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Wofford College inside linebacker Ben Dae has been named the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 35-13 victory over Charleston Southern.

Dae led the Terriers with 10 solo tackles including a sack. He also had an interception, forced fumble, pass breakup, and hurry.

A senior from Charlotte, NC, Dae tops the Terriers with 31 tackles this season.

He becomes the first Terrier to earn a SoCon Offensive or Defensive Player of the Week award in football. The Terriers have previously been on the receiving end of just Freshman of the Week honors. In fact, halfback Jesse McCoy was the SoCon Freshman of the Week the previous game against Middle Tennessee.

While Dae was also the Terriers' Defensive Player of the Week, Darin Shelley garnered those honors on the offensive side.

A senior guard from Williamsburg, KY, Shelley had a career-high 27 knockdown blocks as the Terriers rushed for 389 yards while totaling 513 on the afternoon.
The following are some tidbits on the offense for this year's Wofford College football team:

*Wofford ranks third in the Southern Conference and No. 4 nationally in rushing offense (325.3 yards per game). The Terriers are also second in the SoCon and No. 11 in the country in total offense (464.0 avg).

*Five of the Terriers' top six rushers are averaging at least 5.3 yards per carry. Freshman Jesse McCoy is tied for the team lead in rushing with 192 yards on a 10.7 per carry clip.

*McCoy rushed seven times for 72 yards (10.3 avg) against Charleston Southern and saw his per carry average on the season drop. Timed as fast as 4.3 in the 40, McCoy entered the game with a per carry clip of 10.9. For the season, he's now tied with Tony Hudson for the team lead in rushing with 192 yards while averaging 10.7 yards an attempt. McCoy also tops the Terriers in yards per reception for players with more than one catch. He has caught four passes for 68 yards (17.0 avg). Overall, he's averaging 12.4 yards each time he touches the ball while leading the Terriers in all-purpose yards at 91.0 per game.

*Wofford has shown balance with its running game. McCoy and Tony Hudson top the Terriers with 192 yards while quarterback Travis Wilson is third with 184.

*The Terriers have increased their rushing performance in each of their three games this season: 269 vs. Georgia Southern, 318 vs. Middle Tennessee, 389 vs. Charleston Southern.

*The Wofford offense is averaging 6.2 yards per play this season.

*In the opening three games, Wilson has completed 26-of-38 attempts (68.4 percent). The school record for single-season completion percentage is 59.5 (113-of-190) by Harold Chandler in 1970.

*With three touchdown passes in the opening three games, Wilson has already equaled his total scoring tosses from his freshman year.

*Wilson set a Wofford single-game completion percentage record at Middle Tennessee when he hit on 14-of-18 attempts (77.8 percent) for 174 yards.

*The 138.7 yards per game passing by Wofford is the highest total in the 12-year tenure of Head Coach Mike Ayers.

*Wofford quarterbacks have 30 completions in three games this season. In 1997, the Terriers completed 35 passes the entire year.

*The Terriers had more points (42) and yards (492) on Middle Tennessee than either No. 23-ranked Mississippi State or Arizona.
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*Wofford College offensive tackle Matt Flynn (Spartanburg, SC; Dorman High School) will see his first action of the season Saturday when the Terriers travel to Chattanooga for a key Southern Conference matchup. Flynn was moved from tight end to tackle during preseason camp and was in a first-team position before being sidelined by a sprained knee which forced him to miss the opening three games of the campaign.

*The Terriers played without nine injured starters in the win over Charleston Southern. Halfback Nathan Price (shoulder), strong safety Ryan Cowden (concussion), and punter Brandon Kale (mononucleosis) are expected to return in time for Saturday's game.

*Travis Wilson's 72-yard scoring run against Charleston Southern was the Terriers' longest run, touchdown carry, and play from scrimmage since former quarterback Lamond Smith went 87 yards for a touchdown in a 1994 game against Newberry. Chris Edwards' 74-yard return of the second-half kickoff against CSU was the longest kickoff return by a Terrier since Paul Humphries went 74 yards against Lenoir-Rhyne in 1996.

*Wofford has not defeated Chattanooga in five previous meetings with the Mocs. Prior to Wofford and UTC renewing their series when the Terriers began SoCon play in 1997, the schools had not met on the gridiron since 1969. Wofford will be making its first trip to Finley Stadium. The Terriers' last visit to Chattanooga represented the final game at Chamberlain Field, the Mocs' old stadium. Finley Stadium (1997) is the only SoCon facility newer than Wofford's Gibbs Stadium (1996).

*The 35-13 win over Charleston Southern extended Wofford's record to 38-2-1 in the 41 games under Mike Ayers that the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

*Wofford free safety Travis Cash will be facing his former school on Saturday. Cash attended Chattanooga for one year before transferring to Wofford. He was redshirted in 1995 before earning Player of the Week honors during spring practice that year. A native of Morven, NC, Cash was the Terriers' Defensive Player of the Week at Middle Tennessee (Sept. 18). He's also the top returning tackler on this year's team after totaling 74 stops last season.

*Wofford defensive tackle Luie Black has started 14 consecutive games dating back to last season. The next closest streak of consecutive starts is nine by quarterback Travis Wilson.

*Carolina Panther owner and founder Jerry Richardson was in attendance at Wofford's home game with Charleston Southern. Richardson was merely cheering on his alma mater. A 1959 Wofford graduate, he was an All-America wide receiver for the Terriers before moving on to the NFL and the Baltimore Colts.
Wofford halfback Jesse McCoy has been named the Southern Conference Co-Freshman of the Week after rushing for 134 yards on nine carries (14.9 avg.) in the Terriers’ 41-34 victory over Chattanooga.

A native of Acworth, GA, McCoy shares the honor with VMI defensive tackle Matthew Kluk, who totaled 19 tackles in the Keydets’ game with Georgia Southern.

It’s the second time in four games that McCoy has received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors. He leads the Terriers in rushing with 326 yards on a 12.1 per carry average.

The Wofford coaches selected fullback Tony Hudson and cornerback Chris Edwards as the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance at Chattanooga.

Hudson (Rocky Point, NC) rushed for a career-high 126 yards on 23 carries. Edwards (Greensboro, NC) totaled 10 tackles, including one for a loss, to go with three pass breakups.
Wofford ranks second in the Southern Conference and No. 2 nationally in rushing offense (371.5 yards per game). The Terriers trail only Georgia Southern (430.8). Wofford is also second in the SoCon (behind GSU) and fifth in the country in total offense (504.0 avg).

Five of the Terriers' top six rushers are averaging at least 5.2 yards per carry. Freshman Jesse McCoy leads the way with 326 yards on a 12.1 per carry average.

