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Saturday, November 3, 2012

Wofford Football Falls In Double Overtime At Samford

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Wofford football team was defeated 24-17 by Samford in the second overtime period on Saturday afternoon at Seibert Stadium. The Terriers scored a touchdown with 1:52 left in the game, but the Bulldogs tied it with a touchdown and two-point conversion as time expired. Both teams missed field goals in the first overtime, but Samford scored a touchdown in the second that Wofford could not match.

The Terriers are 7-2 on the season and 5-2 in the SoCon. Samford is 6-3 overall and 4-3 in conference play. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein had 168 yards and a touchdown on 35 carries. James Lawson entered the game in the second quarter at quarterback and completed 3-of-7 passes for 35 yards. The Bulldogs were led by Fabian Truss with 120 yards on 26 carries, while quarterback Andy Summerlin was 29-of-35 for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

“There were too many mistakes,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “We had our chances to seal the game but had a busted coverage there at the end. It was a hard fought game. They stuck to their game plan and we stuck to ours. I thought we had the game won, but just could not get them stopped and they tied the game. In overtime we missed one and they missed one, and then it gets down to that they made a play and we turned the ball over. We knew it was going to be difficult and they had two weeks of preparation. We are a different football team because of injuries, but that is no excuse. We need to get them ready for the next one.”

The Bulldog had the ball to open the game and gained a first down, but a sack by Tarek Odom forced a punt. Wofford used a personal foul penalty along with two rushing first downs by Eric Breitenstein to set up a 39-yard field goal attempt that was wide left with 6:59 on the clock. Samford went three-and-out on their next possession and punted. Wofford picked up two first downs before punting back to the Bulldogs.

Samford was then able to go on a 14-play drive and took a lead on a 24-yard field goal by Cameron Yaw with 9:49 on the clock in the second quarter. The Terriers moved the ball across midfield with a first down catch by Jeff Ashley along with a personal foul penalty. Eric Breitenstein converted a fourth-and-three and added two more first downs before James Lawson went in from six-yards out for a touchdown. Wofford had a 7-3 lead with 3:29 left in the first half.

After the Wofford defense forced a three-and-out with under two minutes on the clock, the Terriers got the ball back and moved into Bulldog territory. As time expired, Kasey Redfern hit a 53-yard field goal to give Wofford a 10-3 lead at the break.

The Terriers had the ball first in the second half, but gained only one first down before punting. Samford was able to drive down the field and Cameron Yaw added a 40-yard field goal to make it a 10-6 game with 7:15 on the clock in the third quarter. Wofford was forced three-and-out on the next possession and punted. The Bulldogs gained four first downs as they moved the ball downfield, but could only add a 31-yard field goal by Cameron Yaw for a 10-9 score with 14 seconds left in the third quarter.

Wofford was forced three-and-out and again punted. Samford was also forced three-and-out and punted back to the Terriers with 12:13 left in the fourth quarter. Wofford took over at the five-yard line and after a sack were forced to punt. The Bulldogs had a short field, but gained only one first down before punting. Eric Breitenstein had a 28-yard first down run, then on third down a facemask penalty added a first down. With 1:52 left in the game, Eric Breitenstein scored from two yards out to give the Terriers a 17-9 lead.

Samford used the short passing game to move the ball inside the 20-yard line. A completion to Riley Hawkins with four seconds left on the clock gave the Bulldogs a first and goal. Andy Summerlin found Trett Hardman for a one-yard touchdown reception. Samford went for two and failed at the first attempt, but a pass interference call gave the Bulldogs a second chance that they converted to send the game to overtime tied at 17.

In the first overtime, Wofford had the ball and tried a 33-yard field goal attempt, but it was wide right. Samford lined up for a 34-yard field goal, but it went wide left to send the game to a second overtime. The Bulldogs again went with the passing game and scored on a 12-yard reception by Kelsey Pope. After the extra point, Samford held a 24-17 lead. On the first play from scrimmage for Wofford, the Terriers fumbled and it was recovered by Alvin Hines to give the Bulldogs the win.

Wofford had 250 total yards, with 215 on the ground. Samford had 303 total yards, 165 of which were passing. Samford had 21 first downs to 17 for Wofford. Wofford was 4-of-14 on third downs. Samford was 7-of-16 on third down. Wofford had five penalties, while Samford had seven. Wofford had a 33:24 to 26:36 time of possession advantage.

Next week, the Terriers return home on Saturday, November 10 against Chattanooga. The 1:30 p.m. contest will be broadcast on ESPN3 and will be the final regular season home game. With a win, Wofford will secure a share of the Southern Conference title.

