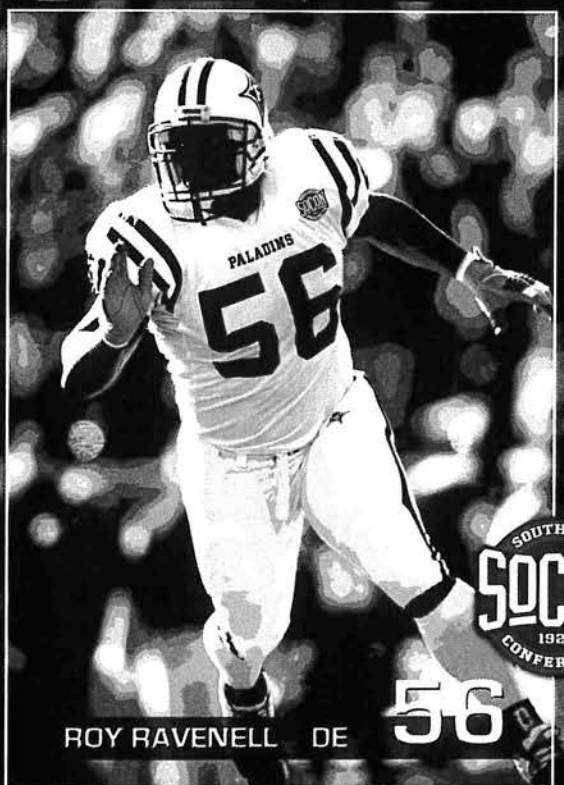
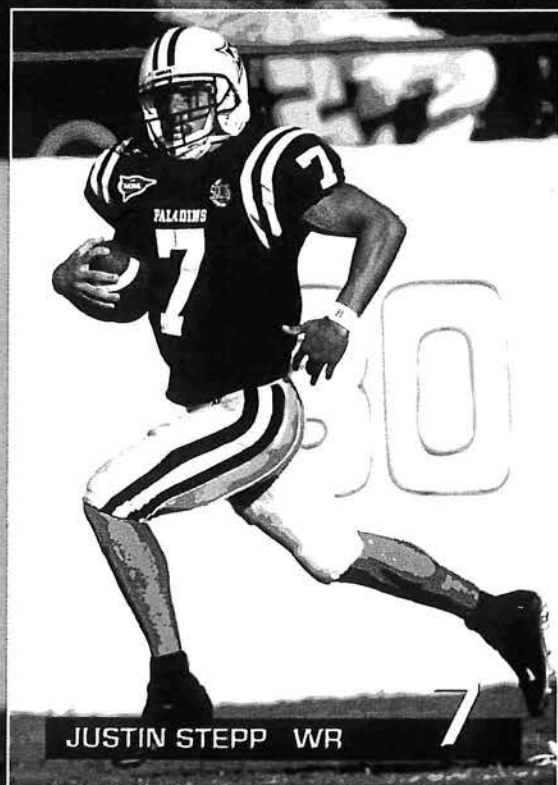
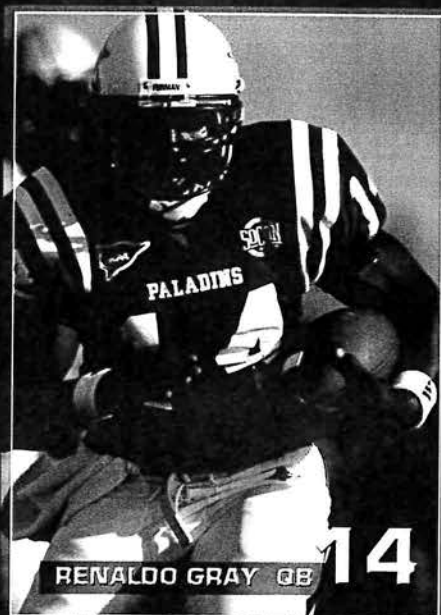


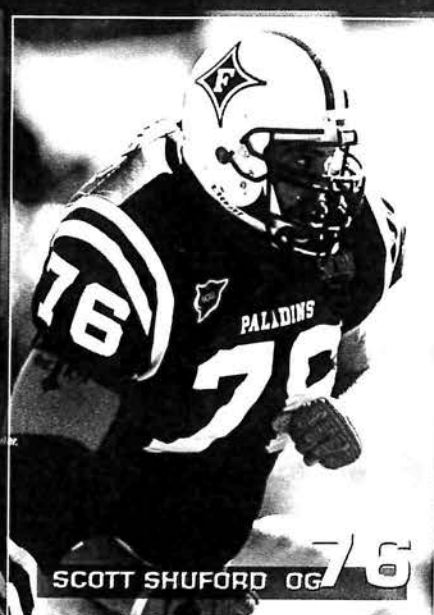
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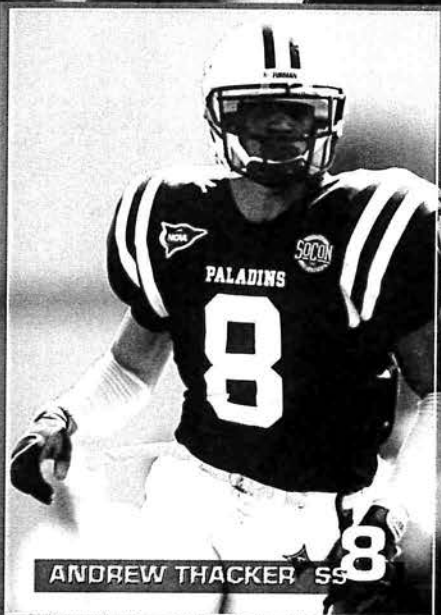
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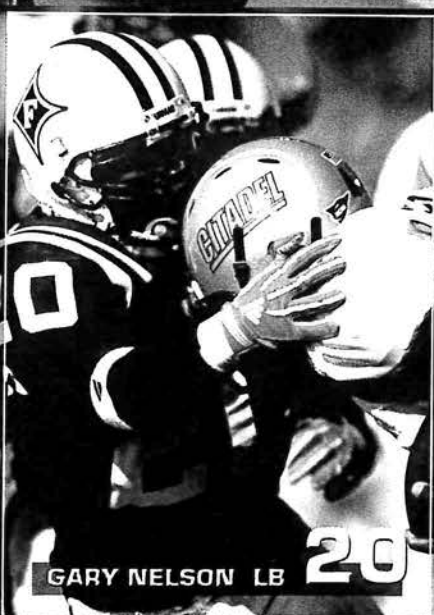
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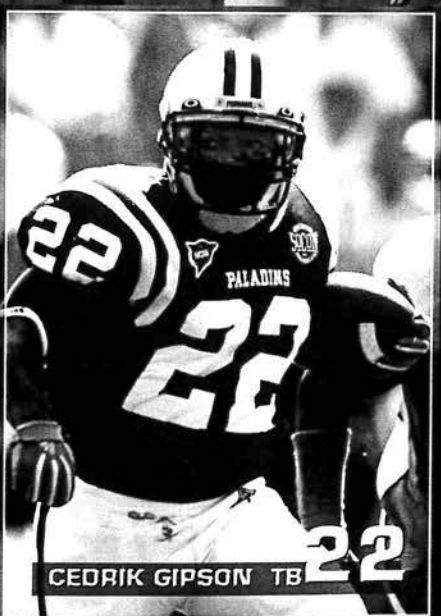
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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 (NCAA I-AA)
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	35-15 (5th Year)
Overall Record	35-15 (5th Year)
Assistant Coaches	Drew Cronin (Wide Receivers), Julius Dixon (Defensive Ends), Jeff Farrington (Defensive Backs), Desmond Kitchings (Tight Ends), Clay Hendrix (Offensive Line), Roberto Pinilla (Defensive Line), Bob Price (Punters, Kickers), Tim Sorrells (Offensive Coordinator, Running Backs), Steve Wilson (Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers)
Video Coordinator	Eric DeLaet
Football Administrative Assistant	Diane Rainey
Offensive System	Multiple I
Defensive System	43
Lettermen Returning/Lost	42/21
Offensive Lettermen Returning/Lost	18/11
Defensive Lettermen Returning/Lost	21/8
Specialist Lettermen Returning/Lost	3/2
Starters Returning/Lost	14/10
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost	5/6
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost	8/3
Specialist Starters Returning/Lost	1/1
2005 Record	11-3
2005 Southern Conference Record (Finish)	5-2 (T2nd)
NCAA I-AA Final Ranking (Sports Network)	3
First Year Of Football	1889
All-Time Record (100 Seasons)	535-402-38

## 2006 FURMAN PALADINS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Series
Sept. 2	JACKSONVILLE STATE (CSTV)	1:30	2-0
Sept. 9	WEST GEORGIA	6:00	0-0
Sept. 16	@ North Carolina (ESPNU)	7:00	1-4
Sept. 23	WESTERN CAROLINA * (CSS)	7:00	21-10-2
Sept. 30	@ Wofford * (CSS)	3:30	48-24-7
Oct. 7	@ Coastal Carolina (CSS)	7:00	0-0
Oct. 14	THE CITADEL (Parents' Weekend) *	2:00	53-29-3
Oct. 21	CHATTANOOGA (Homecoming) *	2:00	22-13
Oct. 28	@ Appalachian State *	TBA	21-12-3
Nov. 4	@ Elon *	2:00	8-1
Nov. 11	GEORGIA SOUTHERN * (CSS)	3:30	5-12

\* Southern Conference Game — All Times Eastern and Subject To Change

## 2005 FURMAN PALADINS FOOTBALL RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Result	Attendance
Sept. 1	@ Jacksonville State	37-35	W	13,982
Sept. 10	@ Western Carolina*	21-41	L	9,847
Sept. 17	SAMFORD	45-23	W	13,452
Sept. 24	HOFSTRA	(2OT) 44-41	W	9,844
Oct. 1	GARDNER-WEBB	48-31	W	10,127
Oct. 8	APPALACHIAN STATE*	34-31	W	14,138
Oct. 15	@ The Citadel*	(3OT) 39-31	W	12,880
Oct. 22	ELON*	45-6	W	11,916
Nov. 5	@ Georgia Southern*	24-27	L	19,808
Nov. 12	WOFFORD*	34-21	W	13,764
Nov. 19	@ Chattanooga*	56-35	W	5,548
Nov. 26	NICHOLLS STATE#	14-12	W	4,125
Dec. 3	@ Richmond#	24-20	W	6,603
Dec. 10	@ Appalachian State#	23-29	L	15,107

\* Southern Conference Game — # NCAA I-AA Playoffs

Overall Record (11-3); Southern Conference Record (5-2, T2nd); Final National Ranking (3rd)

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**PRESS BOX:** Furman working press facilities are located atop the home stands at Paladin Stadium. The fifth level houses space for sportswriters, home and visiting radio, home and visiting coaches, and public address. The top (roof) level is reserved for home and visiting game video and television. Only working press, coaches, and game administration personnel with valid credentials will be admitted to these two levels.

**PRESS PASSES:** All requests for working press credentials should be directed to the SID. Passes not furnished by return mail must be picked up in person at the "Press Will-Call" window located on the ground floor of the press tower.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Photographers must secure sideline passes from the sports information director and adhere to a working area designated as "any area along the sidelines (except between the 30-yard lines) and beyond the end zones."

**PARKING:** Media parking is located near the press tower.

**SERVICES:** Game programs, flip cards, and statistics are provided at every Furman home game. A meal and drinks will also be served prior to every contest. Post-game interviews will be conducted in separate defined locations outside each team's locker room. Internet connections are available in the press box for users utilizing 802.11B or later wireless technology.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS:** The best time to interview players in person is before practice, at approximately 3:10 p.m. Phone interviews will be arranged at the player's convenience, but it is asked that all player interviews (in-person or via-phone) be arranged through Hunter Reid at Timmons Arena (864) 294-2061.

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Ticket Office:	294-3099	Ticket Office Fax:	294-3269
Football Press Box:	294-3066		



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

### SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

A member of the Furman athletics staff since 1985, Hunter Reid is now entering his 21st year as sports information director.

As Furman's SID, Reid oversees publicity efforts for the school's 17 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, 44, 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, 23 months. The couple also have two dogs, Saul, a low maintenance Boxer, and Jinx, a Jack Russell Terrier that respects no authority but her own.

### FURMAN FOOTBALL ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

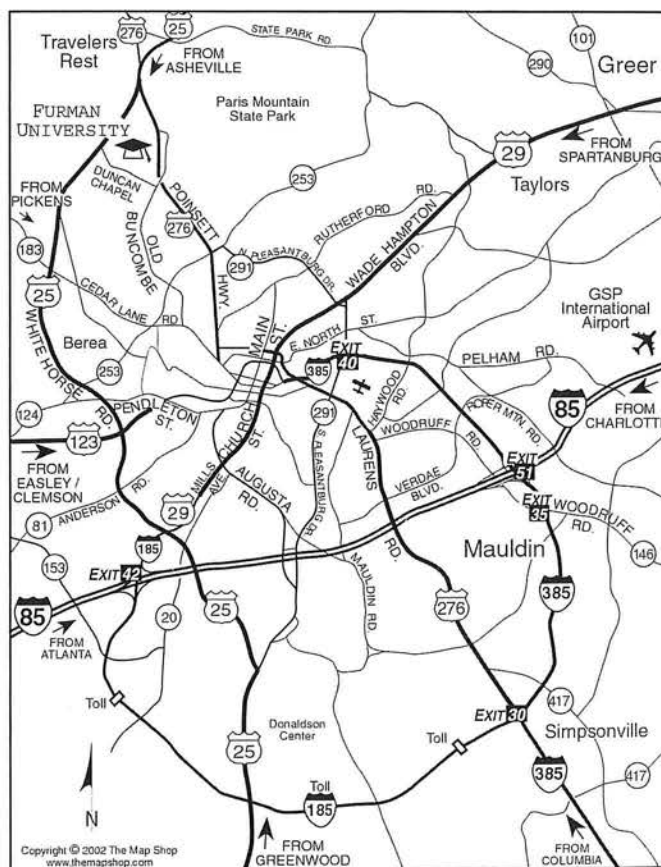
Furman Paladins football information can be accessed on the world wide web through the school's official athletics home page: [www.furmanpaladins.com](http://www.furmanpaladins.com). Available information includes program quick facts, schedule/results, coaches' and player biographies, rosters, game stories and statistics, cumulative season statistics, press releases, ticket information, as well as information on Paladin Stadium, Furman's radio network, and links to the Southern Conference and NCAA.

## FURMANPALADINS.COM

The Official Web Site of the Furman Paladins

### 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.



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Furman football action can be heard over the Paladins' radio network, headed up by Walhalla flagship station WGOG-FM 96.3, and over Greer station WPJM-AM 800 and WFIS-AM 1600 in Fountain Inn, as well as the world wide web through Yahoo!, Furman's official internet broadcast partner. In addition all home game broadcasts will be available inside Paladin Stadium via transmitter at 105.9 FM.

Chuck Hussion, the "Voice of the Furman Paladins" and the director of athletic sales and promotions, is back for his 13th season. Hussion has been honored three times as Georgia's Sportscaster of the Year while at WCNN radio and WSB radio in Atlanta, Ga.

In addition to his work at Furman, Hussion's experience includes radio play-by-play announcer of Georgia Tech baseball, basketball, and football and University of Georgia basketball and baseball. He has also delivered play-by-play for numerous regional collegiate baseball telecasts, including the Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament in Hoover, Ala., for Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).

A native of Grafton, W. Va., Hussion earned a bachelor's degree in political science from West Virginia University and in December of 2005 was awarded a master of science degree in integrated marketing communications from WVU.

Joining him with color commentary this year will be Gordon Higgins, who for the past 12 seasons has served as sidelines analyst on the network. Higgins is an award winning sports broadcaster who lives in Talmo, Georgia. He currently serves as director of community relations and athletics for the Hall County School System in Gainesville, Ga. He is also a former high school football coach in Decatur and Gainesville Ga.

All-America and three time All-Southern Conference offensive lineman Corey Stewart begins his first season as sidelines analyst for the network. Stewart is a 2006 Furman graduate and works in the Atlanta area. He started 33 games for the Paladins in his four-year career.

For the 13th consecutive year Furman baseball coach Ron



**FURMAN FOOTBALL BROADCAST TEAM** (Front Row, l-r): Gordon Higgins, Chuck Hussion, Julius van de Laar. (Back Row, l-r): Clint Hill, Ed Patterson, Dwight Covington, Corey Stewart.

Smith will serve as the **Chick Fil A Cherrydale Point Paladin Tailgate Show** co-host along with newcomer Dwight Covington outside Paladin Stadium. Nine-year Furman broadcast team veteran Dave Cohen and former Furman offensive lineman Ed Patterson will handle pre-game festivities at Chick Fil A Cherrydale Point. Cohen also handles the Lowes Home Warehouse halftime and post game highlights shows.

Also returning are spotters Clint Hill, who begins his third season as part of the Furman broadcast team and former Furman basketballer Julius Van De Laar, who this summer served a television internship with local station WSPA, Channel 7.

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



The 2005-06 athletic year proved to be another solid campaign for Furman's 17-sport intercollegiate athletics program as Paladin teams won four Southern Conference championships and secured four NCAA Tournament bids. In addition, Paladin student athletes compiled an impressive share of individual accomplishments, thereby adding to the school's national distinction for athletic and academic excellence.

Furman claimed SoCon regular season championships in men's and women's tennis and also added tournament crowns in both sports. In addition, football and women's golf earned NCAA at-large tournament bids.

All told, three Furman student-athletes earned All-America honors and two landed SoCon Tournament Most Valuable Player accolades. Furman also produced one player and coach-of-the-year, and Paladin student-athletes captured two of the seven post-graduate scholarships awarded by the SoCon for 2005-06.

The year's highlights include...

## FOOTBALL

The Furman Paladins kicked off the 2005-06 athletic year in impressive fashion by posting an 11-3 record, NCAA I-AA playoff appearance, and No. 3 final national ranking.

The Paladins opened the season in dramatic fashion by edging Jacksonville State, 37-35, on the game's final play. After seeing its seven-game series winning streak snapped the following week at Western Carolina, Furman bounced back by winning six straight, including a 44-41 double overtime decision over Hofstra and a 34-31 victory over Appalachian State in Greenville. Furman also knocked off arch-rival The Citadel, 39-31, in triple overtime in Charleston for its sixth win in the last seven games against the Bulldogs.

Two weeks later Furman saw its winning streak snapped with a 27-24 loss at Georgia Southern, but the Paladins rebounded by closing the Southern Conference season with a pair of impressive wins, including a 34-31 triumph over Wofford and 56-35 rout at Chattanooga.

Furman edged a game Nicholls State squad 14-12 in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action at Paladin Stadium and then hit the road for a quarterfinal round clash at Richmond, where the Paladins closed out the Spiders, 24-20, with a dramatic defensive stand on the game's final possession. The next week Furman saw its season end with a 29-23 setback against Appalachian State in Boone, N.C.

Keying Furman's success was senior quarterback Ingle Martin,



Quarterback/punter Ingle Martin was the catalyst behind Furman's 11-3 football season in 2005.



2006 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year Laura Gioia helped Furman to its eighth straight league regular season women's tennis championship.

who broke his own school single season passing record with 2,959 yards and 20 touchdowns while directing the most productive offensive in school history (470.0 ypg). Martin also led the Southern Conference in punting, averaging 43.2 yards per attempt.

The Paladins' outstanding campaign generated a number of individual honors, including 13 All-SoCon selections. On the national scene three Paladins — Martin, center Corey Stewart, and offensive guard Patrick Covington — landed All-America citations, and fullback Jerome Felton was named to the I-AA.org national all-star team.

In May, the Green Bay Packers selected Martin, Furman's 2005-06 Male Athlete-of-the-Year, in the fifth round of the National Football League Draft.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Under the direction of first year head coach Andrew Burr, Furman's women soccer team produced another in a long line of successful seasons, going 14-6-2 overall and 7-1-2 in Southern Conference action, good for a second place regular season finish.

The Lady Paladins' shook off a 2-4 start by winning 12 of their final 16 matches, including a 1-0 decision over nationally 10th-ranked Ohio State and dramatic 4-3 double overtime triumph over UNC Greensboro that saw Furman overcome a 3-0 deficit. Down the stretch the Lady Paladins notched eight shutouts in their final 11 matches before falling in the tournament championship match.

Furman was paced by midfielder Andre'a Morrison, who scored 15 goals and added four assists. A two-time All-SoCon and league all-tournament selection, the former 2003 league player-of-the-year honoree rounded out a stellar career by capturing a prestigious SoCon Renaissance Agencies Post-Graduate Scholarship, as well as Furman's Edna Hartness Female Athlete-of-the-Year honor for 2005-06. The Kenersville, N.C., product graduated in June with a 3.50 grade point average in health and exercise science.

Goal keeper teammate Andie Hinshaw from Raleigh, N.C., took home a SoCon Post-Graduate Scholarship sponsored by Sony Corporation before graduating with a 3.80 grade point average in Spanish and political science.

The Lady Paladins' impressive classroom credentials also included the work turned in by defender Erin Sanders, who captured Furman's Elizabeth Blackwell Academic Achievement Award. The Charlotte, N.C., native and health and exercise science major re-

corded a 3.86 GPA during her Furman tenure.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Furman's Lady Paladin tennis team continued its dominating run this decade by going 19-7, winning the program's eighth consecutive SoCon championship (and 14th overall), and earning its seventh NCAA Tournament berth in eight years.

After starting the season 2-5, the Lady Paladin netters reeled off 17 wins in their final 19 matches, including 12 straight during one run before falling to Kentucky in NCAA Tournament play. The 2006 season also featured nine consecutive decisions over SoCon foes — including six shutouts — to extend the program's league regular season match winning streak to 70. The dominant run through league competition was further underscored by the fact that the Lady Paladins dropped only four of the 63 individual matches contested during the regular season.

Leading the way for Furman was freshman Laura Gioia, a Tampa, Fla., product who posted a 13-10 record at No. 1 singles en route to capturing SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year honors. Junior Bonnie Baird from Raleigh, N.C., racked up the team's best singles record by going 18-4 at No. 5 singles and earning league tournament MVP accolades. Overall the Lady Paladins dominated the all-conference team with three of the six singles selections and two of the three all-conference doubles teams.

Debbie Southern was named SoCon Coach-of-the-Year for the fourth consecutive year and ninth time in her career, and also shared Furman's J. Lyles Alley Coach-of-the-Year honor.

## MEN'S TENNIS

Furman's men's tennis team fashioned an outstanding 2006 campaign, going 20-11, winning its seventh Southern Conference regular season title and 12th league tournament championship, and making its second NCAA Tournament appearance.

Playing its usual rugged non-conference schedule against the likes of Florida, Alabama, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Tennessee, and Wake Forest, Furman started the campaign 1-6 before rallying to go 19-5 over the final 24 matches, including 13-1 during one stretch before falling at nationally top-ranked Georgia in NCAA Tournament action.

Furman posted an 8-1 regular season record against league



Ben Pauluhn's solid play at No. 1 singles keyed Furman to a 20-11 record, SoCon regular season and tournament crowns, and NCAA Tournament berth in 2006.



foes and clipped Appalachian State (4-0), College of Charleston (4-1) and Chattanooga (4-2) to capture SoCon Tournament title in Charleston, S.C.

Freshman Andy Juc from Moldova, Russia, paced the Paladin attack at No. 2 singles, going 18-10 and earning SoCon Tournament MVP honors. Overland, Mo., senior and No. 1 singles performer Ben Pauluhn, meanwhile, received the league's Buddy Hartsell/Don Bunch Sportsmanship Award.

Veteran head coach Paul Scarpa was named co-recipient of Furman's J. Lyles Alley Coach-of-the-Year honor.

## BASEBALL

Furman's baseball team authored another chapter of success in 2006 by posting a 32-23 overall record and 16-11 Southern Conference third place regular season finish. The 32 wins matched the most victories in school history, and the Paladins' third place finish flew in the face of a consensus preseason No. 7 pick by league coaches and sports information directors.

Season highlights included a 5-4 win over ACC regular season/tournament champion and College World Series participant Clemson, a pair of victories over Coastal Carolina, Penn State, and Miami of Ohio, a 5-4 decision over West Virginia, and series wins over arch-rival The Citadel, Georgia Southern, and Western Carolina. In addition, on May 16 Furman played South Carolina at Greenville's new West End Field in front of 6,155 fans — the largest crowd to ever witness a Paladin baseball contest.

Fueling Furman's success was a record setting offense that

featured a school season record .324 batting average. Led by senior shortstop and SoCon Player-of-the-Year A.J. Davidiuk (.362, 11 HR, 48 RBI), and senior first baseman Case Cassidy (.366, 7 HR, 58 RBI), Furman banged out a program record 52 home runs and scored 410 runs, also a new school standard. Cassidy, who cracked a Furman record 23 doubles, was named national hitter-of-the-week after hitting for the cycle in a 17-11 romp over Appalachian State and delivering the game winning hit versus Clemson.

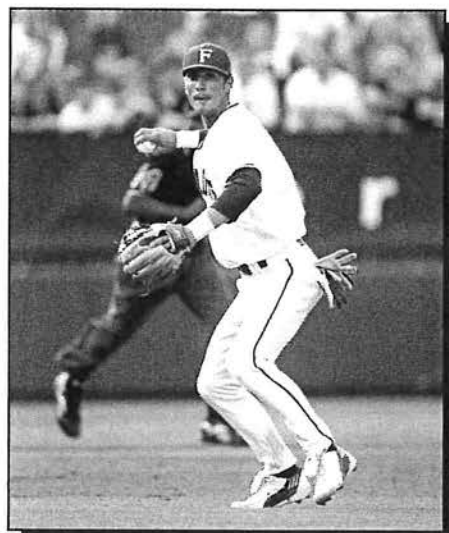
Following the season Davidiuk was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 29th round of the MLB Draft, and senior left-handed pitcher Ryan Hodinka, who posted a staff leading 9-2 record in 2006, signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals.

## 2005-06 FURMAN ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

✓ After posting a 15-47 record in 2005, Furman's softball team displayed dramatic improvement by going 29-37 in 2006 and advancing to the Southern Conference Tournament finals with wins over College of Charleston (4-1), Elon (7-6) and Chattanooga (3-2). Senior second baseman Joni Lockridge was the recipient of Furman's Student-Athlete Achievement Award.

✓ Under first year head coach Jen Hanna and behind the solid play of Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year selection Kathleen Ekey, Furman's women's golf team earned its 14th straight bid to NCAA regional play.

✓ Former Furman soccer standout, New England Revolution star, and United States National Team member Clint Dempsey was the lone goal scorer for the United States in 2006 World Cup competi-



Furman baseball tied a school record with 32 wins in 2006 behind the strong play of shortstop and SoCon Player-of-the-Year A.J. Davidiuk.

tion.

✓ In March Furman announced the hiring of former Vanderbilt assistant Jeff Jackson as the program's new head men's basketball coach.

## 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 Playoffs — (14)  
1982-83-85-86-88-89-90-96-99-00-01-02-04-05

### MEN'S SOCCER

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (17)  
1983-84-86-87-88-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-98-99-00-01-02  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (11)  
1988-89-91-92-93-94-96-97-99-00-01  
NCAA Tournament — (6)  
1991-93-99-00-01-02

### 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 — (7)  
1992-93-94-98-01-02-06

SoCon Tournament Champion — (12)  
1969-72-76-77-86-87-90-91-93-97-01-06  
NCAA Tournament — (2)  
2001-06

### 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 — (3)  
1999-02-04  
NCAA Tournament — (4)  
1999-00-02-04

### 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 — (1)  
1994

### WOMEN'S TENNIS\*

SoCon Regular Season Champion — (11)  
1992-93-94-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06  
SoCon Tournament Champion — (14)  
1987-89-91-92-93-94-98-99-00-01-02-04-05-06  
NCAA Tournament — (7)  
1999-00-01-02-04-05-06

### WOMEN'S GOLF

SoCon Tournament Champion — (11)  
1994-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-04-05  
AIAW Tournament — (7)  
1974-75-76-77-78-80-82  
NCAA Tournament — (21)  
1983-84-85-86-87-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02-03-04-05-06

\* 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).

