections, two caused fumbles, and a fumble recovery in 2004 while keying Mountain Brook to a 10-4 record...named All-Over The Mountain, **Birmingham News** All-Metro, super all-metro, and Alabama Sportswriters Association honorable mention All-State in 2004...took home his squad's

Head Hunter Award his junior and senior seasons.

**Personal:** Full name is Thomas Allan Twitty...son of Marcia and Tom Twitty...born April 23, 1987, in Birmingham, Alabama, 12 minutes after twin brother, Hunter, a senior linebacker in the Paladin program...grandfather, Tom Twitty was a member of Tennessee's 1951 Southeastern Conference and national championship team...health and exercise science major.

#### THOMAS TWITTY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-0	3	9	12	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
2006	12-0	8	8	16	1	(-10)	0	0	1.0	0	1
2007	11-11	39	56	95	4	(-6)	1	0	0.0	1	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-11</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(-16)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

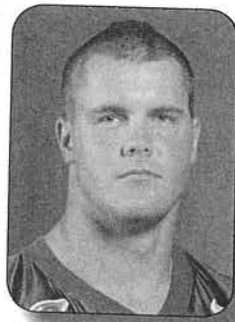
**2006 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**

**2007 Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Week (vs. Coastal Carolina)**

**2007 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Coaches)**

**2007 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Media)**

**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



### SHAUN VAN RENSBURG

**DE, 6-4, 230, Junior**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**  
**The Bolles School**

**35**

**Furman:** Looms as a big key to Furman's potential defensive success this fall as the heir apparent to graduated All-Southern Conference defensive end Wallace Artis...attempting to complete comeback from shoulder injury and subsequent surgery that sidelined him for the last half of the 2007 campaign and all of spring practice...successful return to action should prove to be a big plus...when healthy, has shown solid ability as a

pass rusher...shares a unique experience with positional backup Kyle McKinney as both have lived in South Africa. **2007** — Saw action in just five games before exiting the field with a separated shoulder...recorded six tackles, including three for-loss, and two sacks in limited playing time...had two tackles and a sack versus Clemson...tallied a season best four stops and a sack against The Citadel...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Earned his first playing time almost exclusively as a member of special teams...notched one assisted tackle versus Chattanooga (28-22 OT win). **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

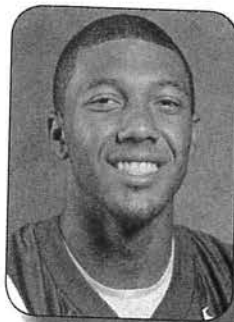
**High School:** 2005 graduate of The Bolles (3A) School...football coach was Corky Rogers...saw action primarily at linebacker but also played nose guard...helped Bolles to a 14-1 record and state championship in 2002 and 14-1 slate and state crown in 2004...team went 13-1 and finished as state runner-up finish in 2003...2002 crown came as a member of AA, and 2004 title (and 14-0 season) was registered in the AAA ranks...won 2005 state discus title with a throw of 169'5".

**Personal:** Full name is Shaun Janse Van Rensburg...son of André and Linda J van Rensburg...born May 22, 1986, in Cape Town, South Africa...has a brother, Ryan...played rugby and cricket from the age of five...competed in equitation (horse riding) at a junior national level and was South Africa's Under 10 and Under 14 national champion...attended Diocesan Preparatory School in Cape Town, during which time he was afforded the opportunity to meet Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu...family immigrated to the United States in 2000...health and exercise science major.