Wofford has shown balance with its running game. McCoy (81.5), Tony Hudson (79.5), and Travis Wilson (68.0) rank sixth, seventh, and eighth, respectively, in the SoCon in rushing yards per game.

The Wofford offense is averaging 6.5 yards per play this season.

The Terriers have increased their rushing performance in each of their four games this season: 269 (Georgia Southern), 318 (Middle Tennessee), 389 (Charleston Southern), 510 (Chattanooga).

With Jesse McCoy and Tony Hudson rushing for 134 and 126 yards, respectively, at Chattanooga, Wofford had two players go over the 100-yard mark in the same game for the first time since Nov. 22, 1997, when quarterbacks Brad Smothers (117) and Ricky Hagood (101) accomplished the feat.

The 132.5 yards per game passing by Wofford is the highest total in the 12-year tenure of Head Coach Mike Ayers.

Terrier quarterbacks have 35 completions in four games to equal their combined season total from the 1997 campaign.

Wilson leads the SoCon in pass efficiency rating at 170.4. If he had enough attempts to qualify for the national rankings, he would place No. 6 in the country.

Wilson is on pace to shatter the Wofford single-season completion percentage record of 59.5 (Harold Chandler, 1970). He has completed 30-of-43 attempts (69.8 percent) for 453 yards and four touchdowns in four games.

He set a Wofford single-game completion percentage record at Middle Tennessee when he hit on 14-of-18 attempts (77.8 percent) for 174 yards.

With four rushing touchdowns and four scoring tosses, Wilson has accounted for eight touchdowns in the opening four contests.

In honor of Wofford's success with its wingbone attack under Offensive Coordinator Wade Lang, WSPA-TV Sports Director and Mike Ayers Show host Pete Yanity dubbed the Terrier offense "The Langbone."
The Wofford College football staff has selected halfback Nathan Price and defensive tackle Brian Bodor as the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 55-10 Homecoming win over VMI.

Price, a junior from Villa Rica, GA, rushed for a career-high 107 yards and two touchdowns on just six carries. His seven-yard scoring run provided the Terriers with their first points of the day while his 62-yard scamper into the end zone on the third play of the second half broke the game open. Price also added five knockdown blocks.

Bodor tied a single-game school record with three sacks. He also had a hurry and tackle for loss among his seven total stops in the game. The junior from Bridgeport, OH, is also a Dean's List student.

Other notables from Saturday:

* The 55-10 win over VMI represented Wofford's largest margin of victory since a 77-7 Homecoming win over Lees-McRae in 1992.

* The 55 points were the most by a Wofford team since a 55-24 win over Dayton in the final game of the 1995 season.

* The 55 points and margin of victory were the most by Wofford in a SoCon game. The previous marks in both categories were set last year in a 42-20 win at VMI.

* Wofford improved to 8-4 in Homecoming games under Head Coach Mike Ayers. During that time, the Terriers have averaged 40.2 points.

* Six different Terriers ran for touchdowns against VMI while 14 different players had at least one carry.

* Chris Edwards' 70-yard interception return for a touchdown was the first pick returned for a score by a Terrier since Joe Werner went 23 yards for a touchdown last year against Charleston Southern.

* Wofford is now 39-2-1 in the 42 games under Head Coach Mike Ayers that the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.
Nathan Price rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns on just six carries as the Wofford College football team rolled to its third straight victory with a 55-10 Homecoming win over VMI this afternoon in Spartanburg.

The Terriers improve to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Southern Conference. The Keydets fall to 1-5, 0-4 in the SoCon.

After entering the game with the nation’s second-ranked rushing offense (371.5 yards per game), the Terriers bettered that mark with 443 yards on the ground as six different players ran for touchdowns. Wofford had 517 yards of total offense compared to 208 for VMI.

Price’s first scoring run was a seven-yard carry into the end zone to cap a 16-play, 80-yard drive that gave Wofford a 7-0 lead with 3:23 to play in the opening quarter. VMI evened the score at 7-7 on its next possession when Tom Boyer caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Joey Gibson with 11:50 to play in the second quarter.

The Terriers then scored four touchdowns in a 9:12 span covering the close of the second quarter and start of the second half to take control of the game with a 35-7 lead with 10:43 to play in the third quarter. Wofford had closed the first half with a pair of 79-yard scoring drives to take a 21-7 halftime lead.

Price’s second touchdown of the game was a career-long 62-yard run on the third play of the second half. On the Terriers’ next series, a 30-yard Tony Hudson run set up a two-yard Travis Wilson score that gave Wofford a 35-7 lead. Wilson was the Terriers’ second-leading rusher with 90 yards on 10 carries while also completing 6-of-12 passes for 67 yards.

In addition to the seven offensive touchdowns, Wofford also scored on the defensive side of the ball when cornerback Chris Edwards returned an interception 70 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to make the score 48-10.
“We did some good things,” Head Coach Mike Ayers said. “We started slow but that’s due to VMI coming in, playing hard, and executing on defense.

“We knew that we would have to play well and play at a high level, and we fortunate to get on track and start executing. We had some big plays defensively and did what we were capable of doing. We made some tackles, forced some turnovers, and had some big plays.

“As a football team, we’ve grown and gotten better. The bottom line is that we’ve got to be better next week (the Terriers play at Western Carolina). We’re on a winning streak right now and that’s exciting.”
Sophomore quarterback Travis Wilson accounted for 239 yards of offense, including a 72-yard touchdown run, as the Wofford College football team overcame a slow start to post a 35-13 victory over Charleston Southern this afternoon in a non-conference game at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers improve to 1-2 overall while the Buccaneers fall to 0-3.

Wofford totaled 513 yards of offense, including 389 rushing. Charleston Southern totaled 314 yards.

Wilson’s 72-yard touchdown run, the longest by a Terrier since former quarterback Lamond Smith went 87 yards for a score against Newberry in 1994, broke open the game and gave the Terriers a 20-7 lead with 10:15 to play in the third quarter. Wilson had his first career 100-yard rushing day with 115 yards on 12 carries while completing 6-of-11 passes for 124 yards.

After falling behind 7-0 when CSU’s Vinson Blain scored on a 2-yard run with 8:37 left in the first quarter, Wofford finally drew even on a two-yard scoring run by freshman fullback Melvin Jones with 5:49 to play in the second quarter. The Terriers then drove 70 yards in 11 plays to take a 14-7 halftime lead when Wilson hit halfback Will Hunter on a 13-yard scoring pass with just 19 seconds left before the intermission.

Following the game, Terrier Head Coach Mike Ayers was glad to have the win although disappointed in his team’s 13 penalties and three turnovers.

