The Wofford football team's Division I-AA quarterfinal-round playoff game versus defending national champion Western Kentucky will have a 4 p.m. kickoff on Saturday at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

The contest will be televised by ESPN Regional and is available as part of ESPN's College GamePlan. For more information on viewing or accessing the game, please contact your local cable or satellite provider.
Wofford outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker has received weekly All-Star honors from www.i-aa.org for his performance in Saturday's 31-10 Division I-AA first-round playoff victory over North Carolina A&T.

Whitaker had 11 solo stops among his team-high 15 tackles. He had three stops for a loss, including a 7-yard sack. He also forced a fumble which set up a 31-yard Nick Robinson second-quarter field goal to give Wofford a 10-0 lead.

Whitaker was instrumental in the Terriers limiting the Aggies to 85 yards rushing on 48 carries, including 27 yards on 21 attempts in the second half. North Carolina A&T was held to 261 yards of offense for the game.

A senior from Burton, S.C., Whitaker was a first-team All-SoCon selection from the league media and a second-team pick from the coaches. He was also a two-time SoCon Defensive Player of the Week.
Wofford free safety Matt Nelson has been named the SoCon co-Defensive Player of the Month for November.

Nelson shares the honor with defensive end K.T. Stovall of Appalachian State. Tabbed last week by the league media as the SoCon Defensive Player of the Year, Nelson is also a finalist for The Sports Network's Buck Buchanan Award which is given to the nation's top defensive player.

He had three key interceptions as the Terriers went 4-0 in a month that included clinching their first SoCon championship and winning an opening-round playoff game.

Nelson's 46-yard interception return for a touchdown at The Citadel began a 21-point explosion in a 3:44 stretch as Wofford turned a tight game with the Bulldogs into a 42-16 rout. The senior from Grove City, Ohio, then had an end zone interception in addition to a fumble recovery inside the ETSU 5-yard line the following week in a 28-14 victory over the Bucs.

With North Carolina A&T driving in the first quarter of a scoreless game this past Saturday, Nelson had a leaping pick in the end zone to thwart the Aggie scoring threat. His six interceptions this season are tied for the SoCon lead and represent the highest total by a Wofford player since Chad Starks had seven picks in 1993.

Nelson is Wofford's career tackles leader with 431, including a team-high 146 this season. He also has 12 pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and one recovery.
Wofford quarterback Jeff Zolman has been named the TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week.

Zolman rushed for a career-high 141 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries to key the Terriers' 31-10 victory over North Carolina A&T in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

After the Aggies closed to within 17-10 in the third quarter, the junior from Dayton, Ohio, directed a 17-play, 85-yard scoring drive, capped by his 4-yard touchdown run. He also ran for a 5-yard score earlier in the game.

Zolman carries a 3.38 grade-point average while majoring in finance.

For the season, Zolman places third on the Terriers with 505 yards rushing and six touchdowns on a 4.9 per carry average. He has completed 56.0 percent of his pass attempts for 363 yards and a touchdown.
Wofford quarterback Jeff Zolman rushed for 94 yards and three touchdowns as the Terriers defeated defending national champion Western Kentucky, 34-17, at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C., to advance to the semifinals of the Division I-AA playoffs.

Wofford will travel to Delaware next Saturday in a 1 p.m. game to be televised on ESPN2, which will regionalize and broadcast both semifinal games at the same time. All of South Carolina, however, will see the game uninterrupted on ESPN2.

In winning their 12th straight game, the Terriers (12-1) have set a single-season school record for victories.

Western Kentucky (9-3) took a 7-0 lead on the game's opening play as quarterback Justin Haddix hit Shannon Hayes on an 82-yard touchdown pass.

The Terriers answered with touchdown drives on their next three series to take a 21-7 lead with 2:58 remaining in the first quarter.

"We played a great team in Western Kentucky," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "The kids didn't get down after the first touchdown.

"We've been a Cinderella all year. The Cinderella story lives. I believe in our kids and I believe in our coaches. (Offensive Coordinator) coach (Wade) Lang and (Defensive Coordinator) coach (Nate) Woody did a great job with the game plan.

"We knew it was going to be a physical game. Our kids never blinked. They played hard and they played extremely smart football. We stayed consistent, we implemented the game plan, everybody played hard, and it worked."

A Zolman 5-yard scoring run capped an 11-play, 70-yard drive that pulled Wofford within 7-6. Freshman Nick Robinson, who had been 46-of-46 on PATs, missed his first extra-point attempt of the year as his kick hit the right upright.