#### VAN RENSBURG'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2006	12-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2007	5-0	4	2	6	3	(-20)	0	0	2.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(-20)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll**



### R.J. WEBB

**SE, 6-2, 200, Junior**  
**Liberty, South Carolina**  
**Pickens High School**

**4**

**Furman:** One of Furman's top athletes and playmakers...has proven ability as a receiver, return specialist, and punter...attempting to complete a comeback from knee injury that sidelined him over for half of the 2007 season and all of spring practice...successful return is considered one of the biggest keys to Furman's chance for success...will get the starting nod at split end if healthy...ability to contribute on special teams is

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



to be determined. **2007** — Appeared on his way to a breakout season with 23 receptions for 317 yards and two touchdowns before sustaining a torn anterior cruciate ligament in game five against Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...injury required surgery and shelved him for the remainder of the season...caught seven passes for 143 yards and a touchdown in season opener against Presbyterian (40-16 win)...matched that performance with seven catches for 122 yards, including a 68-yard catch and run for a touchdown versus Wofford...recorded a 63-yard punt return for a touchdown against Coastal Carolina prior to season ending injury. **2006** — Fashioned a very impressive season in his first campaign, catching a Furman freshman record 28 passes for another freshman standard 407 yards and a touchdown in helping the Paladins to an 8-4 record, third straight playoff appearance, and No. 12 ranking in The Sports Network's final poll...saw action in all 12 games and earned one start, the first of his career, versus The Citadel (23-17 win)...netted a season best four receptions in four games, including a 74-yard performance against North Carolina that included a spectacular catch and run along the sideline on a 49-yard play...totaled 80 yards on four grabs versus The Citadel...collected a 12-yard touchdown reception versus Chattanooga (28-22 OT win), against whom he later made perhaps the most important catch of the year by a Paladin in the last seconds of regulation...with Furman trailing 22-19 and faced with a fourth-and-seven play at the 50, slipped behind a Moc defender for a catch, which he extended with a dazzling run for an eventual 41-yard play to the UTC 9, where two plays later Scott Beckler booted a game tying field goal on the final play of regulation to force overtime...had a pair of rushes for 41 yards against Elon (24-13 win), including a 30-yard effort on a reverse that set up a touchdown...averaged 32.0 yards on a pair of puch punts against Jacksonville State (17-13 win), one of which was downed inside the Gamecock 20. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Pickens (3A) High School...football coach was Brett Turner...played quarterback, wide receiver, and defensive back...passed for 2,300 yards and 18 touchdowns, rushed for 300 yards and 10 scores, and tallied 400 yards in receptions and five touchdowns during his career...also racked up 60 tackles and five interceptions...passed for 1,634 yards and 12 touchdowns and rushed for 250 yards and eight scores in 2004 to key Pickens to the state playoffs before falling 35-28 in the first round to a Greenville squad that included current Paladin quarterback Jordan Sorrells...also registered 22 tackles and two interceptions...collected team MVP, all-region, and All-Southeast Prep honors...selected to play in South Carolina's North-South All-Star Game...averaged 18.4 points, 11.2 rebounds, and 2.1 assists for Pickens basketball squad...scored 37 points in a pair of wins over Daniel (82-72) and Berea (65-64)...also pitched and played centerfield for Pickens' baseball team.

**Personal:** Full name is Ronald C. Webb, Jr...son of Julia and Ronald Webb...born August 24, 1987, in Greenville, South Carolina...sister, Janna, played volleyball at Wofford...father played basketball at Piedmont (Ga.) College...served as yearbook editor...South Carolina Boys State selection...health and exercise science major.

### WEBB'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	12-1	28	407	14.5	1	49	4	38	9.5	0	30
2007	5-0	23	317	13.8	2	68	1	14	14.0	0	14
Totals	17-1	51	724	14.2	3	68	5	52	10.4	0	30

YEAR	G	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG	LNG	TB	FC	I20	BLK
2006	12-1	2	64	32.0	35	0	0	0	1
2007	5-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17-1	2	64	32.0	35	0	0	0	1

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	12-1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	5-0	2	73	36.5	1	63
Totals	17-1	2	73	36.5	1	63

2006 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### CHRIS WELBORN

**SE, 6-2, 187, Senior**  
Fernandina Beach, Florida  
Fernandina Beach High School

89

**Furman:** Appears slated for reserve duty at split end...worked at quarterback before being switched to split end at the end of spring practice in 2006...joined the program as a walk-on. **2007** — Saw limited action against Western Carolina (52-21 win). **2006** — Saw limited action versus Western Carolina (42-7 win). **2005** — Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Fernandina Beach (4A) High School...football coach was Ed Brown...played quarterback...served as team captain and threw for over 900 yards and 14 touchdowns his senior year...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Hinson Welborn...son of Jim and Lila Welborn...born November

14, 1986, in Charleston, South Carolina...has two siblings, Trae and Aver...grandfather attended Furman...business administration major.