**Bold Year** -- National Champion

## FURMAN SOCON CHAMPIONSHIP/NCAA TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

	Men	Women	Total
SoCon Regular Season Championships .....	45	25	70
SoCon Tournament Championships .....	50	35	85
NCAA Tournament Appearances .....	38	#41	79
National Championships .....	1	1	2





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 33 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 linebacker **Orlando Ruff '99**, recently of the Cleveland Browns, wide receivers **Isaac West '05** of the Pittsburgh Steelers and **Brian Bratton '05** of the Baltimore Ravens, free safety **Cam Newton '05** of the Atlanta Falcons, and quarterback **Ingle Martin '06**, a recent fifth round draft selection of the Green Bay Packers.

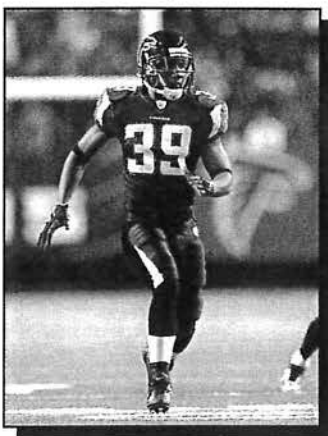
Furman's representatives on the PGA Tour include **Brad Faxon '83**, who as a senior captured the Fred Haskins Award as the nation's top collegiate golfer, and **Matt Davidson '04**. Winner of nine professional tournaments and more than \$8 million in career earnings, Faxon has twice represented the United States in Ryder Cup competition.

Few collegiate women's golf programs have produced more outstanding professionals than Furman, which boasts 10 former 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** 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 — and 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's most recent additions to the professional ranks include soccer standouts **Ricardo Clark '02** and **Clint Dempsey '03**. Clark was the Major League Soccer's No. 2 overall draft pick in 2003 and member of the 2006 National Team. Dempsey, meanwhile, of the New England Revolution, garnered MLS Rookie-of-the-Year honors in 2004 and Radio Shack Best XI honors in 2005. He was the lone goal scorer for the United States in 2006 World Cup competition. In addition, **John Barry Nusum '01** was named Major Indoor Soccer League's Rookie-of-the-Year for the



**Ingle Martin**  
Green Bay Packers

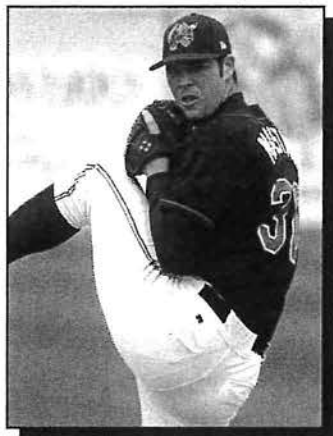


**Cam Newton**  
Atlanta Falcons



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



**Tom Mastny**  
Buffalo Bisons



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



**Clint Dempsey**  
New England Revolution, U.S. National Team



**Beth Daniel**  
LPGA Hall-of-Fame, 32 Career Victories

### FURMAN PALADINS IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS (Active or on 2005-06 rosters)

#### Baseball

Matthew Betsill '05, 3B, Elizabethton Twins (Appalachian, R)  
A.J. Davidiuk '06, 3B, Arizona Padres (Arizona, R)  
Ryan Hodinka '06, LHP, State College Spikes (N.Y.-Penn, A)  
Tom Mastny '03, RHP, Buffalo Bisons (International, AAA)  
Danny Rueckel '01, RHP, New Orleans Zephyrs (Pacific Coast, AAA)

#### Men's Basketball

Guilherme Da Luz '03, G, Dix Amico Paulistano, Brazil (A1 League)  
Maleye Ndoye '04, F, Dijon, Bourgogne, France (A League)  
Karim Souchu '03, F, Liege, Belgium (A League)

#### Women's Basketball

Jen Nadalin '05, F, Venezia Reyer, Italy

#### Football

Orlando Ruff '99 LB, Cleveland Browns, NFL  
Cam Newton '05, FS, Atlanta Falcons, NFL  
Brian Bratton '05, WR, Baltimore Ravens, NFL  
Ingle Martin '06, QB, Green Bay Packers, NFL

#### Men's Golf

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

#### Women's Golf

Caroline Blaylock '95, LPGA Tour  
Dara Broadus '01, Futures Tour  
Ashli Bunch '97, LPGA Tour  
Diana D'Aleesio '97, LPGA Tour  
Beth Daniel '78, LPGA Tour  
Jen Hanna '98, LPGA Tour  
Brandi Jackson '03, Futures Tour  
Sarah Johnston '04, Futures Tour  
Denise Killeen '84, LPGA Tour  
Betsy King '77, LPGA Tour  
Sherri Turner '79, LPGA Tour  
Jennifer Perri '02, Futures Tour  
Maggie Will '87, LPGA Tour

#### Soccer

Ricardo Clark '02, Houston Dynamo, MLS  
Clint Dempsey '03, New England Revolution, MLS  
John Barry Nusum '01, Virginia Beach Mariners (USL1D) & Philadelphia Kixx (MISL)  
Ronnie Pascale '99, Richmond Kickers (USL2D)  
Sergei Raad '02, Kansas City Wizards, MLS

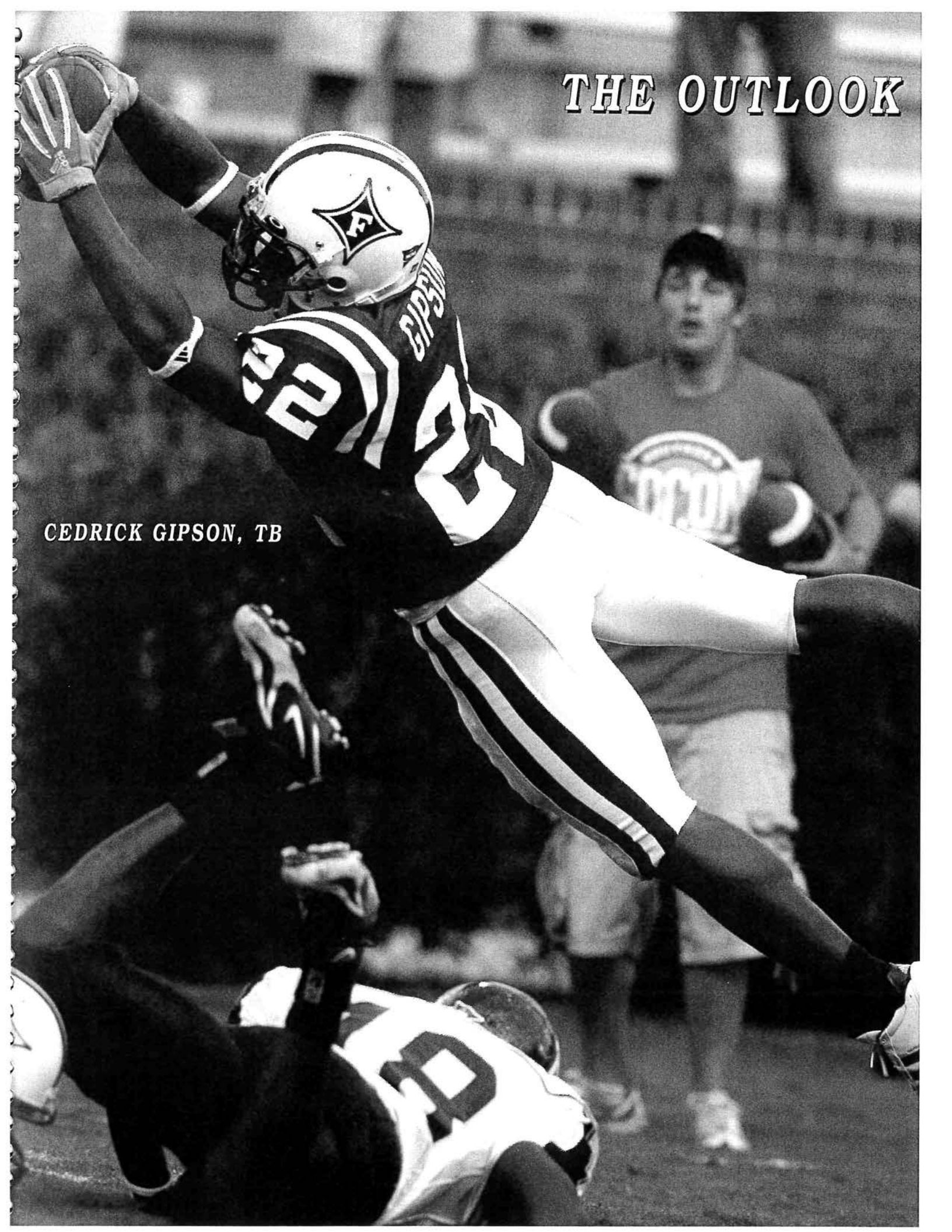
2004-05 season.

In baseball five former Paladin standouts have entered the professional ranks this decade, among whom are right-handed pitchers **Danny Rueckel '01** of the Triple A New Orleans Zephyrs

of the Pacific Coast League and **Tom Mastny '03** of the Triple A Buffalo Bisons of the International League. Third baseman **A.J. Davidiuk '06** joined the pro ranks in June after being drafted in the 29th round by San Diego Padres.

# THE OUTLOOK

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Owner of a 21-6 record the last two seasons and the fifth best mark (56-21) in NCAA I-AA this decade, the Furman Paladins will attempt to extend the program's excellence this fall.

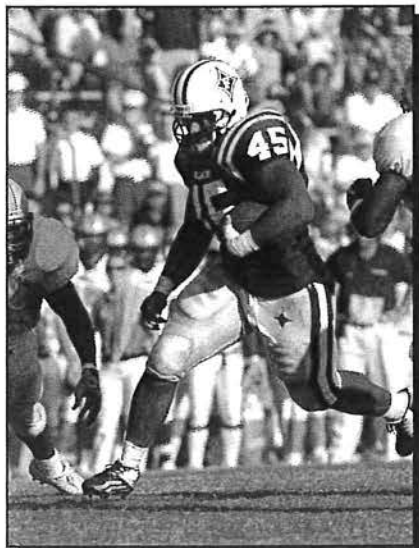
With 42 lettermen and 14 starters returning off last year's 11-3 squad that literally came within a step of advancing to the national championship game, Furman will look to use the program's recent success as a catalyst for the 2006 campaign.

"Despite the disappointment in the way our season ended last year, there's a lot of confidence in our program right now based on the what we've accomplished the last two seasons," says head coach Bobby Lamb, who enters his fifth campaign as coach of the Paladin program. "That confidence was evident in spring practice because it was apparent we are better at several positions than we were at the end of last season. Based on that, I think we have a chance to have another successful year."

Among the Paladins' 14 returning starters are eight defensive regulars, plus two experienced offensive linemen, the squad's two top wide receivers, and what many believe is the premier fullback in NCAA I-AA.

Furman's graduation losses, however, were significant in quality and include record setting quarterback/punter Ingle Martin, a fifth round draft selection of the Green Bay Packers, a trio of three-year starters in the offensive line, including All-American guard Patrick Covington and center Corey Stewart, and All-Southern Conference tight end John Rust. In addition, the Paladins graduated a pair of veteran tailbacks in Brandon Mays and Daric Carter, plus All-America linebacker William Freeman.

Despite the losses and some needed work in taking care of the football and forcing turnovers after ranking 100th in NCAA I-AA in turnover margin (18 gained, 28 lost) a year ago, it appears Furman, which finished the 2005 campaign ranked No. 3 nationally and has made six trips to the playoffs in the last seven years, again has the potential to be a force in NCAA I-AA this fall.



Fullback Jerome Felton (940 yards, 20 TDs in 2005) ranks among the most productive running backs in NCAA I-AA.

## DEFENSE

2005 was not a great year for Furman's defense. In fact, according to Lamb, the success the team fashioned a year ago, highlighted by a 34-31 regular season triumph over eventual national champion Appalachian State, was achieved despite less-than-stellar defensive play — an assertion underscored by the fact that the Paladins slipped in every conference defensive statistical ranking following a stellar, senior laden 2004 campaign. Those struggles, it is hoped, will be history this fall due to the return of eight starters and a reinvigorated defensive front under new direction.

Defense:	43
Lettermen Returning/Lost:	21/8
Starters Returning/Lost:	8/3
2005 Rushing Defense:	178.1 (5/79)
2005 Passing Defense:	190.1 (5/45)
2005 Passing Efficiency Defense:	125.4 (5/67)
2005 Total Defense:	368.3 (5/67)
2005 Scoring Defense:	27.4 (6/72)
2005 Red Zone Defense:	779.2 % (7th in SoCon)
2005 Opponent Third Down Conversions:	41.1% (4th in SoCon)
2005 Opponent Fourth Down Conversions:	54.8% (7th in SoCon)
2005 Sacks:	15 (6th in SoCon)
(Southern Conference Rank/National Rank)	

"We were very average — at best — on defense last year," says Lamb. "That fact provided us with a lot of motivation in spring practice because everybody saw how poor we were and how

much better we need to be. It raised the competition level at virtually every position. From a defensive standpoint, right now we're way ahead of where we were at this point last year, and we're deeper at virtually every position on that side of the football."

## DEFENSIVE LINE

Furman returns nine lettermen and all four starters along its defensive front, and that's good news for an area that may hold the biggest key to the team's improvement this fall. In addition, several young players and a transfer appear poised to make an impact and provide much needed depth.

Headlining the list of returning starters will be end Roy Ravenell (6-2, 255, Sr.), who is looking to return to the form he displayed in 2004 when he racked up six and a half sacks en route to capturing All-America honors. Furman's most experienced defensive player with 30 career starts, he notched 71 tackles and a pair of quarterback takedowns last year on a unit that managed just 15 sacks.

Set to join Ravenell at the other end slot will be Wallace Artis (6-4, 267, Jr.), who started the first four games at defensive tackle in 2005 before making the switch to end, where he displayed steady improvement and potential as a pass rusher as evidenced by his team leading four sacks. He finished the campaign with 60 tackles, including 10 tackles-for-loss.

The interior of the Paladin defensive front will be anchored by nose guard Wesley Bray (6-2, 278, Sr.), Furman's strongest player (555-pound squat, 475-pound bench press, and 346-pound hang clean) who is entering his third season of starting duty after registering 44 tackles a year ago.

The aforementioned increased competition for playing time on defense is probably best reflected by the fact that Jeff Fambrough (6-0, 273, Sr.), a starter at tackle in the final nine games last year, will likely serve as a backup nose guard this fall. Fambrough's move should clear the way for a trio of highly regarded second year players to emerge, including Ricky Jones (6-3, 264, So.), Justin Brown (5-11, 280, R-Fr.), and Corey Ray (6-1, 280, R-Fr.) — all of whom turned in solid spring practices. Brown, in particular, could be a difference maker this fall according to first year defensive line coach Roberto Pinilla.

Experienced depth was in short supply at defensive end in 2005, but that shouldn't be a problem this season as the two positions now boast five players with quality experience. Gaines Burnett (6-1, 245, So.), a strong, versatile young performer with good speed, will provide backup duty to Ravenell and Artis after racking up 23 stops, including four-for-loss, as a true freshman last year. Also expected to push for playing time behind Ravenell will be Jay Jay Mars (6-1, 244, So.), who sports big play ability, and Paul White (6-2, 232, So.), who earned starts in the Paladins first four games a year ago.

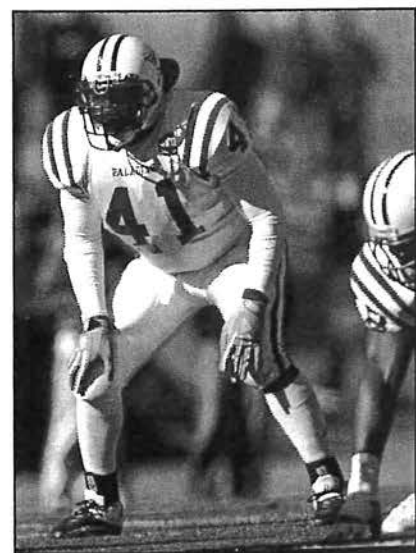
The Paladin defensive front should also benefit from the addition of transfer nose guard Sam Wilson (6-2, 285, Tr-Fr.), who joined the program in June following one season at Southern Mississippi.

## LINEBACKERS

The graduation of two-time All-America and 2004 Defensive Player-of-the-Year linebacker William Freeman is Furman's biggest loss on defense, but one that should be overcome by the return of six lettermen and two starters, including an all-conference performer.

Gary Nelson (6-1, 218, Jr.) returns at strong side linebacker after tallying 76 tackles in 13 starts a year ago. The owner of 18 career starts, he will be backed up by highly regarded Philip Morris (6-1, 234, R-Fr.).

2005 All-SoCon selection Andrew Jones (5-11, 232, Jr.), is back to man the middle linebacking post after racking up 129 stops, 13 tackles-for-loss, and three and a half sacks in his first season as a starter. A hard-nosed, durable playmaker, his presence will be a major plus for the Paladin defense this fall.



All-Southern Conference linebacker Andrew Jones racked up 129 tackles in 2005.



Expected to take over for Freeman at weak side linebacker will be **Brandon Williams (6-1, 236, So.)** and **Clifton Dortch (6-1, 218, Jr.)**. Williams, Furman's 2005 Freshman-of-the-Year, is coming off a 50-tackle campaign a year ago, and Dortch is a two-year letterman with quality experience. Another promising young linebacking prospect is **Hunter Twitty (6-0, 221, So.)**.

## SECONDARY

Furman's secondary appears to be poised for improvement despite the loss of a pair of regulars. The optimism is based on the fact that the Paladins return an all-conference player at cornerback, a two-year starter at strong safety, and another veteran who sports noteworthy experience, including some starting duty.

At left cornerback Furman welcomes back all-conference choice **Austin Holmes (5-8, 185, Jr.)**. In 2005 Holmes began the season in a backup role but quickly supplanted a senior on the way to earning 12 starts and racking up 56 tackles along with a team high four interceptions and 11 pass deflections. His backup will be **John Castleberry (6-1, 190, R-Fr.)**.

The graduation of Maurice Duncan at right cornerback has paved the way for **William Middleton (5-10, 190, So.)** to move into the starting lineup. He should be pushed for action by **Masharn Austin (5-8, 172, So.)**, who used an impressive spring practice to elevate his bid for action after sitting out the entire 2005 campaign with a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

The safety positions will be manned by a pair of veterans. **Andrew Thacker (6-1, 198, Jr.)**, the Paladins' most experienced defensive back with 22 career starts, will move from free safety to strong safety to make room for **Jeremy Blocker (6-0, 187, Sr.)**, a three-year letterman with three career starts. Thacker, who two years ago was named SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year, was credited with 66 tackles while Blocker registered 56 stops and a pair of interceptions a year ago.

**Rico Scott (5-11, 206, Jr.)** and **Thomas Twitty (5-11, 204, So.)** are expected to provide backup duty at safety.



Jeremy Blocker will take over starting duties at strong safety.

## OFFENSE

With quarterback Ingle Martin at the helm and operating behind one of the best offensive lines to ever wear the purple and white, Furman averaged a school season record and Southern Conference leading 470.0 yards per game a year ago featuring some of the most balanced offensive numbers in program history.

Offense .....	Multiple
Lettermen Returning/Lost .....	18/11
Starters Returning/Lost .....	5/6
2005 Rushing Offense: .....	246.8 (3/10)
2005 Passing Offense: .....	223.1 (2/38)
2005 Passing Efficiency Offense: .....	138.8 (3/23)
2005 Total Offense: .....	470.0 (1/7)
2005 Scoring Offense: .....	34.9 (2/15)
2005 Red Zone Offense: .....	78.2 % (4th in SoCon)
2005 Third Down Conversions: .....	52.3% (1st in SoCon)
2005 Fourth Down Conversions: .....	47.6% (3rd in SoCon)
2005 Sacks Against .....	13 (3rd in SoCon)
(Southern Conference Rank/National Rank)	

With only five offensive starters returning, Furman, according to Lamb, may be hard pressed to match last year's stellar production, but it might be unwise to assume the Paladins will suffer too

much of an offensive dropoff, especially when considering Furman welcomes back its two starting wide receivers, two regulars along its offensive front, and one of the nation's premier fullbacks.

"We lost a number of outstanding players on offense, including Ingle Martin, Patrick Covington, Corey Stewart, and John Rust," said Lamb. "That amount of experience is difficult to replace, but we have a nice corps of returnees who played key roles in our success the last two years. We'll look to build on that."

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Furman's offensive line returns two starters and eight lettermen. Gone are both guards, including All-America right guard Patrick Covington and all-conference left guard Brian Laggis, and All-America center Corey Stewart, who graduated with 105 career starts and over 7,000 snaps among them. Given those departures, clearly one of the biggest rebuilding jobs in the program this fall will be along the interior offensive line, but the last two decades have shown veteran assistant coach Clay Hendrix to be a master developer of talent — an assertion underscored by Furman's seven All-America offensive linemen selections this decade.

"We are in search of a center and two guards, and we feel we made progress there in the spring, but it's very difficult to replace the amount of experience we lost at those positions," said Lamb.

Headlining the list of returnees along the offensive line is right tackle **John Kivett (6-3, 278, Sr.)**, one of the unit's most athletic players who garnered first team All-SoCon honors a year ago after earning starts in 13 of the Paladins' 14 games. Expected to provide backup duty will be **Andrew Thornburg (6-3, 280, Sr.)**, a versatile three-year letterman who has nearly 600 career snaps, but who has battled injuries for much of his career. Last year he started in three games before being sidelined with an injured shoulder.

At left tackle **Joel Bell (6-7, 305, So.)** will move into the starting lineup after 2005 regular **Scott Shuford (6-3, 285, Jr.)** made the switch to left guard in the spring. Bell, who possesses a tremendous upside and who is blessed with excellent size and leverage, captured SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors after making the first start of his career at right tackle (for a sidelined John Kivett) in the Paladins' 44-41 double overtime win over Hofstra a year ago. Expected to work as his backup will be **Thomas Slaughter (6-4, 275, So.)**.

Shuford's move to left guard will add 14 games of starting experience to the interior line. His backup will be **Tyler Haynes (6-2, 300, R-Fr.)**, one of the Paladins' highly regarded line prospects.

The center position could be manned by either two-year letterman **Reggie Goolsby (6-1, 282, Jr.)**, a physically strong performer and one of the unit's best technicians, or **David Menocal (6-2, 275, So.)**, who earned his first career start a year ago in the win over Sanford. It will be Menocal if Goolsby, owner of 206 career snaps, ends up starting at right guard. Should Goolsby remain at center, three-year letterman **Adi Filipovic (6-2, 276, Gr.)** could be the top candidate to start at right guard, with **Heath Cockburn (6-2, 292, R-Fr.)** set to provide backup.



Scott Shuford will move from left tackle to left guard this fall.

## TIGHT END

Furman tight ends have garnered All-SoCon honors every year since 1999, and last year the Paladins sported one of the best in John Rust, who racked up 33 catches for 455 yards and three touchdowns.

The loss of Rust to graduation has left Furman with one of its biggest positional challenges, especially from a receiving production standpoint, but notable experience is present in his likely replacement, **Brad Bell (6-2, 238, Sr.)**. A physical, three-year letterman, Bell has only eight career receptions, but his blocking ability may actually prove to be more vital this year with the Paladins' expected increased emphasis on a more traditional option style attack.

He will be backed up by a pair of promising second year players, **Chris Truss (6-4, 245, R-Fr.)** and **Larry Hedden (6-5, 243, R-Fr.)**.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

Furman's wide receiving corps produced solid numbers in 2005, especially when compared to 2004, when its two starters, Isaac West and Brian Bratton, turned in gaudy numbers en route to finishing as the school's No. 1 and No. 2 all-time leading receivers. With both starters back this season, the Paladins wideout should be a source of strength and improvement in the offense according to Lamb.

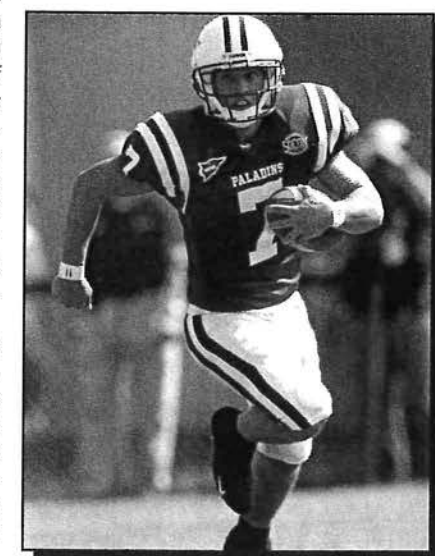
"We were pretty good at wide receiver a year ago but no where near as explosive as we were in 2004," said Lamb. "With Justin Stepp and Patrick Sprague coming back along with Ryan McKie and a couple of young guys like Keiron Williams and R.J. Webb, we will have a nice blend of experience and improved big play potential. I think we can generate a lot of excitement in the passing game this year."

Flanker **Justin Stepp (5-11, 188, Sr.)** earned all-conference honors after registering 46 receptions for 676 yards and a league leading eight touchdown catches a year ago, including a game winning 8-yard reception on the final play of a 37-35 season opening victory over Jacksonville State. Headed and consistent, he caught a career high 11 passes for 143 yards in a 24-20 NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff game win at Richmond and is poised for a campaign that could see him finish ranked among the program's all-time leaders by season's end.

Atsplitend **Patrick Sprague (6-1, 191, Jr.)** returns after catching 26 passes for 347 yards and three scores in 2005, including a game winning 6-yard touchdown grab with 31 seconds left in a 34-31 regular season win over Appalachian State. He also had a clutch 22-yard reception to set up a touchdown in the first overtime period in an eventual 39-31 triple overtime win at The Citadel.

**Ryan McKie (6-0, 185, Jr.)**, who caught seven passes for 176 yards a year ago, heads into the preseason as Stepp's backup, and **Garrett Inman (6-4, 203, Jr.)** will compete for action at split end.

Two second year players blessed with tremendous speed and athleticism who could make significant splash this year include **R.J. Webb (6-3, 205, R-Fr.)** and **Keiron Williams (5-11, 178, R-Fr.)**.



Justin Stepp caught 46 passes, including a Southern Conference leading eight touchdowns, in 2005.

## QUARTERBACK

Undoubtedly the biggest concern surrounding Furman's football team this year is the quarterback position following the graduation of Ingle Martin, one of the nation's best signal callers the last two years. In 2005 he threw for a school record 2,959 yards and 20 touchdowns and in just two years set new school career passing yardage (5,751 yards) and total offense (6,277 yards) standards.

In addition to his statistical exploits, Martin displayed big play ability and strong leadership — two qualities important to any team and whose impact is not lost on Lamb, a former standout Paladin quarterback in the 1980s.

"Ingle could not only make plays that were designed but could also make plays that weren't designed by scrambling out of the pocket. Our pass-run ratio the last two years was due in large part to his abilities, and his leadership was a big factor in our success. That said, we are very excited about **Renaldo Gray (6-0, 230, Jr.)** and what he gives us. He is a big, strong quarterback with a very strong arm. He is also a good runner, and we will try to take advantage of that part of his game in a more traditional Furman style, option offense. I think we will be fine offensively."