Wofford vs. Samford Post-Game Notes

The game was the fifth overtime contest in Wofford history. The Terriers are now 2-3 in overtime and it was the first two-overtime game in school history. The last overtime game was a win at Georgia Southern in 2008.

James Lawson scored his first career rushing touchdown in the second quarter.

Kasey Redfern missed a 39 yard field goal, but made up for it with a 53-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. The 53-yarder is a new school record, topping the 50-yarder by Don Hariston in 1982 against Davidson.

Eric Breitenstein crossed the 5,000 career rushing yard mark in the second quarter. He stands at 5,091 career rushing yards, currently 37 yards behind Shawn Graves at 5,128 yards in the school record book.

Eric Breitenstein marked his 28th career 100+ rushing game with 168 yards on 35 carries. He is fourth in SoCon history in 100+ rushing games.

Calvin Cantrell (concussion), Christian Reed (quad), Phillip LeGrande (shoulder), Donovan Johnson (knee), Allen Smith (knee), and Michael Weimer (knee) missed the game due to injuries. Players injured in the game include Brian Kass (hip pointer) and Stephon Shelton (neck).

Game captains were Brad Nocek and Zach Murray.

Attendance was 8,147 at Seibert Stadium.

From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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James Zotto and Zach Murray Named Academic All-District

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford College football student-athletes Zach Murray and James Zotto have been named to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-District Football Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, which recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.

Murray is a senior defensive lineman from Avon Lake, Ohio. He has played in all nine games this season with one start at defensive end. He has 22 total tackles, which included 1.5 tackles for loss and a shared sack.

Zotto is a junior safety from Libertyville, Illinois. This season he has started all nine games and is second on the team in tackles with 46. He has led the team in tackles in two games, including twelve tackles last week at Samford.

This marks the thirteenth straight season at least one Wofford football student-athlete has been named Academic All-District. Last year James Zotto was honored and in 2010 Ben Wilmoth and Tommy Irvin were honored.

The Capital One Academic All-District team is selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Wofford is in the fourth district, which includes schools in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Nominees must have at least a 3.30 grade point average. First-team Academic All-District honorees advance to the Capital One Academic All-America Team ballot, where first-, second- and third-team All-America honorees will be selected later this month.

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Saturday, November 17, 2012

Wofford Football Defeated 24-7 at South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. – With the game tied at seven heading into the fourth quarter, South Carolina scored 17 unanswered points to defeat the Wofford football team 24-7 at Williams-Brice Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Despite outgaining the Gamecocks in total offense, the Terriers lost three fumbles on the day, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

The Terriers are 8-3 on the season and 6-2 in the SoCon. South Carolina is 9-2 overall, 6-2 in the SEC, and ranked 12th in the nation. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein ran for 125 yards on 28 carries with a touchdown. Alvin Scioneaux led the defense with 12 tackles, a sack, and interception. The Gamecocks were led by Kenny Miles with 127 rushing yards, while Connor Shaw was 16-20 passing for 122 yards along with 18 rushing yards.

“Turnovers got us today,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “If we don’t turn it over and take care of the ball then the other side might be a little bit sad. I loved the effort of the kids and the way that they conducted themselves. We worked really hard for this. We didn’t come to collect a check, we came to get a win. It’s tough when you know you are so close and to know that we almost beat Goliath. I am really proud of our coaches as they worked really hard to get our guys dialed in.”

The Terriers had the ball first and went three-and-out and punted. South Carolina gained two first downs before Alvin Scioneaux intercepted Connor Shaw at the 12-yard line. Wofford was unable to gain a first down and punted back to the Gamecocks. South Carolina picked up three first downs, including converting a fourth-and-one, on the way to scoring on a two-yard touchdown run by Kenny Miles. The Gamecocks had a 7-0 lead at 14:56 in the second quarter. Wofford was three-and-out and punted on their next drive. South Carolina drove down the field, but Mike Davis fumbled at the six-yard line. The fumble was forced by Stephon Shelton and recovered by Blake Wylie, who returned it to the 17-yard line. Wofford converted a fourth-and-one with a run by Eric Breitenstein, and Will Gay ran for a first down, but a Terrier fumble on the pitch was recovered by D.J. Swearinger.