### WELBORN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2006	1-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	1-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	2-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0



### BRANDON WILLIAMS

**LB, 6-2, 220, Senior**  
Tucker, Georgia  
Lakeside High School

36

**Furman:** Veteran linebacker who appears set to take over the starting strong side linebacker post vacated by the graduation of Gary Nelson. **2007** — Saw action in 10 of Furman's 11 games, all as a reserve...totaled 22 tackles and a pair of sacks...registered a season high four tackles against both Clemson and Coastal Carolina (27-17 win)...had three stops and a sack versus 14th-ranked Elon (52-49 win)...other sack came against Coastal Carolina. **2006** — Tallied 23 tackles in 12 games...had a season high six stops and a pass deflection versus West Georgia (24-7 win)...tallied five stops against Montana State (31-13 loss)...earned a start versus Wofford (35-21 win). **2005** — Named Furman Freshman-of-the-Year and finished as runner-up for Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors after registering quality playing in 14 games as a backup linebacker and member of special teams...credited with 50 tackles, including three for-loss...named SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week following a career high 13-tackle performance at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...notched five tackles, including two for-loss, in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action at Appalachian State. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

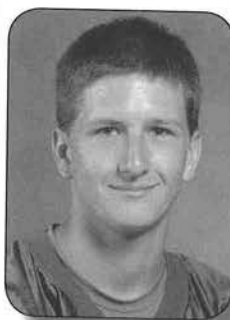
**High School:** 2004 graduate of Lakeside (5A) High School...football coach was Bill Harris...played linebacker, defensive end, fullback, tight end, offensive guard, and offensive tackle during his prep career...tallied 280 tackles, including 26 for-loss, 14 sacks, four forced fumbles, four pass deflections, two blocked punts, and a safety in three seasons of play at Lakeside...two-time team defensive MVP...earned first team All-DeKalb County honors in 2003 after racking up 130 tackles and six sacks...tackle total was third highest in county.

**Personal:** Full name is Brandon Matthew Williams...born April 16, 1986, in Midwest City, Oklahoma...son of Hugh and Stephanie Williams...has a brother, Justin...philosophy major.

### BRANDON WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-0	21	29	50	3 (-4)	0	0	0	0	0
2006	12-1	11	12	23	1 (-1)	0	0	0	0	2
2007	10-0	7	15	22	2 (-14)	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36-1	39	56	95	6 (-19)	0	0	0	0	2

2005 Furman Freshman-of-the-Year



### THOMAS WILLIAMS

**P, 6-3, 185, Junior**  
Orlando, Florida  
Trinity Preparatory School

39

**Furman:** Expected to serve as the backup to returning punter Trent Hawk...joined the team as a walk-on at the start of the 2006 school year. **2007** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2006 graduate of Trinity (3A) Preparatory School...punted and also played wide receiver and free safety...football coach was Drew Neme...totaled 100 tackles, had 10 catches for 80 yards, and averaged 37.1 yards per punt over the course of his career...played in the Orlando Metro All-Star Game his senior year...landed Florida High School All-Star Scholar-Athlete and Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Awards.

**Personal:** Full name is Thomas J. Williams...son of Leonard and Marilyn Williams...born December 27, 1987, in Winter Park, Florida...has a sister, Amelia...sports a 3.67 grade point average...accounting major.