“We won the ballgame but we just didn’t play as sharp as we needed to,” Ayers said. “We had missed opportunities and way too many turnovers. Fortunately today, we came up defensively and made a lot of big plays on that side of the ball.

“From an intensity and focus standpoint, we weren’t there and that’s my fault. I do promise that we will get focused next week (the Terriers return to SoCon action at Chattanooga). Charleston Southern came in and scrapped and got after us.”
Jones' two-yard run which finally put the Terriers on the board in the second quarter began a stretch that saw Wofford score touchdowns on five of seven possessions, capped by Tony Hudson's one-yard run to close the game's scoring with 9:07 to play.

"We needed to score at least 28 points to have a chance against an offense like Wofford's," Charleston Southern Head Coach David Dowd said. "They have a very good team. Our defense was solid but we left them on the field too long."
After believing his career was over when he suffered a concussion last month, nose tackle Thomas Tinch is expected to return to action when the Terriers travel to Western Carolina for a key Southern Conference matchup on Saturday.

Tinch was cleared to play by doctors and returned to the practice field on Monday. He last saw action in the Sept. 11 season opener with Georgia Southern.

A native of Calhoun Falls, SC, Tinch is one of two fifth-year seniors on this year's Wofford team. Free safety Travis Cash is the other.

Tinch's return comes at a most opportune time for Wofford. Second-team nose tackle Scotty Dean suffered a sprained ankle against VMI and will be sidelined a minimum of one week while fellow back-up Drew Smith has not played since spraining an ankle against Georgia Southern (Sept. 11). Smith is questionable for Saturday.

Rashad Green, a junior from Leland, NC, has slid over from defensive tackle to nose tackle to help fill the void.

The Terriers have won three straight to improve their record to 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the SoCon. Wofford is also receiving votes this week in both The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today polls.
Jesse McCoy and Travis Wilson each rushed for 128 yards as the Wofford College football team won its fourth straight game and third in a row in the Southern Conference with a 35-21 victory over Western Carolina in Cullowhee, NC.

The Terriers (4-2 overall, 3-1 SoCon) have won four straight for the first time since 1993. Wofford will host Appalachian State next week. The Mountaineers posted a 17-16 win over No. 1-ranked Georgia Southern.

McCoy had a pair of touchdown runs while also catching a 59-yard scoring pass from Wilson. A true freshman from Acworth, GA, McCoy had a six-yard touchdown carry to put Wofford on the board first just 4:27 into the game. A 49-yard completion from Wilson to halfback Nathan Price was the key play on the drive.

After the Catamounts tied the score at 7-7, McCoy capped a 16-play, 81-yard drive covering 8:12 on the clock when he scored from two yards out to give Wofford a 14-7 lead with 4:33 to play in the first half. McCoy then had a 61-yard run to key the Terriers' next possession as Tony Hudson scored on a one-yard carry to give Wofford a 21-7 halftime lead.

McCoy was then on the receiving end of a 59-yard scoring toss from Wilson to extend the Terriers' lead to 28-7 just four minutes into the second half.

After the Catamounts closed to within 28-21 on a 1-yard Darius Hooks touchdown run with 13:45 to play, Wofford answered with an 8-play, 76-yard drive that was capped by a 41-yard scoring run by Wilson. The sophomore quarterback from Newberry, SC, carried seven times for 71 yards on the drive.

Wilson completed 4-of-7 passes for 111 yards while totaling 239 yards of offense. The Terriers rushed for 391 yards with 502 in total offense. Western Carolina was held to 368 yards.
The Wofford College football team (3-2, 2-1 SoCon) will make the short trip to Cullowhee, NC, tomorrow to face Western Carolina (1-4, 0-3) in a Southern Conference matchup.

The Terriers have defeated the Catamounts in each of the last two seasons since joining the SoCon in 1997. WCU had won the previous eight meetings in the series.

In last year's game in Spartanburg, Wofford used a final minute goal-line stand and 371 yards rushing to post a 17-10 victory.

Trailing by a touchdown with 5:14 to play, the Catamounts took possession of the ball at their 38-yard line. After reaching the Wofford five with a 1st-and-goal, Darius Hooks carried to the two-yard line before quarterback Justin Cella spiked the ball on second down to stop the clock. Wofford cornerback Tony Young then stopped Hooks for a three-yard loss on third down before breaking up a Cella pass in the end zone on fourth down.

Graduated fullback Miles Lane led the Terriers with 102 yards on 17 carries, including a one-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-goal play with 49 seconds left in the second quarter. The touchdown gave Wofford a 14-10 halftime lead and the winning points in the game.

Wofford has won each of the last two meetings with WCU despite not completing a pass. In each of the two wins, the Terriers were 0-1 on their pass attempts. Wofford has run the ball on 129 of 131 snaps against WCU over the last two years combined.
For the third time in six games, Wofford halfback Jesse McCoy has been named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Week.

McCoy totaled 195 yards of offense and three touchdowns in the Terriers' 35-21 win at Western Carolina. The Acworth, GA, native rushed for 136 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries while also adding a 59-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Travis Wilson. McCoy also had a 61-yard run late in the first half that set up another score to give the Terriers a 21-7 halftime lead.

McCoy places second on Wofford in rushing with 474 yards on a 12.2 per carry average.

Wilson was named the Terriers' Offensive Player of the Week while linebacker Ben Dae garnered Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Wilson totaled 239 yards of offense and two touchdowns. After Western Carolina cut the Wofford lead to 28-21 early in the fourth quarter, Wilson led the Terriers on an 8-play, 76-yard drive to help Wofford regain control of the game at 35-21. The sophomore from Newberry, SC, had seven carries for 71 yards on the drive, including a 41-yard scoring run. He rushed for 128 yards on the night while also completing 4-of-7 passes for 111 yards and the 59-yard touchdown completion to McCoy.

Dae, a senior from Charlotte, NC, set a single-game school record with five tackles for loss among his 15 stops in the game. He tops Wofford with 71 tackles on the season. The next closest Terrier is free safety Travis Cash with 38 stops.
The Wofford College football team received an increased number of votes this week in both The Sports Network and USA Today/ESPN Division I-AA Top 25 polls.

Based on number of votes received, the Terriers are ranked No. 34 in the country in both polls. Wofford received 16 votes in the USA Today/ESPN poll after receiving just one vote last week. The Terriers had 24 votes in The Sports Network poll after totaling four votes a week ago.

The Sports Network has Georgia Southern at No. 5, Appalachian State at No. 6, East Tennessee State at No. 13, and Furman at No. 14.

USA Today/ESPN has Georgia Southern at No. 5, Appalachian State at No. 7, East Tennessee State at No. 12, and Furman at No. 15.

Troy State is the new No. 1 team in both polls.
Sophomore Hondre McNeil has moved into a starting position at outside linebacker for the Wofford College football team.