Gray served as Martin's backup a year ago but took full advantage of his limited playing time, most pointedly with a brilliant second half performance against The Citadel. With Furman trailing

the Bulldogs 21-7 after three quarters and Martin forced to sideline with leg cramps, Gray stepped in to engineer the Paladins on a pair of fourth quarter touchdown drives, including a 30-yard scoring strike to make it 21-14 and later an 11-play, 64-yard drive that netted the game tying score with just 48 seconds left in regulation. He scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard plunge in the first overtime and directed Furman to the game winning score in the third overtime to complete the 39-31 victory.

"A lot of questions about Renaldo were answered in the Citadel game and the performance he delivered in that victory," added Lamb. "Everybody on our team knew he could run our offense because he performs like that every day in practice."

Backup quarterback duties will be handled by **Arthur Williams (6-1, 195, So.)** and **Jordan Sorrells (6-1, 205, R-Fr.)**.

## RUNNING BACKS

In production terms, Furman's backfield ranked among the deepest and most prolific in NCAA I-AA a year ago, accounting for 34 touchdowns and much of the team's 246.9 rushing yards per game. That type of production will be hard to top, but the Paladins' plan to return to a more traditional option-style offensive attack this fall is as much an endorsement of the returning backfield personnel as anything, and in terms of overall ability, there is plenty on hand for 2006, though experienced depth will not be a commodity like it was last season.

Headlining the Paladin backfield will be one of the most dominant players in I-AA in fullback **Jerome Felton (6-0, 248, Jr.)**. Recently rated as the best fullback in the country by Matt Dougherty of The Sports Network, Felton followed up a 300-yard, 10-touchdown freshman campaign two years ago by rushing for a team leading and Furman fullback record 940 yards and 18 scores in 2005 en route to capturing all-conference honors. A bruising, powerful runner, underrated receiver, and solid blocker, Felton is a player defenses must account for on every snap and a talent Furman will try to deploy as much as possible.

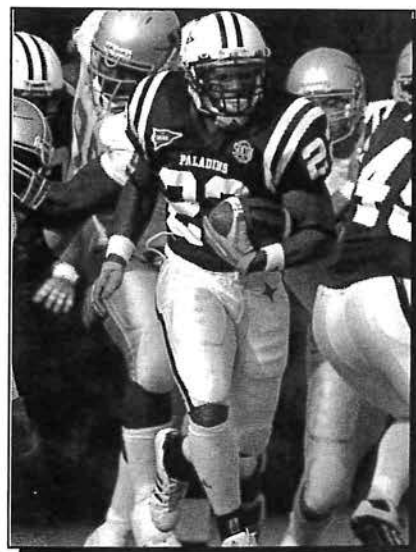
"We'll turn to Jerome Felton a lot this year and try to get him as many carries as we can," said Lamb. "We'll obviously use him at lot at fullback but also as the feature back at times. Our plan is to get him involved in as many plays as we can."

Among his top performances a year ago was a 20-carry, 105-yard outing that included a multiple tackle breaking 31-yard touchdown run against Appalachian State in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action.

Overshadowed by Felton but set to also see quality playing time at fullback this year is **Brantley Kendall (5-10, 227, So.)**.

In 2005 Furman employed a trio of tailbacks with great success, combining for 2,064 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns. In addition, Paladin tailbacks accounted for 44 receptions for 461 yards and four scores. While the graduation of Brandon Mays and Daric Carter (703 yards, 8 TDs, 35 rec., 418 yds., 4 TDs), are significant, this year the position will primarily feature the abilities of one back, **Cedrick Gipson (5-9, 198, Jr.)**. A two-year letterman, Gipson was central in the Paladins' tailback production the last two campaigns, rushing for 745 yards and 713 yards, respectively, and 12 touchdowns. An instinctive, quality runner who has averaged a solid 5.9 yards per carry in his career, he should again flourish in the Furman offense and contend for all-conference honors this fall.

With tailback ranking among the most physically demanding positions on the field, Furman will look to **Stephane LaFrance (6-2, 217, R-Fr.)** and **Mark Standridge (5-9, 197, R-Fr.)** to provide depth.



Cedrick Gipson is set to take over the starting tailback slot after platooning with two others the last two seasons.

## SPECIALISTS

Furman special teams were pretty good in 2005 but improvement will be sought in some areas.

2005 Punt Returns: .....	8.6 (5)
2005 Net Punting Average: .....	35.7 (2)
2005 Kickoff Returns: .....	19.7 (4)
2005 Kickoff Coverage: .....	18.1 (2)
2005 Field Goals: .....	14x24, 58.3% (4)
2005 PAT Kicking: .....	58x60, 96.7% (2)

(Southern Conference Rank)

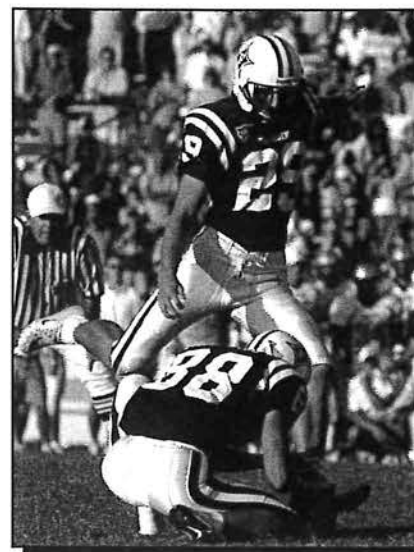
The Paladins welcome back two-time All-SoCon placekicker **Scott Beckler (6-2, 188, Jr.)**, who last year tallied a school season record 97 points by converting 14-of-24 field goals and 55-of-57 PATs. Beckler's 2005 campaign included a solid start that saw him knock down 12 of his first 16 field goal attempts before a late season slump took some of the shine off a record setting campaign.

Production that will be hard to match will be at punter, where Ingle Martin averaged a SoCon best 43.2 yards per punt en route to capturing All-America honors. Two players likely to compete for the job this fall include **Arthur Williams (6-1, 195, So.)**, who averaged 39.0 yards on three kicks a year ago, and **Patrick Sprague (6-1, 183, So.)**, who has no collegiate punting experience.

The Paladins return snapper **Thomas Slaughter (6-4, 275, So.)** after a flawless inaugural season of work but must find a new holder following the graduation of three-year letterman Brian Stone.

Furman's performance last year on punt and kickoff returns and other specialty teams produced mixed results. **Justin Stepp (5-11, 188, Sr.)** gives the Paladins an experienced punt return man after leading the SoCon with an 8.4 yards per return average in 2005, but Furman will look to improve on last year's kickoff return average of just 19.7 yards per attempt through **William**

**Middleton (5-10, 190, So.)**, who averaged 22.0 yards on 32 returns in his first season of work.



Scott Beckler tallied a school record 97 points in 2005, converting 14-of-24 field goals and 55-of-57 PATs.

# FURMAN

## 2006 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

### LETTERMEN LOST (21):

**Offense (11):** Grant Brigham (FLK), Daric Carter (TB), Patrick Covington (OG), Penn Garvich (TE), Ryan Joyce (FB), Brian Laggis (OG), Ingle Martin (QB), Brandon Mays (TB), John Rust (TE), Corey Stewart (C), Brian Stone (SE)

**Defense (8):** Maurice Duncan (CB), William Freeman (LB), Alonzo Johnson (CB), Jon MacDonald (FS), William Marcus (LB), Tristian Owusu-Yaw (CB), Shelton Riley (SS), Essex Taylor (DT)

**Specialists (2):** Ingle Martin (P), Brian Stone (HO)

### LETTERMEN RETURNING (42):

**Offense (18):** Brad Bell (TE), Joel Bell (OT), Jerome Felton (FB), Adi Filipovic (OG), Cedrick Gipson (TB), Reggie Goolsby (C/OG), Renaldo Gray (QB), Garrett Inman (SE), Brantley Kendall (FB), John Kivett (OT), David Menocal (C), Ryan McKie (FLK), Scott Shuford (OG), Patrick Sprague (SE), Justin Stepp (FLK), Andrew Thornburg (OT), Joe Watson (FLK), Arthur Williams (QB)

**Defense (21):** Wallace Artis (DE), Jeremy Blocker (FS), Keith Boykins (LB), Wesley Bray (NG), Gaines Burnett (DE), Clifton Dortch (LB), Jeff Fambrough (NG), Austin Holmes (CB), Andrew Jones (LB), Ricky Jones (DT), Jay Jay Mars (DE), William Middleton (CB), Gary Nelson (LB), Roy Ravenell (DE), Rico Scott (SS), Andrew Thacker (SS), Hunter Twitty (LB), Thomas Twitty (FS), Paul White (DE), Brandon Williams (LB), Hugh Williamson (DE)

**Specialists (3):** Scott Beckler (PK), Thomas Slaughter (LS), Traver Toole (PK)

### STARTERS LOST (10):

**Offense (6):** Daric Carter (TB), Patrick Covington (OG), Brian Laggis (OG), Ingle Martin (QB), John Rust (TE), Corey Stewart (C)

**Defense (3):** Maurice Duncan (CB), William Freeman (LB), Shelton Riley (SS)

**Specialists (1):** Ingle Martin (P)

### STARTERS RETURNING (14):

**Offense (5):** Jerome Felton (FB), John Kivett (OT), \*Scott Shuford (OG), Patrick Sprague (SE), Justin

Stepp (FLK)

**Defense (8):** Wallace Artis (DE), Wesley Bray (NG), Jeff Fambrough (NG), Austin Holmes (CB), Andrew Jones (LB), Gary Nelson (LB), Roy Ravenell (DE), \*Andrew Thacker (SS)

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

### PALADINS BY CLASS (91):

**Seniors (10):** Carter Barfield (SE), Brad Bell (TE), Jeremy Blocker (FS), Wesley Bray (NG), Jeff Fambrough (NG), Adi Filipovic (OG), John Kivett (OT), Roy Ravenell (DE), Justin Stepp (FLK), Andrew Thornburg (OT)

**Juniors (23):** Wallace Artis (DE), Scott Beckler (PK), Clifton Dortch (LB), Jerome Felton (FB), Cedrick Gipson (TB), Reggie Goolsby (C/OG), Renaldo Gray (QB), Austin Holmes (CB), Garrett Inman (SE), Bynum Jaeger (FS), Andrew Jones (LB), Ryan McKie (FLK), Gary Nelson (LB), Chris Rogers (TB), Adam Sanders (FB), Rico Scott (SS), Scott Shuford (OG), Patrick Sprague (SE), Andrew Thacker (SS), Patrick Timony (PK), Traver Toole (PK), Joe Watson (FLK), Bobby Yawn (LB)

**Sophomores (25):** Masharn Austin (CB), Charlie Bailes (SS), Joel Bell (OT), Keith Boykins (LB), Gaines Burnett (DE), Lance Canington (FLK), Matthew Cesari (PK), Clay Crosby (LB), Justin Hester (OG), Ricky Jones (DT), Brantley Kendall (FB), Daniel Leagans (DT), Jay Jay Mars (DE), David Menocal (C), William Middleton (CB), Thomas Slaughter (OT), Chris Stone (FS), Walsh Thomas (SS), Hunter Twitty (LB), Thomas Twitty (FS), Chris Welborn (SE), Paul White (DE), Arthur Williams (QB/P), Brandon Williams (LB), Hugh Williamson (DE)

**Redshirt Freshmen (19):** Justin Brown (NG/DT), John Castleberry (CB), Heath Cockburn (OG), Tyler Haynes (OG), Larry Hedden (TE), Stephane LaFrance (TB), Will Landers (OT), Kyle McKinney (LB), Philip Morris (LB), Corey Ray (DT), Tharry Salley (FB), Jordan Sorrells (QB), Mark Standridge (TB), Chris Truss (TE), Shaun Van Rensburg (LB), R.J. Webb (SE), Keiron Williams (FLK), Sam Wilson (NG), Chris Yankow (FS)

**True Freshmen (14):** Eric Atchley (SE), Nic Ayoob (OG), Matt Brown (TE), Mike Brown (TB), Dustin Chancellor (C), Alex Crisp (LB), Antonio Frazier (OT), Dustin Gourdin (CB), Julian Hicks (CB), Max Lerner (FS), Adam Mims (FLK), Kyle Rae (OG), Channing Welch (DE), Cody Worley (QB)

Note: Scott Shuford lettered at OT in 2005; Andrew Thacker lettered as FS in 2005.





No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
55	Wallace Artis	DE	6-4	267	Jr.	Calhoun Falls, S.C./Calhoun Falls H.S.
82	Eric Atchley	SE	6-3	175	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn./Soddy Daisy H.S.
18	Masharn Austin	CB	5-8	172	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Buford H.S.
64	Nic Ayoob	OG	6-2	285	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County H.S.
37	Charlie Bailes	SS	5-11	197	So.	Orlando, Fla./Edgewater H.S./Florida
83	Carter Barfield	SE	6-1	160	Sr.	Merritt Island, Fla./Melbourne Central Catholic H.S.
29	Scott Beckler	PK/P	6-2	188	Jr.	Anderson, S.C./T.L. Hanna H.S.
86	Brad Bell	TE	6-2	238	Sr.	Watkinsville, Ga./Oconee County H.S.
74	Joel Bell	OT	6-7	305	So.	Spartanburg, S.C./Spartanburg H.S.
25	Jeremy Blocker	FS	6-0	187	Sr.	Hodges, S.C./Greenwood H.S.
57	Keith Boykins	LB	6-0	230	So.	Fayetteville, Ga./Lovejoy H.S.
94	Wesley Bray	DT	6-2	278	Sr.	Cave Spring, Ga./Coosa H.S.
93	Matt Brown	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C./R.J. Reynolds H.S.
97	Justin Brown	NG/DT	5-11	280	R-Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga./Warner Robins H.S.
15	Mike Brown	TB	5-8	185	Fr.	Marietta, Ga./South Cobb H.S.
91	Gaines Burnett	DE	6-1	245	So.	Kathleen, Ga./Houston County H.S.
87	Lance Canington	FLK	6-2	193	So.	Bel Air, Md./C. Milton Wright H.S.
3	John Castleberry	CB	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Cumming, Ga./Gainesville H.S.
88	Matthew Cesari	PK/P	6-0	174	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster H.S.
69	Dustin Chancellor	C	6-2	272	Fr.	Byron, Ga./Peach County H.S.
65	Heath Cockburn	OG	6-2	292	R-Fr.	Dalton, Ga./Northwest Whitfield H.S.
33	Alex Crisp	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Burlington, N.C./Williams H.S.
49	Clay Crosby	LB	6-0	213	So.	Easley, S.C./Easley, S.C.
11	Clifton Dortch	LB	6-1	218	Jr.	Decatur, Ga./Chamblee H.S.
53	Jeff Fambrough	NG	6-0	273	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian School
45	Jerome Felton	FB	6-0	248	Jr.	Madisonville, Tenn./Sequoyah H.S.
75	Adi Filipovic	OG	6-3	276	Gr.	Martinez, Ga./Lakeside H.S.
71	Antonio Frazier	OT	6-4	265	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn./Baylor H.S.
22	Cedrick Gipson	TB	5-9	198	Jr.	Summerton, S.C./Lakewood H.S.
62	Reggie Goolsby	C/OG	6-1	282	Jr.	Monticello, Ga./Monticello H.S.
26	Dustin Gourdin	CB	5-11	185	Fr.	Greer, S.C./Riverside H.S.
14	Renaldo Gray	QB	6-0	230	Jr.	Greenwood, S.C./Greenwood H.S.
60	Tyler Haynes	OG	6-2	300	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Vestavia Hills H.S.
84	Larry Hedden	TE	6-5	243	R-Fr.	Hoover, Ala./Briarwood Christian H.S.
68	Justin Hester	OG	6-5	315	So.	Nashville, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
31	Julian Hicks	CB	5-9	187	Fr.	College Park, Ga./Riverwood H.S.
6	Austin Holmes	CB	5-8	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles School
16	Garrett Inman	SE	6-4	203	Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Lake Highlands H.S./Stephen F. Austin
48	Bynum Jaeger	FS	6-0	201	Jr.	Marietta, Ga./Walker School
41	Andrew Jones	LB	5-11	232	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Minor H.S.
78	Ricky Jones	DT	6-3	264	So.	Alpharetta, Ga./Centennial H.S.
42	Brantley Kendall	FB	5-10	227	So.	Senoia, Ga./East Coweta H.S.
77	John Kivett	OT	6-3	278	Sr.	High Point, N.C./Robert B. Glenn H.S.
21	Stephone LaFrance	TB	6-2	217	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga./Creekside H.S.
73	Will Landers	OT	6-3	285	R-Fr.	Roswell, Ga./Roswell H.S.
72	Daniel Leagans	DT	6-1	253	So.	Ware Shoals, S.C./Ware Shoals H.S.
24	Max Lerner	FS	5-11	205	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Hoover H.S.
47	Jay Jay Mars	DE	6-1	244	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga./Dunwoody H.S.
13	Ryan McKie	FLK	6-0	185	Jr.	Simpsonville, S.C./Hillcrest H.S.
54	Kyle McKinney	LB	6-1	221	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta H.S.
52	David Menocal	C	6-2	275	So.	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville H.S.
1	William Middleton	CB	5-10	190	So.	Atlanta, Ga./Marist H.S.
12	Adam Mims	FLK	5-9	181	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Spain Park H.S.
51	Philip Morris	LB	6-1	234	R-Fr.	Orangeburg, S.C./Orangeburg-Wilkinson H.S.
20	Gary Nelson	LB	6-1	218	Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga./St. Pius H.S.
66	Kyle Rae	OG	6-0	265	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C./John T. Hoggard H.S.
56	Roy Ravenell	DE	6-2	255	Sr.	Goose Creek, S.C./Stratford H.S.
70	Corey Ray	DT	6-1	280	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala./Moody H.S.
43	Chris Rogers	TB	5-10	200	Jr.	Hickory, N.C./Hickory H.S.
44	Tharry Salley	FB	6-2	227	R-Fr.	Blackville, S.C./Blackville-Hilda H.S.
39	Adam Sanders	FB	6-0	218	Jr.	Rock Hill, S.C./Westminster Catawba Christian School
2	Rico Scott	SS	5-11	206	Jr.	Columbia, S.C./Ridge View H.S.
76	Scott Shuford	OG	6-3	285	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C./Independence H.S.
59	Thomas Slaughter	OT	6-4	275	So.	Rock Hill, S.C./Northwestern H.S.
9	Jordan Sorrells	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Greenville, S.C./Greenville H.S.
5	Patrick Sprague	SE	6-1	191	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook H.S.
30	Mark Standridge	TB	5-9	197	R-Fr.	Buford, Ga./Buford H.S.
7	Justin Stepp	FLK	5-11	188	Sr.	Pelion, S.C./Pelion H.S.
19	Chris Stone	FS	6-1	185	Tr.-So.	Greenville, S.C./Eastside H.S./Clemson

1	William Middleton*	CB
2	Rico Scott**	SS
3	John Castleberry	CB
4	R.J. Webb	SE
5	Patrick Sprague**	SE
6	Austin Holmes**	CB
7	Justin Stepp***	FLK
8	Andrew Thacker**	SS
9	Jordan Sorrells	QB
10	Arthur Williams*	QB/P
11	Clifton Dortch**	LB
12	Adam Mims	FLK
13	Ryan McKie**	FLK
14	Renaldo Gray**	QB
15	Mike Brown	TB
16	Garrett Inman*	SE
17	Cody Worley	QB
18	Masharn Austin	CB
19	Chris Stone	FS
21	Stephone LaFrance	TB
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30	Mark Standridge	TB
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32	Hunter Twitty*	LB
33	Alex Crisp	LB
35	Shaun Van Rensburg	LB
36	Brandon Williams*	LB
37	Charlie Bailes	SS
38	Walsh Thomas	SS
39	Adam Sanders	FB
40	Paul White*	DE
41	Andrew Jones**	LB
42	Brantley Kendall*	FB
43	Chris Rogers	TB
44	Tharry Salley	FB
45	Jerome Felton**	FB
46	Chris Yankow	FS
47	Jay Jay Mars*	DE
48	Bynum Jaeger	FS
49	Clay Crosby	LB
51	Philip Morris	LB
52	David Menocal*	C
53	Jeff Fambrough***	NG
54	Kyle McKinney	LB
55	Wallace Artis**	DE
56	Roy Ravenell***	DE
57	Keith Boykins*	LB
58	Channing Welch	DE/LB
59	Thomas Slaughter*	OT
60	Tyler Haynes	OG
62	Reggie Goolsby**	C/OG
64	Nic Ayoob	OG
65	Heath Cockburn	OG
66	Kyle Rae	OG
67	Andrew Thornburg***	OT
68	Justin Hester	OG
69	Dustin Chancellor	C
70	Corey Ray	DT
71	Antonio Frazier	OT
72	Daniel Leagans	DT
73	Will Landers	OT
74	Joel Bell*	OT
75	Adi Filipovic***	OG
76	Scott Shuford**	OG
77	John Kivett***	OT



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8	Andrew Thacker	SS	6-1	198	Jr.	Cumming, Ga./Gainesville H.S.
38	Walsh Thomas	SS	5-10	190	So.	James Island, S.C./James Island H.S.
67	Andrew Thornburg	OT	6-3	280	Sr.	Snellville, Ga./Air Force/Brookwood H.S.
87	Patrick Timony	PK	5-8	165	Jr.	Norcross, Ga./Marist H.S.
92	Traver Toole	PK	6-1	189	Jr.	North Augusta, S.C./Midland Valley H.S.
85	Chris Truss	TE	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Riverwood H.S.
32	Hunter Twitty	LB	6-0	221	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook H.S.
28	Thomas Twitty	FS	5-11	204	So.	Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook H.S.
35	Shaun Van Rensburg	LB	6-3	231	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles School
23	Joe Watson	FLK	5-10	181	Jr.	Greenville, Tenn./Greenville H.S.
4	R.J. Webb	SE	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Liberty, S.C./Pickens H.S.
89	Chris Welborn	SE	6-2	182	So.	Fernandina Beach, Fla./Fernandina Beach H.S.
58	Channing Welch	DE/LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Fayette County H.S.
40	Paul White	DE	6-2	232	So.	Beaufort, S.C./Battery Creek H.S.
10	Arthur Williams	QB/P	6-1	195	So.	Monroe, Ga./George Walton Academy
36	Brandon Williams	LB	6-1	236	So.	Tucker, Ga./Lakeside H.S.
80	Keiron Williams	FLK	5-11	178	R-Fr.	Taylor, S.C./Eastside H.S.
99	Hugh Williamson	DE	6-5	230	So.	Monroe, Ga./George Walton Academy
95	Sam Wilson	NG	6-4	285	Tr.-Fr.	Destin, Fla./Darlington (Ga.) School/S. Mississippi
17	Cody Worley	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	Rome, Ga./Calhoun H.S.
46	Chris Yankow	FS	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Olyphant, Pa./Bishop O'Hara H.S.
90	Bobby Yawn	LB	6-1	222	Jr.	St. George, S.C./Holly Hill Academy

78	Ricky Jones*	DT
80	Keiron Williams	FLK
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87	Lance Canington	FLK
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89	Chris Welborn	SE
90	Bobby Yawn	LB
91	Gaines Burnett*	DE
92	Traver Toole**	PK
93	Matt Brown	TE
94	Wesley Bray***	DT
95	Sam Wilson	NG
97	Justin Brown	NG/DT
99	Hugh Williamson*	DE

\* Letters Won

### PALADINS BY STATE

**GEORGIA (37):** Alpharetta (Ricky Jones), Atlanta (Matt Cesari, Jeff Fambrough, Kyle McKinney, William Middleton, Chris Truss, Channing Welch), Buford (Mark Standridge), Byron (Dustin Chancellor), Cave Spring (Wesley Bray), College Park (Julian Hicks), Cumming (John Castleberry, Andrew Thacker), Dalton (Heath Cockburn), Decatur (Clifton Dortch), Fairburn (Stephone LaFrance), Fayetteville (Keith Boykins), Gainesville (David Menocal), Kathleen (Gaines Burnett), Lawrenceville (Masham Austin), Marietta (Mike Brown, Bynum Jaeger), Martinez (Adi Filipovic), Monroe (Arthur Williams, Hugh Williamson), Monticello (Reggie Goolsby), Norcross (Patrick Timony), Rome (Cody Worley), Roswell (Will Landers), Senoia (Brantley Kendall), Snellville (Andrew Thornburg), Stone Mountain (Jay Jay Mars, Gary Nelson), Tucker (Brandon Williams), Warner Robins (Justin Brown), Watkinsville (Nic Ayoob, Brad Bell)

**SOUTH CAROLINA (25):** Anderson (Scott Beckler), Beaufort (Paul White), Blackville (Tharry Salley), Calhoun Falls (Wallace Artis), Columbia (Rico Scott), Easley (Clay Crosby), Goose Creek (Roy Ravenell), Greenville (Jordan Sorrells, Chris Stone), Greenwood (Renaldo Gray), Greer (Dustin Gourdin), Hodges (Jeremy Blocker), James Island (Walsh Thomas), Liberty (R.J. Webb), North Augusta (Traver Toole), Orangeburg (Philip Morris), Pelion (Justin Stepp), Rock Hill (Adam Sanders, Thomas Slaughter), Simpsonville (Ryan McKie), Spartanburg (Joel Bell), Summerton (Cedrick Gipson), St. George (Bobby Yawn), Taylors (Keiron Williams), Ware Shoals (Daniel Leagans),

**ALABAMA (9):** Birmingham (Andrew Jones, Tyler Haynes, Max Lerner, Adam Mims, Corey Ray, Patrick Sprague, Hunter Twitty, Thomas Twitty), Hoover (Larry Hedden)

**NORTH CAROLINA (6):** Burlington (Alex Crisp), Charlotte (Scott Shuford), Hickory (Chris Rogers), High Point (John Kivett), Wilmington (Kyle Rae), Winston-Salem (Matt Brown),

**FLORIDA (6):** Destin (Sam Wilson), Fernandina Beach (Chris Welborn), Jacksonville (Austin Holmes, Shaun Van Rensburg), Merritt Island (Carter Barfield), Orlando (Charlie Bailes)

**TENNESSEE (5):** Chattanooga (Eric Atchley, Antonio Frazier), Greenville (Joe Watson), Madisonville (Jerome Felton), Nashville (Justin Hester)

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

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

**TEXAS (1):** Dallas (Garrett Inman)

### PALADIN BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

**JANUARY:** 1 (Reggie Goolsby, Traver Toole), 6 (Charlie Bailes), 12 (Chris Rogers), 14 (Ryan McKie), 15 (Clay Crosby), 16 (Scott Shuford), 18 (Masham Austin), 21 (Heath Cockburn)

**FEBRUARY:** 3 (Justin Brown, Channing Welch), 9 (Matthew Cesari), 13 (Andrew Thornburg), 14 (Andrew Jones), 16 (Jordan Sorrells), 17 (Clifton Dortch), 21 (Austin Holmes), 24 (Kyle Rae), 26 (Stephone LaFrance, Philip Morris), 28 (Paul White)

**MARCH:** 10 (Arthur Williams), 17 (Bobby Yawn), 26 (Dustin Chancellor),

**APRIL:** 1 (Renaldo Gray), 4 (Joe Watson), 12 (Justin Hester), 16 (Brandon Williams), 23 (Hunter Twitty, Thomas Twitty), 27 (Lance Canington), 29 (Garrett Inman)

**MAY:** 9 (Bynum Jaeger, Hugh Williamson), 11 (Adam Sanders), 12 (Jeff Fambrough), 13 (Mike Brown), 19 (Daniel Leagans), 22 (Shaun Van Rensburg), 26 (Adam Mims), 31 (Andrew Thacker)

**JUNE:**

**JULY:** 3 (Jerome Felton), 5 (Justin Stepp), 7 (Matt Brown, Larry Hedden), 19 (Wesley Bray, Rico Scott), 24 (Ricky Jones), 25 (Wallace Artis), 28 (William Middleton), 29 (Joel Bell, Will Landers)

**AUGUST:** 5 (Thomas Slaughter), 6 (Chris Yankow), 7 (Scott Beckler), 13 (Jeremy Blocker), 15 (Mark Standridge), 18 (Antonio Frazier), 19 (Carter Barfield), 20 (Adi Filipovic), 24 (R.J. Webb), 30 (Patrick Sprague)

**SEPTEMBER:** 6 (Brad Bell, Gary Nelson, Patrick Timony), 8 (Max Lerner), 14 (Cody Worley), 22 (Jay Jay Mars), 26 (Nic Ayoob, B.J. Williams)

**OCTOBER:** 9 (David Menocal), 13 (Chris Truss), 23 (Brantley Kendall), 24 (Eric Atchley)

**NOVEMBER:** 5 (Sam Wilson), 12 (Keith Boykins), 14 (Chris Welborn), 15 (Chris Stone), 19 (Gaines Burnett), 23 (Cedrick Gipson), 24 (Julian Hicks), 27 (John Kivett)

**DECEMBER:** 2 (Dustin Gourdin), 10 (Tyler Haynes), 13 (Keiron Williams), 17 (Kyle McKinney), 22 (John Castleberry, Roy Ravenell), 23 (Alex Crisp), 26 (Corey Ray), 31 (Tharry Salley)



## FURMAN OFFENSE

### TIGHT END

86	Brad Bell ***	6-2	238	Sr.	Watkinsville, Ga.
85	Chris Truss	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
84	Larry Hedden	6-5	243	R-Fr.	Hoover, Ala.
93	Matt Brown	6-3	230	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.