### WILLIAMS' HONORS

2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



### CODY WORLEY

# 7

**QB, 6-1, 205, Sophomore**  
Calhoun, Georgia  
Calhoun High School

**Furman:** Heads into the preseason as the backup to projected starting quarterback Jordan Sorrells...possesses a strong arm and good mobility but very limited experience. **2007** — Made his first collegiate appearance, working the final two series of the season versus Western Carolina (52-21 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2006** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility

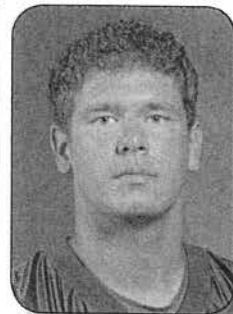
**High School:** 2006 graduate of Calhoun (2A) High School...football coach was Hal Lamb, brother of Furman head coach Bobby Lamb...completed 246 passes for 467 yards (52.7 percent) for 4,394 yards and 51 touchdowns...program went 36-4 during his three-year starting career...led Calhoun to a 14-1 record and state runner-up finish in 2005, passing for 1,667 yards, 20 touchdowns...captured **Rome News-Tribune** and **Chattanooga Times-Free Press** All-Area, and Coaches' Choice All-State honors...attended Furman Quarterbacks & Receivers Camp.

**Personal:** Full name is Nathan Cody Worley...son of Donny and Sandra Worley...born September 14, 1987, in Rome, Georgia...has a sister, Cassie...communications major.

#### WORLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
2007	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0

2007 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



### CHRIS YANKOW

# 94

**DE, 6-1, 215, Senior**  
Olyphant, Pennsylvania  
Olyphant High School

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the program in June of 2006 after eight years of service in the United States Army...will be 29 years-old when Furman kicks off the 2008 campaign. **2007** — Did not see any action. **2006** — Member of scout team...did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 1997 graduate of Bishop O'Hara (A) High School...football coach was Frank Masciano...saw action at seven positions, including linebacker, defensive end, strong safety, tight end, running back, quarterback, and placekicker...three-year starter...also played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Christopher Thomas Yankow...son of Gerald and Ona Yankow...born August 6, 1979, in Scranton, Pennsylvania...brother, Jeff, played baseball at Wilkes (Pa.) University and professionally in the Kansas City Royals organization, and is now a professor of economics at Furman...another brother, Greg, played football at Wilkes...military service with Army Rangers and the famed 10th Mountain Division included deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, and Afghanistan...awarded Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal...served as reconnaissance and sniper team leader...other awards include Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Expier Infantryman's Badge...owns a 3.22 grade point average...history major.

#### YANKOW'S CAREER HONORS

2006 & '07 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll



# 2008 Furman Football

## The Freshmen

### Brett Basik

# 48

**ROV, 5-9, 180, Freshman**  
Birmingham, Alabama (Briarwood Christian School)

2008 graduate of Briarwood (5A) Christian School...football coach was Fred Yancey...played safety on 14-1 state runner-up team in 2007...totaled 61 tackles, five tackles for-loss, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries his senior year...National Honor Society and academic all-state selection...recipient of full Army ROTC Scholarship to Furman.

**Personal:** Full name is Brett Michael Basik...son of Dan and Jackie Basik...born July 8, 1989, in Atlanta, Georgia...has two sisters, Katlyn and Brianna...father played tennis at Berry College and is a 23-year Army veteran...uncle, Keith Basik, played football at West Point, and another uncle, Jeff Basik, played football at Air Force.

### Kenny Beck

# 98

**DE, 6-3, 230, Freshman**  
Salem, Alabama (Smiths Station High School)

2008 graduate of Smiths Station (6A) High School...football coach was Woodrow Lowe...played defensive end...recorded 80 tackles, including 10 for-loss, and six sacks in 2007...registered a season high 12 tackle performance in 29-26 overtime victory over state 10th-ranked Enterprise in 2007...helped key Smiths Station to a 6-5 record in 2006 — the program's first winning season since moving into 6A ranks...also competed in track, specializing in the shot put, javelin, and discus.

**Personal:** Full name is Kenneth Blake Beck...son of Blake and Wendy Blake...born April 2, 1990, in Montgomery, Alabama...has three brothers, Brandon, Jerime, and Kaleb...father played football at Columbia.