The Gamecocks went three-and-out and punted with 4:12 left in the first half. Donovan Johnson gained a first down, but fumbled and the ball was recovered by Jake Miles to retain possession. The Terriers then moved down the field with five more first downs. Eric Breitenstein capped the twelve-play drive with a two-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 7-7 with 32 seconds left in the first half. South Carolina ran one play before the half ended. To open the second half, the Gamecocks gained two first downs before punting to the Terriers. Wofford converted a fourth-and-one and drove across midfield with five first downs. The drive ended for the Terriers when D.J. Swearinger forced Octavious Harden to fumble and it was recovered by Brison Williams at the 27-yard line with 3:33 left in the third quarter. South Carolina was able to convert the turnover into points with a 23-yard field goal by Adam Yates to take a 10-7 lead with 11:57 on the clock. Wofford turned the ball over on downs after failing on fourth-and-one and the Gamecocks took over at the 34-yard line. South Carolina took advantage of the short field and scored on an eight yard touchdown pass from Connor Shaw to Ace Sanders to take a 17-7 lead with 8:10 left in the game. Wofford had the ball back, but a fumble was returned 31-yards by Akeem Auguste for a touchdown and a 24-7 advantage with 7:33 on the clock.

With the ball back, Wofford hit a big play as James Lawson found Jeff Ashley for a 71-yard completion. The Terriers had the ball inside the five yard line, but could not convert and

turned it over on downs. After the defense forced South Carolina to go three-and-out, the Terriers got the ball back with 3:05 left in the game. Wofford was able to move the ball inside the 20 after two first down runs by Donovan Johnson, but the Terriers were unable to put points on the scoreboard and turned it over on downs with 25 seconds left. The Gamecocks ran one play to end the game with a 24-7 victory.

Wofford had 330 total yards, with 259 on the ground. South Carolina had 293 total yards, 171 of which were rushing. South Carolina had 18 first downs to 16 for Wofford. Wofford was 3-of-11 on third downs and 2-of-5 on fourth down. South Carolina was 7-of-13 on third down. Each team had three penalties. Wofford had a 30:49 to 29:11 time of possession advantage. The Terriers will learn of their postseason fate on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. during the NCAA FCS Selection Show. The program will air on ESPNU and the team will gather in Leonard Auditorium (Old Main) to watch the selections.

Wofford vs. South Carolina Post-Game Notes

The three lost fumbles by Wofford were the most turnovers this season by the Terriers. South Carolina has now won the last 16 games in the series dating back to 1918.

Eric Breitenstein stands at 5,348 career rushing yards. He scored his 62nd career touchdown in the second quarter, which is tied for fifth in SoCon history.

Eric Breitenstein marked his 30th career 100+ rushing game with 125 yards on 28 carries. He is third in SoCon history in 100+ rushing games. He has rushed for over 100 yards in all but one game (Lincoln) this season. He is only the second 100-yard rusher allowed by South Carolina this season (Jeremy Hill, LSU 124 yards).

Christian Reed (quad), Anthony Carden (arm), Mike Niam (neck), Darius Burton (shoulder), and Bryan Youman (knee) missed the game due to injury. Brian Kass (head) and Michael Weimer (knee) left the game due to injury. All players are expected to be available for the playoffs.

Game captains were Eric Breitenstein, CJ Turner, Jake Miles, and Josh Roseborough.

Attendance was 79,882 at Williams-Brice Stadium, the largest crowd ever to see a Wofford football game.

From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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Sunday, November 18, 2012

Terriers to Face New Hampshire in FCS Playoffs

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford College will host the University of New Hampshire on December 1 at Gibbs Stadium at 2:00 p.m. The game will mark the fifth time in the last six years that the Terriers have advanced to the Playoffs.

Wofford finished the season with an 8-3 overall record and a 6-2 mark in the Southern Conference to finish tied for first place. This marks the Terriers sixth trip to the NCAA Playoffs and fourth as an at-large team. In 2011, Wofford was defeated at Northern Iowa. The Terriers are one of only three teams to reach the playoffs in five of the last six seasons, along with New Hampshire and Appalachian State.

The winner of the UNH-Wofford matchup will face the winner of North Dakota State and either Eastern Illinois/South Dakota State in the quarterfinals on Dec. 7 or Dec. 8.

North Dakota State (10-1) leads the bracket as the top seed after capturing the automatic qualifying berth from the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Second-seeded Eastern Washington (9-2) is making its ninth appearance. Montana State (10-1), which is making its seventh overall tournament appearance, is the number-three seed. Old Dominion is the number four seed after putting together a 10-1 regular season record in the Colonial Athletic Association. Rounding out this year's seeded teams is Georgia Southern (8-3) with the number-five seed.

First-round hosts include Bethune-Cookman (9-2), which is in as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champs, South Dakota State (8-3), Stony Brook (9-2) and Wagner (8-3), the Northeast Conference champion and the only team in the field which will be making its first trip into the championship.

