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Wofford College Head Football Coach Mike Ayers has been named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year by his league peers.

Ayers guided the Terriers to their first-ever Division I-AA Top 25 national ranking this fall. The Terriers are at No. 23 in the final regular-season poll by The Sports Network and No. 25 by TeamLink/CFAA.

Wofford posted a 7-4 overall record for its most wins since beginning I-AA play in 1995 and its highest total since a 7-3-1 mark as a Division II member in 1993. The Terriers also posted their second consecutive 5-3 Southern Conference record.

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Ayers has 77 wins at Wofford, tying him with Conley Snidow (1953-66) as the school's all-time winningest coach.
Wofford College defensive tackle **Brian Bodor** and offensive guard **Eric Nash** have been selected to the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team.

Bodor, a senior from Bridgeport, Ohio, has already received Associated Press All-America honors as well as being named a Verizon Academic All-American. He topped the Southern Conference this season with 24 tackles for loss and 10 sacks. He'll graduate this spring as Wofford's record holder in single season and career tackles for loss with 24 and 36, respectively.

Nash has been named to the Academic All-Star Team for the second straight year. The consensus All-SoCon selection is also a two-time Verizon Academic All-District performer. A junior from Sharpsburg, Ga., he has been an anchor of the Wofford offensive line. He earned team Offensive Player of the Week honors after totaling 24 knockdown blocks in a 41-33 victory over Chattanooga.
Wofford College senior defensive tackle Brian Bodor has been named a first-team Verizon Academic All-American.

Bodor has a 3.53 GPA while majoring in accounting. He becomes the first Wofford football player to receive Academic All-America honors since the program moved to Division I-AA in 1995 and the first overall since former defensive tackle Andrew Green in 1992.

A native of Bridgeport, Ohio, Bodor earned All-Southern Conference honors as he topped the league with 24 tackles for loss and 10 sacks. He tied a single-game school record with five tackles for a loss at Georgia Southern. He also had two sacks against Furman while playing with a broken bone in his foot. His sack and forced fumble on East Tennessee State's final drive helped preserve a 35-31 Wofford victory.

Bodor earned SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors after posting three tackles for a loss with two sacks in a 31-10 win over The Citadel. The Dean's List student and three-time Academic All-District selection was Wofford's Defensive Player of the Week on three occasions as set single-season and career school records in tackles for loss with 24 and 38, respectively. He also had 16 hurries and two forced fumbles.
Wofford College defensive tackle Brian Bodor has received second-team Division I-AA All-America honors from the Associated Press.

Bodor becomes the first Wofford football player to garner All-America accolades since former center Dan Williams in 1997. Last week, Bodor was a first-team Verizon Academic All-America selection.

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Five Wofford College football players have received All-Southern Conference honors from the Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA) while Head Coach Mike Ayers was named the SoCon Coach of the Year.

Defensive tackle Brian Bodor and offensive guard Eric Nash were named to the first team while nose tackle Nathan Fuqua, offensive guard Darin Shelley, and placekicker Darren Brown were second-team selections.

With punter Jimmy Miner being named last week to the coaches' All-SoCon team, Wofford had an all-time high six players receive All-SoCon recognition this year.

A senior from Bridgeport, Ohio, Bodor topped the SoCon in tackles for loss (24) and sacks (10). He tied a single-game school record with five tackles for a loss at Georgia Southern. He also had two sacks against Furman while playing with a broken bone in his foot. His sack and forced fumble on East Tennessee State’s final drive helped preserve a 35-31 Wofford victory. Bodor also earned SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors after posting three tackles for a loss with two sacks in a 31-10 win over The Citadel. The Dean’s List student and three-time Academic All-District selection was Wofford’s Defensive Player of the Week on three occasions as set single-season and career school records in tackles for loss with 24 and 38, respectively. He also had 16 hurries and two forced fumbles.

Nash, also a first-team All-SoCon selection by the league coaches, was a preseason All-America by The Sports Network. The junior from Sharpsburg, Ga., placed second on the Terriers to Shelley in knockdown blocks. He received team Offensive Player of the Week honors with a single-game high of 24 knockdowns versus Chattanooga. He also had 20 knockdowns against Furman. He was a second-team All-SoCon performer last year.

Fuqua, a sophomore from Danville, Ky., was a first-team All-SoCon selection from the league coaches. He also earned second-team honors as a true freshman last season. He placed third in the SoCon this fall with 18 tackles for loss while tying for second in sacks with six. He also had nine hurries, two forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries. He had 13 tackles, including two for a loss, against Furman while recording four stops behind the line of scrimmage at Georgia Southern. He also had three tackles for a loss versus Appalachian State.

