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Wofford College football topped the nation by placing three members on the 2001 Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team. No other school had more than two selections.

Terrier placekicker Darren Brown, halfback Ben Foster, and offensive guard Eric Nash were three of the 43 players chosen to the squad.

Brown, born without a left arm below the elbow, was a first-team All-Southern Conference selection this year as he converted 7-of-10 field goals and 31-of-32 extra points. He also scored in the 90th percentile on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Over the last two seasons, the Hendersonville, N.C., native was 19-of-24 on field goals and 66-of-68 on PATs.

Foster, also Wofford's Student Body President, started 10 of 11 games this year as the blocking back in the Terriers' run-oriented offense that placed seventh nationally in team rushing at 264.1 yards per game. He ran for 103 yards this season (4.9 per carry) while adding three receptions for 34 yards. Foster (Kennesaw, Ga.) is also the I-AA representative on the Division I Football Issues Committee and the SoCon delegate on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Nash is a three-time All-SoCon selection and an anchor of the Wofford offensive line. The physics major and Sharpsburg, Ga., native has also been chosen each of the last three years to both the Verizon Academic All-District Team as well as the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team. Among his campus activities, Nash founded the first collegiate Lion's Club in South Carolina last year.
The Wofford College football program has announced the hiring of Tommy Elrod as offensive line coach.

Elrod served the last three seasons as a graduate assistant at Wake Forest, working with the Demon Deacon fullbacks and tight ends in 2001. He assisted with the offensive line in the 1999 and 2000 campaigns.

A native of Winter Park, Fla., Elrod lettered at quarterback his senior year at Wake Forest. He was a four-year Scholar-Athlete at the school and member of the ACC Honor Roll.

A 1997 *cum laude* graduate, Elrod received a degree in communications. He then spent two years as a business analyst with NationsBank in Charlotte before returning to his alma mater. He is also a Dec. 2001 graduate of the Wake Forest Babcock Graduate School of Management, where he received a full scholarship and a Master of Business Administration degree.

During his prep career, Elrod was an All-Conference selection and two-year starter at quarterback for Winter Park (Fla.). He played for longtime Head Coach Larry Gergley, helping lead his high school to a No. 2 ranking in the state. He also lettered in baseball and golf.
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Corrected Ben Foster Release

Please disregard the Ben Foster release from earlier today. Here is a corrected version along with my apologies.

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Wofford College

Wofford College starting halfback and Student Body President Ben Foster is one of just two student-athletes in the nation to be named to the NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee.

Foster will represent Division I-AA while Bobby Yarnell of Baylor is the I-A representative.

A native of Kennesaw, Ga., Foster is a Dean's List student and Team Captain majoring in biology. He earned Verizon Academic All-District honors last season as he led all Terrier backs in knockdown blocks while also rushing for 130 yards and two touchdowns on a 4.6 per carry average.

Last month, Foster was chosen as the Southern Conference representative on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council.
Wofford College nose tackle Nathan Fuqua has earned third-team All-America honors from the National Football Gazette while placekicker Darren Brown, punter Jimmy Miner, offensive guard Eric Nash, and strong safety Matt Nelson received honorable-mention accolades.

Fuqua has been an All-SoCon performer in each of his first three seasons at Wofford. The Danville, Ky., native had 16 tackles for a loss, including four sacks, among his 61 stops. With a year remaining at Wofford, he has already become the Terriers’ career leader in tackles for loss with 39.

Brown (Hendersonville, N.C.), born without a left arm below the elbow, was 7-of-10 on field goals and 31-of-32 on extra points. He also scored in the 90th percentile on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Over his last two seasons, Brown was 19-of-24 on field goals and 66-of-68 on PATs. He is a two-time All-SoCon performer.

Miner, a first-team All-SoCon selection by the league coaches, topped the SoCon and ranked eighth nationally in Division I-AA with his average of 42.0 yards. The two longest punts of his career came in a 13-0 win at The Citadel as he had boots of 67 and 68 yards on the way to a 47.9 average on seven kicks. Miner hails from Kennesaw, Ga.

Nash is a three-time All-SoCon selection and an anchor of the Wofford offensive line. He was instrumental in the Terriers placing seventh nationally in team rushing at 264.1 yards per game. The Sharpsburg, Ga., native has also been chosen each of the last three years to both the Verizon Academic All-District Team as well as the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team.