### LEFT TACKLE

74	Joel Bell (1)*	6-7	305	So.	Spartanburg, S.C.
59	Thomas Slaughter*	6-4	275	So.	Rock Hill, S.C.
71	Antonio Frazier	6-4	265	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn.

### LEFT GUARD

76	Scott Shuford (14)**	6-3	285	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.
60	Tyler Haynes	6-2	300	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.
64	Nic Ayoob	6-2	285	Fr.	Watkinsville, Ga.
66	Kyle Rae	6-0	265	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C.

### CENTER

62	Reggie Goolsby** (or)	6-1	282	Jr.	Monticello, Ga.
52	David Menocal (1)*	6-2	275	So.	Gainesville, Ga.
69	Dustin Chancellor	6-2	272	Fr.	Byron, Ga.

### RIGHT GUARD

62	Reggie Goolsby** (or)	6-1	282	Jr.	Monticello, Ga.
75	Adi Filipovic***	6-2	276	Gr.	Martinez, Ga.
65	Heath Cockburn	6-2	292	R-Fr.	Dalton, Ga.
68	Justin Hester	6-5	315	So.	Nashville, Tenn.

### RIGHT TACKLE

77	John Kivett (13)***	6-3	278	Sr.	High Point, N.C.
67	Andrew Thornburg (3)***	6-3	280	Sr.	Snellville, Ga.
73	Will Landers	6-3	285	R-Fr.	Roswell, Ga.

### SPLIT END

5	Patrick Sprague (7)**	6-1	183	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
4	R.J. Webb	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Liberty, S.C.
16	Garrett Inman*	6-4	203	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
83	Carter Barfield	6-1	160	Sr.	Merritt Island, Fla.
89	Chris Welborn	6-2	182	So.	Fernandina Beach, Fla.
82	Eric Atchley	6-3	175	Fr.	Chattanooga, Tenn.

### FLANKER

7	Justin Stepp (13)***	5-11	188	Sr.	Pelion, S.C.
13	Ryan McKie**	6-0	185	Jr.	Simpsonville, S.C.
23	Joe Watson**	5-10	181	Jr.	Greenville, Tenn.
80	Keiron Williams	5-11	178	R-Fr.	Taylor, S.C.
87	Lance Canington	6-2	193	So.	Bel Air, Md.
12	Adam Mims	5-9	181	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.

### QUARTERBACK

14	Renaldo Gray**	6-0	230	Jr.	Greenwood, S.C.
10	Arthur Williams*	6-1	195	So.	Monroe, Ga.
9	Jordan Sorrells	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Greenville, S.C.
17	Cody Worley	6-1	210	Fr.	Rome, Ga.

### FULLBACK

45	Jerome Felton (21)**	6-0	248	Jr.	Madisonville, Tenn.
42	Brantley Kendall*	5-10	227	So.	Senoia, Ga.
44	Tharry Salley	6-2	227	R-Fr.	Blackville, S.C.
39	Adam Sanders	6-0	218	Jr.	Rock Hill, S.C.

### TAILBACK

22	Cedrick Gipson**	5-9	198	Jr.	Summerton, S.C.
21	Stephone LaFrance	6-2	217	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga.
30	Mark Standridge	5-9	197	R-Fr.	Buford, Ga.
43	Chris Rogers	5-10	200	Jr.	Hickory, N.C.
15	Mike Brown	5-8	185	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.

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## FURMAN DEFENSE

### DEFENSIVE END

55	Wallace Artis (14)**	6-4	267	Jr.	Calhoun Falls, S.C.
91	Gaines Burnett* (or)	6-1	245	So.	Kathleen, Ga.
40	Paul White (4)*	6-2	232	So.	Beaufort, S.C.
99	Hugh Williamson*	6-5	230	So.	Monroe, Ga.

### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

78	Ricky Jones* (or)	6-3	264	So.	Alpharetta, Ga.
97	Justin Brown	5-11	280	R-Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
70	Corey Ray	6-1	280	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.
72	Daniel Leagans	6-1	253	So.	Ware Shoals, S.C.

### NOSE GUARD

94	Wesley Bray (25)***	6-2	278	Sr.	Cave Spring, Ga.
97	Justin Brown	5-11	280	R-Fr.	Warner Robins, Ga.
53	Jeff Fambrough (9)***	6-0	273	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.
95	Sam Wilson	6-4	285	Tr-Fr.	Destin, Fla.

### DEFENSIVE END

56	Roy Ravenell (29)***	6-2	255	Sr.	Goose Creek, S.C.
91	Gaines Burnett* (or)	6-1	245	So.	Kathleen, Ga.
47	Jay Jay Mars*	6-1	244	So.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
58	Channing Welch	6-2	230	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.

### STRONG LINEBACKER

20	Gary Nelson (18)**	6-1	218	Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga.
51	Philip Morris	6-1	234	R-Fr.	Orangeburg, S.C.
35	Shaun Van Rensburg	6-3	231	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
49	Clay Crosby	6-0	213	So.	Easley, S.C.

### MIDDLE LINEBACKER

41	Andrew Jones (13)**	5-11	232	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala.
57	Keith Boykins*	6-0	230	So.	Fayetteville, Ga.
54	Kyle McKinney	6-1	221	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.

### WEAK LINEBACKER

36	Brandon Williams* (or)	6-1	236	So.	Tucker, Ga.
11	Clifton Dortch**	6-1	218	Jr.	Decatur, Ga.
32	Hunter Twitty*	6-0	221	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
33	Alex Crisp	6-1	200	Fr.	Burlington, N.C.
90	Bobby Yawn	6-1	222	Jr.	St. George, S.C.

### LEFT CORNERBACK

6	Austin Holmes (12)**	5-8	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
3	John Castleberry	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Cumming, Ga.
31	Julian Hicks	5-9	187	Fr.	College Park, Ga.

### RIGHT CORNERBACK

1	William Middleton*	5-10	190	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
18	Masham Austin	5-8	172	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga.
26	Dustin Gourdin	5-11	185	Fr.	Greer, S.C.

### STRONG SAFETY

8	Andrew Thacker (22)**	6-1	198	Jr.	Cumming, Ga.
2	Rico Scott**	5-11	206	Jr.	Columbia, S.C.
38	Walsh Thomas	5-10	190	So.	James Island, S.C.
37	Charlie Bailes	5-11	197	So.	Orlando, Fla.

### FREE SAFETY

25	Jeremy Blocker***	6-0	187	Sr.	Hodges, S.C.
28	Thomas Twitty*	5-11	204	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
48	Bynum Jaeger	6-0	201	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.
24	Max Lerner	5-11	205	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.
46	Chris Yankow	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Olyphant, Pa.

## FURMAN SPECIALISTS

### PLACEKICKER

29	Scott Beckler**	6-2	188	Jr.	Anderson, S.C.
92	Traver Toole**	6-1	189	Jr.	North Augusta, S.C.
88	Matthew Cesari	6-0	174	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
87	Patrick Timony	5-8	165	Jr.	Norcross, Ga.

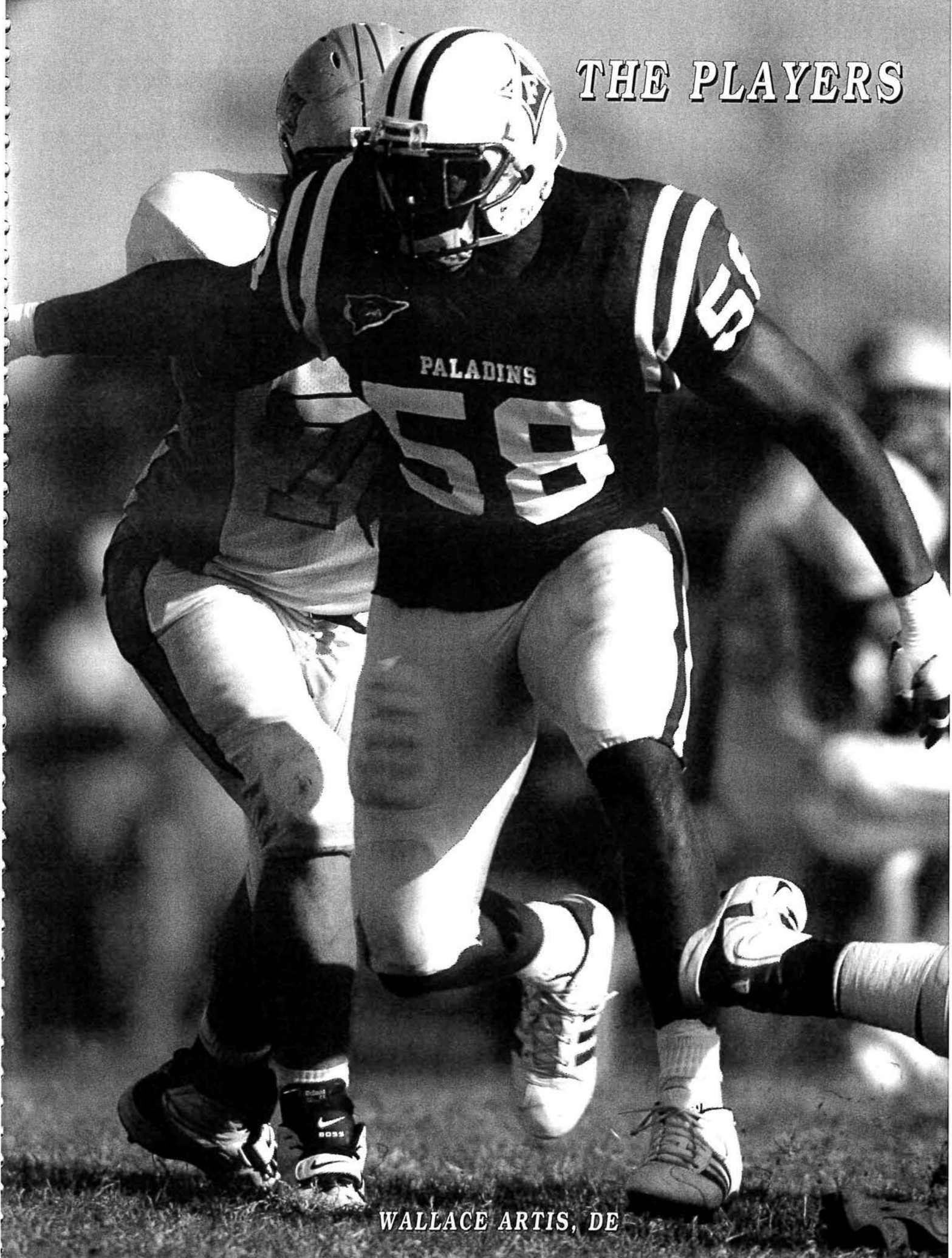
### PUNTER

10	Arthur Williams*	6-1	195	So.	Monroe, Ga.
5	Patrick Sprague**	6-1	191	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala.
29	Scott Beckler**	6-2	188	Jr.	Anderson, S.C.





# THE PLAYERS



WALLACE ARTIS, DE



## WALLACE ARTIS

55

DE, 6-4, 267, Junior, 2L  
Calhoun Falls, South Carolina  
Calhoun Falls High School

**Furman:** Returning starting defensive end who helps comprise a cast of eight returning defensive starters, including all four down linemen...should play a major role in what is expected to be an improved Paladin defense this fall...sports good size and strength...solid pass rusher...combines with senior All-Southern Conference performer Roy Ravenell in giving Furman

a pair of quality, experienced defensive ends...career includes starting experience at both defensive tackle and defensive end positions...bench pressed 435 pounds, recorded a squat of 505 pounds, and a 308-pound hang clean in spring testing. **2005** — Began the season at defensive tackle, where he earned starts in the first four games before moving back to defensive end, where he started in the Paladins' final 10 contests...helped Furman go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...compiled 60 tackles, 10 tackles-for-loss, and a team leading four sacks...also had four pass deflections...notched a season high eight tackles and a sack in a 24-20 NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff win at Richmond...had seven tackles, including two for-loss, in a 39-31 triple overtime win at The Citadel...tallied three of his four season pass deflections in a 34-21 victory over Wofford...also notched sacks against Hofstra (44-41 2OT win), Appalachian State (34-31 win), and Elon (45-6 win). **2004** — Earned his first playing time, appearing in all 13 games as a backup defensive end and member of special teams...totaled 17 tackles, two tackles-for-loss, and a half sack...notched a season high four tackles in a 31-10 win over Western Carolina. **2003** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **High School:** 2003 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School...three-year letterman and two-year starter as a defensive end and offensive lineman...as a senior earned all-region honors both ways and was an All-Lakelands and all-state selection at defensive end...totaled 87 tackles in helping his squad to a 13-1 record and state A semifinal finish in 2002...beat defending state champion Ninety-Six to claim region title...South Carolina North-South All-Star Game participant and recipient of Doug Shaw Memorial Scholarship...totaled 201 tackles, eight sacks, three fumble recoveries, and two forced fumbles in his career...football coach was Jimmy Towse...was also recruited by South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Duke, and Georgia Southern...won 2003 state championship in the shot put and finished second in discus.

**Personal:** Full name is Wallace Trey Artis III...son of Tessa and Wallace Artis, Jr...born July 25, 1984, in Port Arthur, Texas...is the oldest of six boys...moved from Texas to South Carolina prior to the start of his sophomore year...communications major.

### ARTIS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2004	13-0	7	10	17	3	(-4)	0	0	0.5	1
2005	14-14	34	26	60	10	(-38)	0	0	4.0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-14</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(-42)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5</b>



## MASHARN AUSTIN

18

CB, 5-8, 172, Sophomore  
Lawrenceville, Georgia  
Buford High School

**Furman:** Promising young player who appears set to complete his comeback after missing the entire 2005 campaign due to injury...successful return to form could provide a big boost to Paladin secondary...impressed the coaching staff with a strong spring season in his first action since sustaining a torn anterior cruciate ligament midway through 2005 spring practice...will

push for playing time...underwent reconstructive surgery in late March of 2005 and spent the next 11 months in rehabilitation. **2005** — Did not see any action due to injury. **2004** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Buford (AA) 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 tailback Mark Standridge...member of Buford's 2003 4x100 state championship squad...was also recruited by The Citadel, Toledo and Central Michigan.

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



## CHARLIE BAILES

37

SS, 5-11, 197, Tr.-Sophomore  
Orlando, Florida  
Edgewater High School/Florida

**Furman:** Walk-on transfer who joined the program in January in time for spring practice after spending the fall of 2005 at the University of Florida...may compete for action on special teams. **2005** — Did not participate in football at Florida.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Edgewater (6-A) High School...football coach was Bill Girke...starred at linebacker, earning second team All-Central Florida honors in 2004 after racking up 146 tackles and helping Edgewater to a 13-2 record and state runner-up finish to Miami-Killian...program went 41-5 and finished as state runner-up in his three seasons of play...was presented the 2004 North Florida Scholar-Athlete Award by the Junior Orange Bowl Committee...also garnered Edgewater's Scholar-Athlete Award his senior year...played outfield and third base on Edgewater's baseball team.

**Personal:** Full name is Charles Edward Bailes, IV...son of Charles and Kimberly Bailes...has two older sisters, Courtney and Ashley...father played golf at Georgia Tech and uncle, Jess Bailes, played golf at Wake Forest...born January 6, 1987, in Orlando, Florida...business administration major.



## CARTER BARFIELD

83

SE, 6-1, 160, Senior  
Merritt Island, Florida  
Melbourne Central Catholic High School

**Furman:** Expected to again provide reserve duty at split end this fall after seeing limited action a year ago...joined the program as a walk-on. **2005** — Appeared in four games as a reserve. **2004** — Saw limited action as a reserve. **2003** — Logged his first action, appearing briefly in Furman's 45-0 whitewash of Gardner-Webb. **2002** — Member of scout

team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Melbourne Central Catholic High School...football coach was Mike Riazzi...played wide receiver...served as team captain senior season...helped Melbourne Central Catholic to a district championship his junior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Carter Jennings Barfield...son of Jim and Darleen Barfield...born August 19, 1984, in Merritt Island, Florida...history major.



## SCOTT BECKLER

29

PK/P, 6-2, 188, Junior, 2L  
Anderson, South Carolina  
T.L. Hanna High School

**Furman:** Right-footed, two-time All-Southern Conference performer who returns for his third season as the Paladins' placekicker...may also be considered for the squad's open punting duties this fall following the graduation of All-American punter Ingle Martin...has tallied 178 points in his first two seasons, ranking him sixth all-time on Furman's kick scoring chart

and 14th in overall scoring...already owns three Furman kick scoring records, including season PATs made (55), attempted (57), and points (97)...very proficient at kicking off into the end zone.

**2005** — Garnered his second consecutive first team All-SoCon scroll in voting by league media and was a second team all-conference pick by head coaches...converted 14-of-24 field goals and a school record 55-of-57 PATs to finish second on the team in scoring with 97 points, trailing only fullback Jerome Felton (124 points)...led the SoCon in kick scoring (6.9 ppg) and finished fifth in overall scoring...97 points set a new Furman single season kick scoring record previously held by Mike Wood (90 points, 1986)...helped Furman go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...started the season in strong fashion, making good on 12 of his first 16 field goals through the first 10 games before slumping in the final four contests, when he was successful on only two of his final eight tries...converted a pair of field goals in games against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win), Appalachian State (34-31 win), and Wofford (34-21 win)...knocked home a season long 43-yarder versus Wofford...drilled a 35-yard field goal in second overtime to force a third overtime in the Paladins' eventual 39-31 triple overtime win at The Citadel...also had a key 41-yard field goal in overtime in the Paladins' eventual 44-41 double overtime victory over Hofstra. **2004** — Fashioned a solid true freshman season, earning first team All-SoCon honors in balloting by league media and second team all-conference accolades by head coaches...led Furman in scoring with 81 points, converting 11-of-18 field goals and 48-of-51 PATs, keying the Paladins' 10-3, SoCon championship season that included an NCAA I-AA quarterfinal



playoff appearance and No. 5 final national ranking...6.2 ppg ranked second among SoCon kick scorers and fifth in overall scoring...11 made field goals (0.85/game) ranked second in SoCon...converted 5-of-7 field goals from 40-49 yards...earned SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors after tallying 10 points (7x7 PATs, 37-yard FG) in his first collegiate game, a 52-7 win over Presbyterian...made his first four field goal attempts, including a 42-yarder in a 45-10 win over Samford...booted a career long 47-yard field goal versus The Citadel (33-14 win)...lone punt attempt covered 28 yards and was downed at the 5-yard line in a 31-10 win over Western Carolina.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of T.L. Hanna (AAAA) High School...football coach was Scott Parker...friend of James Robert "Radio" Kennedy, whose unique life as a fan of Hanna football was depicted in the 2003 hit movie "Radio"...2003 Shrine Bowl placekicker and punter selection...earned all-region, **Anderson Independent-Mail** All-Area, and first team all-state honors at both positions...booted 65-of-75 kickoffs into the end zone, connected on 5-of-12 field goals, converted 64-of-65 PATs, and averaged 38.0 yards per punt his senior year while helping his team to an 11-2 record in 2003...took up football for the first time his sophomore year...four-year starter for Hanna's soccer team...served as team captain his senior year...member of two state championship club soccer teams...2003 Palmetto Boys State selection...member of National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Full name is Scott Alan Beckler...son of Gene and Sharyl Beckler...born August 7, 1985, in Grand Rapids, Michigan...has two sisters, Rachel and Amanda...religion major.

## BECKLER'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	PAT	PCT	FG	PCT	U29	30-39	40-49	50+	LNG	PTS
2004	48-51	.941	11-18	.611	4-4	2-7	5-7	0-0	47	81
2005	55-57	.965	14-24	.583	6-6	6-14	2-4	0-0	43	97
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103-108</b>	<b>.954</b>	<b>25-42</b>	<b>.595</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>8-21</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>178</b>

YEAR	G-GS	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG	LNG	TB	FC	I20	BLK
2004	13-13	1	28	28.0	28	0	0	1	0
2005	14-14	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2004 SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Presbyterian)  
2004 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)  
2004 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Coaches)  
2005 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)  
2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Coaches)



**BRAD BELL**

TE, 6-2, 238, Senior, 3L  
Watkinsville, Georgia  
Oconee County High School

86

**Furman:** Three-year letterman who has the inside track to take over the starting tight end position following the graduation of All-Southern Conference performer John Rust...will help form a cast of six new offensive starters this fall...solid blocker and capable receiver...has compiled noteworthy special teams experience during his Furman tenure. **2005** — Earned playing

time in all 14 games, working as a backup to starting tight end John Rust and member of special teams...caught six passes for 78 yards...had a 35-yard reception in Furman's 45-6 win over Elon and a leaping 18-yard catch in the Paladins' 29-23 loss at Appalachian State in NCAA I-AA semifinal round playoff action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Registered action in all 13 games as a reserve tight end and contributor on special teams...caught two passes for 18 yards...had a 12-yard reception in a 45-10 win over Samford...tallied six tackles and a fumble recovery on special teams...fumble recovery came in a 52-7 season opening win over Presbyterian...had a pair of stops in a 10-0 victory over Elon...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Saw his first action, earning playing time in 11 games primarily as a member of special teams...recorded one of the season's most memorable tackles in a 28-17 loss to eventual Peach Bowl champion Clemson, when he leveled the Tigers' Justin Miller on a punt return, forcing a wobbly-legged Miller to the sideline with assistance from teammates...fumble recovery on a punt return versus Western Carolina (19-13 win) led to a 43-yard Danny Marshall field goal...had an 11-yard kickoff return versus Appalachian State...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Oconee County High School...started at tight end and defensive end on a pair of region 8-AAAA championship teams his junior and senior seasons...caught 26 passes for 356 yards and earned All-Northeast Georgia honors in 2001 after helping pace Oconee County to an 11-1 record and third round state playoff appearance...lettered as a sophomore on Oconee County's state championship team (15-0)...program went 35-5 in three seasons of play...football coach was Jeff Arnette...also played basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Robert Bradford Bell...son of Leesa and the late Steve Bell...born Septem-

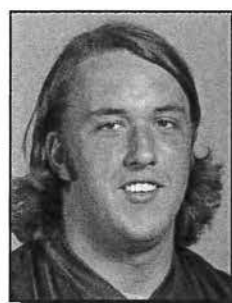
ber 6, 1983, in Hartwell, Georgia...carries a 3.22 grade point average...business administration major.

## BELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	11-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	13-0	2	18	9.0	0	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	6	78	13.0	0	35	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</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
2003	11-0	1	11	11.0	0	11
2004	13-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	1	9	9.0	0	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2003	11-0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0.0	0
2004	13-0	3	3	6	0	0	0	1	0.0	0
2005	14-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>



**JOEL BELL**

OT, 6-7, 305, Sophomore, 1L  
Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Spartanburg High School

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**Furman:** Highly regarded young offensive tackle who possesses a considerable upside according to veteran Paladin offensive line coach Clay Hendrix...appears in line to take over the starting job at left tackle following the move of 2005 regular Scott Shuford to left guard in spring practice...ranks as one of the top athletes on the Paladin offensive front, sporting outstanding size and quick feet, which he uses effectively to gain leverage on defenders...at 6-foot-7 ranks as one of the tallest offensive linemen in Furman history...with a solid season could contend for All-Southern Conference consideration...counting two seasons at Furman, has only played four seasons of organized football. **2005** — Put together a promising first season of action, seeing action in eight games at tackle...earned the first start of his career in the Paladins' 44-41 double overtime win over Hofstra after starting right tackle John Kivett was sidelined at the last minute with an allergic reaction to medication...stepped up to record 90 snaps and 12 knockdowns 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...also registered significant action against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win) and Elon (45-6 win), totaling 28 and 33 plays respectively...was in on 217 snaps and notched two winning performances. **2004** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...finished sixth in the discus event at the 2005 Southern Conference Track & Field Championships, helping Furman to a sixth place team finish.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Spartanburg (AAAA-Big 16) High School...football coach was Doc Davis...two-year starter who played both left and right offensive tackle during his tenure at Spartanburg, helping the Vikings post 8-5 record and advance to the second round of the state playoffs in 2002...team went 6-6 in 2003...earned all-region and all-area academic honors as a senior...also played basketball and competed in track and field at Spartanburg.

**Personal:** Full name is Joel R. Bell...son of Richard and Beverly Bell...born July 29, 1985, in Cleveland, Ohio...has two sisters, Joanna and Deborah...parents became missionaries and family 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...undeclared major.

## BELL'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

Block Execution					Performance				
YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG
2005	14-1	215	2	33	171	9	0	402	1.87

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.

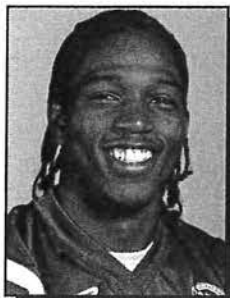
2005 SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Hofstra)



NCAA I-AA National Champion 1988

NCAA I-AA National Finalist 1985, 01





## JEREMY BLOCKER

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FS, 6-0, 187, Senior, 3L  
Hodges, South Carolina  
Greenwood High School

**Furman:** Furman's most physical defensive back...expected to take over the starting job at free safety following Andrew Thacker's move to strong safety...All-Southern Conference candidate...experienced performer with starting experience who is respected for his on-the-field intellect...recorded a team best 35.5" vertical jump and hang clean of 308 pounds in spring

testing. **2005** — Battled back from injury to see action in 12 of Furman's 14 games and help the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...missed the first two games due to rehabilitation efforts associated with a torn pectoral muscle sustained in the spring of 2005...made his season debut against Samford (45-23 win)...went on to register 56 tackles, two interceptions, and pass deflection working as a backup to free safety Andrew Thacker and in nickel back situations...tallied a season high 12 tackles against Appalachian State (29-23 loss) in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action...had seven tackles and an interception against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win)...delivered one of the season's most physical tackles in the Paladins' 24-20 NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff win at Richmond, dislodging the helmet of Spiders' quarterback Stacy Tutt on a third down stop at the Paladin 30-yard line on UR's final drive...a bloodied and dazed Tutt then threw an incomplete pass on fourth down, allowing Furman to take over possession and run out the clock...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Appeared in all 13 games and earned starts in three contests at free safety after Cam Newton was sidelined with a severe ankle sprain early in the Paladins' eventual 41-38 overtime loss to Pittsburgh...starts came against Western Carolina (31-10 win), Appalachian State (29-28 loss), and The Citadel (33-14 win)...returned an interception 58 yards for a touchdown in a 31-10 win over Western Carolina...helped Furman pace the SoCon in scoring defense (16.6 ppg)...had a season high nine tackles and pass breakup versus Appalachian State...played a key role in the Paladins' 10-3, SoCon championship season that included a No. 5 final national ranking...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Earned playing time in 10 games, primarily as a member of special teams but also a backup free safety...tallied 11 tackles, including a season high three stops and a pass deflection versus Gardner-Webb (45-0 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Greenwood High School...member of two AAAA state championship teams...played both cornerback and safety...earned all-state honors with 28 tackles, two interceptions, three pass deflections, three blocked punts, and a blocked field goal in 2001 while helping Greenwood to a 9-3 record and into state playoffs...fashioned a fine junior season on state championship squad (14-0), totaling 45 tackles, four interceptions, and seven pass deflections...helped Greenwood to 36-6 record over final three seasons...football coach was Shell Dula...prep teammate of Paladin quarterback Renaldo Gray...also competed in wrestling and track & field...won state triple jump title his senior year.