A native of Lake View, SC, McNeil was moved from strong safety during preseason camp. He has totaled 12 tackles this season, including 11 solo stops.

Backing up McNeil on Saturday will be Al Clark (Spartanburg, SC; Dorman High School). Clark will be returning to action for the first time since suffering a high ankle sprain in the season opener against Georgia Southern (Sept. 11).

Tommy Woods (Winston-Salem, NC) remains the starter at the other outside linebacker position.

The Terriers also received good news on the injury front this week when MRIs came back negative on the knees of halfback Nathan Price (Villa Rica, GA), center Greg Rhoads (Utica, OH), and wide receiver Jack Nichols (Fort Valley, GA). All three are officially listed as day-to-day with their availability for Saturday's SoCon showdown with No. 6-ranked Appalachian State at Gibbs Stadium.
Wofford quarterback Travis Wilson was stopped on a two-point conversion attempt with 54 seconds to play as No. 6-ranked Appalachian State held on for a 21-20 victory in a Southern Conference thriller at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg.

The Terriers saw their four-game winning streak snapped in falling to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the Southern Conference. The Mountaineers improve to 5-2 overall, 4-1 in the SoCon.

Wilson hit tight end Travis Brightbill with a 14-yard scoring pass to cap a 9-play, 72-yard drive that pulled Wofford within 21-20. The drive was kept alive by a 12-yard completion from Wilson to Ricky Hagood on a 4th-and-8 play to give the Terriers a first down at the Mountaineer 45. On the next snap, wide receiver Jeff Scott made a sensational catch for a 30-yard gain to the ASU 15. Two plays later, Wilson connected with Brightbill for the touchdown.

A bizarre sequence of events gave the Terriers the ball back for that scoring drive. After a Jesse McCoy fumble, ASU’s Weslan Hunter made the recovery before he subsequently fumbled on the return with Wofford center Bailey King recovering the ball at the Terrier 28.

The game was originally a defensive struggle with ASU holding a 7-0 halftime lead. The Terriers finally tied it at 7-7 with 2:17 left in the third quarter on a one-yard Tony Hudson run to cap a 19-play, 82-yard drive that covered exactly eight minutes on the clock. It began a stretch that saw Wofford and ASU combine for four touchdowns in a 5:59 span.

The Mountaineers responded with a 73-yard drive that culminated with a Neil Cornatzer 11-yard run to take a 14-7 lead just 1:03 into the fourth quarter. The Terriers then evened the score at 14-14 on a 47-yard touchdown strike from Wilson to Scott just four plays later. It capped an 82-yard Wofford drive that took just 1:25. ASU then took the lead for good at 21-14 on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Daniel Jeremiah to
for good at 21-14 on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Daniel Jeremiah to Daryl Skinner with 11:18 to play.

The Mountaineers had just one scoring drive of more than 42 yards as the Terriers were hurt in the kicking game. A 39-yard punt return by Skinner set up one score while a short kickoff and subsequent penalty gave ASU possession at the Wofford 42 on its final drive. All three Terrier scoring drives were at least 72 yards in length.

“We played a great football team today,” Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. “We played hard and gave ourselves a chance to win. We had a couple of critical mistakes and penalties killed us but we were able to respond. The kids kept battling and came up with big plays. It was a great football game. It was hardhitting with both teams getting after it.”

Wofford outgained ASU by a 415-to-312 edge in total offense. Wilson led the Terrier ground game with 70 yards on 19 carries while completing 9-of-18 passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns.

“This league is tough and Wofford did not surprise me one bit,” ASU Head Coach Jerry Moore said. “They played exactly like I thought they would. I was disappointed we didn’t move the ball better offensively. However, a win is a win. There was no letdown from our win over Georgia Southern last week. We played hard. I can’t say enough about Wofford. Mike Ayers has done a terrific job with their team.”
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*Wofford College nose tackle Thomas Tinch has decided to give up football after attempting to come back from a series of concussions.

After playing in the season opener against Georgia Southern, Tinch suffered a concussion during the week of practice leading up to the following game at Middle Tennessee. He was cleared to resume practice on Oct. 11 and he played in games against Western Carolina (Oct. 16) and Appalachian State (Oct. 23). However, recurring headaches have forced Tinch to call it a career.

A native of Calhoun Falls, SC, Tinch was one of just two fifth-year seniors on this year’s Wofford team. Free safety Travis Cash is the other.

Drew Smith (Columbia, SC) will take Tinch’s place as the No. 2 nose tackle behind starter and true freshman Nathan Fuqua (Danville, KY).

*Left guard Darin Shelley, the leader of the Wofford offensive line with 104 knockdown blocks, has announced that he will return next season for a fifth year of eligibility.

Shelley (Williamsburg, KY) had a team-high 21 knockdowns in Saturday’s Appalachian State game.
The following are items of note after Saturday's 47-16 win over The Citadel:

*The 47 points were the most scored by Wofford against The Citadel in the 52-game series dating back to 1916. The 31-point margin of victory trailed only a 34-0 win in 1957, which was also the previous best scoring mark against the Bulldogs.

*In its third year in the SoCon, Wofford (5-3, 4-2) has once again increased its win total both overall and in the league. The Terriers were 3-7, 2-6 in 1997 and 4-7, 3-5 in 1998.

*Wofford holds down fourth place in the SoCon after being a consensus eighth-place pick in the preseason by the league coaches, SIDs, and media.

*Twelve different Terriers had rushing attempts in the win over The Citadel.

*Wofford is now 40-2-1 in the 43 games under Head Coach Mike Ayers that the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

*Jesse McCoy's 579 yards rushing are the highest by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback Shawn Graves set NCAA records by rushing for 1,483 yards in 1989.

*Travis Wilson's 913 yards passing and eight touchdowns have both set single-season high marks for a Wofford quarterback during the 12-year tenure of Head Coach Mike Ayers.

*Wofford started three true freshmen on defense at The Citadel (NT Nathan Fuqua, DT Anthony Jones, ILB Robert Mathis). The Terriers also started true freshman Melvin Jones at fullback while walk-on Bailey King replaced injured preseason All-SoCon selection Greg Rhoads as the starting center.

*Matt Martin's 27-yard field goal to close the scoring at The Citadel was Wofford's first successful three-point try of the season. The Terriers are now 1-of-3 on field goals.

*The 76-yard touchdown pass from Travis Wilson to Jesse McCoy was Wofford's longest pass play since 1990, when Shawn Graves connected with Tony Shell for a 77-yard scoring pass against Jacksonville State.