Nelson, with the Terrier defense designed for him to make stops, had a team-high 114 tackles in also receiving All-SoCon honors. The next closest Terrier was Hondre McNeil with 71 stops. A sophomore from Grove City, Ohio, Nelson’s tackle total was the highest at Wofford in the 14-year tenure of Head Coach Mike Ayers and the most since Bret Masters and David Leibowitz totaled 207 and 150 stops, respectively, in the 1987 campaign.
Outside linebacker Chase Corn, halfback Ben Foster, fullback J.R. McNair, and offensive guard Eric Nash have received 2001 Verizon Academic All-District honors.

Wofford and the University of Florida each had four representatives to highlight the squad, which features Division I-A and I-AA players from the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or key reserve.

Corn, a biology major, was selected to the team for the second straight year. A starting outside linebacker from Spartanburg, S.C., he was named the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week after totaling 11 tackles, including two sacks, to go with a forced fumble in the Terriers' 13-0 win at The Citadel.

Foster is also a two-time Verizon Academic All-District selection. The Kennesaw, Ga., native and starting halfback is Wofford's Student Body President. Utilized as a blocking back in the Terriers' wingback offense, he has rushed for 79 yards on 15 carries (5.3 avg.) while adding two receptions for 31 yards. Foster is a biology major.

Nash is one of five players to be named to the Verizon squad for three consecutive years. A native of Sharpsburg, Ga., he is also a two-time All-SoCon selection. The physics major helps pave the way for the Terriers to rank fourth in the nation in team rushing at 264.9 yards per game.

McNair is the Terriers' second-leading rusher with 442 yards while tying Melvin Jones for the team lead in touchdowns with eight. The sophomore from Jonesboro, Ga., is planning on majoring in government.
Rick Lantz, father of Wofford secondary coach Terry Lantz, has been named Interim Head Football Coach at Navy.

Lantz, the defensive coordinator, replaces Charlie Weatherbie, who was fired yesterday after a 21-20 loss to Toledo. In six-plus seasons with Navy, Weatherbie had a record of 30-45. He posted a 9-3 mark in 1996 as the Midshipmen won the Aloha Bowl that season. The Mids were also 7-4 in 1997.

Lantz came to Navy this season after spending 10 years as the defensive coordinator at Virginia, under Naval Academy graduate George Welsh. Navy is open this week before hosting Tulane on Nov. 10.

The younger Lantz is in his second season on the Terrier staff. He’s a 1991 Louisville graduate and a four-year letterman at defensive back for the Cardinals.
Wofford quarterback Travis Wilson, having completed his football eligibility this fall, has joined the Terrier baseball team.

A former standout baseball player at Newberry High School, Wilson was recruited by the likes of Clemson and South Carolina in that sport before signing with Wofford to play football. He was also offered a free-agent contract by the New York Mets.

Wilson, on pace to graduate this spring with a government degree, was rated by the High School Sports Report as the No. 2 third baseman in the state as a senior for Newberry. He was a Team Captain and Most Valuable Player for the Bulldogs. He was moved to the outfield for the Post 24 American Legion team after he graduated from high school. He batted over .400 with 11 home runs in legion play.

"We're obviously very excited about adding Travis to our program," Wofford Head Baseball Coach Steve Traylor said. "He's an outstanding athlete.

"Travis is already a legend at Wofford. He certainly has the size, strength, and leadership abilities to make a contribution to our team. We very much look forward to working with him to knock off the rust from not having played the last four years. We certainly feel he can contribute to the continued improvement of our program."

Wilson is the only player in Wofford football history to rank in the top five in career rushing, passing, and total offense. Wilson is the Terriers' career passing leader with 4,067 yards. He's also second in total offense with 6,555 yards, trailing only Shawn Graves (7,067 yards, 1989-92). Carter Davis is in third place with 4,815 (1971-74). Wilson's 2,488 rushing yards place him fifth on the Terriers' all-time list.
Former Wofford football quarterback and now Terrier outfielder Travis Wilson will be featured this weekend on (WHNS-TV) FOX 21's Sunday Sports Final show at 10:30 p.m. in the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson market.

The segment will focus on Wilson's return to the diamond after a four-year absence. Wilson is batting .375 (3-of-8) with a double and triple in the opening four games as the Terriers have posted a 3-1 record for their best start to a season since 1995.

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The Terriers are at High Point tomorrow for a 12 noon doubleheader before returning home Thursday to host Xavier in a 3 p.m. game at Duncan Park.
The Wofford College football program has announced the signing of 18 high school seniors to National Letters-of-Intent.

Ten states are represented in the 18 incoming players. Four offensive linemen and four defensive linemen are among the signees, as well as three defensive backs, three halfbacks, two kickers, a tight end, and linebacker.

“We feel very good about our recruiting class,” Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. “We had a lot of needs met.