**Personal:** Full name is Jeremy Demetrius Blocker...son of John and Janet Blocker...born August 13, 1984, in Greenwood, South Carolina...health and exercise science major.

### BLOCKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2003	10-0	9	2	11	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	1
2004	13-3	18	21	39	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	2	4
2005	12-0	26	30	56	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35-3</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	10-0	1	13	13.0	0	13
2004	13-3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	12-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>



## KEITH BOYKINS

57

LB, 6-0, 230, Sophomore, 1L  
Fayetteville, Georgia  
Lovejoy High School

**Furman:** Emerged from spring practice listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference middle linebacker Andrew Jones...appears set to gain more playing time this fall at linebacker and as a contributor on special teams. **2005** — Earned his first action as a contributor on special teams and as a reserve linebacker...credited with a pair of tackles...named to

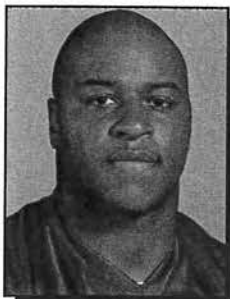
SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Lovejoy (AAAAA) High School...football coach was Al Hughes...registered action as a linebacker and fullback...four-year starter...helped his program to a 34-6 regular season record (38-9 including playoffs) and three state playoff appearances...tallied a school career record 385 tackles, including 27 for-loss, 11 sacks, five caused fumbles, five fumble recoveries, and six pass deflections...was a three-time All-Region 4-AAAAA, All-Southern Crescent, All Henry-Clayton, and all-area selection...tallied 89 tackles, including eight for-loss, a pair of sacks, two pass deflections, a caused fumble, fumble recovery, and a blocked punt in 2003, keying his squad to a 10-0 regular season record, region championship, and third straight playoff appearance before losing to Westside-Macon 41-35 in the semifinals...named Lovejoy's 2002 Biology Student-of-the-Year...selected Furman over Oklahoma State, East Carolina, and Cincinnati.

**Personal:** Full name is Keith Denale Boykins...son of Ron Boykins and Jennifer Harris...born November 12, 1985, in Fort Knox, Kentucky...has two siblings, Chris and Ajanae...political science major.

### BOYKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	11-0	1	1	2	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0



## WESLEY BRAY

94

NG, 6-2, 278, Senior, 3L  
Cave Spring, Georgia  
Coosa High School

**Furman:** Two-year starter who helps comprise a cast of eight returning defensive starters, including all four down linemen...will anchor the Paladin defensive front in what is expected to be an improved Paladin defense this fall...ranks as one of Furman's physically strongest players...recorded a team best bench press of 475 pounds and posted the second highest mark

in the squat (555 pounds) and third highest tally in the hang clean (346.5 pounds) in spring testing. **2005** — Earned starts at nose guard in all 14 games and helped Furman go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...notched 44 tackles and a tackle for loss...tallied a season high eight stops at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...had six tackles in a 14-12 NCAA I-AA first round win over Nicholls State. **2004** — Registered playing time in all 13 games and starts at tackle in the final 10 games...played a key role in the Paladins' 10-3, SoCon championship season that included an NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff appearance and No. 5 final national ranking...helped Furman pace the SoCon in scoring defense (16.6 ppg)...tallied 31 tackles and a tackle-for-loss...notched a season high six tackles in a 29-22 win over nationally second-ranked Georgia Southern. **2003** — Saw action in 10 of Furman's 11 games, missing only the East Tennessee State contest (30-10 win) due to a knee injury sustained against The Citadel...earned one start (at nose guard for an injured Michael Burant) in a 45-0 shutout of Gardner-Webb...tallied 21 tackles, including season high four stops against Western Carolina (19-13 win)...solid play in inaugural season helped Furman rank first defensively in the SoCon in scoring defense (14.1 ppg) and total defense (272.5 ypg). **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Purple Pounder Award.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Coosa High School...earned second team all-area and team defensive player-of-the-year honors in 2001 after totaling 73 tackles and eight sacks...in 1999 helped Coosa post its first winning record since 1994 with a 6-4 record...football coach was Preston Cash.

**Personal:** Full name is Wesley Demetrius Bray...son of Demetrius and Sharon Bray...born July 19, 1984...health and exercise science major.

### BRAY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2003	10-1	10	11	21	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0
2004	13-10	9	22	31	1	(-1)	0	0	0.0	0
2005	14-14	15	29	44	1	(-5)	0	0	0.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(-6)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 2002 Furman Purple Pounder Award



## JUSTIN BROWN

97

NG/DT, 5-11, 280, R-Freshman  
Warner Robins, Georgia  
Warner Robins High School

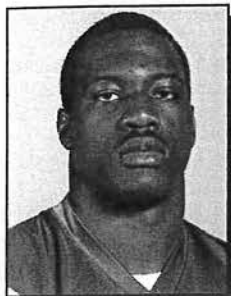
**Furman:** Strong, compact young defensive lineman who should compete for the starting job at tackle or figure into the mix at nose guard...showed great improvement in the spring...smart player with quick feet...could prove to be one of the team's top redshirt freshmen this fall...bench pressed 405 pounds and recorded a squat of 510 pounds in spring testing.



**2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Warner Robins (AAAA) 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...tallied 78 tackles, eight tackles-for-loss, and five sacks in 2003, his junior year...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...was also recruited by The Citadel, Georgia Southern, and South Carolina State.

**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...undeclared major.



## GAINES BURNETT

91

DE, 6-1, 245, Sophomore, IL  
Kathleen, Georgia  
Houston County High School

**Furman:** Impressive, versatile young performer who earned quality playing time as a true freshman a year ago and who figures to once again provide depth along the Paladin defensive front again this year...emerged from spring practice listed as the backup to returning starting defensive ends Roy Ravenell and Wallace Artis...possesses excellent quickness. **2005** — One

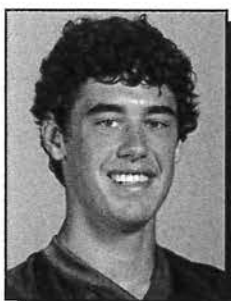
of five true freshmen to earn playing time...worked at both defensive end and defensive tackle, where he used quickness to overcome oftentimes significant weight differentials with opponents...saw action in all 14 games and totaled 23 tackles, including four tackles-for-loss, and a pass deflection...turned 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 (29-23 loss)...performance versus Nicholls State included two tackles-for-loss...also had four stops, including one for-loss, in a 34-21 victory over Wofford.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Houston County (AAAAA) 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...also competed in track, throwing the shot put and discus and running in relay events...attended the 2005 Presidential Inauguration as part of the National Young Leaders Conference...was also recruited by Ball State, Central Michigan, Central Florida, and Georgia Southern.

**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...undeclared major.

### BURNETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

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



## LANCE CANINGTON

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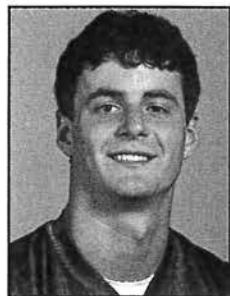
FLK, 6-2, 193, Sophomore  
Bel Air, Maryland  
C. Milton Wright High School

**Furman:** Could be a year away from competing for playing time at flanker due to the return of a number of veteran performers. **2005** — Member of scout team...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of C. Milton Wright (AAA) 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 in his prep tenure...set new school records after leading the state of Maryland with 73 catches and ranking second with 888 receiving yards in 2004 after his team switched from a wing-T to pro style offense...served as team captain and was named team MVP and first team all-county his senior year...also starred in track and field, competing in the 100-yard dash, 4x100 and 4x200 relays...four-time recipient of Maryland Athletic Association Minds In Motion Scholar-Athlete Award...ranked in the top four percent of a class of 448 students...National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Varsity Club...nominated by Greater Baltimore Chapter of prestigious National Football Foundation & College Hall-of-Fame Scholar Athlete Award.

**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 College, and uncle, Matt Darden, competed in golf at Vanderbilt...has performed with several bands as lead guitarist and singer...has worked for Loane Brothers Tents, the second oldest company in the United States...carries a 3.11 grade point average...undeclared major.



## JOHN CASTLEBERRY

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CB, 6-1, 190, R-Freshman  
Cumming, Georgia  
Gainesville High School

**Furman:** Aggressive, hard hitting young player who heads into preseason practice listed the backup to returning All-Southern Conference cornerback Austin Holmes...should figure prominently into special teams play. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Gainesville (AAA) High School...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, and notched eight interceptions on the way to earning 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...team went 11-1, claimed region championship, and was ranked No. 1 in the state for eight weeks in 2003...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...stole 53-of-54 bases in his first three seasons of high school ball...was also recruited by Air Force, Georgia Southern, Chattanooga, The Citadel, Gardner-Webb, and Liberty.

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



## MATTHEW CESARI

88

PK/P, 6-0, 174, Sophomore  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Westminster High School

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the team after the start of the 2005-06 academic year...left-footed...has shown promise despite playing only three seasons of organized ball...may also get a look at the punting job vacated by the graduation of All-American Ingle Martin. **2005** — Member of scout team.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Westminster (AAA) High School...played wide receiver and handled kicking and punting chores during his prep career...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...undeclared major.



## HEATH COCKBURN

65

OG, 6-2, 292, R-Freshman  
Dalton, Georgia  
Northwest Whitfield High School

**Furman:** Physically strong, aggressive young player who should figure into the mix at right guard along with Reggie Goolsby and Adi Filipovic following the graduation of All-America performer Patrick Covington...bench pressed 425 pounds and recorded a squat of 545 pounds, the third highest mark in the program, in spring testing. **2005** — Member of

scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility  
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Northwest Whitfield (AAAA) 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...was selected to play in Georgia's North-South All-Star Game...was also recruited by Western Carolina, Tennessee Tech, and Eastern Kentucky.

**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...undeclared major.



### CLAY CROSBY

49

**LB, 6-0, 213, Sophomore**  
Easley, South Carolina  
Easley High School

**Furman:** Will look to compete for reserve duty at linebacker behind returning starter Gary Nelson and a pair of redshirt freshmen. **2005** — Member of scout team...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Easley (AAAA) 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...also played soccer.

**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 3.11 grade point average...undeclared major.



### CLIFTON DORTCH

11

**LB, 6-1, 218, Junior, 2L**  
Decatur, Georgia  
Chamblee High School

**Furman:** Veteran performer who combines with Gary Nelson, Andrew Jones, and Brandon Williams in forming a contingent of four experienced Paladin linebackers...will contend with Williams for the starting job at the weak side post vacated by the graduation of two-time All-American William Freeman...one of Furman's top special teams players...bench pressed 405

pounds and recorded a hang clean of 308 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Registered playing time in all 14 games as a backup linebacker and member of special teams...tallied 27 tackles, including a season high seven stops against Samford (45-23 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Earned playing time in all 13 games as a reserve and totaled 26 tackles...tallied a season high seven tackles, including a tackle-for-loss, against The Citadel (33-14 win)...took home Furman's Whitey Kendall Specialist Award. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Chamblee High School...football coach was Wade Beale...four-year letterman who played linebacker and tight end...registered 187 tackles, 15 sacks, 30 tackles-for-loss, six fumble recoveries, and an interception in his career...served as team captain and earned 4A all-region honors on a 6-4 team in 2002...was also recruited by Lehigh, Middle Tennessee State, Georgia Southern, and Appalachian State...competed in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Clifton Lee Dortch...son of Leatha Dortch...born February 17, 1985, in Brooklyn, New York...political science major.

#### DORTCH'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2004	13-0	16	10	26	1	(-2)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	14	13	27	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(-2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2004 Furman Whitey Kendall Specialist Award



### JEFF FAMBROUGH

53

**NG, 6-0, 273, Senior, 3L**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Greater Atlanta Christian School

**Furman:** Returning starting defensive tackle who may face the toughest task of any regular in retaining first team status...came out of spring practice listed No. 3 at nose guard behind senior Wesley Bray and redshirt freshman Justin Brown...regardless of role, will provide Furman with an experienced down lineman...boasts impressive physical strength as

evidenced by his program record squat of 635 pounds in spring testing...ranked second on the team with a 352-pound hang clean...bench pressed 405 pounds...spent the first two years of his career as a member of the offensive line before making the move to defense early in the 2004 season. **2005** — Earned playing time in all 14 games and started at defensive tackle in the final nine games, helping Furman go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...totaled 20 tackles, including two stops for-loss...notched five tackles against Appalachian State (34-31 win) and at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss). **2004** — Began the year as a reserve center but was switched to nose guard early in the campaign following a season ending knee injury to Michael Burant...appeared in all 13 games as a backup and member of special teams...credited with four tackles, including two stops in a 33-14 win over The Citadel. **2003** — Delivered quality play in his first action as a Paladin, primarily as a backup to starting centers Corey Stewart and Craig Morgan...earned an emergency start (the first of his career) at The Citadel after Morgan was a game time scratch...saw action in all 11 games, including seven at center...earned three winning grades...notched season high mark of 1.97 (86.2 percent) on 29 plays versus Gardner-Webb (45-0 win)...totaled 132 snaps on the season. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Greater Atlanta Christian School...two-year starter at both offensive and defensive tackle...played on a pair of region 8-AA championships, posting 9-3 and 11-1 records, respectively...served as team captain, totaled 90 tackles, and earned all-region and All-Gwinnett County honors in 2001...starred as a catcher and designated hitter in baseball...also excelled in weightlifting, posting a squat mark of 600 pounds and power clean of 340 pounds...football coach was Jimmy Chupp.

**Personal:** Full name is Jeffrey Chandler Fambrough...son of Mike and Ann Fambrough...father was an outstanding golfer at Georgia and team captain in 1974-75...born May 12, 1984, in Dunwoody, Georgia...health and exercise science major.

#### FAMBROUGH'S CAREER STATISTICS

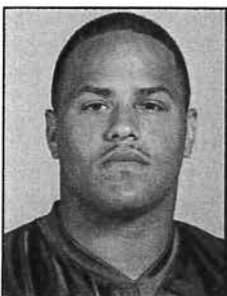
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2004	13-0	0	4	4	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0
2005	14-9	8	12	20	2	(-2)	0	0	0.0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(-2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### — Block Execution —

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
2003	11-1	132	1	19	102	10	0	253	1.92	.848	3	0	1.97
2004	12-0	49	0	9	39	0	1	91	1.86	.816	1	0	1.94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-1</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>.840</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.97</b>

#### — Performance —

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



### JEROME FELTON

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**FB, 6-0, 248, Junior, 2L**  
Madisonville, Tennessee  
Sequoyah High School

**Furman:** Physical, hard running fullback who ranks as one of the top players in the Southern Conference and NCAA I-AA...recently rated the top fullback in I-AA and part of the No. 2 rated backfield (along with tailback Cedrick Gipson) by The Sports Network...may be used out of the tailback slot in certain situations...should contend for All-America honors this

fall...sports outstanding tackle breaking ability and is a quality blocker and receiver...punishes defenders who choose to tackle straight on, leading many to dive at his feet...will be a major factor in the 2006 campaign...well on the way to establishing himself as one of Furman's all-time great fullbacks...already ranks 10th on the school's career scoring chart with 194 points...bench pressed 405 pounds, recorded a squat of 500 pounds, posted a power clean of 330 pounds, and registered a 34.5" vertical jump in spring testing. **2005** — Played a key role in Furman's 2005 season, keying the Paladins to an 11-3 record, NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff finish, and No. 3 final national ranking...led Furman and ranked ninth in the SoCon in rushing with 940 yards — the highest season rushing total ever by a Paladin fullback...scored a team leading 20 touchdowns...set a new school single season scoring record with 124 points, breaking the previous mark of 114 points set by Louis Ivory in 2001...ranked second in the SoCon in scoring...averaged an impressive 5.2 yards per carry...earned second team All-SoCon honors — quite an accomplishment for a Furman fullback...was also named to the I-AA.org All-Star Team at the fullback position...spearheaded a Paladin ground attack that helped Furman lead the SoCon in total offense (470.0 ypg)...ran for over 100 yards in three games, including a career high 121 yards and two touchdowns in a 45-23 win over Samford...ran for 109 yards against Hofstra (44-41 2OT win) and rushed for 105 yards in two scores in the Paladins' 29-23 NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff loss to Appalachian State...performance against ASU included a 31-yard scoring run in which he ran over Mountaineer

All-America defensive back Corey Lynch...scored three touchdowns in the Paladins' 39-31 triple overtime victory over The Citadel, including the game tying score with 48 seconds in regulation and game winner (plus two-point conversion) in third overtime period...also scored a pair of TDs in the Paladins 24-21 quarterfinal playoff win over Richmond...caught 18 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Shared Furman Freshman-of-the-Year honors with strong safety Andrew Thacker...began the season in a reserve role but by midseason took over the starting fullback job, beating out a pair of seniors in the process...started in the Paladins' final seven games (6-1) and delivered critical, big time play down the stretch...played a key role in the Paladins' 10-3, SoCon championship season that included an NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff appearance and No. 5 final national ranking...rushed for 300 yards and a team leading 10 touchdowns...added one touchdown catch and a pair of two-point conversions to finish the season with 70 points, good for second on the team and 10th in the SoCon...ran six times for a season high 59 yards in the Paladins' 52-7 season opening win over Presbyterian...scored two touchdowns and a two-point conversion, including a game winning 7-yard score with 1:05 left in the game, to complete the Paladins' 29-22 win over then second-ranked Georgia Southern...performance against GSU garnered him SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors...came back the next week to score two touchdowns, including the game winner with 2:38 remaining in a 31-24 win at Wofford...work against Wofford also featured three receptions, including a key 12-yard catch and run in the fourth quarter that saw him bull over two Terrier defenders on the way to a first down to the Wofford 22 and eventual touchdown...rushed for touchdowns in NCAA I-AA playoff contests against Jacksonville State (49-7 win) and James Madison (14-13 loss)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Sequoyah (AAA) High School...football coach was Don Kerley...two-way starter at fullback and middle linebacker...rushed for over 3,000 yards and compiled over 300 tackles in his three-year career...was a three-time team offensive MVP, all-county, and all-region selection...served as team captain, rushed for 1,300 yards, and finished second on his team with 104 tackles in 2003...ran for over 900 yards and registered over 80 tackles in 2002, his junior year...was named an All-American Scholar and an Outstanding African-American Student of Tennessee...received the 2001-02 United States National Minority Leadership Award...named to Who's Who Among American High School Students...recipient of Sequoyah High School's Academic Excellence Award...also recruited by Duke and Tennessee Tech.

**Personal:** Full name is Jerome Jean-Marie Felton...son of Sabrina Felton-Curtis and Boyd Curtis...mother is a native of Germany and former professional gymnast...born July 3, 1986, in Duren, West Germany...has three siblings: Maike, Simon, and Eamon...took the ACT as a seventh grader as part of Duke University's Talent Search program...score was high enough to allow him to enroll in summer and night courses at Hiwassee College, where between the seventh and 11th grades he completed 19 hours of college credit courses...is a professionally trained scuba diver and rescuer...political science major...sports a 3.14 grade point average.

### FELTON'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2004	13-7	66	300	4.5	10	37	5	51	10.2	1	18
2005	14-14	182	940	5.2	18	31	18	144	8.0	2	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-21</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

**2004 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Georgia Southern)**

**2004 Furman Most Valuable Freshman Award**

**2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team - Coaches)**

**2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team - Media)**

**2005 I-AA.org All-Star Team**



### ADI FILIPOVIC

OG, 6-3, 276, Graduate, 3L

Martinez, Georgia

Lakeside High School

**Furman:** Three-year letterman who heads into the fall as a contender for the starting job at right guard along with junior Reggie Goolsby...has worked at both guard and tackle during his career...graduated summa cum laude (3.92 grade point average) with a bachelor of science degree in math and economics in June. **2005** — Played in all 14 games...registered

104 snaps in a reserve capacity, earning a pair of winning grades against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win) and Elon (45-6 win)...most action (25 plays) and highest blocking grade (92.0 percent) came against Elon...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll...took home Furman's Bryan Burns Academic Award (highest grade point average) for second straight year. **2004** — Appeared in all 13 games, including seven at offensive guard...credited with 94 plays...logged a season high 23 plays against Presbyterian (52-7 win) and was in on 20 plays versus The Citadel (33-14 win)...also registered time on special teams...captured Furman's Bryan Burns Academic Award for team's highest grade point average...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Logged his first action as a Paladin, working in four games at left tackle and totaling 33 plays...registered a season high 16 snaps in 45-0 win over Gardner-Webb...was in on 11 plays versus Chattanooga (63-21

win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** Three-year starter who saw action primarily at offensive tackle during his time at Lakeside...served as a team captain and earned all-county, all-region, and All-Metro Augusta accolades after yielding only one sack in 2001...played center and defensive tackle his junior season, helping Lakeside to a 7-4 record and appearance in AAAA state playoffs...football coach was Edward Koester.

**Personal:** Full name is Adnan Filipovic...son of Damir and Sevlata Filipovic...born August 20, 1983, in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina...family immigrated to the United States in 1995 just ahead of the Balkan conflict.

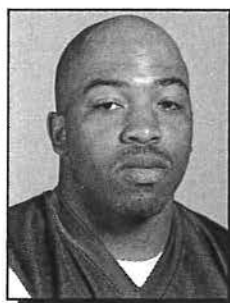
### FILIPOVIC'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	— Block Execution —				— Performance —				
			0	1	2	3	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC
2003	11-0	33	0	5	27	1	0	62	1.88	.848	0
2004	13-0	94	1	17	75	1	0	170	1.81	.809	0
2005	14-0	104	0	12	88	4	0	200	1.90	.885	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38-0</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>.848</b>	<b>2</b>

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**2004 Furman Bryan Burns Academic Award**

**2005 Furman Bryan Burns Academic Award**



### CEDRICK GIPSON

TB, 5-9, 198, Junior, 2L

Summerton, South Carolina

Lakewood High School

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**Furman:** Talented, instinctive runner who is expected to take over the starting tailback job this fall after serving in Furman's tailback trifecta (with the now graduated Daric Carter and Brandon Mays) the last two seasons...should contend for All-Southern Conference honors...will combine with All-SoCon fullback Jerome Felton in forming the second best backfield in NCAA I-

AA, according to rankings by The Sports Network...with 1,458 career rushing yards, needs just 167 yards to crack the school's all-time rushing yards ledger. **2005** — Fashioned a solid sophomore campaign, rushing for 713 yards (third highest on squad) and four touchdowns...helped Furman go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...combined with fellow tailbacks Daric Carter (793 yards, 8 TDs) and Brandon Mays (558 yards, 1 TD) in forming the SoCon's deepest tailback tandem that accounted for 2,064 yards (147.4 ypg) and 13 touchdowns...played a major role in a Furman offense that topped the SoCon in total offense (470.0 ypg)...recorded a pair of 100-yard rushing performances, including a 16-carry, 137-yard outing in a 56-35 win at Chattanooga...teamed with Daric Carter (132 yards) and Jerome Felton (121 yards) by running for 100 yards and a touchdown (42-yard run) in a 45-23 victory over Samford to become the first Paladin trio to rush for 100 yards in a game since 1985...scored Furman's first rushing touchdown of the season with a 31-yard burst around right end in a 37-35 season opening win at Jacksonville State. **2004** — Led all SoCon freshmen in rushing with 745 yards and four touchdowns, averaging an impressive 6.0 yards per rush...teamed with Brandon Mays (682 yards, 5 TDs) and Daric Carter (579 yards, 3 TDs) to produce an impressive 2,006 yards and 12 touchdowns out of the tailback slot...saw action in all 13 games — all as a reserve...played a key role in the Paladins' 10-3, SoCon championship season that included an NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff appearance and No. 5 final national ranking...twice captured SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors in a campaign...earned his first tab after rushing for 54 yards and a touchdown and catching a 52-yard scoring strike in a 30-29 loss to Appalachian State...second honor came against Chattanooga (51-31 win) in the regular season finale after rushing nine times for a season high 104 yards and a score while also catching two passes for 25 yards...had a season best 55-yard run against the Mocs...registered two touchdowns against Presbyterian (52-7 win) in his first collegiate game...turned in an impressive performance in Furman's 29-22 victory over then second-ranked Georgia Southern, rushing 11 times for 87 yards, including a 41-yard burst in the second half. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Lakewood High School...three-year starter at running back who rushed for a school season record 1,702 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior in helping Lakewood to the state 3A playoffs...named team most valuable player...selected **Sumter Daily Item Area Player-of-the-Year** and all-state...was a Shrine Bowl pick and finalist for **South Carolina High School Sports Report** Mr. Football...named to academic all-area squad...rushed for 229 yards and four touchdowns against Dreher...ran for 188 yards and scored game winning touchdown in 18-17 triumph over Manning in 2002...as a sophomore broke Lakewood's single game rushing record with 250 yards and five touchdowns in 50-0 win over AC Flora...career rushing statistics





include 531 attempts, 3,203 yards, and 35 touchdowns...football coach was Greg Crolley...was recruited by Oregon and nearly all SoCon schools...claimed a region weightlifting title and was a member of the 4x100 meter relay region championship team.

**Personal:** Full name is Cedrick Samal Gipson...son of Isaiah Moore and Charlene Gipson...born November 23, 1984, in Manning, South Carolina...has six brothers and sisters...information technology major.

### GIPSON'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2004	13-0	124	745	6.0	4	55	8	109	13.6	1	52
2005	14-0	124	713	5.8	4	51	4	24	6.0	0	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>

2004 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Appalachian State)  
2004 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Chattanooga)



### REGGIE GOOLSBY

C/OG, 6-1, 282, Junior, 2L  
Monticello, Georgia  
Monticello High School

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**Furman:** Versatile performer who will be among a cast of three new starters along Furman's offensive front this fall...heads into preseason practice as the top contender to start at either center or right guard — two positions that were manned by All-Americans a year ago...sports excellent strength and technique...recorded a bench press of 405 pounds, a squat of

515 pounds, and a hang clean of 330 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Registered action in all 14 games and totaled 125 snaps working almost exclusively behind All-America right guard Patrick Covington...came off the bench to record 27 snaps and 88.9 blocking percentage in Furman's 37-35 season opening win at Jacksonville State...also notched winning grades with 24 plays (91.7 blocking percentage) against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win), 22 snaps (95.4 blocking percentage) versus Elon (45-6 win), and 22 snaps (86.4 blocking percentage) against Chattanooga (56-35 win). **2004** — Logged action in all 13 games...totaled 81 snaps on the offensive line and also on special teams...notched a season high 22 plays versus The Citadel (33-14 win). **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Purple Pounder Award (scout team player-of-the-year) following season.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Monticello High School, where he played center and started all four years...football coach was Steve Patterson...served as team captain and garnered 7-AA All-Region honors...took home his team's best offensive lineman award in 2002...won region championships in the shot put and discus his junior year...served as basketball team captain.

