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From the beautiful game to the beautiful powerlift, Furman athletes are going pro and breaking records at an impressive pace.

This summer, of course, saw former Furman star Clint Dempsey '03, whom Sports Illustrated called "The Talisman," lead the U.S. men in the World Cup in Brazil. Earlier, in April at the NFL draft, Dakota Dozier '13 became the 137th pick by the New York Jets. No word yet on how the Jets will position Dozier—whose draft scouting report praised his ability to "play with vinegar"—but many believe he will switch from the offensive tackle position he played at Furman to guard. And Andrew "Tank" Phillips '14 (a teammate of Dozier's) made headlines himself last February when he competed in the 300-pound division of the World Powerlifting Federation All Raw Tournament of Champions. Phillips broke the record of the deadlift in the Junior Division by heaving 605 pounds on his second attempt.

FOOTBALL
Philip Kreidler '87, Scout, Pittsburgh Steelers (NFL)
Jerome Felton '06, FB, Minnesota Vikings (NFL)
Ryan Sted '12, CB, Calgary Stampeders (CFL)
Jordis Williams '13, RB, Denver Broncos (NFL)
Colin Anderson '13, TE, New York Jets (NFL)
Dakota Dozier '13, OG, New York Jets (NFL)

BASEBALL
Jay Jackson '08, RHP, Indianapolis Indians (International, AAA)
Pittsburgh Pirates
Nate Smith '13, LHP, Arkansas Travelers (Texas, AA)
Los Angeles Angels
Ben Carlson '13, RHP, Burlington Bees (Midwest, A)
Los Angeles Angels
Tyler Wood '14, RHP, TBA (signed not yet assigned to affiliate)
San Diego Padres
Jacques de Gruy '14, RHP
Philadelphia Phillies

MEN'S GOLF
Brad Faxon '83, Champions Tour
Matt Davidson '04, Web.com Tour

WOMEN'S GOLF
Betsy King '77, LPGA Tour (Hall of Fame)
Beth Daniel '78, LPGA Tour (Hall of Fame)
Dottie Pepper '87, LPGA Tour (NBC Sports)
Ashley Bunch '97, LPGA Tour
Stefanie Kenoyer '11, Futures Tour
Laura Wearn '13, Futures Tour

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Stanislav Makshantsev '00, F, BC Novosibirsk (Russia SuperLeague)
Karim Souci '03, F, Union Poitiers (France-ProB)
Malaya N'Doye '04, F, Paris-Levallois (France-ProA)
Marjan Pajstina '04, F, Rudes (Croatia-A2)
Robby Bostain '07, G, Ioni Nes-Ziems

MEN'S SOCCER
Ricardo Clark '02, MF, Houston Dynamo (MLS)
Clint Dempsey '03, MF, Seattle Sounders FC (MLS)
Jon Leveson '08, D, Charlotte Eagles (USL)
Shea Salinas '08, MF, San Jose Earthquakes (MLS)
Alex Kann '11, Gk, Chicago Fire (MLS), on loan to Charlotte Eagles (USL)
Walker Zimmerman '13, D, FC Dallas (MLS)

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