*In addition to his 10.0 per carry average (579 yards rushing, 58 attempts), McCoy has nine receptions for 253 yards (28.1 average). He's averaging 12.4 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage. That mark increases to 12.7 yards when factoring in his four kickoff returns for 72 yards (18.0 avg.). He has four rushing touchdowns and two scoring catches.
Wofford College outside linebacker Hondre McNeil has been named the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week while halfback Jesse McCoy has earned Freshman of the Week honors following Saturday's 47-16 victory at The Citadel.

McNeil had 11 solo tackles, including two for a loss, while also forcing one fumble and recovering another. The sophomore from Lake View, SC, was instrumental in the Terriers limiting The Citadel to eight first downs and 101 yards of offense over the final three quarters. He was also making just his second collegiate start.

McNeil is the second Terrier to earn SoCon Defensive Player of the Week accolades. Ben Dae was Wofford's first-ever recipient of that honor after a Sept. 25 game against Charleston Southern.

McCoy is the SoCon Freshman of the Week for the fourth time this season. He totaled 191 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns. He was on the receiving end of a 76-yard touchdown pass from Travis Wilson as part of his three catches for 93 yards. He also rushed nine times for 52 yards, including a one-yard scoring run, while returning two kickoffs for 46 yards.

McCoy's 579 yards rushing are the highest by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback Shawn Graves set NCAA records by rushing for 1,483 yards in 1989.

The 76-yard touchdown pass from Wilson to McCoy was Wofford's longest pass play since 1990, when Graves connected with Tony Shell for a 77-yard scoring pass against Jacksonville State.

In addition to his 10.0 per carry average (579 yards rushing, 58 attempts), McCoy has nine receptions for 253 yards (28.1 average). He's averaging 12.4 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage. That mark increases to 12.7 yards when factoring in his four kickoff returns for 72 yards (18.0 avg.). He has four rushing touchdowns and two scoring catches.
The Wofford College football team is moving closer to the Division I-AA Top 25.

Based on number of votes received, the Terriers are ranked No. 30 in The Sports Network Poll and No. 31 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll.

The Terriers received 50 votes in The Sports Network Poll. Delaware is the No. 25 team with 95 votes. East Tennessee State, Wofford’s opponent on Saturday, received 84 votes. Georgia Southern is ranked No. 4, Appalachian State No. 6, and Furman No. 7.

Wofford received 21 votes in the ESPN/USA Today Poll. Colgate is No. 25 with 69 votes. Georgia Southern is ranked No. 5, Appalachian State No. 7, and Furman No. 9. ETSU received 53 votes to place 28th.

Troy State is No. 1 in both polls.
*Wofford ranks second in the Southern Conference and No. 2 nationally in rushing offense (361.1 yards per game). The Terriers trail only Georgia Southern (419.1) while Southern Utah is a distant third at 319.9. Wofford is also second in the SoCon (behind Georgia Southern) and fifth in the country in total offense (487.3). Wofford ranks third in the SoCon and 13th nationally at 36.1 points per game.

*Inside linebacker Ben Dae (Charlotte, NC) is having one of the more dominant seasons by a Wofford defender in recent years. He tops the Terriers and SoCon with 96 tackles. The next closest Wofford tackler is Travis Cash with 46 stops. With 225 career tackles, Dae is on pace to finish his career as one of Wofford's top five all-time tacklers.

*The entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers as Wofford has more fourth-down attempts (25) than punts (21) and field goal attempts (three) combined. The Terriers are 16-of-25 (64.0 percent) for the season on fourth down.

*In addition to its fourth-down success, Wofford has also been very good on third-down attempts by converting 51-of-103 opportunities (49.5 percent).

*Wofford is a plus-three in the turnover ratio in its five victories and a minus-7 in its three losses. The Terriers have only committed two turnovers in their last 18 quarters dating back to the Oct. 2 win at Chattanooga. Overall, Wofford has just six turnovers in its last six games after committing eight in the opening two contests.

*Wofford (5-3, 4-2) is fourth in the SoCon after being a preseason eighth-place pick by the league coaches, SID's, and media.

*While they don't punt much with just 21 attempts in the opening eight games, the Terriers are averaging 40.2 yards as a team. Senior Brandon Kale has a 42.5 average that would lead the SoCon if he had enough attempts to qualify.

*Wofford's 5-3 record represents its best eight-game mark in a season since the 1993 Division II team was 5-2-1 on the way to a 7-3-1 record.

*The Terriers' 289 points in eight games is already their highest single-season scoring total since the 1992 Division II team totaled 361 points.

*After allowing an average of 53.5 points in its opening two games, Wofford is allowing just 19.2 points over the last six contests.

*With preseason All-SoCon center Greg Rhoads out of the lineup with a sprained ankle, sophomore Bailey King made his first collegiate start and totaled 10 knockdown blocks in the 47-16 win at The Citadel. King came to Wofford as a walk-on. He also has the highest grade-point average on the Terrier football team.

*Wofford is 6-4 in its last 10 games dating back to last season with its lone losses coming to Division I-A Marshall and Middle Tennessee as well as Georgia Southern and Appalachian State. The defeats to Marshall,
MTSU, and Appalachian State were by a combined 13 points. In last year's season finale at Marshall, Wofford had a game-winning 29-yard field goal blocked in the final minutes in a 29-27 loss. Wofford was also foiled on a two-point attempt with 54 seconds to play in a 21-20 loss to Appalachian State (Oct. 23).
Sophomore quarterback Travis Wilson rushed for 128 yards on 15 carries while completing 6-of-7 passes for 127 yards as Wofford kept its Division I-AA playoff hopes alive with a 38-14 rout of East Tennessee State this afternoon in Spartanburg.

The Terriers improve to 6-3 overall and 5-2 in the Southern Conference with their sixth win in the last seven games. The Buccaneers fall to 5-4 overall and 3-4 in the SoCon.

Wofford now has its sights set on next week’s showdown at Furman (7-2, 5-1). A Wofford win would give the Terriers the tiebreaker edge over the Paladins should both teams finish with identical 6-2 league records and third place in the SoCon behind Appalachian State and Georgia Southern. The SoCon has never had four teams advance to the I-AA playoffs. Wofford does have a season-ending game at Division I-A Louisiana-Lafayette the final weekend while Furman is at Chattanooga.

Wofford jumped on the board first when Matt Martin kicked a 22-yard field goal with 6:39 to play in the first quarter. It capped a 14-play, 75-yard drive. Martin also added field goals of 23 and 33 yards in the game. Wofford entered the contest with just one field goal in three attempts on the season.

A Chris Edwards interception and 32-yard return on ETSU’s following possession set up the Terriers with their next scoring drive. A Wilson 45-yard gain on the first play of the series brought the ball to the Buccaneer 2-yard line. Tony Hudson then scored from two yards out two plays later as Wofford led 10-0 with 1:16 to play in the opening quarter.