### Matt Blades

# 76

**OT, 6-6, 275, Freshman**  
Laurel Hill, North Carolina (Richmond County High School)

2008 graduate of football powerhouse Richmond County (4A) High School...football coach was Paul Hoggard...served as team captain and in his only season of starting duty earned honorable mention all-conference honors in 2007...helped lead Richmond County to a 13-2 record and the program's 13th consecutive conference championship and 27th overall league crown.

**Personal:** Full name is Matthew Pearson Blades...son of Kelly Campbell and Bryan Blades...born November 16, 1989, in Laurinburg, North Carolina...has a brother, Jordan.

### Daniel Dixon

**FB, 5-9, 180, Freshman**  
Santa Ana, California (Wiesbaden, Germany, High School)

2008 graduate of Wiesbaden High School...football coach was Steven Jewell...played linebacker and running back...two-year starter who served as team captain and team MVP selection his senior year...named first team all-conference and All-Europe linebacker after averaging 12 tackles per game...voted "The Brains Of The Senior Class"...recipient of full Army ROTC Scholarship to Furman.

**Personal:** Full name is Timothy Daniel Dixon...son of Timothy and Irmgard Dixon...has a sister, Theresa who attends MIT...father is career Army officer and mother is native German...family has lived in Germany for the past nine years but is in the process of moving to the United States...also lived two years in Paris...sister attends MIT...family has moved nine times.

### Dakota Derrick

# 11

**QB, 6-5, 200, Freshman**  
Conway, South Carolina (Conway High School)

2008 graduate of Conway (4A) High School...football coach was Chuck Jordan...played quarterback...completed 366-of-571 pass attempts (64.0 percent) for Conway career record 4,882 yards and another career standard 49 touchdown in two seasons as starting signal caller...named 2007 Toast-of-the-Coast All-Area and All-Zone, South Carolina High School Sports Report All-State, and academic all-state after passing for 2,472 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2007...team went 9-3 and earned state playoff appearance...led Conway to a 13-2 record, region championship, and state runner-up finish in 2006, passing for 2,410 yards and 22 touchdowns...National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Dakota Julius Derrick...son of Dirk and Michelle Derrick...born August 21, 1989, in Conway, South Carolina...has a brother, Peyton...grandfather, Julius Derrick, played tight end and defensive end at South Carolina, where he served as team captain in 1957...father played tight end at Wofford in the early 1980s.

### Matthew Gordon

# 21

**SE, 6-1, 191, Freshman**  
Birmingham, Alabama (Briarwood Christian School)

2008 graduate of Briarwood Christian (5A) School, which also produced 2007 Paladin All-Southern Conference tight end Larry Hedden and walk-on defensive back Brett Basik...football coach

# 2008 Furman Football

## The Paladins



was Fred Yancey...played wide receiver, safety, and also saw duty as a placekicker and kick return specialist...2007 Alabama Sportswriters Association first team all-state pick as a wide receiver... totaled 1,300 yards in receptions, 20 touchdown receptions, 150 tackles, and eight interceptions — five of which he returned for touchdowns — and seven field goals in two seasons of play at Briarwood Christian...as a senior caught 37 passes for 1,107 yards and 18 touchdowns in helping his squad to a 14-1 season and state runner-up finish...also tallied 55 tackles and two interceptions...recorded a monster game in a 42-0 win over Butler with four receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns, 98-yard interception return for a score, two forced fumbles and fumble recoveries, and three PAT conversions...had an 88-yard touchdown catch and 46-yard field goal in a 38-0 victory over Moody...also ran track.

**Personal:** Full name is Matthew Morris Gordon...son of Pat and Ovida Gordon...born August 22, 1989, in Birmingham, Alabama...has a brother, Patrick, and sister, Rebecca.

### Ben Granger

**P, 5-11, 165, Freshman**  
**Athens, Georgia (Clarke Central High School/Navy Prep)**

2007 graduate of Clarke Central (4A) High School and 2008 graduate of Navy Preparatory School... football coach at Clarke Central was Leroy Ryals...served as punter...averaged 38.6 yards per punt for his career and had 20 kicks inside the 20...first team all-region and All-Northeast Georgia selection as a senior...National Football Foundation and Hall-of-Fame Scholar-Athlete honoree... also played golf and basketball.