The top four national seeds will host winners from the first round match-ups. Others hosting second rounds game will be Appalachian State (8-3), Georgia Southern, Sam Houston State (8-3) and Wofford (8-3).

Other automatic qualifiers in the tournament include Central Arkansas (9-2), winner of the Southland Conference, Coastal Carolina (7-4), which was the Big South Conference champion, Colgate (8-3), the Patriot League representative, Eastern Illinois (7-4), the Ohio Valley Conference champions, and Villanova (8-3), the Colonial Athletic Association representative. The other teams in the field include Cal Poly (9-2), Illinois State (8-3) and New Hampshire (8-3).

Ten conferences received automatic-qualifying berths: the Big Sky Conference, Big South Conference, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Missouri Valley Football Conference, Northeast Conference, Ohio Valley Conference, Patriot League, Southern Conference and Southland Conference.

ESPN's family of networks will once again provide coverage of all rounds of the 2012 NCAA Division I Football Championship. Television schedules and games times for all rounds of the 2012 championship will be updated weekly.

The 2013 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game is slated for Jan. 5, 2013 at 1 p.m.

ET in Frisco, Texas. The championship game will air on ESPN2 and ESPN3.

Quotes

Head Coach Mike Ayers

“We need the extra time. We are beat up and hopefully we can get some guys back healthy to field the best football team that we are capable of fielding. We have a home game to open it up against New Hampshire. I could not tell you anything about New Hampshire as far as there football team. By the time we play them, we are going to know them and we are going to do everything we can to come up with a great football team that is prepared and motivated to go out and give it our best shot.”

Senior Fullback Eric Breitenstein

“I am happy and glad that we got a bye week. That is going to be really important for our team since we had our bye week in week three which was a long time ago. We have had some hard games in this stretch and it will be good to have a little bit of a break. I am happy with the draw, I am sure they are a great team and we are going to need to get in there and watch a lot of film as soon as we get it.”

From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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Monday, November 19, 2012

Alvin Scioneaux Named SoCon Defensive Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Southern Conference named its football players of the week today for games played Saturday, Nov. 17. Wofford's Alvin Scioneaux was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Week. Chattanooga's Jacob Huesman has been named the Offensive Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week, while his teammate Nick Pollard was named the Special Teams Player of the Week. The players of the week are selected by the conference office.

Junior linebacker Alvin Scioneaux turned in a strong all-around performance as Wofford fell at FBS South Carolina 24-7 Saturday. Scioneaux recorded a team-high 12 tackles as the Terriers' defense held South Carolina to just 293 yards of total offense. He recorded his second career interception when he picked off USC's Connor Shaw in the first quarter. The Garyville, La., native also added 3.5 tackles for loss, a sack for minus-4 yards, and a forced fumble Saturday afternoon.

The Terriers will have a week off before facing New Hampshire in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs on December 1, 2012. The game will kick-off at 2:00 p.m. and will be available on ESPN3.

From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Eric Breitenstein Repeats As SoCon Offensive Player of the Year

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford College fullback Eric Breitenstein has been named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year by the league's coaches and media.

Overall, nine Wofford football players were named to the Coaches and Media All-Southern Conference Teams as announced by the league on Tuesday.

Earning first team honors from the Southern Conference Coaches were offensive lineman Jared Singleton, fullback Eric Breitenstein and linebacker Alvin Scioneaux. Second team honors went to offensive linemen Jake Miles, Calvin Cantrell and Tymeco Gregory, defensive lineman Tarek Odom, linebacker Mike Niam, and defensive back Blake Wylie. In addition, returner Cam Flowers earned All-Freshman Team honors.

In the media voting, first team honors went to fullback Eric Breitenstein and offensive lineman Jake Miles. Second team honors were received by offensive linemen Jared Singleton, Calvin Cantrell and Tymeco Gregory, along with linebacker Alvin Scioneaux.

In becoming just the fourth player in league history to be named the Offensive Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons, Breitenstein rushed for 1,653 total yards, 150 yards per game and 16 touchdowns, all third nationally. The Valle Crucis, N.C., senior surpassed 100 yards in all but one game on the season, including a SoCon-record 321 yards in a win at Elon on Sept. 29. Breitenstein is a two-time winner of the league's offensive player of the week award this season, and is on the watch list for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the most outstanding player at the FCS level. Entering postseason play, he is third in SoCon career history with 30 100-yard rushing games, fourth with 5,348 rushing yards and fifth with 62 touchdowns. He holds school records for most career rushing yards, most career carries, most career 100 yard games, and most rushing yards in a single season.

Miles, a senior from Charlottesville, Virginia, has started all eleven games at right tackle. He has been a key part of a rushing offense that is ranked second in the nation at 348.18 yards per game.