“It’s also a strong class academically. Some of the kids will be able to help us immediately. We’ll really lot more about everybody in four years.”

Listed below are Wofford’s signees:

Brad Anderson, OL, 6-2, 275, Tomball, Texas (Tomball)
Tim Beckner, OL, 6-3, 288, Newton Falls, Ohio (Newton Falls)
Katon Bethay, DL, 6-2, 265, Milton, Wis. (Milton)
Ben Colton, OL, 6-4, 320, Newman, Ga. (Newnan)
Gaby Dibo, DL, 6-0, 277, Poland, Ohio (Poland)
Corey Dunn, HB, 5-11, 195, Lexington, Ky. (P.L. Dunbar)
Cody Garland, TE, 6-4, 250, Statesville, N.C. (West Iredell)
Gabriel Jackson, HB, 5-9, 180, Dahlonega, Ga. (Lumpkin County)
Aaron Johnson, HB, 5-10, 185, Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
Daniel Kent, FS, 6-2, 170, Murphy, N.C. (Murphy)
John Knapp, OL, 6-2, 235, Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)
Alex Love, CB, 5-11, 170, Decatur, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
Davy Olmstead, OL, 6-4, 275, Raleigh, N.C. (Broughton)
Nelson Poe, PK/P, 5-10, 165, Greenville, S.C. (Greenville)

Todd Robertson, RB, 6-0, 190, Matthews, N.C. (Mount Tabor)
Todd Rhoden, PK/P, 6-0, 180, Metairie, La. (Isidore Newman School)
Dedrick Stuckey, CB, 5-10, 170, Lyons, Ga. (Toombs County)
Jim Thurman, LB, 6-2, 225, Hixson, Tenn. (Red Bank)
David Williams, DT, 6-3, 235, Woodberry Forest, Va. (Woodberry Forest)
Following the Newberry and South Carolina State contests, the Terriers' SoCon slate Phoenix were still a Division II member at the time. Elon have not played since will also meet in Spartanburg the following season (Nov. 22, 2003). Wofford and Charleston Southern and a Nov. 23 season finale at Elon. The Terriers and Phoenix Wofford's other non-conference games include a Sept. 28 home date with Spartanburg the following season (Sept. 13, 2003). years for the renew a series with South Carolina State. The Terriers and Bulldogs have not met Following an open date on Sept. 7, Wofford will travel to Orangeburg, S.C., to opener in six years and Wofford's first game against a non-Division I opponent The Aug. 31 season opener with Newberry College represents the Terriers' earliest schedule for the first time in school history. Capitalizing on an NCAA rule that permits 12 football contests during years in which there are 14 Saturdays from the first permissible playing date (Labor Day weekend) through the last playing date in November, the Terriers will play a 12-game regular-season schedule for the first time in school history. The Terriers will play a 12-game regular-season schedule for the first time in school history.

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Following an open date on Sept. 7, Wofford will travel to Orangeburg, S.C., to renew a series with South Carolina State. The Terriers and Bulldogs have not met on the gridiron since 1977, when the schools faced each other in four consecutive years for the only games in the series. S.C. State will return the game in Spartanburg the following season (Sept. 13, 2003).

Wofford's other non-conference games include a Sept. 28 home date with Charleston Southern and a Nov. 23 season finale at Elon. The Terriers and Phoenix will also meet in Spartanburg the following season (Nov. 22, 2003). Wofford and Elon have not played since 1995, the Terriers’ first season in Division I-AA while the Phoenix were still a Division II member at the time.
Following the Newberry and South Carolina State contests, the Terriers' SoCon slate begins Sept. 21 at Georgia Southern. Wofford will also travel to VMI (Oct. 12), Appalachian State (Oct. 26), and East Tennessee State (Nov. 9).

The Terriers' SoCon home opener is also Homecoming when Chattanooga comes to Gibbs Stadium on Oct. 5. Wofford will also host Western Carolina (Oct. 19), The Citadel (Nov. 2), and Furman (Nov. 16).

2002 Wofford Football Schedule

Aug. 31 Newberry, TBA
Sept. 14 at South Carolina State, 6 p.m.
Sept. 21 at Georgia Southern*, 7 p.m.
Sept. 28 Charleston Southern, TBA
Oct. 5 Chattanooga*, TBA
Oct. 12 at VMI*, TBA
Oct. 19 Western Carolina*, TBA
Oct. 26 at Appalachian State*, TBA
Nov. 2 The Citadel*, TBA
Nov. 9 at East Tennessee State*, TBA
Nov. 16 Furman*, TBA
Nov. 23 at Elon, TBA

*SoCon game

Home Games in Bold

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