ETSU trimmed the lead to 10-7 when Spartanburg native Terrance Sims scored on a 39-yard run just 2:09 into the second quarter. However, Wofford responded with a 12-play, 74-yard drive on its next possession to regain control of the contest. Donnell Parker’s one-yard run and a subsequent two-point pass from Ryan Cowden to Chase Corn extended the Terrier lead back to 18-7. Martin’s second field goal of the game, a 23-yard effort with five seconds left in the first half, gave Wofford a 21-7 halftime lead.

Wofford extended the margin to 31-7 early in the fourth quarter on a Martin 23-yard field goal and a Parker 5-yard run before ETSU and Wofford traded a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes. The Bucs scored on a 12-yard pass from Todd Wells to Charvin Clark while the Terriers answered with a 40-yard scoring run by backup quarterback Allen Thompson with 59 seconds to play.

"If we hadn’t come up big defensively, we would have been in trouble," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "They’re very explosive with some great skill kids.

"I was pleased that our kids gave a tremendous effort and were able to make some things happen for us. It was a good game and I’m worn out. When you’ve got an opportunity to have a winning season for your seniors, it’s major. This was one of those games we had to have if we’re going to take the next step with our program. We’re proud of what we’ve accomplished thus far. It’s just a great win."
Wofford rushed for 350 yards while holding a 477-to-367 edge in total offense over ETSU. Will Hunter added 12 carries for 68 yards for the Terriers while Jeff Scott had four receptions for 112 yards.
Quarterback Travis Wilson and linebacker Robert Mathis have been selected as Wofford's Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 38-14 victory over East Tennessee State.

Wilson equaled a career-high with 128 yards rushing on 15 carries while also completing 6-of-7 passes for 127 yards. It was Wilson's third 100-yard rushing game of the season. The sophomore from Newberry, SC, leads the Southern Conference in completion percentage (64.5) while ranking second in pass efficiency rating (176.1). He also places fourth in total offense (195.1 yards per game) and sixth in rushing (79.6 yards per game).

Wilson is on pace to break Harold Chandler's 1970 school record for completion percentage (59.5) in a season. He has completed 11-of-13 attempts (84.6 percent) for 276 yards over the last two games. He also has just one interception in the last 27 quarters with that pick coming on a desperation throw on the final play of the first half against Appalachian State (Oct. 23).

Mathis is one of three true freshmen starting on defense for the Terriers. The Cross, SC, native totaled 10 tackles, including two for a loss, as Wofford held ETSU's high-powered attack to just 367 yards of offense.
The Wofford College football team is just shy of the Top 25 in polls released today by The Sports Network and USA Today/ESPN.

Based on number of votes received, the Terriers are ranked No. 27 by The Sports Network with 100 votes. Stephen F. Austin is No. 25 with 157 votes while Eastern Kentucky is No. 26 with 134. Wofford received 50 votes in last week's poll. Furman is ranked No. 9 this week.

The Terriers are No. 28 in the USA Today/ESPN poll with 49 votes. Wofford had 21 votes last week. Furman is also No. 9 in this poll.

Wofford and Furman meet Saturday in Greenville with the Southern Conference's likely final playoff spot to be determined.
The Wofford College football team will make the short trip down Interstate-85 on Saturday when it travels to Greenville to face Furman in a key Southern Conference matchup with Division I-AA playoff implications.

It is arguably the most important game Wofford and Furman have played against each other since 1889, when the two schools met in the first-ever football game in the state. A Wofford win would ensure the Terriers third place in the SoCon behind Appalachian State and Georgia Southern. Should Wofford and Furman finish with 6-2 league records, the Terriers would have the tiebreaker edge based on head-to-head competition.

Wofford defeated Furman 40-20 last year in Spartanburg. Travis Wilson earned SoCon Freshman of the Week honors as he threw three touchdown passes in the Terriers' first win over the Paladins since 1979.

Wofford led 19-0 before Furman picked up its initial first down in the game. After the Paladins cut the lead to 19-14 with touchdowns on their final possession of the first half and first series of the second half, the Terriers responded with a 10-play, 65-yard drive to build the lead back to 25-14. Wofford then recovered a pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff to set up another score and take control of the contest.

*Wofford and Furman played the first football game in the state of South Carolina in 1889.

*Wofford's 40-20 win over Furman last year came on the heels of being outscored 99-10 in losses the previous three years. It also represented its first victory over Furman in a stretch of seven games dating back to 1979.

*The 40 points were the most scored against Furman in 18 games since a 49-7 win in 1969.

*The Terriers' last four wins in the series have all come in Spartanburg. Wofford's last victory in Greenville was a 28-13 win in 1970.

*Furman leads the overall series by a 42-23-7 margin.
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*Wofford's 6-3 record represents its best nine-game mark in a season since the 1991 Division II playoff team was 7-2 on the way to a 9-3 record.

*The Terriers' 327 points in eight games is already their highest single-season total since the 1992 Division II team scored 361 points.

*Wofford is 3-0 on the road in the Southern Conference this year and 2-2 at home.

*After allowing an average of 53.5 points in its opening two games, Wofford is allowing just 18.4 points over the last seven contests.

*The 38-14 win over East Tennessee State extended Wofford's record to 41-2-1 in the 44 games under Mike Ayers that the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

*Brandon Kale has a 41.9 average that would place third in the SoCon if he had enough attempts to qualify. Kale is chasing the single-season Wofford record for average at 42.1 (Chris Marshall, 1981).

*Placekicker Matt Martin was 3-of-3 on field goals against East Tennessee State after Wofford entered the contest just 1-of-3 on field-goal attempts for the season. Martin was successful from 22, 23, and 33 yards. He is now 4-of-5 this season with Darren Brown 0-for-1.

*Wofford has scored a touchdown on 70.7 percent of its possessions inside the opponent 20-yard line. The Terriers have 29 touchdowns on 41 drives inside the opponent 20. Wofford has also had four red zone possessions end in field goals. This statistic does not include possessions when scoring plays originate from outside the 20-yard line. In two instances when Wofford didn't score in the red zone, the clock ran out at the end of the game.

*Wofford has been a slow starter in its games this season. The Terriers' lowest offensive quarter has been the first quarter with just 59 points. Wofford's highest output has been the second quarter with 102 points. The Terriers have scored 81 points in the third quarter and 85 in the fourth quarter.

*Wofford is a plus-five in the turnover ratio in its six victories and a minus-7 in the three losses. The Terriers have only committed two turnovers in their last 22 quarters dating back to the Oct. 2 win at Chattanooga.