On the third play of the Hilltoppers’ ensuing series, Jimmy Freland forced a fumble by Haddix that was recovered by Josh Smith at the Western Kentucky 32. Smith was starting in place of Timmy Thrift, Wofford's second-leading tackler with 117 stops, who missed the game due to injury. He is listed as probable for the Delaware contest.

Following Smith's recovery, the Terriers drove seven plays in 32 yards to take a 12-7 lead. A 2-point rush by Kevious Johnson increased Wofford's lead to 14-7 with 6:57 left in the first quarter.

Zolman's second touchdown of the day on a 1-yard sneak capped a 48-yard scoring drive that put the Terriers on top 21-7. Zolman had a 28-yard run to key the drive.

The Hilltoppers had a 4th-and-goal at the Wofford 1-yard line in the second quarter. With Western Kentucky set to go for the touchdown, a false start pushed the ball back to the 6-yard line. Matt Lange then kicked a 22-yard field goal with 6:58 left in the first half to cut the Wofford lead to 21-10 at the intermission. The Terriers have now won 45 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead.

Wofford extended its lead to 27-10 with a season-best 8:05 scoring drive that was capped by a 1-yard Zolman run with 13:32 remaining. It capped a 16-play, 72-yard possession.

Western Kentucky answered with a 79-yard drive with Lerron Moore scoring from a yard out to cut the Terrier lead to 27-17 with 7:30 remaining.
Following a failed onside kick, the Terriers took possession at the Hilltopper 43. With Wofford facing a 4th-and-1 at the Western Kentucky 26, wide receiver Curtis Nash took a pitch on a reverse and raced into the end zone untouched. Wofford was 3-of-4 on fourth-down conversions in the game. Its only failed attempt came late in the fourth quarter when the game was already decided.

McNair had 88 yards rushing while SoCon Freshman of the Year Kevious Johnson added 86 yards as the Terriers ran for 311 yards. Wofford added 20 yards passing on 2-of-4 attempts for 331 in total offense. The Terriers defeated North Carolina A&T, 31-10, last week without completing a pass on just two attempts.

Western Kentucky had 345 yards total with 125 on the ground and 145 in the air. Haddix was 15-of-35 passing but was picked off three times. Justin Franklin, Craig Thomas, and Alex Love had interceptions for Wofford.

"We have a tremendous amount of respect for what they (the Terriers) did," Hilltopper coach David Elson said. "That is the most well-coached team that I have faced in 10 years of I-AA football and I mean that with all sincerity.

"Give credit to them. They just kept coming. They're at their best when they can get a lead and eat the clock. It took us longer to get adjusted to the speed of their offense. When you look up, it's 21-7 and they got you where they want you."

Casey Rooney had eight receptions for 70 yards while Moore was the Hilltoppers' top rusher with 77 yards on 21 attempts.
In the Wofford-Western Kentucky football story that was e-mailed earlier tonight, there was an error in Western Kentucky's overall record. It should be 9-4 instead of 9-3. I apologize.

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Attached as a .pdf is Wofford's football release for Saturday's Division I-AA semifinal playoff game at Delaware. Kickoff is 1 p.m. with the contest to be televised on ESPN2. The complete set of notes is also posted on Wofford's web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble accessing these files, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

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Wofford football coach Mike Ayers has been named a Regional Coach of the Year for the second straight season by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

"What makes this award so special is that this is the only coach of the year award voted on exclusively by the coaches themselves," AFCA executive director Grant Teaff said. "The winners are selected by the coaches they compete with and against on a daily basis."

The AFCA recognizes five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's four divisions: I-A, I-AA, Division II (NCAA Division II and NAIA schools) and Division III. The winners are selected by active members of the association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.

Ayers and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops are the only repeat regional winners from 2002. Ayers also received regional AFCA honors in 1990 and 1991 when the Terriers competed in Division II.

The AFCA will announce its four National Coach of the Year winners on Jan. 6 at the 2004 AFCA Convention in Orlando.

After Wofford was picked to finish fifth in a preseason SoCon poll by the league coaches, Ayers guided the Terriers (12-1, 8-0) to their first SoCon championship and the league's first perfect season since 1998. Ayers was named the SoCon's Coach of the Year for the third time in the last four seasons.

Ayers is also a finalist for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award, signifying the nation's top coach in Division I-AA. He was the runner-up last year.

Already Wofford's all-time winningest coach, Ayers picked up his 100th win on the Terrier sideline with a 7-6 win at Furman in this year's regular-season finale. The 2003 Wofford squad has already set a single-season school record for victories.