**Personal:** Full name is Benjamin Ryan Granger...son of Furman graduates Frank and Teresa Granger...born October 8, 1988, in Greenville, South Carolina...grandmother also attended Furman...has a brother, Adam...cousin, Matt Matheny, is associate head basketball coach at Davidson.

### Jordan Griffin

**CB, 5-10, 165, Freshman**  
**Fairburn, Georgia (Sandy Creek High School)**

2008 graduate of Sandy Creek (3A) High School...football coach was Chip Walker...played cornerback...registered 102 tackles, including 16 for-loss, 15 pass deflections, and two interceptions in his two-year career at Sandy Creek...earned first team all-county and all-area honors as a senior in keying his squad to an 11-1 record, region championship, and second round state playoff appearance...in all tallied 53 tackles, including 10 for-loss, nine pass breakups, and two interceptions in 2007...four-time Sandy Creek Scholar-Athlete honoree...also ran track and played baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Jordan Grant Griffin...son of Kathy and Gerard Griffin...born October 22, 1990, in Seattle, Washington...brother, Gerren, plays football at James Madison.

### Sam Hopkins

**DE, 6-4, 218, Freshman**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio (Culver Military Academy)**

2007 graduate of Culver (3A) Military Academy in Culver, Indiana... football coach was Andy Dospel...enrolled at Furman in March in time for spring practice...played tight end and linebacker... compiled 102 tackles, sacks, and two interceptions in two seasons of play...helped his team win nine games for only the second time in school history...served as unit commander his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Samuel Anderson Hopkins...son of Bruce and Erin Hopkins...born June 5, 1989, in Cincinnati, Ohio...has two brothers, Luke and Max...has participated in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

### Leander Jones

**CB, 5-11, 170, Freshman**  
**Aiken, South Carolina (South Aiken High School)**

2008 graduate of South Aiken High School...football coach was Robert Wrightenberry...played defensive back...tallied 204 tackles, five interceptions, 15 pass deflections, and three fumble recoveries in his career...two-time Aiken Standard All-Area selection...totalled 63 tackles, a pair of interceptions, and two fumble recoveries in 2007...helped South Aiken snap a 15-game losing skid to rival Aiken...U.S. Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete Award...Rotary Youth and Leadership Award, recipient...served as first chair saxophone in school band...also plays keyboard.

**Personal:** Full name is Leander Lee Jones, Jr...son of Leander and Josephine Jones...born May 6, 1990, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina...has a sister, Latrecia

### Will King

**QB, 5-10, 170, Freshman**  
**Rock Hill, South Carolina (Northwestern High School)**

2008 graduate of Northwestern (4A) High School...football coach was Jimmy Wallace...played quarterback...completed 389-of-668 passes for 4,959 yards and 57 touchdowns in a two-year career...passed for 3,395 yards and 41 touchdowns in 2007 in helping Northwestern to a 12-2 record, region championship, and No. 3 state ranking...named South Carolina Football Coaches Association Upper State Offensive Back-of-the-Year and High School Sports Report Offensive Player-of-the-Year...Charlotte Observer All-State...served as team captain and threw six TDs

in playoff game win over Irmo...member of three region title baseball teams...batted .390 and earned all-region honors as a shortstop in 2008...played in North-South All-Star Game...recipient of Bill Culp Leadership Award and Academic Excellence Award...Palmetto Boys State.

**Personal:** Full name is William Merritt King...son of Merritt and Kellye King...born January 19, 1990, in Rock Hill, South Carolina...has two siblings, Ashlyn and Weston.

### Walt Lenard

**TB, 6-0, 201, Freshman**  
**Atlanta, Georgia (Landmark Christian School)**

29

2008 graduate of Landmark (1A) Christian School...football coach was Kenny Dallas...played wide receiver as a junior before making the switch to running back his senior year...has only played football for two years...rushed 139 times for 1,404 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2007...averaged 9.5 yards per carry...also caught 26 passes for 550 yards and five TDs as a senior...named region player-of-the-year and 2007 Atlanta Journal-Constitution first team team all-state...currently averaging 16.8 ppg on Landmark Christian basketball team...also ran track...qualified for 2007 state track meet in four events, specializing in sprints...Leadership Academy...Beta Club.