**Personal:** Full name is Reginald Jerome Goolsby...son of Norris and Deborah Goolsby...born January 1, 1985, in Monticello, Georgia...father played football at Fort Valley State...communications major.

### GOOLSBY'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

		Block Execution				Performance			
YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG
2004	13-0	81	0	19	53	9	0	152	1.88
2005	14-0	125	1	11	108	5	0	242	1.94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>1.91</b>

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### 2003 Furman Purple Pounder Award



### RENALDO GRAY

QB, 6-0, 230, Junior, 2L  
Greenwood, South Carolina  
Greenwood High School

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**Furman:** Strong, burly athletic performer and heir-apparent to graduated All-Southern Conference and record setting quarterback Ingle Martin, a fifth round draft selection of the Green Bay Packers...will headline a cast of six new offensive starters this fall...fashioned a solid spring practice...sports impressive arm strength and good running ability, which the coaching staff

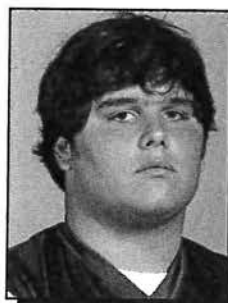
believes will add another dimension to what could be a strong Paladin ground game in 2006...has no starting experience but demonstrated ability to perform under pressure in last year's 39-31 triple overtime win at The Citadel. **2005** — Served as the backup to All-Southern Conference signal caller Ingle Martin...appeared in eight games and completed 10-of-27 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns...also ran 18 times for 86 yards and a pair of scores...recorded the most impressive work of his career in the fourth quarter of the Paladins' eventual 39-31 triple overtime win at The Citadel...with Furman trailing 21-7 and Martin sidelined with leg cramps, came off the bench to rally the Paladins with a pair of fourth quarter touchdown drives to force overtime...first score came on a 30-yard touchdown pass to Justin Stepp to complete an 11-play, 87-yard drive...two possessions later engineered an 11-play, 64-yard drive that ended with Jerome Felton's 1-yard touchdown run that tied the game with 48 seconds left...scored on a 1-yard run in the first overtime period and directed the Paladins to scores in the second and third overtime frames. **2004** — Served as the Paladins' No. 3 quarterback behind Ingle Martin and backup Bo Moore, and actually saw limited time as a reserve tailback...sustained a high ankle sprain early in the early going and did not see his first action until the season's seventh game — a 33-14 win over The Citadel...went on to earn playing time in five contests...tallied seven rushes for 16 yards and scored a two-point conversion in the Paladins' SoCon title clinching 51-31 win over Chattanooga. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Greenwood High School, where he played under the legendary Shell Dula and was a teammate of Paladin safety Jeremy Blocker...made the rare move from tight end to quarterback his senior year...responded by earning All-Lakelands and all-region honors after throwing for a school record 2,431 yards and helping his squad to a 10-3 record, region championship, and semifinal finish in 4A state playoffs...also rushed for 630 yards to finish with 3,061 yards in total offense in 2002...participated in South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...earned all-region offensive and defensive honors on 10-3 region championship team in 2001, tallying 40 receptions for 600 yards and 12 touchdowns along with 45 tackles, including 10 for-loss...had touchdown catch in Greenwood's state championship game victory to complete a 13-2 campaign...program did not lose a region game during his four-year career...was recruited by Wake Forest, Chattanooga, The Citadel, and Presbyterian.

**Personal:** Full name is Renaldo Quinterio Gray...son of Floyd and Verneilla Gray...born April 1, 1985, in Greenwood, South Carolina...health and exercise science major.

### GRAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
2004	5-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	7	16	3.2	0
2005	8-0	27	10	2	136	2	37.0	88.98	18	86	4.8	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>88.98</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2</b>



### TYLER HAYNES

OG, 6-2, 300, R-Freshman  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Vestavia Hills High School

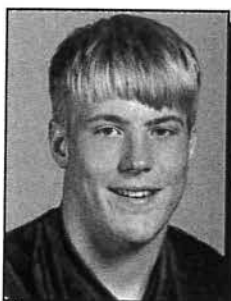
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**Furman:** Impressive, physical young offensive lineman who is listed as the backup to projected starting left guard Scott Shuford...expected to push for playing time this fall...recorded the team's second best bench press mark (445 pounds) in spring testing, trailing only senior Wesley Bray's squad best mark of 475 pounds. **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...was also recruited by Mississippi, UAB, and Wofford.

**Personal:** Full name is Tyler Ryamond 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)...undeclared major.



### LARRY HEDDEN

TE, 6-5, 243, R-Freshman  
Hoover, Alabama  
Briarwood Christian High School

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**Furman:** Impressive young player who is continuing the transition from wide receiver, which he played in high school, to tight end...expected to battle redshirt freshman Chris Truss for backup duty behind projected starter Brad Bell...sports good size, hands, and mobility. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.



**High School:** 2005 graduate of Briarwood Christian (AAAAA) High School...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...played quarterback his sophomore year...also starred in basketball, earning All-Over The Mountain honors after helping pace his squad to an area crown in 2004...was also recruited by Samford.

**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...undeclared major.



### JUSTIN HESTER

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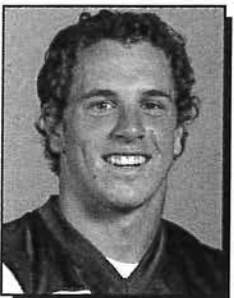
OG, 6-5, 315, Sophomore  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Brentwood Academy

**Furman:** Expected to provide reserve duty at right guard behind a couple of returning veterans...could also see action on special teams...joined the program as a walk-on prior to the start of the 2004 season...has good size. **2005** — Registered 12 snaps in two games as a reserve guard...had nine plays and a knockdown in a 45-6 win over Elon. **2004** — Member of

scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Brentwood (Division II-AAA) Academy...football coach was Carlton Flatt...played offensive and defensive tackle, starting for two seasons...earned all-state honors after grading out 86 percent and leading his squad to a 10-2 record and state runner-up finish to nationally-ranked Montgomery Bell Academy after defeating MBA 27-24 during the regular season.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Parker Hester...son of Jimmy and Kim Hester...born April 12, 1986, in Nashville, Tennessee...mother and father both attended Furman...health and exercise science major.



### AUSTIN HOLMES

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CB, 5-8, 185, Junior, 2L  
Jacksonville, Florida  
Bolles School

**Furman:** All-Southern Conference performer who returns for his second season of starting duty...part of a contingent of eight returning defensive regulars...ranks as Furman's best cover cornerback...breaks on the ball as well as any Paladin defensive back...pound for pound ranks as one of the strongest players in the program. **2005** — Proved to be one of Furman's

most pleasant surprises after starting the year as a backup and taking over the starting job at left cornerback three games into the campaign...ended up starting at right cornerback in the final 12 games, helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...led Furman with four interceptions and 11 pass deflections...totaled 56 tackles, including three for-loss, on the season...named second team All-SoCon in voting by league media...proved to be one of the few bright spots in a 41-21 loss at Western Carolina, coming off the bench and recording three tackles, an interception, and three pass deflections...was elevated into the starting lineup the following week and totaled six tackles and pass breakup in a 45-23 win over Samford...recorded a pair of interceptions and pass deflection along with five tackles versus Gardner-Webb (48-31 win)...had a season high nine stops and a pass breakup versus Appalachian State (34-31 win) in Greenville...notched six tackles, including two-for-loss, and two pass deflections versus Mountaineers in NCAA I-AA playoff action in Boone (29-23 loss)...took home Furman's Best Defensive Back Award following the season...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Earned playing time in 11 of Furman's 13 games as a reserve cornerback and member of special teams...totaled eight tackles and two pass deflections...had a career high five tackles and pass breakup against Chattanooga (51-31 win). **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of The Bolles School...football coach was Corky Rogers...played cornerback and safety...tallied 96 tackles and four interceptions during his prep career...helped lead Bolles to AA state championship his senior year...captured state title with 6-0 victory over Chaminade, thereby avenging a 43-42 triple overtime loss to same team in regular season opener...also competed in weightlifting, wrestling, track, and lacrosse.

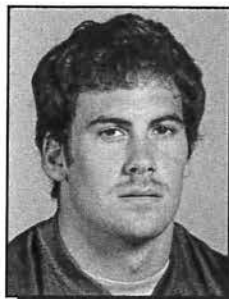
**Personal:** Full name is Austin Kenneth Holmes...son of Lockwood and Patricia Holmes...born February 21, 1985, in Jacksonville, Florida...brother, Lockwood, was a three-year member of the Paladin program (2002-03, '05)...product of same program as redshirt freshman linebacker Shaun Van Rensburg...history major.

### AUSTIN HOLMES' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2004	11-0	3	5	8	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	2
2005	14-12	35	21	56	3	(-8)	0	0	0	4	11
Totals	25-12	38	26	64	3	(-8)	0	0	0	4	13

### 2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team - Media)

### 2005 Furman Best Defensive Back Award



### GARRETT INMAN

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SE, 6-4, 203, Junior, 1L  
Dallas, Texas

Lake Highlands High School/Stephen F. Austin

**Furman:** Experienced, second year player who will add quality depth at split end behind returning starter Patrick Sprague...could be pushed for slot in receiving rotation by redshirt freshman R.J. Webb...ranks as the tallest member of the Paladin wide receiving corps...has good hands and potential to be greatly increase reception totals...transferred in to

Furman from Stephen F. Austin prior to the start of 2005 spring practice. **2005** — Caught three passes for 19 yards in his first season at Furman working as a reserve at split end...receptions came against Western Carolina (41-21 loss), Gardner-Webb (48-31 win), and Wofford (34-21 win). **2004** — Injured...did not see any action as a scholarship player at Stephen F. Austin. **2003** — Member of scout team at Stephen F. Austin...was awarded a redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Lake Highlands (AAAAA) High School...football coach was Jerry Gayden...played wide receiver and was a two-time all-district selection...helped his team to a state playoffs his senior year...also competed in track.

**Personal:** Full name is Garrett Tyler Inman...son of Barney and Susan Inman...born April 29, 1985, in Arlington, Texas...has a brother, Chase, and two sisters, Taylor and Jordan...business administration major.

### INMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	11-0	3	19	6.3	0	8	0	0	0.0	0	0



### BYNUM JAEGER

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FS, 6-0, 201, Junior  
Marietta, Georgia  
The Walker School

**Furman:** Expected to serve in a reserve capacity at free safety this year behind projected starter Jeremy Blocker and backup Thomas Twitty...best opportunity for playing time may again be on special teams...joined the team as a walk-on at the start of the 2004-05 academic year. **2005** — Saw limited action in three games as a member of special teams. **2004** — Did not

see any action.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of (AA) The Walker School...football coach was Frank Cuda...played free safety, running back, and quarterback in high school...amassed 288 tackles and 13 interceptions in his prep career...was a two-time all-county and team MVP selection...also served a team captain his junior and senior seasons...led Cobb County with seven interceptions in 2002, his junior year...also played basketball at Walker.

**Personal:** Full name is Charles Bynum Jaeger...son of Jeff and Farin Jaeger...born May 9, 1986, in Leonardtown, Maryland...undeclared major.



### ANDREW JONES

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LB, 5-11, 232, Junior, 2L  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Minor High School

**Furman:** Outstanding All-Southern Conference performer who will anchor what appears to be another solid linebacker corps on what should be an improved Paladin defense in 2006...will start at middle linebacker...part of a contingent of eight returning defensive regulars...playmaker who is mentally and physically tough...runs well and has a nose for the football...has All-

America potential. **2005** — Fashioned an impressive sophomore campaign and was named sec-



ond team All-SoCon in balloting by league media after racking up 129 tackles, including 13 tackles-for-loss, 3.5 sacks, and three pass deflections...tackle total ranked second on the team behind All-American William Freeman's 130 stops and fourth in SoCon...began the year as a backup but moved into the starting lineup at middle linebacker three games into the season...ended up registering 12 starts and playing a key role in helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...tallied 13 tackles, including three for-loss, a pair of sacks, and a pass breakup in his first start of the season, a 45-23 win over Samford...compiled 12-tackle performances against both Hofstra (44-41 2OT win) and The Citadel (39-31 3OT win)...was outstanding in Furman's 14-12 NCAA I-AA first round playoff win over Nicholls State, totaling a career high 16 tackles, including three for-loss. **2004** — Began the year as a redshirt candidate, but his playmaking ability, coupled with multiple injuries in the Paladin linebacking corps earned him playing time by game seven...notched four tackles and a tackle-for-loss of 17 yards in his first collegiate game, a 33-14 win over The Citadel...registered a season high nine tackles and a critical second half fumble recovery versus Wofford (31-24 win) that led to the Paladins' first go-ahead touchdown of the game...performance against the Terriers earned him SoCon Freshman-of-the-Week honors...received the first start of his career the following week against Chattanooga (for injured middle linebacker William Freeman) and registered six tackles and a tackle-for-loss in the Paladins' 51-31 SoCon title clinching win over the Mocs...in all played in seven games and finished the season with 22 tackles.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Minor (AAAAA) High School...football coach was Tony Lunceford...saw action almost exclusively at linebacker...tallied 406 stops, including 64 tackles-for-loss, 10 caused fumbles, seven fumble recoveries, and six interceptions during his prep career, which spanned three seasons...served as team captain and earned first team all-region and Birmingham News and Alabama Sportswriters Association honorable mention all-state honors in 2003 after helping Minor to a 10-2 record, region championship, and second round state playoff appearance...team ranked No. 8 in final poll...in all totaled 151 tackles, 24 tackles-for-loss, five caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries, and three interceptions as a senior...nominated to play in Alabama's Third-South All-Star Game as well as the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Games...recorded a school single game record 23 tackles against Clay-Chalkville...was rated metro-Birmingham's sixth best senior prospect...earned all-region honors as a junior after totaling 145 tackles, including 21 behind the line of scrimmage...served as president of Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)...recipient of Advance Honors Diploma...selected as an all-state scholar-athlete, to the National Society of High School Scholars, and to the National Honor Society...Who's Who Among American High School Students...spurned offers from Navy and Samford in favor of Furman.

**Personal:** Full name is Andrew Louis Jones...son of Ardell and Andrew Jones...born February 14, 1986, in Birmingham, Alabama...owns his own business manufacturing t-shirts...business administration major.

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS												
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU	
2004	7-1	9	13	22	2	(-17)	0	1	0.0	0	0	0
2005	14-12	57	72	129	13	(-45)	0	0	3.5	0	3	3
Totals	21-13	66	85	151	15	(-62)	0	1	3.5	0	3	3

2004 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Week (vs. Wofford)  
2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team - Media)



## RICKY JONES

DT, 6-3, 264, Sophomore, IL  
Alpharetta, Georgia  
Centennial High School

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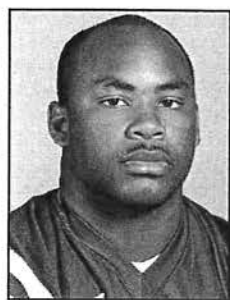
**Furman:** Highly regarded young player who fashioned a strong spring practice to position himself as the frontrunner to start at defensive tackle, where he will be the lone new face among a group of returning regulars. **2005** — Saw limited action in five games and registered one assisted tackle in a 48-31 win over Gardner-Webb...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 (AAAAA) 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 Line-man Award...also competed in track, specializing in the discus and shot put, and wrestling...was also recruited by Georgia Southern.

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

JONES' CAREER STATISTICS												
YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU		
2005	5-0	0	1	1	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0	0



## BRANTLEY KENDALL

FB, 5-10, 227, Sophomore, IL  
Senoia, Georgia  
East Coweta High School

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**Furman:** Quality fullback who has the tough task of playing behind Jerome Felton, one of the top fullbacks in NCAA I-AA...physical, hard runner who will give the Paladins quality depth...impressed the coaching staff with a solid spring practice...outstanding performer in the weight room...recorded a team best 363-pound hang clean and a squat of 515 pounds

in spring testing. **2005** — Appeared in all 14 games as a reserve fullback and member of special teams...had 11 rushes for 35 yards and also caught two passes for 15 yards. **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 (AAAAA) High School...football coach was Danny Cronin, father of Furman wide receivers coach Drew Cronin...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...was also recruited by Wofford.

**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...undeclared major.

### KENDALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

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

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	1	15	15.0	0	15

2004 Furman Purple Pounder Award



## JOHN KIVETT

OT, 6-3, 278, Senior, 3L  
High Point, North Carolina  
Robert B. Glenn High School

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**Furman:** All-Southern Conference performer and All-America candidate who joins junior guard Scott Shuford in anchoring a Paladin offensive front that returns two starters...helps form a contingent of five returning offensive regulars...will start again at right tackle...ranks as one of the most athletic members of the offensive front...equally adept at run and pass blocking...has

seen action at both tackle slots...also sports experience as a snapper for punts and placements.

**2005** — Named first team All-SoCon in voting by league media after helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...earned starts in 13 of the Paladins' 14 games, missing only the Hofstra contest after developing an allergic reaction to medication the day before the game...played a key role in Furman leading the SoCon and ranking second nationally in total offense (470.0 yards per game)...earned winning blocking performances in 12 games, including one exceptional mark of 2.00 (94.6 percent) on 56 plays against Samford (45-23 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Saw playing time in all 13 games, primarily as the team's short and long snapper but also as the backup to All-SoCon and SoCon Jacobs Blocking Award left tackle Ben Bainbridge...totaled 99 snaps at tackle...registered a season high 29 plays and a winning grade of 1.93 (86.2 percent) in season opening 52-7 triumph over Presbyterian...as the team's snapper, played a role in freshman kicker Scott Beckler (11x18 FGs, 48x51 PATs, 81 points) earning All-SoCon honors. **2003** — Saw action in four games as a backup at left offensive tackle, totaling 37 snaps...most action (17 plays) came in 45-0 win over Gardner-Webb...also split time with Patrick Covington in handling short snapping duties...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Robert B. Glenn High School...registered action at six positions during his prep career...two-time all-conference performer...served as team captain for three seasons...was named team MVP in 2001 after helping lead his squad to a 7-4 record...caught 18 passes as a tight end and recorded 91 tackles as an outside linebacker in 2000...football coach was Dickie Cline...also played basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Jonathan Thomas Kivett...son of Mike and Carol Kivett...born November 27, 1983, in High Point, North Carolina...business administration major.



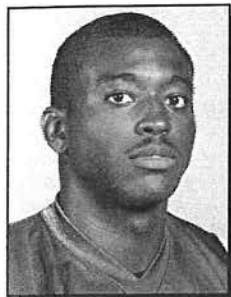


### KIVETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

— Block Execution —										— Performance —			
YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
2003	11-0	37	0	7	28	2	0	69	1.86	.810			
2004	13-0	99	1	14	80	4	0	186	1.88	.848	1	0	1.93
2005	13-13	856	3	76	742	35	0	1665	1.94	.907	11	1	2.00
Totals	37-13	992	4	97	850	41	0	1920	1.93	.898	12	1	2.00

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.

2005 All-Southern Conference (1st Team -Media)



### STEPHONE LAFRANCE

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DT, 6-2, 217, R-Freshman  
Fairburn, Georgia  
Creekside High School

**Furman:** Appears poised to see his first action this fall as a backup to projected starting tailback Cedrick Gipson...sports excellent size and speed. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Creekside (AAAA) 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...also recruited by Eastern Michigan, Eastern Kentucky, Richmond, Wofford, and Jacksonville State.

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



### WILL LANDERS

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OT, 6-3, 285, R-Freshman  
Roswell, Georgia  
Roswell High School

**Furman:** Attempting a comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament sustained in spring practice...underwent surgery in early March...listed third on the depth chart at right tackle behind John Kivett and Andrew Thornburg. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Roswell (AAAAA) 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, where his squad lost 41-7 to perennial power Parkview in first round...placed fourth in the state in the discus and 10th in the state in the shot put in 2004...was also recruited by Colgate, Western Carolina, Samford, Villanova, Wofford, and Gardner-Webb.

**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 currently plays volleyball at Piedmont (Ga.) College...undeclared major.



### DANIEL LEAGANS

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DT, 6-1, 253, Sophomore  
Ware Shoals, South Carolina  
Ware Shoals High School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at defensive tackle. **2005** — Member of scout team...named to Southern Conference 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 during his prep

career...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 and state playoff appearance...served as team captain in 2004...also played basketball and baseball as a prep...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, and brother, Joel, is a senior at Furman...undeclared major...carries a 3.41 grade point average.



### JAY JAY MARS

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DE, 6-1, 244, Sophomore, IL  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
Dunwoody High School

**Furman:** Heads into the preseason along with Gaines Burnett as the backup to returning senior All-America defensive end Roy Ravenell...helps form a contingent of five experienced returning defensive ends...should also be a key figure on special teams...could be poised for a breakout campaign...has big play ability...sports excellent speed...recorded the squad's second

best vertical leap (34.5") in spring testing. **2005** — Appeared in all 14 games as a backup defensive end and contributor on special teams...tallied nine tackles and a sack...registered a season high four stops and a sack versus Gardner-Webb (48-31 win)...also had four tackles against Samford (45-23 win). **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Dunwoody (AAAA) High School...football coach was James Teeter...versatile performer who played defensive end, tight end, linebacker, offensive line, and running back...totaled 126 tackles, 11 sacks, five caused fumbles, and two interceptions, and also caught 10 passes for 215 yards in his four-year career...served as team captain and registered 28 tackles, five tackles-for-loss, three sacks, and two forced fumbles in 2003 en route to earning first team All-DeKalb County and All-Region 6-AAAA honors...was his team's Offensive MVP selection in 2003...also competed in track & field, running the 100m, 200m, and 4x100m relay...was also recruited by Ohio, Appalachian State, Chattanooga, and Western Carolina.

**Personal:** Full name is Jawara Osayande Mars...son of Kenneth and Sandra Browner...born September 22, 1986, in Brooklyn, New York...has six siblings: Emerson, Monique, Zalika, Kendra, Jamila, Jasmine...stepfather played football at Tuskegee...undeclared major.

### MARS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2005	14-0	5	4	9	1	(-4)	0	0	1.0	0



### RYAN MCKIE

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FLK, 6-0, 185, Junior, 2L  
Simpsonville, South Carolina  
Hillcrest High School

**Furman:** Pronounced "Mackey"...local product who should again figure prominently into the Paladins receiving corps rotation...listed as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference flanker Justin Stepp...could also serve in a kick return capacity...pound-for-pound one of the strongest players in the program. **2005** — Caught seven passes for 176 yards for a

squad best 25.1 yards per catch...also returned 12 kickoffs for 178 yards...nabbed two passes for 33 yards against Western Carolina (41-21 loss)...also had a pair of receptions for 71 yards at Chattanooga (56-35 win)...season long 55-yard reception came against Elon (45-6 win). **2004** — Saw limited action in six games. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of nearby Hillcrest High School...football coach was DeWayne Garrick...three-time all-region 4A "Big 16" selection as a wide receiver...also played defensive back and returned kickoffs and punts during his prep career...selected to play in South Carolina North-South All-Star Game...finished his career as Hillcrest's all-time leading receiver with 154 catches for 1,921 yards...established a new school record with 61 receptions for 808 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore in 2000, including a seven-reception, 123-yard, one-touchdown performance versus Laurens...was also recruited by Middle Tennessee State, Vanderbilt, and Coastal Carolina...standout performer in track...finished sixth in the state 400 meter hurdles as a junior...two-time national junior olympic pentathlon champion and two-time national bronze medalist in the pentathlon and decathlon.

**Personal:** Full name is James Ryan McKie...son of James and Demetra McKie...born January 14, 1985, in Columbia, South Carolina...father played football at University of South Carolina and was the backup to Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers...cousin B.J. McKie, played basketball at South Carolina...health and exercise science major.



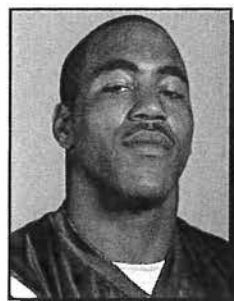




### MCKIE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2004	6-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	11-0	7	176	25.1	0	55	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</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
2004	6-0	1	0	0.0	0	0



### KYLE MCKINNEY

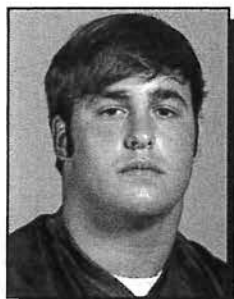
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**LB, 6-1, 221, R-Freshman**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
North Atlanta High School

**Furman:** Second-year player who will compete for his first career action this fall as a reserve linebacker and member of special teams...slated No. 3 at middle linebacker behind returning All-Southern Conference performer Andrew Jones and backup Keith Boykins. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of North Atlanta (AAAA) 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...also averaged 39.7 yards per punt...earned first team all-city honors as a linebacker...also played baseball...was also recruited by Chattanooga, Colgate, and Lafayette.

**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...lived two years in Johannesburg, South Africa...undeclared major.



### DAVID MENOCAL

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**C, 6-2, 275, Sophomore, IL**  
Gainesville, Georgia  
Gainesville High School

**Furman:** Expected to compete with Reggie Goolsby for the starting job at center for graduated All-America performer Corey Stewart...could also capture the position if Goolsby earns the starting job at right guard...already has noteworthy experience, including one career start...has good quickness and strength...bench pressed 405 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Compiled 147

plays in his first season of play, including his first career start in the Paladins' 45-23 win over Sanford...emergency start versus Sanford came after Stewart was sidelined with a reaction to a laceration sustained in the Paladins' season opening 37-35 win over Jacksonville State...logged 147 snaps, including 66 in the start versus Hofstra...earned his first career winning performance with a mark of 1.90 (90.5 percent) on 21 plays against Elon (45-6 win)...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

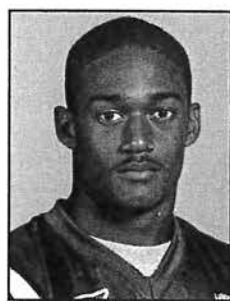
**High School:** 2004 graduate of Gainesville (AAA) High School...football coach was Bruce Miller...started in 37 consecutive games at center and also played defensive tackle during his prep career, helping Gainesville to a 30-7 record during that span...served as team captain and earned all-area and 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...chose Furman over Central Florida, Middle Tennessee State, Chattanooga, and Wofford.

**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 and was a 15th round draft choice of the Philadelphia Phillies...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...majoring in political science and Spanish...sports a 3.46 grade point average...Spanish and political science major.

### MENOCAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

— Block Execution —										— Performance —			
YEAR	G-GS	PLY	0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN	EXC	HIGH
2005	14-1	147	2	18	122	4	1	278	1.89	.864	1	0	1.90

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



### WILLIAM MIDDLETON

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**CB, 5-10, 190, Sophomore, IL**  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Marist High School

**Furman:** Outstanding athlete who appears set to take over the starting job at right cornerback vacated by the graduation of Maurice Duncan...will help form a cast of three new defensive starters this fall...solidified starting candidacy with a strong spring practice...could be pushed for action by redshirt freshman Masharn Austin...expected to again figure into Furman's

kickoff return plans...recorded the team's second best vertical jump (35.5") in spring testing, trailing only free safety Jeremy Blocker's 36.5" leap. **2005** — Registered playing time in all 14 games as both a backup cornerback and kickoff return specialist...totaled eight tackles and a caused fumble on defense...averaged 22.0 yards on 32 kickoff returns...had 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) and a 59-yard return at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...finished the campaign 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 (AAAA) High School...football coach was Alan Chadwick...saw action as a cornerback, wide receiver, and return specialist...three-year letterman...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...recorded 20 stolen bases on 26-12 state championship baseball team in 2003...stole second and third base and then scored the go-ahead run on a bunt in 5-3 state title game victory...selected Furman over Villanova and Colgate.