Wofford concluded the regular season ranked second nationally in Division I-AA. The Terriers are at Delaware on Saturday in a Division I-AA semifinal playoff game to be televised at 1 p.m. on ESPN2.
Wofford free safety Matt Nelson has received I-AA.org All-Star honors for his performance in Saturday's 34-17 quarterfinal-round victory over defending national champion Western Kentucky.

The SoCon Defensive Player of the Year and a Buck Buchanan Award finalist as the nation's top defensive player, Nelson had a game-high 12 tackles, including one for a loss, to go with four pass breakups.

Following a Hilltopper 82-yard touchdown pass on the game's opening play, Nelson keyed a Terrier defense that limited Western Kentucky to just 263 yards the remainder of the contest. The Hilltoppers were averaging 34.2 points and 252.5 yards per game rushing. Western Kentucky had just 125 yards on the ground on 31 carries against the Terriers.

For the season, Nelson tops Wofford with 158 tackles, six interceptions, and 16 pass breakups. The senior from Grove City, Ohio, is the Terriers' career leader in tackles with 443.
Football Falls, 24-9, in National Semifinals at Delaware Saturday
Dec. 13, 2003

The Wofford football team saw its Cinderella season come to a close Saturday afternoon as it fell, 24-9, to the Delaware Blue Hens in front of a national television audience watching on ESPN2. The Terriers, making their first-ever appearance on the network, close the season with a school-record 12 victories and a 12-2 mark, while Delaware advances to the National Championship with a 14-1 record.

After watching Delaware take an early 3-0 lead on a 22-yard field goal by Brad Shushman on its first drive, Wofford's defense hung tough the remainder of the half. While the offense struggled at times to move the ball, the Terriers limited big plays by the Blue Hens' quarterback Andy Hall and running back Germaine Bennett. Inside linebacker Josh Smith intercepted a tipped pass for the game's first turnover with 3:46 remaining in the first quarter and marked Hall's first interception in 129 consecutive attempts.

At one point in the second quarter, Delaware had an 18-play, 66-yard drive capturing 8:51 off the clock stalled by the Terriers. After stopping the Blue Hens on a 3rd-and-four, Wofford forced a field goal attempt, which Shushman missed left.

Wofford responded when junior quarterback Trey Rodgers entered the game for starter Jeff Zolman at the 6:44 mark of the second quarter. Rodgers led a long, sustained drive for the Terriers. As time was winding down, field possession became increasingly important. With four ticks left before halftime, Nick Robinson converted a career-long 40-yard field goal to knot the score at 3-3 as the teams entered the locker rooms.

In the second half, the Blue Hen offense continued to wear down Wofford's defense. Delaware took advantage of an average starting field position of its own 37 compared with the Terriers starting at their own 19. Wofford All-Southern Conference punter Jimmy Miner kept the Blue Hens pinned in their own territory much of the afternoon with six punts averaging 46.3 yards.

Bennett scored his first of three touchdowns on the day at the 3:42 mark of the third quarter on a 2-yard run before adding insurance scores in the fourth frame, at 6:41 and 2:42, on five and 15-yard scampers, respectively.

Junior Brian Rice capped the game's scoring with a 5-yard grab from Rodgers as time expired to give the Terriers their lone touchdown of the day. Rice finished with two catches for 16 yards, while fellow receiver Shiel Wood led the squad with three receptions for 27 yards.

"We faced an outstanding team," said head coach Mike Ayers. "They are very well coached and play hard. We had some opportunities. When you play against a great team like that, you won't get many. We just didn't capitalize.

"We competed hard. That last drive was an example of how our kids kept battling. All season long we've played great defense. We just got a little worn down today, but kept battling. These guys are a lot like us. They play great defense and control the clock. This will be a great teaching tape for us as coaches and players.

"We had a great season. Somedays you just are not good enough. We hope to be back next year."

Rodgers finished the day 7-of-14 passing for 65 yards. Southern Conference Freshman of the Year fullback Kevious Johnson finished with 49 yards on 13 carries to finish with a team-best 823
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Lee Basinger paced the Terrier defense with 12 tackles, while conference defensive player of the year, Matt Nelson, and Craig Thomas each posted nine.

The Terriers will return to the gridiron in 2004 with 17 of 22 starters returning, including nine on defense and eight on offense. Only nine players from this season’s team will not return next year.