**Personal:** Full name is Walter Tyrell Lenard...son of Sonya Lenard...legal guardian is his aunt, Jeanette Mackens...born October 25, 1989, in Chicago, Illinois...has a sister, La'Trese.

### Daniel McFadden

**FLK, 6-2, 180, Freshman**  
**Daytona Beach, Florida (Mainland High School)**

86

2008 graduate of Mainland (5A) High School...football coach was John Maronto...played wide receiver and tight end...career statistics include 31 receptions for 554 yards and eight touchdowns... caught 24 passes for 474 yards, and seven TDs his senior year in keying Mainland to an 8-5 record, district championship, and second round state playoff appearance...earned all-conference honors and was a 2007 Funcoast East vs. West All-Star Game selection...2006 squad posted a 13-1 record, first undefeated regular season in school history, and best season since 1938...squad advanced into fourth round of state playoffs before losing to No. 1 team in the nation, Lakeland...also ran track, specializing in the 110 and 300 meter hurdles and 4x400 meter relay...Who's Who Among American High School Students...recipient of Mainland and Chuck Butler Leadership Awards.

**Personal:** Full name is Daniel McFadden II...son of Cheryl McFadden...born August 7, 1990, in Jacksonville, Florida...has a sister, Sharon...cousin of Oakland Raiders running back Darren McFadden and Pittsburgh Steeler cornerback Bryant McFadden...plays the keyboard.

### Mitch McGrath

**ROV, 6-2, 180, Freshman**  
**Longwood, Florida (Lake Brantley High School)**

20

2008 graduate of Lake Brantley (6A) High School...football coach was George Clayton...played free safety and wide receiver...also served as a punt and kickoff return specialist...career statistics include 240 tackles, 14 interceptions, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries, 39 receptions for 620 yards and six touchdowns, and 700 yards in returns...named Orlando Sentinel 2007 Seminole County Defensive Player-of-the-Year and Central Florida All-Star after totaling 80 tackles on 9-2 squad that made its third consecutive state playoff appearance...also had 34 catches for 470 yards and four touchdowns in 2007...registered 92 tackles and six interceptions in 2006, helping Lake Brantley to 13-2 campaign and state runner-up finish...had 12 tackles, and interception, and 73 yards in returns in 2006 state title game loss to Miami-Northwest...earned basketball team MVP and fourth-team all-state honors as a junior after helping his squad to 24-5 record.

**Personal:** Full name is Mitchell Patrick McGrath...son of Tim McGrath and Marlene Jochum... born May 26, 1989, in Euclid, Ohio...has a brother, Connor...father played basketball at Cleveland State.

### Josh Moseley

**BAN, 5-9, 190, Freshman**  
**Newberry, South Carolina (Newberry High School)**

2008 graduate of Newberry (2A) High School...played linebacker, fullback and also handled long snapping duties...football coach was Sam Baird...two-time all-county selection as a fullback... served as team captain his senior year...racked up 80 tackles as a junior in helping Newberry to an Upper State championship...also played baseball and golf...Beta Club...West Point Leadership Award...received appointment to U.S. Military Academy.

**Personal:** Full name is Joshua Merritt Moseley...son of Merritt and Ann Moseley...born November 30, 1989, in Lexington, South Carolina...has a sister, Sarah, and a brother, William...uncle and cousin attended Furman...another uncle, Eddie Taylor, played football at Newberry.

### Bryan Poole

**NG, 5-11, 278, Freshman**  
**Marietta, Georgia (Kennesaw Mountain High School)**

79

2008 graduate of Kennesaw Mountain (5A) High School...football coach was Scott Jones...played defensive tackle...two-time all-conference choice...earned first team all-county honors in 2007