*Wofford wide receiver and accomplished sketch artist Jeff Scott has five receptions of at least 40 yards this season. He tops the Terriers with 26 catches for 472 yards (18.2 avg.) and two touchdowns. Scott ranks ninth in the SoCon in receptions per game at 2.9. However, his 18.2 yards per
catch mark is tops among SoCon receivers who are listed in the Top 10 for receptions. Wofford's increased emphasis in the passing game is traced through Scott. He actually topped Wofford in receiving yards as a freshman with 64. Yes, 64 yards for the season! Scott's football genes come naturally. His father, Edgar Scott, played two years with the Los Angeles Rams.

*Starting cornerback Chris Edwards ranks fifth in the Southern Conference with a 20.9 kickoff return average. The Terriers have not had a kickoff return for a touchdown since Craig Best took one back 93 yards in a 1982 game versus Elon. Wofford's last punt return for a touchdown came in 1997 when Tony Young went 84 yards against Charleston Southern.

*Wofford defensive tackle Luie Black has started 20 consecutive games dating back to last year's season opener with The Citadel. The next closest streak of consecutive starts is 15 by quarterback Travis Wilson.
Wofford College defensive tackle Brian Bodor and offensive
guard Eric Nash have been named to the GTE Academic
All-District III team.

District III is comprised of all Division I-A and I-AA
schools in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina,
and Virginia. To be eligible, a player must have a
cumulative 3.20 GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

Bodor and Nash are now eligible for GTE Academic All-America
consideration.

Bodor is a repeat selection to the Academic All-District
team. A junior from Bridgeport, OH, he tops the Terrier
defensive front with 31 tackles, including seven for a loss.
He tied a single-game school record with three sacks in a
55-10 win over VMI (Oct. 9). He was also Wofford's
Defensive Player of the Week in that contest.

Nash is a mainstay on the Wofford offensive line that paves
the way for the Terriers to rank second in the nation in
team rushing (359.9 yards per game) and fifth in total
offense (486.1 yards per game). He is second on the team in
knockdown blocks with 106, trailing only Darin Shelley's
132. The sophomore from Sharpsburg, GA, received team
Offensive Player of the Week honors after posting a
team-high 18 knockdowns in a 47-16 victory at The Citadel
(Oct. 30).
Offensive guard Eric Nash and outside linebacker Hondre McNeil have been selected as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in the 47-16 victory at The Citadel.

Nash posted a team-high 18 knockdown blocks on Saturday as Wofford totaled 447 yards of offense. The sophomore from Sharpsburg, GA, is now second on the Terriers with 91 knockdown blocks on the season, trailing only Darin Shelley’s 120. Nash is also the younger brother of Brian Nash, who graduated last year after being a four-year starter at offensive tackle for the Terriers.

McNeil also received SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors. He totaled 11 tackles, including two for a loss, while recovering one fumble and forcing another. A sophomore from Lake View, SC, he was instrumental in Wofford limiting The Citadel to just eight first downs and 101 yards of offense over the final three quarters.
Offensive guard Eric Nash and outside linebacker Tommy Woods have been named the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday’s Furman game.

Nash, a sophomore from Sharpsburg, GA, has now received the honor twice in the last three weeks. He was also the Offensive Player of the Week in an Oct. 30 win at The Citadel. He posted a career-high 22 knockdown blocks against Furman. He has 128 knockdowns on the season to place second on the team behind Darin Shelley's 149. Nash was also selected to the GTE Academic All-District team last week.

Woods totaled four tackles against Furman, including one for a loss. He also forced one fumble while recovering another. The senior from Winston-Salem, NC, has 33 tackles on the season with five for a loss.

Both Nash and Woods have started all 10 games for the Terriers this season.

Wofford (6-4, 5-3) will close the 1999 season Saturday at Division I-A Louisiana-Lafayette. A victory would give the Terriers seven wins for the first time since the 1993 Division II team posted a 7-3-1 mark.
Due to injuries, leading tackler and inside linebacker Ben Dae and starting halfback Will Hunter will not play in Saturday's season-closing game at Division I-A Louisiana-Lafayette.

Dae has a strained Achilles tendon suffered in this past week's Furman game. A native of Charlotte, NC, he closes his senior year with 108 tackles for the highest single-season total by a Terrier since former linebacker David Leibowitz had 109 stops in 1988. Dae's 108 tackles nearly double the next closest Terrier, free safety Travis Cash, who has 56.

Dae leads the Southern Conference in tackles. He was the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week in a 35-13 win over Charleston Southern (Sept. 25). He also set a single-game school record with five tackles for loss in a 35-21 victory at Western Carolina (Oct. 16).

Hunter suffered a broken arm against Furman. He started all 10 games this season while placing fourth on the team in rushing with 498 yards (6.2 per carry) and three touchdowns. He is also second on the team in receiving with 14 catches for 142 yards (10.1 avg.) and two scores.

A senior from Demopolis, AL, Hunter concludes his career with 1,512 yards rushing and seven touchdowns on a 6.0 per carry average.
Quarterback Travis Wilson, offensive guard Darin Shelley, and punter Brandon Kale have been named to the All-State team by the College Sports Report.

Receiving honorable-mention accolades were halfback Jesse McCoy, offensive guard Eric Nash, tight end Travis Brightbill, and linebacker Ben Dae.

Wilson set a Wofford single-season school record this year with 2,157 yards of offense. The previous mark was 1,916 by Carter Davis in 1973. Wilson's 1,221 yards passing was the third-best single-season total ever at Wofford. He also set a Wofford record for completion percentage at 64.5 (78-of-121). The sophomore from Newberry, SC, topped the Terriers in rushing with 936 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Shelley (Williamsburg, KY) led the Wofford offensive line with 161 knockdown blocks as the Terriers placed second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game) and total offense (473.8 yards per game).

Kale, a senior from Shelby, NC, averaged 40.9 yards per punt as he increased his season average for the third straight year.