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"Destination: Chattanooga"
The Terriers playoff run continues Dec. 13 at Delaware
See the national semi-final game live at 1:00 pm EST on ESPN2
The Wofford football team saw its season come to a close Saturday afternoon as it fell, 24-9, to Delaware in the Division I-AA semifinals before a crowd of 14,351 in Newark, Del., and an ESPN2 audience.

The Terriers (12-2), making their first appearance on the national network, close the season with a school record 12 victories. Wofford saw its 12-game winning streak end as it lost for the first time since the Aug. 30 season opener at Air Force. Delaware (14-1) advances to the national championship game against Colgate.

Delaware took a 3-0 lead on its opening series when Brad Shushman kicked a 22-yard field goal. On its next series, the Blue Hens drove to the Terrier 22 before Georgia Tech transfer and Walter Payton Award finalist Andy Hall was intercepted by Wofford inside linebacker Josh Smith. It marked the first interception for Hall in his last 129 attempts.

Smith was in the lineup in place of injured starter Jim Thurman. Wofford also played without starting cornerback Dedrick Stuckey, who was also sidelined by injury.

The Terriers forced a 3-3 tie at the half when Nick Robinson kicked a career-long 40-yard field goal as time expired. It capped a 17-play, 58-yard drive that consumed 6:44. The key play was a 7-yard rush by Kevious Johnson on a 4th-and-2 at the Delaware 47. Trey Rodgers also had an 11-yard pass to Brian Rice on a 3rd-and-8 at the Wofford 34 and a 6-yard completion to Brandon Berry on a 3rd-and-5 at the Blue Hen 35.

Field position was key throughout the game. Wofford's average starting spot was its own 19 with Delaware at its own 37.

Four-time All-SoCon punter Jimmy Miner did his best with six kicks averaging 46.3 yards. However, the Blue Hens had 56 return yards after the Terriers had surrendered just 80 yards on punt returns for the season entering the game.

After being forced to punt on its first two series of the second half, Delaware took a 10-3 lead when Germaine Bennett scored from two yards out with 3:42 to play in the third quarter. Bennett rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns on 31 carries. He extended his single-season Delaware rushing record to 1,565 yards.

Bennett later added fourth-quarter scoring runs of five and 15 yards.

Blue Hen defensive end Shawn Johnson, who led the ACC in sacks while playing for Duke last year, had 3.5 tackles for loss, including a sack. Southern Cal transfer David Boler keyed the Delaware receiving corps with three catches for 45 yards. With Delaware leading just 10-3 in the fourth quarter, Hall scrambled and found Boler for an 18-yard completion on a 3rd-and-8 at the Wofford 45.

The Terriers reached the end zone on the final play of the game as Rodgers connected with Rice on a 5-yard scoring pass. It capped a 13-play, 83-yard drive. With the Delaware fans rushing the field, the officials called the game and did not let the Terriers attempt the PAT or 2-point conversion.

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Rodgers was 7-of-14 in the air for 65 yards. SoCon Freshman of the Year Kevious Johnson was the Terriers’ top rusher with 49 yards on 13 carries to finish with a team-best 823 yards on the season.

Delaware controlled the clock as it held a 33:12-to-26:48 edge in time of possession.

"It was a great football game," Delaware coach K.C. Keeler said. "Our coaches did a great job of letting our guys know that it was going to be an absolute war today.

"It's 3-3 at halftime and our kids didn’t panic. I give Andy Hall all the credit. He didn’t force things and that's what Wofford wants you to do. We just made plays in the second half."

The Terriers lose just nine players off this season's team and will have 17 of 22 starters returning for the 2004 campaign.
Wofford offensive guard Eric Deutsch and free safety Matt Nelson have been named first-team All-Americans by The Sports Network with offensive guard Bobby Gibbs a third-team selection.

Deutsch, the recipient of the SoCon's Jacobs Blocking Trophy, was a first-team All-SoCon pick by the league coaches and media. He will return next fall for a fifth year of eligibility.

Deutsch topped Wofford in knockdown blocks this season. He had 162 entering Saturday's semifinal-round playoff game at Delaware. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native received Terrier Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second time this campaign when he totaled a Wofford single-game high 35 knockdowns in the 34-17 quarterfinal-round win over defending national champion Western Kentucky.

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Nelson posted a team-best 167 tackles as he concluded his career with a Terrier record 452 stops. He had six interceptions for Wofford's highest total since 1993. Nelson also topped the Terriers with 16 pass breakups while forcing two fumbles and recovering one. He had three red-zone takeaways.

Nelson was key in Wofford topping all of Division I football (I-A and I-AA) in turnover margin at 1.64 (+23). The Terriers were also third nationally in I-AA in scoring defense, allowing just 14.8 points per game.

