Furman's Natalie Braun, Samford's Alexis Bauer, and Furman's Jo Wilks have been named the SoCon Offensive, Defensive and Freshman Volleyball Players of the Week, respectively, for September 10. The selections are made by

the conference office. Braun, a senior outside hitter, totaled 80 kills in four matches last week for the Paladins. She hit .500 with 25 kills, three service aces, and 17 digs in Furman's 3-1 win over Clemson on Tuesday. It was the Paladins' first win over the Tigers in Greenville in the history of the series. During the Best Western Bent Creek Inn Invitational in Missoula, Mont., the Lincoln, Neb. native recorded 21 kills and 16 digs in Furman's 3-1 win over Montana, 19 kills and 14 digs in Furman's 3-2 loss to Texas Tech, and had 15 kills and 12 digs in the 3-1 loss to Towson. She was also named to the All-Tournament team. Braun recorded a double-double in every match last week and has seven double-doubles for the season. She leads the Paladins with 171 kills (3.98 per set) and 18 service aces (0.42 per set). Bauer, a senior defensive specialist, averaged 5.23 digs per set (68 total digs) in a 4-0 week for the Bulldogs. She tallied double-digit digs in every match, including a 20-dig performance against Georgia State on Friday. She also added 11 assists and eight service aces in Samford's four matches. Furman's Jo Wilks was named the SoCon Freshman of the Week for the third straight week. Wilks led the team in assists in all four matches, tallying 217 assists (12.7 assists per set). The setter from Union Grove, Wisc., recorded a double-double with 61 assists and 13 digs in Furman's 3-1 win over ACC-power Clemson on Tuesday and helped extend Furman's home winning streak to 17 matches. She also tallied seven kills (no errors), three blocks and 31 digs last week for the Paladins. Wilks leads Furman with 12.20 assists per set for the season. Nominated for Offensive Player of the Week were Appalachian State's Dalton Tolliver, College of Charleston's Emily Neideffer, The Citadel's Jessica Maxwell, Davidson's Caroline Brown, Georgia Southern's Kate Van Dyke, Samford's Michaela Reesor, Western Carolina's Caitlin Piechota, and Wofford's Amanda Liguori. Nominated for Defensive Player of the Week were Appalachian State's Courtney Rhein, College of Charleston's Kallie McKown, The Citadel's Emily Dalton, Davidson's Molly Crenshaw, Elon's Celia Rose Eddy, Furman's Caroline Adams, Furman's Christina Dorismond, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, UNCG's Katherine Santiago, Chattanooga's Paula Passmore, Western Carolina Morgan Cochran, and Wofford's Reagan Styles. Nominated for Freshman of the Week were Appalachian State's Paige Brown, College of Charleston's Kari Fidelholtz, The Citadel's Mikaela Tracy, Davidson's Hannah Rau, Elon's Megan Gravley, Georgia Southern's Alexandra Beecher, UNCG's Katherine Santiago, Chattanooga's Lauren Gainer, Western Carolina's Nicole Ford, and Wofford's Alex Bidgood.

2012 Volleyball Offensive Players of the Week
Week 1 – Darcy Dorton, College of Charleston
Week 2 – Kris Harris, Elon
Week 3 – Natalie Braun, Furman

2012 Volleyball Defensive Players of the Week
Week 1 – Paula Passmore, Chattanooga
Week 2 – Alexandra Beecher, Georgia Southern
Week 3 – Alexis Bauer, Samford

2012 Volleyball Freshmen of the Week
Week 1 – Jo Wilks, Furman
Week 2 – Jo Wilks, Furman
Week 3 – Jo Wilks, Furman

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