Gregory, a junior from Greer, South Carolina, has been the starter for all eleven games at left guard. The Wofford offensive line has allowed only twelve sacks this season.

Singleton, a junior from Lugoff, South Carolina, has started all eleven games at center. He leads the team this season with 186 knockdown blocks.

Cantrell, a senior from Dacula, Georgia, started eight of eleven games at left tackle, missing three games due to injury. He has started 33 career games on the offensive line.

Scioneaux, a junior from Garyville, Louisiana, has started nine games at outside linebacker and is third on the team in tackles with 59, including a team-high twelve at South Carolina. He also has two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. Among SoCon leaders, he is second in tackles for loss with eleven and seventh in sacks with five.

Odom, a sophomore from St. Augustine, Florida, has started ten games for the Terriers this season at defensive end. He has twenty total tackles, which includes 6.5 tackles for loss. He is tenth in the Southern Conference in sacks with 4.5. He also returned a fumble for a touchdown against Appalachian State.

Niam, a senior from Hudson, Ohio, has 42 tackles this season despite missing four games due to injury. He also has a sack, two tackles for loss, and a forced fumble. He led the team with 13 tackles against Chattanooga. For his career, he has 267 tackles which ranks eighth in school history.

Wylie, a senior from Fort Mill, South Carolina, has 43 tackles on the year in eleven starts at

cornerback. He is tied for seventh in the Southern Conference with two interceptions and second in passes defended with six. He also has a fumble recovery. He has started 47 career games in the secondary and has seven career interceptions.

The coaches named first and second teams in offense, defense and special teams. Because of a tie in the voting, the first-team defense had five defensive linemen, bringing the total to 26 honored on the first teams and 25 on the second teams. The coaches also named all-freshmen teams in offense, defense and special teams, honoring 25 players. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own players or themselves in the selection process. All nine teams had at least one all-conference selection and one all-freshman selection.

Appalachian State, which shared the regular-season SoCon crown with Georgia Southern and Wofford, had five first-team selections and seven second-team selections, both league highs. GSU and Furman shared that distinction with five first-team picks each. Wofford was second with nine total all-conference picks, with three on the first teams and six on the second teams. Other honors announced from the coaches include Mountaineer linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough and Chattanooga defensive lineman Davis Tull shared Defensive Player of the Year honors. Appalachian State wide receiver Sean Price was named the league's Freshman of the Year, and offensive lineman Mike Sellers of The Citadel took the Jacobs Blocking Award. The Citadel's Kevin Higgins and Samford's Pat Sullivan shared Coach of the Year honors. Among the media, Appalachian State led all schools with 10 all-conference selections, including eight on the first team. Samford placed eight student-athletes on the all-conference team, while Georgia Southern and Chattanooga each had seven honorees.

Additional media honors went to Chattanooga's Davis Tull as the Defensive Player of the Year. Appalachian State wideout Sean Price earned the Freshman of the Year Award, while The Citadel's Kevin Higgins was named the Wallace Wade Coach of the Year.

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From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Eric Breitenstein Named 2012 Walter Payton Award Finalist

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The race for the 26th annual Payton Award presented by The Sports Network has been narrowed to a final three for the Football Championship Subdivision's top individual honor. The 2012 finalists are fullback Eric Breitenstein of Wofford, quarterback Taylor Heinicke of Old Dominion, and running back Miguel Maysonet of Stony Brook.

Breitenstein, a senior from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, has been named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is just the fourth player in conference history to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons. He led the Southern Conference in rushing for the second straight season with 1,653 yards, a school record. He had 16 rushing touchdowns to lead the conference and was second in scoring.

Last season he ran for 1,474 yards and was fifth in the nation in scoring at 9.50 points per game. He was named All-American by the Associated Press, Sports Network and Phil Steele. Currently he has a school record 5,348 career rushing and is second in career rushing touchdowns. He is the NCAA FCS active career leader in rushing and rushing touchdowns. Breitenstein finished 14th in the voting in 2011 and 19th in 2010. He is the first player from Wofford to be named a finalist for the Walter Payton Award.

Ballots were voted upon by a national panel of sports information and media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries following the regular season on Nov. 19. The top three vote-getters are invited to The Sports Network FCS Awards Presentation on December 17 in Philadelphia.

The Sports Network also presents the Buck Buchanan, Jerry Rice and Eddie Robinson awards. The Buchanan Award honors the FCS defensive player of the year, the Rice Award goes to the FCS freshman of the year and the Robinson Award honors the FCS coach of the year. Those three winners will join the top three Payton finalists at the national awards banquet.

