



2007-08 Furman Men's Tennis

No. 1 Furman vs. No. 8 Chattanooga/No. 9 Coll. of Charleston

April 18, 2008 • Earle Tennis Center at The Citadel

News & Notes

Top-Seeded Paladins

After posting a perfect 9-0 Southern Conference record and winning its eighth league regular season championship, the Furman men's tennis team heads to the Southern Conference tournament with the number one seed. The Paladins are also ranked 67th in the latest ITA poll. Furman will face either 8th-seeded Chattanooga or 9th-seeded College of Charleston on Friday, April 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Regular Season Title

With a 5-2 win over Davidson last Saturday afternoon, Furman won the SoCon regular-season crown for the eighth time. Furman shared the regular season title with Elon in 2006 and last won it outright in 2002.

Super Seniors

Seniors Mike Kociecki and Andy Sobczyk will play in the final Southern Conference Tournament of their career. During their four-year careers, Kociecki and Sobczyk have led the Paladins to a 31-4 Southern Conference record as well as a Southern Conference Tournament Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance in 2006.

Versus the Mocs or the Cougars

Furman will face either the Chattanooga Mocs or the College of Charleston Cougars in its first match at the tournament. Furman posted a 6-1 win at Chattanooga, and beat College of Charleston 7-0 during the regular season. Against Chattanooga, Furman is 26-11 overall. Furman holds a 26-5 all-time mark against the College of Charleston Cougars. The Paladins faced

Charleston in the finals of the Southern Conference tournament last year, falling 4-3 to the Cougars.

SoCon Honors

Several Paladins have been honored for their efforts on and off the court this year. Junior Bo Ladyman was named the SoCon Player of the Week for the week of April 8 after posting a 3-0 record in singles for the week. Sophomore Jordan Walters was honored as Player of the Week and Student-Athlete of the Week, both for the week of April 1. Junior Andy Juc was named the SoCon Player of the Month for March.

Scarpa's Record

Head men's tennis coach Paul Scarpa reached an important career milestone in the Paladins' match at Georgia Southern, recording his 800th career win. On March 9, the Paladins defeated the Eagles 6-1 in Statesboro for Scarpa's 800th career win. Scarpa is the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I men's tennis. He is also not far from becoming the all-time winningest coach in NCAA D-1 men's tennis.

Undefeated

Two Paladins went undefeated during Southern Conference play this season. Juniors Andy Juc and Daniel Knause both recorded 9-0 records in league singles play. As a team, Furman was undefeated in the SoCon. Four of the Paladins' nine conference wins were 7-0 sweeps.

Home Sweet Home

The Paladins had tremendous success at home this season, posting an undefeated 6-0 record at the Mickel Tennis Center. The Paladins were also very successful at home last season, posting an 8-1 record, with the team's only loss in Greenville coming to then-51st-ranked Elon.

2007 Tournament Review

Last season, the Paladins fell in a close 4-3 match to the College of Charleston in the semifinals of the Southern Conference Tournament. Furman had defeated Wofford 4-0 in the first round of the tourney.

2008 Schedule/Results

13-10 Overall, 9-0 SoCon
6-0 Home, 6-8 Away, 1-2 Neutral

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
1.24	at #24 Tennessee	L, 7-0
1.26	at #16 Florida State	Canceled
1.27	at #14 Florida	L, 7-0
2.03	at #12 Alabama	L, 4-3
2.16	YALE	W, 7-0
2.20	at #41 Georgia Tech	L, 6-1
2.24	at #2 Georgia	L, 6-1
2.25	at Stetson	L, 4-3
2.26	at #54 USF	L, 6-1
2.27	at #26 Miami	L, 5-2
3.01	PRINCETON	W, 4-3
3.09	at Georgia Southern*	W, 6-1

Blue Grey Invitational

Montgomery, Ala.

March 13-15

3.13	vs. #24 Oklahoma State	L, 4-1
3.14	vs. Brown	W, 4-0
3.15	vs. #64 Wisconsin	L, 4-0
3.19	at Charlotte	W, 7-0
3.26	THE CITADEL*	W, 6-1
3.29	COLL. OF CHARLESTON*W, 7-0	
3.30	at Chattanooga*	W, 6-1
4.02	APPALACHIAN STATE*	W, 7-0
4.05	at #75 Elon*	W, 6-1
4.06	at UNC Greensboro*	W, 7-0
4.10	WOFFORD*	W, 7-0
4.12	at Davidson*	W, 5-2
4.18	vs. UTC/CofC ¹	8:30
4.19	vs. App. State/Davidson ¹	8:30
4.20	SoCon Tournament ¹	TBA

1 - SoCon Tournament; Charleston, S.C.

ALL CAPS indicates home event

Asterisk (*) indicates conference match

2008 SoCon Standings (as of 4/15/08)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Furman	9	0	1.000	13	10	.565
Elon	7	2	.778	14	8	.636
Davidson	5	4	.556	14	7	.667
Citadel	5	4	.556	15	9	.625
App. State	5	4	.556	12	9	.571
Wofford	5	4	.556	11	10	.524
Ga. Southern	4	5	.444	8	12	.400
UTC	3	6	.333	12	9	.571
CofC	1	8	.111	7	16	.304
UNCG	1	8	.111	3	19	.136