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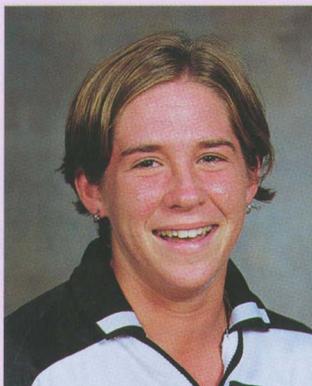
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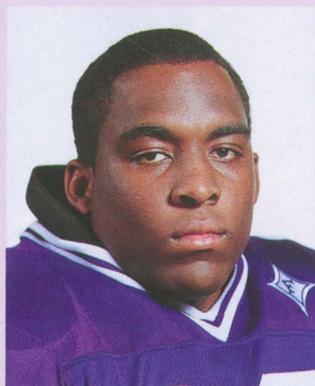
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Emily Turgeon



Marion Martin



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Furman teams and their fans enjoyed another outstanding fall in 2000, with four squads qualifying for NCAA regional or playoff competition (football, men's and women's soccer, and women's cross country), three Southern Conference regular-season or tournament champions (the soccer teams and women's cross country), and a conference tournament finalist (volleyball).

Given all this success, it's not surprising that many Paladin athletes earned high-profile individual honors, with Louis Ivory's All-America, Walter Payton award-winning season leading the way (see page 30). Among the other top awards:

■ Linebacker **Marion Martin**, co-captain of the 9-3 football team, was named one of 16 National Football Foundation and College Hall Of Fame National Scholar-Athletes, which recognizes superior academic performance, outstanding football ability, strong leadership and citizenship. Martin, a fifth-year senior who graduated Phi Beta Kappa last spring and is working on a master's degree in chemistry, received an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship. He is the fifth Furman player to receive the award, joining Brian Jager '86, Steve Squire '87, Tim Stepp '88 and Chris Roper '90. Martin was also named to the Verizon Academic All-America University Division first team.

■ Offensive lineman **Josh Moore**, the league's Jacobs Blocking Trophy winner, was a first-team I-AA All-America selection by the Sports Network and the Walter Camp Foundation. Linebacker **Will Bouton**, the league's defensive player of the year, was a first-team AP All-America and a second-team choice by Sports Network. Offensive guard **Marty Priore** made the AP first team, and center **Chris Stewart** made the Sports Network third team.

■ Junior forward **John Barry Nusum** was named first-team All-America by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and by College Soccer Online. With one more year to play, Nusum is Furman's all-time leader in career points with 122 (45 goals, 32 assists). This season, he finished fifth in the nation with 48 points (18 goals, 12 assists) for the 17-4-2 Paladins.

■ Junior goalkeeper **Scott Blount** was named to the NSCAA Scholar All-America first team. The award honors Blount as the top all-around goalkeeper in college soccer. In addition, junior defender/midfielder **Matt Goldsmith** was a third-team All-America choice of the NSCAA and honorable mention choice of College Soccer Online with freshman sweeper **McNeil Cronin**, the Southern Conference freshman of the year and a member of the Soccer America all-freshman

team. Nusum also made the NSCAA All-South first team, with Goldsmith and senior midfielder **Carl Junot** making the second team and Cronin making the third team.

■ **Emily Turgeon**, a freshman forward from Raleigh, N.C., became the first player in Southern Conference women's soccer history to be the league's freshman of the year and player of the year in the same season. The leading scorer in NCAA Division I with 63 points (23 goals, 17 assists), she sparked Furman to a 20-3 record and was named third-team All-America by College Soccer Online. *Soccer Buzz* named her a freshman All-America and one of nine finalists for its freshman of the year award. She also made the Soccer America all-freshman team and was featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of *Sports Illustrated*.

■ Junior midfielder **Kaye Brownlee**, last year's conference women's athlete of the year, was named to the NSCAA College Scholar Athlete All-America first team, with junior forward **Melissa Turner** making the third team. Both made the NSCAA Scholar Athlete South first team, with senior **Sarah Tollick** qualifying for the second team and junior **Nancy Mather** making the third team.