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From: [Williamson, D Brent](#)
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Saturday, December 1, 2012

Wofford Football Wins 23-7 Over New Hampshire

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford football team was led by Eric Breitenstein with 247 rushing yards and three touchdowns in a 23-7 win over New Hampshire in the second round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs on Saturday afternoon at Gibbs Stadium. Wofford will advance to face the winner of the North Dakota State/South Dakota State contest in the quarterfinals. The Terriers are 9-3 on the season and New Hampshire is 8-4 overall. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein had 247 yards on 22 carries with three touchdowns. The Terrier defense held New Hampshire to 238 total yards and had ten tackles for loss, including five sacks, along with two interceptions. The Wildcats were led by Nico Steriti with 51 rushing yards and Sean Goldrich was 17-of-29 passing for 113 yards.

“The team we played was a real good football team,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “We played hard and they played hard. They have a great scheme and are used to putting up 35 points every day. Our defense did an unbelievable job as far as stopping them. The difference in the ball game came down to the number of times that we were able to stop them. From an offensive standpoint we had a lot of plays but we not as productive as we needed to be. We got sloppy with the ball and gave them a chance to get back in it, but the defense answered the bell every time.”

The Wildcats had the ball to open the game and were forced three-and-out and punted. Wofford had a fourth-and-one, but Eric Breitenstein converted with a 54-yard touchdown run to take a 7-0 lead with 11:51 on the clock.

New Hampshire gained a first down on their next possession, but after a sack by Alvin Scioneaux was forced to punt. Wofford moved the ball across midfield with three first downs, but a fumble gave the ball back to the Wildcats. After gaining a first down, New Hampshire punted back with 3:38 left in the first quarter. The Terriers reached the 50-yard line, but a bad snap forced a punt. New Hampshire gained four first downs before E.J. Speller forced and recovered a fumble by Sean Goldrich.

Wofford picked up a first down on a reverse by Will Irwin, but were stopped on a fourth-and-two attempt and New Hampshire took over at the 39-yard line with 11:41 left in the second quarter. After a sack by Mike McCrimon, the Wildcats punted back to the Terriers. Eric Breitenstein gained a first down, but another Wofford fumble turned the ball back over to the Wildcats. New Hampshire was moving the ball with two first downs, but Alvin Scioneaux picked off a pass that was tipped at the line of scrimmage by Tarek Odom. After gaining four first downs, Eric Breitenstein capped the drive with a six-yard touchdown run. The point after hit the left upright and Wofford had a 13-0 lead with 1:13 left in the first half.

On the next drive by the Wildcats, after a first down Mike Niam intercepted Sean Goldrich with 36 seconds on the clock. The Terriers tried a 34-yard field goal as time expired, but it was wide right. Wofford had a 13-0 lead at the break and were outgaining the Wildcats 297 yards to 128.

To open the second half, Wofford had the ball but Donovan Johnson was hit and fumbled. The fumble was picked up by Cody Muller, who returned it 14-yards for the touchdown. The score was 13-7 with 12:15 left in the third quarter. Wofford answered with a 45-yard run by Eric Breitenstein, and then Breitenstein went 26-yards for his third touchdown of the day. Wofford had a 20-7 lead with 9:58 on the clock.

The Wildcats gained two first downs before a tackle for loss by Mike McCrimon forced a

punt. Wofford used a 33-yard run by Brian Kass to set-up a 33-yard field goal by Kasey Redfern. The Terriers led 23-7 with 2:57 left in the third quarter. On the next drive by the Wildcats, they gained one first down before punting. Wofford tried a fourth-and-15, but were sacked and turned the ball over on downs. The Wildcats gained a first down, but on fourth-and-ten were called for holding and the ball went back to Wofford.

With 10:23 remaining in the fourth quarter, Wofford took over but went three-and-out and punted, with the ball downed at the two-yard line. The Wildcats gained four first downs, but a fourth-and-six pass was broken up by James Zotto. Wofford then got the ball back with 4:20 left in the game. On fourth down, the Terriers lined up to punt. Kasey Redfern dropped the ball on the snap, but picked it up and ran for the first down. Brad Nocek added a first down run that enabled the Terriers to take a knee twice to seal the victory.

Wofford had 479 total yards, with 454 on the ground. New Hampshire had 238 total yards, 165 of which were passing. Wofford had a 25 to 17 advantage in first downs. Wofford was 6-of-15 on third downs and 3-of-5 on fourth down. New Hampshire was 8-of-17 on third down and 1-of-3 on fourth down. Each team had four penalties. Wofford had a 35:27 to 24:33 time of possession advantage.