**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...biology major.

### WILLIAM 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

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	32	705	22.0	0	67



### PHILIP MORRIS

51

**LB, 6-1, 234, R-Freshman**  
Orangeburg, South Carolina  
Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School

**Furman:** Strong, physical young linebacker...will see his first action this year as a backup to returning strong side linebacker Gary Nelson...smart player with excellent football awareness according to position coach Steve Wilson...bench pressed 400 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson (AAAA) High School...football coach was Tony Felder...played both inside and outside linebacker, as well as tight end during his prep tenure...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 by a 41-14 score...ranked third in the state in tackles...served as team captain and earned all-state honors...joined fellow Paladin signees Jordan Sorrells, Thomas Slaughter, and Tharry Salley as Shrine Bowl selections...helped South Carolina to a 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...keyed his team to a region track championship in 2004 with a third place finish in the discus...Palmetto

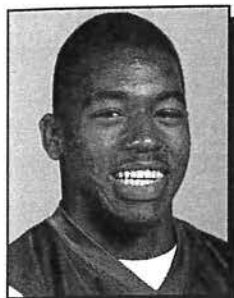


# FURMAN

## THE PLAYERS

Fellows Scholar and member of the National Honor Society and Palmetto Boys State...was also recruited by Appalachian State, South Carolina State, North Carolina A&T, and Howard.

**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...undecleared major.



**GARY NELSON**

**LB, 6-1, 218, Junior, 2L**  
Stone Mountain, Georgia  
St. Pius High School

**20**

**Furman:** Furman's most experienced linebacker (18 career starts)...will again man the strong side position and team with returning All-Southern Conference middle linebacker Andrew Jones in giving the Paladins one of the SoCon's linebacking corps in 2006...helps form a contingent of eight returning defensive regulars who should help give the Paladins a needed defensive

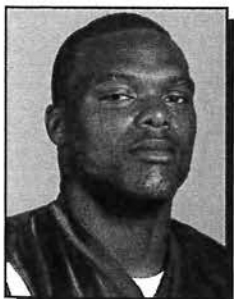
improvement this fall...sports good speed and strength...posted a hang clean of 308 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Earned starts a strong side linebacker in 13 of Furman's 14 games, missing only the Samford game due to a concussion sustained early in a 41-21 loss at Western Carolina...racked up 76 tackles, including 13 for-loss...helped the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...tallied a season high 12 tackles in a 45-6 win over Elon...had 10 tackles in a 34-31 win over Appalachian State...posted eight stops, including two for-loss, and a half sack versus Hofstra (44-41 2OT win). **2004** — Proved to be one of Furman's most pleasant surprises, taking advantage of injuries in the linebacking corps to make a significant impact in his first season of action...played a pivotal role in helping Furman to a 10-3 record, Southern Conference championship, and NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff appearance...team finished the season with a No. 5 national ranking...was inserted into the starting lineup at strong side linebacker at midseason after William Freeman's move to middle linebacker...earned starts in five games and saw action in all 13 contests...totaled 53 tackles, six tackles-for-loss, a sack, and an interception...racked up six tackles versus The Citadel (33-14 win) in his first collegiate start...turned in a brilliant performance in a 29-22 win over nationally second-ranked Georgia Southern, totaling 14 stop, including two tackles-floor-loss...pickoff came against Elon (10-0 win)...helped Furman's defense pace the SoCon in scoring defense (16.6 ppg). **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of St. Pius High School where he started for Two years and registered action at tailback, linebacker, and defensive end...had 20 tackles, a sack, and a quarterback pressure as a defensive end to go along with 503 yards rushing and five touchdowns as a senior...helped paced St. Pius to a 7-4 record in 2002 and only the program's fourth 4A state playoff appearance in 26 years...football coach was Paul Standard...was also recruited by Lehigh and West Georgia.

**Personal:** Full name is Gary John Nelson, Jr...son of Gary and Greta Nelson...born September 6, 1984, in Los Angeles, California...aunt, Cherie Nelson, was a three-time All-Pac-10 selection at Southern California and conference basketball player-of-the-year selection for the 1987-88 season...health and exercise science major.

### NELSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2004	13-5	23	30	53	5	(-22)	0	0	1.0	1	0
2005	13-13	31	45	76	7	(-13)	0	0	0.5	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26-18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>(-35)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



**ROY RAVENELL**

**DE, 6-2, 255, Senior, 3L**  
Goose Creek, South Carolina  
Stratford High School

**56**

**Furman:** All-America performer...rated as the fifth best defensive end in NCAA I-AA by The Sports Network...will look to finish off a fine career with a strong senior campaign...anchor of a Furman defensive front that returns all four starters and a Paladins defense that counts eight returning regulars...solid pass rusher who at times can dominate...has 10.5 career sacks, which

ranks seventh on Furman's career ledger...sports impressive speed, strength, and durability...bench pressed 415 pounds in spring testing...will serve as a team captain this fall. **2005** — Consensus All-Southern Conference second team selection...totaled 71 tackles, five tackles-for-loss, and two sacks in helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...posted season best nine-tackle outings versus The Citadel (39-31 3OT win) and Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...garnered seven stops and a forced fumble at Appalachian State (29-23 loss)...fumble recovery and 18-yard return came at Western Carolina (41-21 loss)...recipient of his second straight Furman Best Defensive Lineman Award. **2004** —

Garnered Sports Network second team, **Associated Press** third team, and **Football Gazette** third team All-America honors following an outstanding season that saw him tally 75 tackles, including 11 tackles-for-loss, and a team leading 6.5 sacks...also had three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, an interception, three pass deflections, and a blocked kick...consensus All-SoCon pick...helped pace a defense that topped the league in scoring defense (16.6 ppg)...played a key role in Furman going 10-3, capturing the SoCon championship, and advancing to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs...team finished the year with a No. 5 national ranking...registered a career high 14 tackles in the Paladins' 29-22 win over second-ranked Georgia Southern...had 12 tackles, a sack, and a pass deflection versus eventual national champion James Madison (14-13 loss) in NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff action...tallied eight stops, three tackles-for-loss, a pair of sacks, a blocked punt, and a pass deflection versus Gardner-Webb (38-6 win)...led Furman in its 51-31 SoCon title clinching win over Chattanooga, recording six tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, and an interception that he returned 31 yards...named Furman's Best Defensive Lineman. **2003** — Fashioned a strong inaugural season, earning three starts and totaling 46 tackles, six tackles-for-loss, two sacks, four fumble recoveries, and an interception...strong play helped Furman's defense lead the SoCon in four of five major categories: scoring defense (14.1 ppg), total defense (272.5 ypg), passing defense (132.8 ypg), and pass efficiency defense (97.51 rating)...four forced fumbles led team...burst on the scene with four tackles and two forced fumbles versus eventual Peach Bowl champion Clemson (28-17 loss)...made his first career start versus Appalachian State (13-10 loss) by totaling 10 tackles, two hits-for-losses, a sack, and two forced fumbles...recipient of Furman's Freshman Award. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** Four-year starter at linebacker, where he helped lead a Stratford program to a 48-6 record that included four region 7-AAAA titles and 1999 state championship (15-0)...2001 Shrine Bowl participant...garnered all-region, all-low country, and all-state honors as a senior after totaling 139 tackles, 14 tackles-for-loss, and a pair of interceptions on an 11-2 squad...named Stratford's 2001 Defensive MVP...football coach was Ray Stackley...also played basketball and participated in track and field, competing in the discus, shotput, long jump, and triple jump.

**Personal:** Full name is Wilbur Roy Ravenell, Jr...son of Roy Ravenell and Pamela Banks...born December 22, 1983, in Charleston, South Carolina...political science major.

### RAVENELL'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	PBU
2003	11-3	28	18	46	6	(-13)	4	0	2.0	0
2004	13-13	30	45	75	11	(-59)	3	1	6.5	3
2005	14-14	31	40	71	5	(-20)	1	1	2.0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38-30</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(-92)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>5</b>

**2003 Furman Freshman-of-the-Year Award**  
**2004 Furman Best Defensive Lineman Award**  
**2004 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Media)**  
**2004 All-Southern Conference (1st Team/Coaches)**  
**2004 Sports Network All-America (2nd Team)**  
**2004 Associated Press All-America (3rd Team)**  
**2004 Football Gazette All-America (3rd Team)**  
**2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Media)**  
**2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team/Coaches)**  
**2005 Furman Best Defensive Lineman Award**



**COREY RAY**

**DT, 6-1, 280, R-Freshman**  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Moody High School

**70**

**Furman:** Strong young defensive tackle who should see his first action this year...will combine with Ricky Jones and redshirt freshman Justin Brown in forming a trio of second year players expected to play key roles in Paladins defensive interior line...bench pressed 415 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Moody (AAAA) High School...football coach was John Grass...played defensive tackle, nose guard, and offensive tackle...totaled 285 tackles, 70 tackles-for-loss, 35 sacks, 27 forced fumbles, and seven fumble recoveries in a three-year prep career...played his senior season at Moody High School after spending his freshman and sophomore years at Leeds (Ala.) High School...did not play football his junior year...registered 94 tackles, 20 tackles-for-loss, 11 sacks, seven forced fumbles, and four fumble recoveries in 2004...helped lead Moody to a 9-4 record and third round state playoff appearance...won a state championship in the shot put his sophomore year with a toss of 51'7"...has been a third degree black belt in Taekwondo since the age of eight...member of National Honor Society...was also recruited by UAB, Troy, and Samford.

**Personal:** Full name is Corian Danté Ray...son of Daniel and Reta Ray...born December 26, 1986, in Birmingham, Alabama...has a brother, M.J...undecleared major.



NCAA I-AA National Champion 1988

NCAA I-AA National Finalist 1985, 01







**CHRIS ROGERS**

**43**

**TB, 5-10, 200, Junior**  
Hickory, North Carolina  
Hickory High School

**Furman:** Expected to provide reserve duty at tailback behind projected starter Cedrick Gipson and pair of redshirt freshmen, Stephane LaFrance and Mark Standridge...joined the program as a walk-on. **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 (AAA) 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 and second round playoff appearance...earned **Charlotte Observer** Player-of-the-Week honors after scoring three touchdowns in Hickory's first win over Newton-Conover in five years.

**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...undeclared major.

### ROGERS' CAREER STATISTICS

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



**THARRY SALLEY**

**44**

**FB, 6-2, 227, R-Freshman**  
Blackville, South Carolina  
Blackville-Hilda High School

**Furman:** Highly regarded young fullback who may challenge for his first playing time this fall despite playing behind returning veterans Jerome Felton and Brantley Kendall...outstanding athlete with good lower body strength and speed. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...recipient of Furman's Purple Pounder Award (scout

team player-of-the-year).

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Blackville-Hilda (A) High School...football coach was David Berry...saw action at fullback and linebacker...started in 49 games and rushed for 3,580 yards and 50 touchdowns during his prep career...keyed Blackville-Hilda to three straight Lower State runner-up finishes and 25 consecutive regular season wins dating back to his sophomore season...ran for 1,060 yards and 13 touchdowns and totaled 78 tackles in 2004 to lead his team to a 10-0 regular season record and 13-1 overall mark...squad fell to eventual state champion Lamar 28-3 in Lower State title game...named 2004 Mr. Football by the **Orangeburg-Times & Democrat**...joined fellow Paladin classmates Jordan Sorrells, Thomas Slaughter, and Philip Morris as Shrine Bowl selections...helped South Carolina to a 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...rushed for 1,421 yards and 28 touchdowns and tallied 125 tackles as a junior in 2003 en route to earning **Times & Democrat** Offensive Player-of-the-Year accolades...team went 13-1 in 2003 after posting 12-2 record in 2002, his sophomore year...two-time state shot-put champion...also competed on his squad's 4x100 meter relay team and played soccer during his prep career...was also recruited by Georgia Southern.

**Personal:** Full name is Tharry Leroy Salley...son of Erika Jamison and Tharry Salley...born December 31, 1986, in Aiken, South Carolina...has a sister, Danielle, and a brother, Theo...undeclared major.

**ADAM SANDERS**

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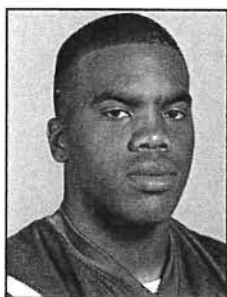
**FB, 6-0, 218, Junior**  
Rock Hill, South Carolina  
Westminster Catawba Presbyterian School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at fullback behind a number of returning veterans...joined the program as a walk-on. **2005** — Saw limited action in three games...registered two carries for six yards versus Elon (45-6 win)...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Did not see any action.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Westminster Catawba Christian (AA) School...football coach was Mike Scurlock...played running back and linebacker...rushed for 1188 yards and six touchdowns and tallied 218 tackles in his career...three-time team MVP selection...rushed for 797 yards and four touchdowns and tallied 96 tackles and an interception in

2003, helping his 15-man squad to a 6-2 record...served as team captain for three years.

**Personal:** Full name is Adam O'Neal Sanders...son of Stephen and Beth Sanders...born May 11, 1986, in Southern Pines, North Carolina...has a sister Rachel...carries a 3.02 grade point average...history major.



**RICO SCOTT**

**2**

**SS, 5-11, 206, Junior, 2L**  
Columbia, South Carolina  
Ridge View High School

**Furman:** Joins with senior Jeremy Blocker and junior Andrew Thacker in forming a trio of experienced Paladin safeties...expected to work behind Thacker at strong safety also serve as a nickel back...should also see significant playing action on special teams...intelligent player and strong physically.

**2005** — Saw increased playing time, working in all 14 games as a backup safety and in nickel back situations, as well as on special teams...credited with 30 tackles, including two for-loss and a sack...tallied a season high eight tackles versus Wofford (34-21 win)...had a pair of stops, including a sack, at The Citadel (39-31 3OT win)...fumble recovery came at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss). **2004** — Appeared in all 13 games as a reserve strong safety and on special teams...totaled 13 tackles...notched three stops against Western Carolina (31-10 win)...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** Three-year starter who registered action at strong safety, free safety, and cornerback at Ridge View High School...totaled 276 tackles and two interceptions in his career...two-time all-area honoree...2002 South Carolina North-South All-Star Game participant...tallied 107 tackles, six pass deflections, and three tackles-for-loss as a senior...set a school single game record with 22 tackles during his junior season on the way to 110 tackles, five caused fumbles, and a pair of interceptions...football coach was former Paladin standout wide receiver and 1987 Furman graduate Kirk Burnett...was recruited by Navy, Wofford, The Citadel, Western Carolina, and Coastal Carolina...outstanding student...recipient of the West Point Leadership and National Football Foundation and Hall-of-Fame Scholar Athlete Awards...was a National Achievement Scholarship Finalist.

**Personal:** Full name is Yonrico Vondez Scott II...son of Yonrico Scott and Charmaine Evans...born July 19, 1985, in Atlanta, Georgia...father played football at Kentucky State and was an outstanding musician who played with groups and artists including Pebo Bryson, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, After 7, The Wiz, and currently The Derek Trucks Band...carries a 3.12 grade point average...religion major.

### SCOTT'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2004	13-0	8	5	13	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	19	11	30	2	(-7)	0	1	1.0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(-7)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>



**SCOTT SHUFORD**

**76**

**OG, 6-3, 285, Junior, 2L**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Independence High School

**Furman:** Returning starter who made the switch from left tackle to left guard in the spring in part to help fill the void following the graduation of starting guards Brian Laggis and Patrick Covington, but also to make room for highly regarded sophomore tackle Joel Bell...joins right tackle John Kivett in giving the Paladins two returning starting offensive

linemen...recorded a squat of 500 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — Earned starts at left tackle in all 14 games and helped the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...played a key role in Furman averaging a Southern Conference leading and nationally second best 470.0 yards per game in total offense...on 859 snaps graded out a 1.90 (85.8 percent) in his first season as a starter...notched nine winning performances, including a season best 1.97 (91.1 percent) and season high 14 knockdowns on 90 plays against The Citadel (39-31 3OT win)...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Appeared in all 13 games working as both a backup to All-America and Jacobs Blocking Award winning left tackle Ben Bainbridge...totaled 102 snaps...registered a season high 29 plays against Presbyterian (52-7 win)...was in on 20 snaps versus The Citadel (33-14 win)...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.



tian (AA) School...football coach was Mike Scurlock...played running back and linebacker...rushed for 1188 yards and six touchdowns and tallied 218 tackles in his career...three-time team MVP selection...rushed for 797 yards and four touchdowns and tallied 96 tackles and an interception in

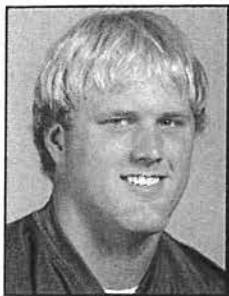
**High School:** 2002 graduate of Independence High School, which also produced Florida quarterback Chris Leak...three-year starter at left tackle who also handled long snapping duties...helped pace Independence to a 47-1 record and three state 4A championships during his tenure, including active 46-game winning streak...2002 and 2001 squads each posted 16-0 records and sophomore team went 15-1...played in 2002 East-West Shrine Bowl...three-time **All-Charlotte Observer** and All-Mecklenburg County selection...two-time all-conference and all-state honoree...was recruited by Army, William & Mary, Richmond, and Appalachian State.

**Personal:** Full name is Scott William Shuford...son of Burt Shuford...born January 16, 1985, in Charlotte, North Carolina...carries a 3.63 grade point average...religion major.

### SHUFORD'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	Block Execution				Performance				
			0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN
2004	13-0	102	0	0	15	84	3	0	192	1.88	.853
2005	14-14	859	1	1	121	697	40	0	1635	1.90	.858
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27-14</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>1.90</b>	<b>.857</b>

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



### THOMAS SLAUGHTER

59

OT, 6-4, 275, Sophomore, IL  
Rock Hill, South Carolina  
Northwestern High School

**Furman:** Highly regarded young offensive lineman who heads into the preseason listed as the backup to projected starting left tackle Joel Bell...should see some duty at tackle and again handle the team's snapping duties. **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 significantly in Paladins punter Ingle Martin earning All-America honors (43.2 avg.) and placekicker Scott Beckler landing All-Southern Conference accolades (14x24 FGs).

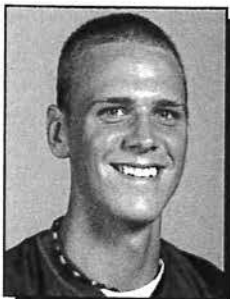
**High School:** 2005 graduate of Northwestern (AAAA) High School...football coach was Jimmy Wallace...saw action at offensive tackle, defensive end, and long snapper...served as team captain in 2004, helping Northwestern to a 13-1 record, region championship, and Upper State runner-up finish...team 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 signees Jordan Sorrells, Philip Morris, and Thorry Salley as Shrine Bowl selections...helped South Carolina to a 35-21 win over North Carolina in the annual classic...was also recruited by East Carolina, Army, and The Citadel.

**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...first cousin of Paladins sophomore strong safety Walsh Thomas...undeclared major.

### SLAUGHTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	Block Execution				Performance				
			0	1	2	3	4	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN
2005	14-0	33	0	0	5	28	0	0	61	1.85	.848

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### JORDAN SORRELLS

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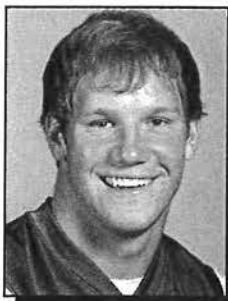
QB, 6-1, 205, R-Freshman  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Greenville High School

**Furman:** Lefthander who should see the first action of his career this fall following a year of development...listed as the No. 3 signal caller behind projected starter Renaldo Gray and backup Arthur Williams...heady performer...has excellent touch on his throws. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to Southern Conference

Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Greenville (AAA) High School...football coach was Larry Frost...played quarterback and passed for 9,405 yards and 105 touchdowns in his career, helping Greenville to 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, Thorry Salley, 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...member of National Honor Society...was also recruited by Kentucky, Akron, and East Carolina.

**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 offensive coordinator and was a two-time All-Southern Conference selection and Paladins 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 3.38 grade point average...undeclared major.



### PATRICK SPRAGUE

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SE, 6-1, 191, Junior, 2L  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Mountain Brook High School

**Furman:** Quality, proven performer who is set to begin his second season of starting duty at split end, where he will team with All-Southern Conference flanker Justin Stepp in giving the Paladins an experienced wide receiving corps...presence in the lineup should be a big boost to new starting quarterback Renaldo Gray...part of a contingent of five returning offensive

starters. **2005** — Bounced back from a fractured collarbone that caused him to miss spring practice by seeing action in all 14 games and earning starts in the last seven games...helped the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...played a key role in Furman averaging a SoCon leading and nationally second best 47.0 yards per game in total offense...finished fourth on the team in receptions with 26 for 347 yards and three touchdowns...caught four passes for 62 yards at The Citadel (39-31 3OT), including a key 22-yard reception to set up a touchdown in the first overtime period...also had four catches for 42 yards at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...was on the receiving end of game winning 6-yard touchdown pass with 31 seconds left in regulation that lifted Furman to a 34-31 win over Appalachian State...other touchdown catches came against Hofstra (44-41 2OT win) and Wofford (34-21 win)...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Saw action as a reserve in 11 games...caught three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown...opened the season with a 29-yard touchdown catch against Presbyterian (52-7 win). **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Mountain Brook High School...three-year starter who saw action as a wide receiver, quarterback, placekicker, and punter...career statistics included 98 receptions for 1,560 yards and 10 touchdowns...averaged 40.0 yards per punt...earned all-metro and second team all-state honors as a receiver in 2002 after helping his squad to a 13-1 record and state 6A semifinal finish...caught 52 passes for 853 yards and 12 touchdowns...also threw for four scores...scored five TDs in one game his senior year...football coach was Joey Jones...was recruited by Vanderbilt, UAB, SMU, Middle Tennessee State, and Samford...also starred in basketball and as a pitcher in baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Patrick Foster Sprague...son of Richard and Patricia Sprague...born August 30, 1984, in Birmingham, Alabama...majoring in history and Spanish...sports a 3.09 grade point average.

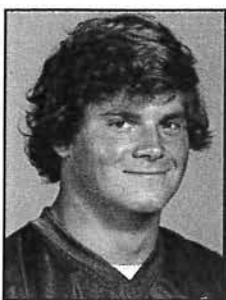
### SPRAGUE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2004	11-0	3	54	28.0	1	29	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-7	26	347	13.3	3	38	1	-12	-12.0	0	-12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2005	14-0	2	25	12.5	0	17







## MARK STANDRIDGE

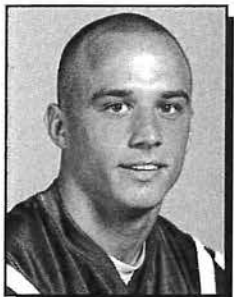
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TB, 5-9, 197, R-Freshman  
Buford, Georgia  
Buford High School

**Furman:** Emerged from spring practice listed as the No. 3 tailback behind projected starter Cedrick Gipson and redshirt freshman Stephone LaFrance...should see his first action this year due to heavy physical demand at tailback position. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of football power Buford (AA) High School...football coach was Dexter Wood...former high school teammate of Paladin sophomore cornerback Masharn Austin...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, losing to Charlton County 35-20 in the 2004 title game...earned first team Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) and Georgia Sports-writers 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...was also recruited by Air Force, Wofford, Samford, and The Citadel.

**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.



## JUSTIN STEPP

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FLK, 5-11, 188, Senior, 3L  
Pelion, South Carolina  
Pelion High School

**Furman:** Versatile, consensus All-Southern Conference performer who will anchor a Paladin receiving corps and again serve as the squad's punt return specialist...presence should be a great asset to new starting quarterback Renaldo Gray...heads into the 2006 season ranked 18th on Furman's career receptions ledger with 72 catches...nine touchdown catches stands

11th on career chart. **2005** — Fashioned an impressive campaign in his first season as a starting flanker, helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...played a key role in Furman averaging a SoCon leading and nationally second best 470.0 yards per game in total offense...led Furman an ranked second in the SoCon in receiving with 46 catches for 676 yards and eight touchdowns...46 receptions marked the sixth highest season total in Furman history, and his eight touchdown catches topped the league and represented the fourth best single season mark ever by a Paladin...recorded perhaps the biggest catch of the campaign in the season opener at Jacksonville State when he gathered in an 8-yard strike from quarterback Ingle Martin on the final play of the game to give the Paladins a 37-35 win...game winning catch capped the decisive nine-play, 74-yard drive...finished the game with five receptions for 53 yards...caught TD passes against Western Carolina (41-21 loss) and Hofstra (44-41 2OT win) before grabbing eight aeriels for 114 yards and a touchdown at The Citadel (39-31 3OT win)...30-yard fourth quarter scoring strike from Renaldo Gray helped Furman erase a 21-7 final period deficit to the Bulldogs and force overtime...hooked up with Martin on a 39-yard touchdown strike at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...had three catches for 121 yards, including a career best 58-yarder, at Chattanooga (56-35 win)...broke free for a key 29-yard scoring catch in the third quarter to give Furman a 7-6 lead en route to a 14-12 NCAA I-AA playoff victory over Nicholls State...followed it up with a career best 11-reception, 143-yard performance in a 24-20 quarterfinal playoff win at Richmond...11 receptions marked the fifth most catches ever by a Paladin...led the SoCon in punt return average (8.4 avg.). **2004** — Caught 11 passes for 158 yards and a touchdown working as a backup to Brian Bratton...led Furman with 17 punts returns for 131 yards (7.7 avg.)...caught four passes for 59 yards in season opener against Presbyterian (52-7 win)...credited with a 51-yard reception against Gardner-Webb (38-6 win)...had three punt returns for 32 yards, including a season best 25-yard effort, against Jacksonville State (49-7 win) in NCAA I-AA first round playoff action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Fashioned an impressive first season as a key contributor in the receiving corps and punt return specialist...finished fourth on the squad with 15 receptions for 135 yards...averaged 8.7 yards on 27 punt returns, good for fourth best in the SoCon...season best 57-yard punt return went for a touchdown against Gardner-Webb (45-0 win)...caught two passes for 21 yards against Elon (24-7

win) in his first game...recorded a season high four receptions for 44 yards versus Wofford. **2002** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Pelion High School...four-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back...connected with twin brother Josh for one reception for 29 yards in 2001 Shrine Bowl, helping South Carolina to 17-0 win over North Carolina...three-time all-area and all-state selection...caught 64 passes for 1,272 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior in helping Pelion to a 9-3 record and state playoff appearance...also had 87 tackles and 10 interceptions in 2001...recorded three receptions for 94 yards, seven tackles, and three interceptions — including two he returned for touchdowns — in a win over Swansea...football coach was Ben Freeman...also competed in basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Full name is Justin Spencer Stepp...son of Tim and Sherell Stepp...born July 5, 1983, in Columbia, South Carolina...twin brother Josh began his career at Furman as a quarterback before transferring to Newberry following the 2003-04 school year...health and exercise science major.