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Zolman rushed for 94 yards and three touchdowns to key the Terriers' 34-17 quarterfinal-round victory over Western Kentucky. He directed Wofford to touchdown drives on its opening three possessions after the Hilltoppers took a 7-0 lead on the first play from scrimmage.

A junior from Dayton, Ohio, Zolman led a Terrier ground attack that rushed for 311 yards against a Western Kentucky defense that had been allowing just 117.3 per game on the ground. Wofford's 34 points more than doubled the season average of 15.4 surrendered by the Hilltoppers entering the contest.

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Earlier this week, The Sports Network also had Deutsch and Nelson as first-team All-Americans with Gibbs on the third team.

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McNair named to Academic All-Star team
Dec. 22, 2003

All-SoCon fullback and student body president J.R. McNair represents Wofford on the Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star team.

To be eligible for the squad, student-athletes must have achieved sophomore status, a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average, and be a starter or key reserve.

A senior from Jonesboro, Ga., McNair posted a 3.64 grade-point average through the spring 2003 semester. The philosophy major placed second on the Terriers with 636 yards rushing while topping the SoCon with 11 touchdowns. He concluded his career with 1,949 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns.
CSTV to air Robinson Award ceremony
Dec. 22, 2003

College Sports Television (www.cstv.com), the first 24-hour college sports network, will air a special presentation of the 17th Annual Division I-AA College Football Awards ceremony on Tues., Dec. 23, at 8:30 p.m. (Eastern).

The ceremony, taped from Dec. 18 in Chattanooga, Tenn., will include Wofford's Mike Ayers receiving the Eddie Robinson Award as the nation's top coach.

The CSTV special will feature the announcement of the Walter Payton Award, given to the top offensive player in Division I-AA, the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the division's best defensive player, and the Eddie Robinson Award.

The show will include interviews with the winners, acceptance speeches, and player highlights. Carter Blackburn, who handled play-by-play duties for CSTV's Division I-AA Game of the Week package this fall, will host the show.

CSTV is available to approximately 15 million homes nationally on cable and satellite. The network is available on Adelphia and Insight cable systems, among others, and is also available on DirecTV (channel 610). For information on CSTV availability in particular markets, consumers can log on to www.cstv.com or call their cable or satellite operator.
Terriers place third in final Sports Network/CSTV poll
Dec. 22, 2003

The Wofford football team is ranked third in the final 2003 Division I-AA Top 25 poll released today by The Sports Network/CSTV.

The Terriers (12-2, 8-0) captured their first SoCon championship while posting the league's first perfect season since 1998. Wofford also set a single-season school record for victories in advancing to the semifinal round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

The 2003 Sports Network/CSTV final Division I-AA poll:
1. Delaware
2. Colgate
3. Wofford
4. Florida Atlantic
5. Northern Iowa
6. Western Illinois
7. Western Kentucky
8. McNeese State
9. Southern Illinois
10. Northern Arizona
11. Massachusetts
12. Penn
13. Southern
14. Montana
15. Bethune-Cookman
16. North Carolina A&T
17. Grambling State
18. Jacksonville State
19. Northern Colorado
20. Northeastern
21. Montana State
22. Idaho State
23. Lehigh
24. Georgia Southern
25. Villanova
Wofford offensive guard Eric Deutsch and free safety Matt Nelson are first-team selections on the CSTV Division I-AA All-America squad, while offensive guard Bobby Gibbs is a second-team choice.

Deutsch, the recipient of the SoCon's Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the league's top offensive lineman, has also received first-team All-America honors from The Sports Network and Associated Press.

A first-team All-SoCon pick by the coaches and media, he will return next fall for a fifth season of eligibility. Deutsch topped Wofford in knockdown blocks with 182.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native garnered team Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second time this campaign when he totaled a Terrier single-game high 35 knockdowns in the 34-17 quarterfinal-round playoff win over defending national champion Western Kentucky. He had 20 knockdowns in the semifinal-round game versus eventual national champion Delaware.

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Gibbs was a first-team All-SoCon selection from the league coaches and media. He also received third-team All-America honors from The Sports Network and Associated Press.

The junior from Corbin, Ky., placed second behind Deutsch with 152 knockdown blocks on the year, including a season-best 23 in the win over Western Kentucky.

He received team Offensive Player of the Week honors in a 35-13 victory against South Carolina State. Gibbs helped anchor an offensive line that paved the way for the Terriers to place seventh in the nation in team rushing (258.3 yards per game).