Next week the winner of the game will play the winner of the North Dakota State/South Dakota State game in the quarterfinals of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.

Wofford vs. New Hampshire Post-Game Notes

In the FCS Playoffs, the Terriers are now 1-3 against teams from the CAA. The home win was the first in the playoffs since 2003 against Western Kentucky. The Terriers are now 6-0 at Gibbs Stadium this season.

Eric Breitenstein now has 5,595 career rushing yards, second most in SoCon history. He is behind Adrian Peterson (GSU) with 6,559 yards. He scored his 65th career touchdown in the, which is tied for third in SoCon history.

Eric Breitenstein marked his 31st career 100+ rushing game with 247 yards on 22 carries. He is third in SoCon history in 100+ rushing games. He has rushed for over 100 yards in all but one game (Lincoln) this season. It was his sixth career 200 yard rushing game, which is also third in SoCon history.

Mike Niam and Alvin Scioneaux each had interceptions in the game. For Niam it was his third career interception. Scioneaux intercepted a pass in the second straight game and it was the third of his career.

T.J. White (concussion) left the game due to injury.

Game captains were Bryan Youman and Phillip Legrande.

Attendance was 6,346 at Gibbs Stadium.

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Saturday, December 8, 2012

Wofford Football Falls 14-7 At North Dakota State

FARGO, N.D. – The Wofford football team’s season came to an end with a 14-7 loss to North Dakota State on Saturday afternoon in the Fargodome. The Terriers outgained NDSU in total offense, but were limited to a defensive touchdown in the NCAA FCS quarterfinals. The Bison will advance to host Georgia Southern in the semifinals.

The Terriers finish 9-4 on the season. Defending national champion North Dakota State is 12-1 and ranked first in the nation. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein ended his stellar career with 135 yards on 24 carries. The Bison were led by Brock Jensen with 60 rushing yards and 13-of-18 passing for 95 yards and a touchdown.

“I felt that both teams played really hard,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “For us it was a situation of lost opportunities. We had two pretty good drives, but ball security jumps up and bites us. We played well enough defensively to keep the game within a score and we fought our tails off to try and get it in there. They did a great job of blocking the field goal. We had guys that put their heart and soul into the game. It was a great game and I have a great deal of respect for North Dakota State.”

The Bison had the ball to open the game and drove down the field with five first downs. The drive was capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Sam Ojuri to give NDSU a 7-0 lead with 9:37 on the clock in the first quarter.

On the first drive for the Terriers, Donovan Johnson picked up a first down with a 27-yard run. Brian Kass was reaching for the first down when he had the ball stripped and Cole Jirik recovered the ball for NDSU. The Bison went three and out and punted after a sack by Alvin Scioneaux. Wofford gained one first down before punting back to NDSU.

Starting on the one-yard line after the punt, the Bison gained a first down, but then Blake Wylie intercepted Brock Jensen and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown. The score was tied at 7-7 at 14:06 in the second quarter. On the next drive by NDSU, they gained on rushing first down before punting back to the Terriers.

Wofford was only able to gain one first down before two false start penalties forced a punt.

The Bison started at the three-yard line. After one first down, Brock Jensen ran 39 yards for a first down and two pass interference calls moved the Bison inside the 20-yard line. A 16-yard touchdown pass from Brock Jensen to Zach Vraa gave NDSU a 14-7 lead with 1:02 left in the first half. With the ball back, the Terriers gained one first down before the end of the half.

To open the second half, Wofford picked up two first downs. Travis Beck forced a Brian Kass fumble that was recovered by Andre Martin. The Bison gained only one first down before punting the ball back to the Terriers. Wofford went three-and-out and punted. The Bison were driving when James Zotto forced a fumble that was recovered by Stephon Shelton with 2:45 left in the third quarter.

Eric Breitenstein ran 39 yards for a first down to cross midfield. On fourth-and-eight, James Lawson completed a pass to Eric Breitenstein for the first down. Then, on fourth-and-three Brad Nocek took the pitch for a first down. The Terriers attempted a 26-yard field goal, but it was partially blocked and the Bison took over at the 20-yard line with 11:44 left in the game. NDSU gained a first down before punting back to Wofford.

The Terriers opened the drive with a 24-yard pass from James Lawson to Jeff Ashley.

Wofford drove inside the 20-yard line, but on fourth-and-three from the seven only gained one yard and turned it over on downs with 3:24 remaining on the clock. The Bison picked up one

first down, but punted back to Wofford with only 49 seconds remaining. The Terriers ran out of time with the ball across midfield.