The College Sports Report All-State team

OFFENSE
QB - Travis Wilson - Wofford College
RB - Derek O'Neal - South Carolina State
RB - Louis Ivory - Furman University
WR - Des Kitchings - Furman University
WR - Rod Gardner - Clemson University
OL - Philip Jones - University of South Carolina
OL - Van Williams - Newberry College
OL - Darin Shelley - Wofford College
OL - Kyle Young - Clemson University
OL - Akil Smith - Clemson University
TE - Jason Barley - The Citadel

DEFENSE
DL - Terry Jolly - Clemson University
DL - Cleveland Pinckney - University of South Carolina
DL - Kevin Griffin - Benedict College
DL - Lorenzo McFadden - Newberry College
LB - John Abraham - University of South Carolina
LB - Will Bouton - Furman University
LB - Corey Atkins - University of South Carolina
DB - Antonio Simmons - Charleston Southern University
DB - Jonathan Taylor - Newberry College
DB - John Keith - Furman University
DB - Robert Carswell - Clemson University

SPECIALISTS
Kick Returns - Carlos Frank - The Citadel
Punter - Brandon Kale - Wofford College
Place Kicker - Clint Kelly - Charleston Southern University
All Purpose - Josh Pierce - Newberry College
HONORABLE MENTION
QB Justin Hill - Furman University
QB Dustin Coats - Newberry College
QB Royton Williams - Benedict College
RB Vic Gilmore - Newberry College
RB Jesse McCoy - Wofford College
RB Vinson Blain - Charleston Southern University
WR Adrian Pigford - Newberry College
WR Brad Boleman - Presbyterian College
WR Chris Davis - North Greenville College
OL Rod Hammond - Presbyterian College
OL Ben Hall - Furman University
OL Eric Nash - Wofford College
OL Chang Yi - Charleston Southern University
TE Travis Brightbill - Wofford College
TE Trent Sansbury - Furman University

DEFENSE
DL Cecil Caldwell - University of South Carolina
DL Kalimba Edwards - University of South Carolina
DL Justin Danner - South Carolina State
DL Nick Whitner - Newberry College
LB Ben Dae - Wofford College
LB T.J. Mawhinney - Charleston Southern University
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*Wofford posted a 5-3 Southern Conference record (6-5 overall) to place fourth in the league standings after being a consensus preseason eighth-place pick out of nine teams.

*The Terriers have now increased their win total each year since joining the SoCon (3-7, 2-6 in 1997; 4-7, 3-5 in 1998; 6-5, 5-3 in 1999).

*Wofford peaked at No. 27 and No. 28 in the I-AA national polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today, respectively.

*Head Coach Mike Ayers was the runner-up for Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors.

*Wofford was one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.

*Five Terriers earned All-Southern Conference honors: Travis Brightbill (TE, Sr., Lebanon, VA), Ben Dae (LB, Sr., Charlotte, NC), Nathan Fuqua (NT, Fr., Danville, KY), Eric Nash (OG, So., Sharpsburg, GA), and Greg Rhoads (C, Sr., Utica, OH).

*Halfback Jesse McCoy was named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year. He led the Terriers with 971 all-purpose yards while placing third on the team with 630 yards rushing on an 8.6 per carry mark. He also had 11 receptions for 269 yards (24.5 avg.). He averaged 10.7 yards each time he touched the ball from the line of scrimmage. He was selected as the SoCon Freshman of the Week on four occasions. McCoy's 630 yards rushing were the most by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback great Shawn Graves ran for 1,483 in 1989. McCoy's 8.6 per carry average was just shy of the single-season Wofford mark of 8.8 set by Graves in 1990.

*Quarterback Travis Wilson set three Wofford records. His 2,157 yards of offense broke the former Terrier mark of 1,916 by Carter Davis (1973). Wilson also completed 64.5 percent (78-of-121) of his pass attempts to better the previous record of 59.5 held by Harold Chandler (1970). Wilson also completed 14-of-18 passes (77.8 percent) against Middle Tennessee to set a new single-game Wofford standard for completion percentage. Wilson's 1,221 yards passing represented the third-best single-season total in school history. The Newberry, SC, native topped the Terriers with 936 yards rushing. He ran for 10 touchdowns while throwing for eight.

*Linebackers Ben Dae and Hondre McNeil both earned Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week accolades.

*Dae's 108 tackles were the most by a Wofford player since David Leibowitz totaled 109 in 1988. Dae also set a Wofford single-game record with five tackles for loss in a 35-21 win at Western Carolina.

*Nash and defensive tackle Brian Bodor represented Wofford on the GTE Academic All-District team. Bodor tied a single-game school record with three sacks in a 55-10 win over VMI.

*Wide receiver Jeff Scott's 35 receptions (571 yards) is the highest single-season total at Wofford since Steve Mabrey and Freddie Logan totaled 45 and 37 catches, respectively, in the 1986 campaign.
*Wofford ranked second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game) and No. 8 in total offense (473.8 yards per game). The Terriers were also 25th nationally in scoring offense (33.1 points per game).

*The Terriers’ 624 yards of offense in a 41-34 win at Chattanooga represented the third-best single-game output in school history. Wofford rushed for 510 yards in the contest for the eighth-best single-game effort.

*Wofford tied for fifth in Division I football in its graduation rate for football players.
Wofford College offensive guard Eric Nash has been selected to the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team.

A sophomore from Sharpsburg, GA, Nash earned All-Southern Conference honors from the league media this season. He was also named to the GTE Academic All-District team. He carries a 3.40 grade-point average.

Nash helped pave the way for Wofford to place second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game) and eighth in total offense (473.8 yards per game). His 138 knockdown blocks placed second on the Terriers. He was twice selected as Wofford’s Offensive Player of the Week.

Nash is a member of the Society of Physics Students and the American Physical Society. He has also worked as a physics lab assistant.

Also a member of Wofford’s track team, Nash competes in the shot and discus.

Wofford placed fourth in the Southern Conference this year with a 5-3 league record and 6-5 overall mark.
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The Wofford College football program has announced its individual award winners from the 1999 season, as voted on by the Terrier players:

Best Offensive Lineman - Greg Rhoads (C, Sr., Utica, OH)
Best Defensive Lineman - Brian Bodor (DT, Jr., Bridgeport, OH)
Best Linebacker/Defensive End - Ben Dae (ILB, Sr., Charlotte, NC)
Best Wide Receiver/Tight End - Jeff Scott (Wr, Jr., Daytona Beach, FL)
Best Offensive Back - Travis Wilson (QB, So., Newberry, SC)
Best Defensive Back - Chris Edwards (CB, Jr., Greensboro, NC)
Most Valuable Player - Travis Wilson (QB, So., Newberry, SC)
Rookie of the Year - Jesse McCoy (HB, Fr., Acworth, GA)
Unsung Hero - Will Hunter (HB, Sr., Demopolis, AL) and Travis Brightbill (TE, Sr., Lebanon, VA)

In earning team Most Valuable Player honors, Wilson set a single-season school record with 2,157 yards of total offense. He passed for 1,221 yards while rushing for 936. He also led the Southern Conference with a 64.5 completion percentage. He set single-season school records for completion percentage in a game and season. He enters the fall as Wofford's career leader in that category (57.8 percent).

McCoy was selected as the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year as he totaled 971 all-purpose yards. He averaged 10.7 yards each time he touched the ball from the line of scrimmage. He rushed for 630 yards on an 8.6 per carry mark while adding 11 pass receptions for 269 yards (24.5 average).