Shelley, the Terriers’ lone fifth-year senior, was the anchor of the Wofford offensive line. He led the Terriers in knockdown blocks for the second straight season. The Williamsburg, Ky., native earned team Offensive Player of the Week honors after totaling 22 knockdowns while grading out at 91 percent against Furman. He also had 21 knockdowns in a 41-33 victory over Chattanooga. He was instrumental in the Terriers placing seventh in the nation in team rushing at 281.6 yards per game.

Brown led the SoCon in field-goal accuracy for most of the season before finishing second at 85.7 percent (12-of-14). The junior from Hendersonville, N.C., had 12 field goals to tie the single-season Wofford record set by Brian Porzio in 1993. Brown was 4-of-4 on field goals from 40 yards and beyond, including a career-long 49-yard effort against Furman. Brown was also 35-of-36 on PATs.
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Six Wofford College football players have received All-America mention from The National Football Gazette.

Defensive tackle Brian Bodor, having already earned All-America honors from the Associated Press and The Sports Network, is a third-team selection while placekicker Darren Brown, nose tackle Nathan Fuqua, offensive guards Eric Nash and Darin Shelley, and quarterback Travis Wilson have received honorable-mention accolades.

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Brown led the SoCon in field-goal accuracy at 85.7 percent as he made 12-of-14 attempts on the year, including 4-of-4 from 40 yards and beyond. The junior from Hendersonville, N.C., was also 35-of-36 on PATs in being named to the All-SoCon team. The 12 field goals tied a single-season school record (Brian Porzio, 1993).

Fuqua, a sophomore from Danville, Ky., has earned All-SoCon honors in each of his first two seasons. He placed third in the SoCon in tackles for loss (18) while tying for second in sacks (six).

Nash, a junior from Sharpsburg, Ga., and Shelley, a senior from Williamsburg, Ky., were both All-SoCon selections as they teamed to give Wofford arguably the top guard tandem in the league. They were instrumental in the Terriers ranking seventh in the nation in team rushing (281.6 yards per game).

A junior from Newberry, S.C., Wilson is the centerpiece of the Wofford offense. He ranked among the SoCon leaders in rushing (779 yards) and total offense (1,982 yards) while also completing 51.4 percent of his passes for 1,203 yards. After just three seasons, he already ranks second all-time at Wofford in total offense (5,108 yards) and fourth in passing (3,039 yards). He had three 100-yard rushing games and just missed a fourth when he ran for 99 yards at Appalachian State.
The postseason accolades continue to pour in for Wofford College defensive tackle Brian Bodor as he earned second-team All-America honors today from The Sports Network.

Bodor previously received second-team All-America honors from the Associated Press in addition to being a first-team Verizon Academic All-America.

The Dean's List student from Bridgeport, Ohio, dominated the Southern Conference with a league-leading 24 tackles for loss and 10 sacks.

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The Wofford College football program has announced its individual award winners for the 2000 season:

Most Improved: Melvin Jones, RB (Gaston, S.C.)
Rookie of the Year: Jimmy Miner, P (Kennesaw, Ga.)
Top Defensive Back: Roland Harris, CB (Hope Mills, N.C.)
Top Defensive Lineman: Brian Bodor, DT (Bridgeport, Ohio)
Top Linebacker: Al Clark, OLB (Spartanburg, S.C.)
Top Offensive Back: Travis Wilson, QB (Newberry, S.C.)
Top Offensive Lineman: Darin Shelley, OG (Williamsburg, Ky.)
Top Special Teams Player: Darren Brown, PK (Hendersonville, N.C.)
Top Wide Receiver: Jeff Scott (Daytona Beach, Fla.)
Unsung Hero: Nathan Price, HB (Spartanburg, S.C.)

The Most Valuable Player selection will be announced in May at the Wofford Athletic Awards Banquet.

The Terriers posted a 7-4 record, including a 5-3 Southern Conference mark, as they concluded the campaign with a final ranking of No. 23 in The Sports Network poll.

Wofford opens the 2001 season on Sept. 8 at Clemson.
The Wofford College football team, after posting its first 7-win season since moving to Division I-AA in 1995, has earned Top 25 rankings in two final regular-season polls announced today.

The Terriers are ranked No. 23 by The Sports Network for their first appearance in that poll. Wofford has also reappeared at No. 25 in the TeamLink/CFAA poll.

Wofford (7-4, 5-3) closed the season Saturday with a 24-6 win at Louisiana-Monroe, representing its first victory over a Division I-A program. The seven wins are also the most for the Terriers since a 7-3-1 mark as a Division II member in 1993.