### STEPP'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	10-0	15	135	9.0	0	21	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	13-0	11	158	14.4	1	51	1	15	15.0	0	15
2005	13-13	46	676	14.7	8	58	6	-16	-2.7	0	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36-13</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	PUNT RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	10-0	27	234	8.7	1	57
2004	13-0	17	131	7.7	0	25
2005	13-13	26	219	8.4	0	29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36-13</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>

YEAR	GP-GS	KICKOFF RETURNS	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2003	10-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	13-0	2	36	18.0	0	21
2005	13-13	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36-13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

2005 All-Southern Conference (1st Team - Media)  
2005 All-Southern Conference (2nd Team - Media)  
2005 Furman Best Receiver Award



## CHRIS STONE

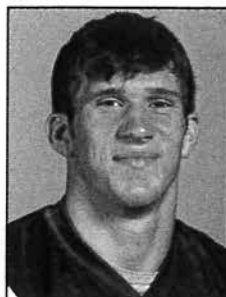
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FS, 6-1, 185, Tr.-Sophomore  
Greenville, South Carolina  
Eastside High School/Clemson

**Furman:** Local product who joined the Furman program as a walk-on in June after two years at Clemson...will be a sophomore eligibility-wise. **2005** — Joined Clemson football team as a walk-on in the spring of 2005...did not see any action in the fall campaign.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Eastside (AAA) 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 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...undeclared major.



## ANDREW THACKER

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SS, 6-1, 198, Junior, 2L  
Cumming, Georgia  
Gainesville High School

**Furman:** Making the switch from free safety to strong safety this fall where he will take over for the departed Shelton Riley and make room for Jeremy Blocker to join the starting lineup...will anchor a secondary that returns two starters and help headline a Paladin defensive unit that welcomes back eight regulars from a year ago. **2005** — Logged starts at free safety in 13 games, missing only the Gardner-Webb contest (48-31 win) due to illness...registered 66 tackles

in helping the Paladins go 11-3, advance to the NCAA I-AA playoff semifinals, and finish the campaign ranked No. 3 nationally...tallied a season high 14 tackles and a forced fumble in a 27-24 loss at Georgia Southern...had eight tackles versus The Citadel (39-31 3OT win)...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Voted SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year by the league media after totaling 70 tackles, including three tackles-for-loss, a sack, and three pass deflections...became only the third Paladin to capture the league award: Stanford Jennings (1981) and Brian Bratton (2001)...played a pivotal role in Furman going 10-3, winning the SoCon title, and recording a No. 5 ranking in the final poll...helped the Paladins lead the SoCon in scoring defense (16.6 ppg)...began the season in a backup role, but stepped up with nine tackles and a tackle-for-loss following an ankle injury sustained by starting strong safety Shelton Riley in the first series of the Pittsburgh game (41-38 overtime loss)...received his first start against Western Carolina (31-10 win), totaling five tackles...recorded his first career interception against The Citadel (33-14 win)...joined football teammates Alonzo Johnson and Jon MacDonald for a third place finish in the 4x100 meter relay (42.02) at the 2005 SoCon Track & Field Championship...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Gainesville High School...three-year starter who played free safety and wide receiver...compiled 257 tackles, nine interceptions, 941 receiving yards, 507 yards rushing, and 20 touchdowns in his career, helping Gainesville to a four year record of 43-9 record...fashioned a brilliant senior campaign, tallying 125 tackles and six interceptions, four of which he returned for touchdowns...also returned a fumble for a score...caught 35 passes for 634 yards and eight touchdowns...caught nine passes for 124 yards and recorded 11 tackles and three pass deflections in state 3A semifinal game versus Screven County...named team most valuable player, all-area, and all-state after helping Gainesville to a 13-1 record and No. 3 final ranking in 2002...academic all-state...football coach was step-father, Bruce Miller...was recruited by Middle Tennessee State, Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, Western Carolina, and Wofford...also played basketball and competed in track & field...two-time region 400 meter champion.

**Personal:** Full name is Andrew Jay Thacker...son of Mickey Thacker...step-parents are Bruce and Donna Miller...born May 31, 1985, in Cartersville, Georgia...carries a 3.22 grade point average...political science major.

### THACKER'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2003	11-2	43	27	70	3	(-25)	0	1	1.0	1
2004	13-9	43	27	70	3	(-25)	0	1	1.0	1
2005	13-13	30	36	66	0	(0)	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	26-22	73	63	136	3	(-25)	1	1	1.0	1

### 2004 Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year (Media)



### WALSH THOMAS

38

SS, 5-10, 190, Sophomore  
James Island, South Carolina  
James Island High School

**Furman:** Slated for reserve duty at strong safety behind returning starter Andrew Thacker and backup Rico Scott. **2005** — Joined the program as a walk-on at the start of the school year...did not see any action...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of James Island (AAAA) High School...football coach was Dave Bruner...played safety and linebacker...compiled 100 tackles, an interception, two fumble recoveries, and four pass deflections as a senior...also competed in track, specializing in the pole vault.

**Personal:** Full name is William Walsh Thomas III...son of Bill and Robin Thomas...has two younger siblings, Elliott and Hampton...father played football at The Citadel...first cousin of Paladin sophomore offensive tackle Thomas Slaughter...uncle, Chuck Slaughter, played two seasons at South Carolina and was selected by the New Orleans Saints in the eighth round of the 1982 NFL Draft...carries a 3.71 grade point average...undeclared major.



### ANDREW THORNBURG

67

OT, 6-3, 280, Senior, 3L  
Snellville, Georgia  
Brookwood High School/Air Force Academy

**Furman:** Versatile performer who can play both guard and tackle but who has battled injuries throughout his Furman career...missed 2006 spring practice due to rehabilitation efforts associated with an injured shoulder sustained during the 2005 season...a return to health will be a major plus for the Paladin offensive line, where he will enter the preseason listed

as the backup to returning All-Southern Conference right tackle John Kivett...absence from most recent spring practice was his second straight...sat out the 2005 spring season after undergoing a second surgery to have a pin inserted for a fractured foot...had undergone surgery following spring practice in 2004 for the same fractured foot...was considered by position coach Clay Hendrix to be Furman's best offensive lineman prior to 2004 campaign...transferred into the Furman program in the spring of 2003 from Air Force Academy. **2005** — Registered playing time in nine games as backup offensive guard and tackle but was slowed midway through the season with a shoulder injury...has 17 knockdowns in 182 snaps...managed to post three winning grades, including an exceptional mark of 2.04 (96.2 percent) on 26 plays versus Samford (45-23 win)...logged a season high 43 snaps in season opening 37-35 win at Jacksonville State...named to SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Entered the preseason as the projected starting left guard but was sidelined very early after it was discovered that his surgically repaired foot had failed to heal...missed the first three games before only start of the season (33 plays) against Pittsburgh (41-38 loss)...registered his final action of the season (seven plays) the following week against Western Carolina (31-10 win) before being sidelined for the duration of the campaign...underwent a second surgery in the calendar year...was awarded a medical redshirt. **2003** — Fashioned a solid inaugural season...saw action in all 11 games and earned a pair of starts at left guard after injury sidelined Clayton Dyson...totaled 377 snaps on the campaign...registered 65 knockdown blocks...had six winning performances and an exceptional grade of 2.00 (96.7 percent) on 29 plays versus Elon (24-7 win)...helped pave the way for all-conference tailback Hindley Brigham, who rushed for 1,042 yards. **2002** — Saw limited action at Air Force.

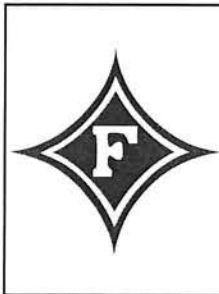
**High School:** 2002 graduate of Brookwood High School...football coach was Dave Hunter...started 23 consecutive games over his junior and senior seasons...earned first team All-Gwinnett County honors following a 5-5 season in 2001...as a junior helped lead Brookwood to an 11-2 record and 5A state quarterfinals...in addition to Furman, was recruited by Ohio and Air Force out of high school...also competed in track & field, specializing in the discus.

**Personal:** Full name is Paul Andrew Thornburg...son of Paul and Debra Thornburg...born February 13, 1984, in Sarasota, Florida...accounting major.

### THORNBURG'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PLY	Block Execution				Performance			
			0	1	2	3	PTS	AVG	PCT	WIN
2003	11-2	377	1	52	305	19	0	719	1.91	.859
2004	2-1	40	0	8	30	2	0	74	1.85	.800
2005	9-0	182	1	20	154	6	1	350	1.92	.884
Totals	22-3	599	2	80	489	27	1	1143	1.91	.863

**Key:** 0 — blown assignment; 1 — poor block; 2 — good block; 3 — excellent block; 4 — "rhino" block; Avg = Points/Plays; Pct = Sum of No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 Blocks/Plays; 1.88-1.99 (winning performance); 2.00 or better (exceptional performance); Minimum 20 plays required for game performance rating.



### PATRICK TIMONY

87

PK/P, 5-8, 165, Junior  
Norcross, Georgia  
Marist High School

**Furman:** Walk-on punter/placekicker who is slated for reserve duty this fall. **2005** — Did not see any action...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Did not see any action...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Marist (AAAA) High School...football coach was Alan Chadwick...handled kicking chores for two seasons...helped Marist to a 14-1 state champion campaign in 2003.

**Personal:** Full name is Patrick Craig Timony...son of Kathy and Craig Timony...born September 6, 1985, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...has a sister, Lori...history major...sports a 3.46 grade point average.



### TRAVER TOOLE

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PK, 6-1, 189, Junior, 2L  
North Augusta, South Carolina  
Midland Valley High School

**Furman:** Heads into the fall once again as the backup kicker to returning two-time All-Southern Conference performer Scott Becker...gives Furman two kickers with game experience. **2005** — went 3-for-3 on PATs, converting a pair of efforts against Elon (45-6 win) and his only try versus Wofford (34-21 win)...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**2004** — Appeared in 51-31 win over Chattanooga in regular season finale, converting 2-of-3





PATs...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Joined the team as a walk-on prior to start of season...member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility. **2002** — Attended Air Force Prep School, where he participated in football prior to coming to Furman.

**High School:** 2002 graduate of Midland Valley High School...football coach was Rick Knight...handled punting and kicking chores...kicked game winning 48-yard field goal in the final regular season game to lock up a playoff berth for Midland Valley his senior year...averaged 37.0 yards per punt...earned Augusta Chronicle first team all-area honors as both a punter and kicker...helped his program to a pair of region championships his junior and senior seasons.

**Personal:** Full name is Scott Traver Toole...son of Don and Susan Toole...born January 1, 1984, in Augusta, Georgia...political science major.

### TOOLE'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	PAT	PCT	FG	PCT	U29	30-39	40-49	50+	LNG	PTS
2004	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2
2005	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>.800</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>



### CHRIS TRUSS

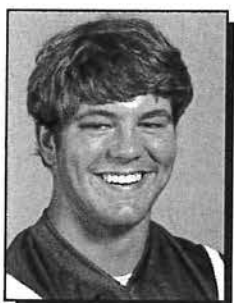
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**TE, 6-4, 245, R-Freshman**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Riverwood High School**

**Furman:** Impressive young tight end who should see his first action this fall as the backup to projected senior starter Brad Bell...strong, physical performer who can also contribute as a blocker...enjoyed a solid spring practice according to position coach Des Kitchings. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Riverwood (AAA) High School...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...played baseball at Riverwood...was also recruited by Air Force.

**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...undeclared major.



### HUNTER TWITTY

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**LB, 6-0, 221, Sophomore, IL**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Mountain Brook High School**

**Furman:** Heady, physical young performer...fashioned a strong spring practice to position himself for more playing time this year at linebacker while continuing to play a key role in special teams...listed No. 3 at weak side linebacker behind projected starter Brandon Williams and Clifton Dortch but will push both for action according to position coach Steve Wilson...posted the

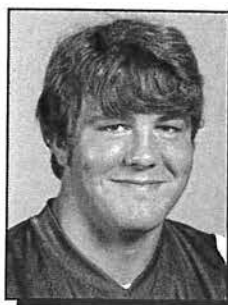
team's fourth best lift in the hang clean with a lift of 341 pounds in spring testing. **2005** — One of five true freshmen to earn playing time, contributing primarily on special teams but also a reserve linebacker...credited with 14 tackles and a pass deflection...had a season best four tackles in a 48-31 win over Gardner-Webb and three stops at Chattanooga (56-35 win).

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Mountain Brook (AAAAA) High School...football coach was Joey Jones...played linebacker and fullback, as well as special teams...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 and state semifinal finish...earned All-Over The Mountain, Birmingham News All-Metro, super all-metro, and Alabama Sportswriters Association honorable mention All-State honors...batted .415 as a catcher on Mountain Brook's baseball team in 2004...was also recruited by Northwestern, UAB, Samford, Wofford, and Chattanooga.

**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 safety, who is a sophomore free safety in the Paladin program...grandfather, Tom Twitty was a member of Tennessee's 1951 Southeastern Conference and national championship team.

### HUNTER TWITTY'S CAREER STATISTICS

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



### THOMAS TWITTY

28

**FS, 5-11, 204, Sophomore, IL**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**  
**Mountain Brook High School**

**Furman:** Highly regarded, hard hitting player who heads into preseason practice listed as the backup to projected starting senior free safety Jeremy Blocker...should see plenty of action as a member of the secondary and on special teams. **2005** — Saw action as a true freshman, working primarily on special teams...one of five true freshmen to earn playing time...totaled

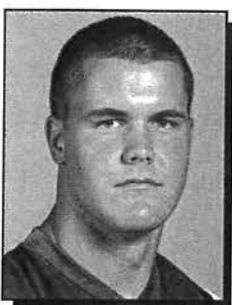
12 tackles and a forced fumble...had three tackles each against Gardner-Webb (48-31 win) and at Appalachian State (29-23 loss) in NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff action...forced fumble came in a 34-31 win over Appalachian State in the regular season.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Mountain Brook (AAAAA) 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 and state semifinal finish...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...batted .450 as a left fielder for Mountain Brook in 2004...was also recruited by UAB, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Southern Mississippi, Samford, Wofford, and Chattanooga.

**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 linebacker and member of Furman's 2005 freshman class...grandfather, Tom Twitty was a member of Tennessee's 1951 Southeastern Conference and national championship team.

### 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



### SHAUN VAN RENSBURG

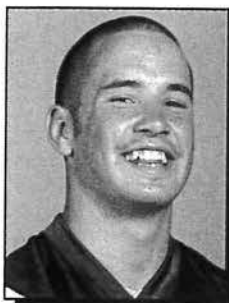
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**LB, 6-3, 231, R-Freshman**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**  
**Bolles School**

**Furman:** Raw, talented young defender who will look to compete with Philip Morris for the backup role behind returning strong side linebacker Gary Nelson...should see the first action of his career at linebacker and on special teams...missed a portion of spring practice due to injury. **2005** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of The Bolles (AAA) School...football coach was Corky Rogers...saw action primarily at linebacker but also played nose guard in 2003 after sustaining a fractured wrist early in the campaign...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...saw action in only seven games in 2004 before sustaining a fractured collarbone versus Baker County...totaled 37 tackles prior to injury...won 2005 state discus title with a throw of 169' 5"...also recruited by Georgia Tech, Cincinnati, Florida Atlantic, Wofford, Navy, Army, and Samford.

**Personal:** Full name is Shaun J 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.



### JOE WATSON

23

**FLK, 5-10, 181, Junior, 2L**  
**Greeneville, Tennessee**  
**Greeneville High School**

**Furman:** Heady, hard-nosed two-year letterman...came out of spring practice listed behind returning senior starter Justin Stepp and junior backup Ryan McKie...will battle for a spot in the regular wide receiving rotation...should also again figure prominently in special teams plans. **2005** — Earned playing time in all 14 games as a member of special teams and reserve

wide receiver...first career reception covered two yards versus Elon (45-6 win)...credited with 12 tackles, including a season high three stops in 34-31 victory over Appalachian State...captured Furman's C. Johnson Moore Hustle Award following season...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. **2004** — Saw his first action, appearing in three games in a reserve role...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll. **2003** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2003 graduate of Greenville High School...football coach was Mike Zeller...caught 79 passes for 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns and recorded eight interceptions his senior year in helping his team to an 11-2 record and 4A state quarterfinal playoff finish...earned all-conference, all-region, All-Northeast Tennessee, and both **Associated Press** and Tennessee Sportswriters Association All-State...selected National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year for east Tennessee...batted .400 as a shortstop his senior year, helping his team to state regionals.

**Personal:** Full name is Joseph Landon Watson...son of Gerald and Shirley Watson...born April 4, 1985 in Greenville, Tennessee...carries a 3.89 grade point average...political science major.

## WATSON'S CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD	LNG
2004	3-0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	1	2	2.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2004	3-0	0	0	0	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	14-0	5	7	12	0 (0)	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 2005 Furman C. Johnson Moore Hustle Award



### R.J. WEBB

**SE, 6-3, 205, R-Freshman**  
**Liberty, South Carolina**  
**Pickens High School**

**Furman:** Considered as one of Furman's top young players...outstanding athlete...should make his presence known in the wide receiving corps this year...listed on the depth chart as the backup to returning starting split end Patrick Sprague...at 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, sports excellent size to go along with good hands and speed. **2005** — Member of scout

team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility...named to Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Pickens (AAA) 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 Paladins quarterback signee Jordan Sorrells...passed for 318 yards and rushed for 100 yards in a 30-26 loss to Seneca...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)...earned all-region honors after averaging 19.8 ppg and 7.6 rpg in 2002-04, his junior year...also pitched and plays centerfield for Pickens' baseball team...was also recruited by East Carolina, Wofford, South Carolina State, and Liberty.

**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...undeclared major...posted a 3.00 grade point average in his first year at Furman.

### CHRIS WELBORN

**SE, 6-2, 182, Sophomore**  
**Fernandina Beach, Florida**  
**Fernandina Beach High School**

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the program at the start of the 2005 campaign...worked at quarterback before being switched to split end at the end of spring practice...will be hard pressed to crack the receiving rotation this year due to a number of returning veterans. **2005** — Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Fernandina (AAAA) Beach 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 as a prep.

**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 Averi...grandfather attended Furman...undeclared major.



### PAUL WHITE

**DE, 6-2, 232, Sophomore, IL**  
**Beaufort, South Carolina**  
**Battery Creek High School**

**Furman:** Experienced player with starting experience who will provide quality depth at defensive end...will compete with Gaines Burnett to claim the backup work to returning starter Wallace Artis...helps form a contingent of five experienced Paladins defensive ends...began his career at linebacker before being switched to end. **2005** — Earned starts at defensive end in Furman's first four games before giving way to Wallace Artis, who started the year at defensive tackle before moving back to defensive end in game five...ended the season with 11 tackles...had a pair of tackles in his first career start at Jacksonville State (37-35 win)...recorded a half sack at Richmond (24-20 win) in NCAA I-AA quarterfinal playoff action. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** December 2003 graduate of Battery Creek (AAAA) High School who enrolled at Furman in spring of 2004 in time for spring practice...high school football coach was Andy Smyth...played linebacker and free safety and totaled 259 tackles, including 39 tackles-for-loss, nine forced fumbles, and six fumble recoveries in a three-year prep career...garnered all-region, all-area, and second team all-low country honors in 2003 after helping Battery Creek to its third consecutive playoff appearance...in all tallied 108 stops, 16 tackles-for-loss, five forced fumbles, and three fumble recoveries his senior year...also competed in track & field...was the first December graduate in Battery Creek history...also recruited by Charleston Southern and Coastal Carolina.

**Personal:** Full name is Paul White...son of Paul and Marie White...has two sisters, Casaundra and Michelle...born February 28, 1986, in Beaufort, South Carolina...political science major.

## WHITE'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL (Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-3	7	4	11	3 (-5)	0	0	0.5	0	1



### ARTHUR WILLIAMS

**QB/P, 6-1, 195, Sophomore, IL**  
**Monroe, Georgia**  
**Walton County High School**

**Furman:** Was listed as the backup to projected starting quarterback Renaldo Gray at the conclusion of spring practice...expected to be in the mix at punter following the graduation of All-America performer Ingle Martin, who was selected in the fifth round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Green Bay Packers...could also get a look as a holder on placements due to the graduation of Brian Stone. **2005** — Saw limited duty as a reserve signal caller and punter...completed two passes for 28 yards in a 45-6 win over Elon...punted three times for an average of 39.0 yards...had a pair of 46 yards punts versus The Citadel (39-31 3OT win) and Elon...had a punt blocked and returned for a touchdown against Chattanooga (56-35 win). **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of George Walton Academy, a class AAA member of the Georgia Independent Schools Association (GISA)...football coach was Don Williams...played quarterback and safety and also handled punting and kicking chores...former prep teammate of Paladins defensive end Hugh Williamson, with whom he shared team MVP honors in 2003...was also an all-region and all-state selection...served as a team captain his junior and senior seasons...helped GWA to a 14-0 record and state championship in 2003, the first undefeated season in school history...rushed for 603 yards and seven touchdowns and completed 32-of-60 passes for 577 yards and five touchdowns...defeated Tattnall Square 34-0 in state championship game...team outscored the opposition 524-104...was named GISA All-Star MVP...booted a school record seven PATs in a game his sophomore season...was a member of GWA's 2002 state title basketball and baseball teams...scored six runs in championship series...was also offered by Presbyterian, Valdosta State, and West Georgia.

**Personal:** Full name is Arthur Lynch Williams, IV...son of Art and Krista Williams...born March 10, 1985, in Athens, Georgia...product of athletic family...father was starting quarterback on 1979 GWA state championship team who played collegiately at Iowa before returning to coach GWA to an





other state title in 1991...grandfather, Art Williams, Jr., played football at Presbyterian and Mississippi State...great-grandfather played baseball at Vanderbilt...uncle, Mark DeMoss, starred in football at Liberty and another uncle, Brad Johnson, was an All-Southeastern Conference football star at Georgia, where he earned the SEC's Jacobs Blocking Award en route to professional career with the BC Lions and New York Giants...undeclared major.

## ARTHUR WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CMP	INT	YDS	TD	COM%	EFF	RUSH	YDS	AVG	TD
2005	5-0	2	2	0	28	0	100.0	217.60	2	7	3.5	0



## BRANDON WILLIAMS

36

LB, 6-1, 236, Sophomore, IL  
Tucker, Georgia  
Lakeside High School

**Furman:** Heralded young linebacker who appears poised to take over the starting job at weak side linebacker following the graduation of two-time All-America performer William Freeman...will be one of three new starters on a Paladin defense that is looking to rebound this fall. **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 season high 13-tackle performance at Georgia Southern (27-24 loss)...had six tackles versus Wofford (34-21 win)...notched five tackles, including two for-loss, in 29-23 NCAA I-AA semifinal playoff loss at Appalachian State. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of Lakeside (AAAAA) 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...also had 14.5 tackles-for-loss...was also recruited by Delaware and Chattanooga.

**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...undeclared major.

## BRANDON WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS/HONORS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	14-3	7	4	11	3	(-5)	0	0	0.5	0	1

2005 Furman Freshman-of-the-Year



## KEIRON WILLIAMS

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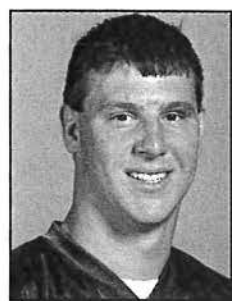
FLK, 5-11, 178, R-Freshman  
Taylors, South Carolina  
Eastside High School

**Furman:** Local product who is expected to compete for a spot in the wide receiving rotation...may also figure into the team's plans as a kickoff return specialist...will battle for a spot at flanker behind All-Southern Conference performer Justin Stepp and juniors Ryan McKie and Joe Watson...has outstanding speed. **2006** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Eastside (AAA) High School...football coach was John Carlisle...four-year letterman who registered playing time as a wide receiver, cornerback, quarterback, running back, free safety, and strong safety...caught 124 passes for 1,660 yards in his career...earned All-Greenville County and all-region honors in 2004 after rushing for 322 yards as a quarterback and running back, and registering 62 passes for 765 yards on a squad that went 1-9...program lost 26 seniors (20 starters) to graduation after going 11-2 in 2003...helped Eastside claim a county track title in 2004 on the strength of a 4x100 meter relay team that won county, region, and Upper State championships, and finished second in the state championships...also competed in the 100 meters, 200 meters, and long jump...member of National Society of High School Scholars...was also recruited by West Virginia, Penn, Georgia Southern, Wofford, The Citadel, and S.C. State.

**Personal:** Full name is Keiron Jonathan Williams...biological mother, Inez Williams, died when he was three years old and was raised by his aunt and uncle, Sharon and Shone Williams...born December 13, 1986, in Fort Myers, Florida...speaks fluent French...member of a three-man rap group known as the East Coast Shockers...has three sisters: Karyn, Kavanna, and Kaitlyn...uncle Shone played football at Riverside (Calif.) College...another uncle, Warren Williams, was a starting run-

ning back on the University of Miami's 1987 national championship team that went 12-0 and defeated Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl (was later selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the sixth round of the 1982 NFL Draft)...undeclared major.



## HUGH WILLIAMSON

99

DE, 6-1, 230, Sophomore, IL  
Monroe, Georgia  
George Walton Academy

**Furman:** Third year player who may be hard pressed to see any significant playing time this year due to a number of returning experienced veterans. **2005** — Saw limited action in three games. **2004** — Member of scout team...awarded redshirt and extra year of eligibility.

**High School:** 2004 graduate of George Walton (AAA) Academy, a class AAA member of the Georgia Independent Schools Association (GISA)...football coach was Don Williams...played defensive end, tight end, and linebacker...former prep teammate of Furman quarterback Arthur Williams, with whom he shared team MVP honors in 2003...earned all-region and all-state honors while helping GWA post a 14-0 record and 2003 state championship — the first undefeated season in school history...tallied 32 solo tackles on the campaign...defeated Tattnall Square 34-0 in state championship game...team outscored the opposition 524-104...was also named a GISA All-Star and selected to play in Georgia-South Carolina All-Star Game...also played basketball and ran track...placed sixth in the state high hurdles in 2003...member of the Beta and Gavel Clubs.

**Personal:** Full name is Hugh Brewster Williamson, IV...son of Bruce and Vickie Williamson...born May 9, 1986, in Monroe, Georgia...father was a three-year letterman as a defensive tackle at Furman in the mid 1970s...has three brothers: John, James, and Lee...is an Eagle Scout and an avid camper...undeclared major.

## WILLIAMSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	G-GS	PRI	AST	TOT	TFL	(Loss)	CF	FR	SACK	INT	PBU
2005	3-0	1	0	1	0	(0)	0	0	0.0	0	0



## SAM WILSON

95

DT, 6-4, 285, Tr.-Sophomore  
Destin, Florida  
Darlington School

**Furman:** Transferred into the Furman program in June following one year at University of Southern Mississippi...should add quality depth at defensive tackle...has four years of eligibility remaining. **2005** — Member of scout team...did not see any action.

**High School:** 2005 graduate of Darlington (Ga.) School...played guard and defensive end...football coach was Tommy Atha...earned all-area honors on offense and defense his senior year after totaling 48 tackles, including nine tackles-for-loss, four sacks, and two caused fumbles...recorded 50 pancake blocks...played two seasons at Darlington after sitting out his sophomore year due to Georgia High School Association transfer rules.

**Personal:** Full name is Samuel Kane Wilson...son of Randy and Betsy Wilson...born November 5, 1986, in Pensacola, Florida...grandfather was awarded a football scholarship to Michigan but enlisted in the Army to fight in World War II.



## CHRIS YANKOW

46

FS, 6-0, 205, R-Freshman  
Olyphant, Pennsylvania  
Bishop O'Hara High School

**Furman:** Walk-on who joined the program in June after an eight-year absence from the sport due to service in the United States Army...will be 27 years-old when Furman kicks off the 2006 campaign Sept. 1 versus Jacksonville State, making him one of the oldest freshmen in program history...will serve in a reserve role at free safety...best chance at playing time may

come on special teams.

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