Wofford had 326 total yards, with 262 on the ground. NDSU had 262 total yards, 167 of which were rushing. NDSU had a 17 to 14 advantage in first downs. Wofford was 5-of-13 on third downs and 3-of-4 on fourth down. NDSU was 3-of-9 on third down. Wofford had six penalties to only one for NDSU. Wofford had a 30:20 to 29:40 time of possession advantage.

Wofford vs. NDSU Post-Game Notes

Eric Breitenstein now has 5,730 career rushing yards, second most in SoCon history. He is behind Adrian Peterson (GSU) with 6,559 yards.

Eric Breitenstein marked his 32nd career 100+ rushing game with 135 yards on 24 carries. He rushed for over 100 yards in all but one game (Lincoln) this season. The twelve 100-yard games in a season in a new SoCon record and the eleven consecutive 100-yard games tied an NCAA record.

Blake Wylie had his third interception this season. It was the eighth of his career and first interception return for a touchdown in his career.

North Dakota State is ranked first in the nation. Against teams ranked first, the Terriers are now 1-4, with the lone win against Appalachian State in 2007.

The Bison were the top rushing defense in the nation at only 63 yards per game, but the Terriers ran for 262.

Game captains were Calvin Cantrell, Jake Miles, and Mike Niam.

Attendance was 18,267 at the FargoDome.

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Eric Breitenstein Named All-American

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Six players repeated as first-team selections on The Sports Network FCS All-America Team on Monday, including Wofford fullback Eric Breitenstein for the third straight year.

Breitenstein, a senior from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is just the fourth player in conference history to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons. He led the Southern Conference in rushing for the second straight season with 2,035 yards, a school record and the second most in conference history.

He had 19 rushing touchdowns to lead the conference and was second in scoring with 114 points. With 12 games with 100 or more rushing yards this season, Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference mark and his eleven straight games with 100 or more yards tied an NCAA record. He also holds the SoCon single game rushing mark with 321 yards.

Last season he ran for 1,474 yards and was fifth in the nation in scoring at 9.50 points per game. He was named All-American by the Associated Press, Sports Network and Phil Steele.

Currently he has a school record 5,730 career rushing and is second in career rushing touchdowns. He is the NCAA FCS active career leader in rushing and rushing touchdowns.

“Being named an All-American is a great honor,” Breitenstein said. “It has always been one of my goals, but wouldn't be possible without my team. They really make it all possible. The offensive line is excellent, maybe the best unit in the country and individually four of the five were named all- conference. I have truly been blessed to be a part of a program that has had a great deal of success.”

The Sports Network also presents the Walter Payton, Buck Buchanan, Jerry Rice and Eddie Robinson awards. All four awards will be presented next Monday in Philadelphia. Breitenstein is one of the three finalists for the Payton Award and he is the first player from Wofford to be named a finalist.

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Eric Breitenstein Finishes Third In Walter Payton Award Voting

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – On Monday night at the Sports Network Awards dinner in Philadelphia, Wofford fullback Eric Breitenstein finished third in the voting for the 2012 Walter Payton Award.

Taylor Heinicke of Old Dominion was named the 26th recipient of the outstanding player honor in the Football Championship Subdivision. He received nearly half of the first-place votes from a national media panel - 72 of 145 - and 531 points to capture the award over Stony Brook senior running back Miguel Maysonet (284 points) and Wofford senior fullback Eric Breitenstein (197).

Breitenstein, a senior from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is just the fourth player in conference history to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons. He led the Southern Conference in rushing for the second straight season with 2,035 yards, a school record and the second most in conference history.

He had 19 rushing touchdowns to lead the conference and was second in scoring with 114 points. With 12 games with 100 or more rushing yards this season, Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference mark and his eleven straight games with 100 or more yards tied an NCAA record. He also holds the SoCon single game rushing mark with 321 yards.

Breitenstein was joined at the ceremony by head coach Mike Ayers and six members of the offensive line among others who made the trip from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, S.C.

The winners of the Buck Buchanan Award (Montana State's Caleb Schreibeis, FCS outstanding defensive player), Jerry Rice Award (Villanova's John Robertson, FCS freshman of the year) and Eddie Robinson Award (North Dakota State's Craig Bohl, FCS coach of the year) were also honored at the event.

The awards are voted upon by a national panel of sports information and media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries.

1 Taylor Heinicke	Old Dominion	72	29	13	6	4	531
2 Miguel Maysonet	Stony Brook	13	25	20	21	17	284
3 Eric Breitenstein	Wofford	11	15	15	12	13	197
4 Erik Lora	Eastern Illinois	7	14	15	7	14	164
5 Gavin McCarney	Colgate	15	9	10	6	5	158

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