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Monday, October 1, 2007

Wofford’s Kevious Johnson named SoCon Offensive Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford halfback Kevious Johnson (Fitzgerald, Ga.) was named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week on October 1. He shares the honor with Appalachian State running back Kevin Richardson.

Johnson scored three touchdowns in the Terriers 45-20 win at Furman on Saturday night. He had an eleven-yard rushing touchdown, a four-yard fumble return for a touchdown, and a two-yard touchdown reception. Overall, he had 118 yards on 14 carries. It was the first 100+ rushing game of the season for the Terriers and the tenth 100+ game for Johnson’s career.

Johnson is the fourth Terrier to earn conference honors this season. Dan Tavani was named Defensive Player of the Week on September 24, joining Gary Blount who earned the honor on September 10. In addition, Patrick Mugan earned Special Teams Player of the Week on September 3.

Also earning Southern Conference honors this week were Western Carolina linebacker Quinton Phillips as Defensive Player of the Week, Elon kickoff returner Michael Mayers as Special Teams Player of the Week and Georgia Southern running back Chris Teal as Freshman of the Week.

The Terriers will face The Citadel on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm in Charleston.
Wofford Wins 28-7 At The Citadel
CHARLESTON, SC – Wofford College went to The Citadel on Saturday afternoon and came away with a 28-7 win, scoring 21 points in the second half. The Terriers had rushing touchdowns from Justice Joslin, Dane Romero, Josh Collier and Michael Hobbs in the game as the defense had a strong showing as well. Wofford improves to 5-1 on the season and are 3-0 in conference play. The Citadel is 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the Southern Conference. The Terriers are currently in first place in the conference.

The Terriers were led by Kevious Johnson with 77 yards on twelve carries, as eleven different players ran the ball in the game. Josh Collier had 87 yards passing on 4-of-11 passing. Fenn Allen led the Wofford receivers with one catch for 31 yards.

After the Terrier defense stopped the Bulldogs on their first drive of the game, Wofford drove 73 yards in seven plays. Key to the drive was a 25-yard run by Kevious Johnson and a 28-yard run by Adrian Young. Justice Joslin ran the ball in from three yards out to cap the drive at 10:19 in the first quarter.

The next drive by The Citadel ended with a 25-yard field goal attempt by Mike Adams that was wide left. The Terriers were stopped on the next drive and were forced to punt. The Citadel drove into the red-zone, but were wide left on the field goal attempt.

Wofford was able to pick up a first down in the next drive, but Josh Collier was intercepted by Dwight House and returned 42 yards for the touchdown with 22 seconds left in the first quarter.

The second half continued the defensive trend, as the teams traded punts to open the third quarter. On the next Wofford drive, after first down receptions by Andy Strickland and Tripp Smith, Ben Widmyer entered the game at quarterback for several plays. On the first play with Josh Collier back in the game, he pitched the ball to Dane Romero who ran 38-yards for the touchdown at 5:06 in the third quarter. The drive went 91 yards in ten plays.

On the ensuing drive by the Bulldogs, Wofford’s Brian Kemp came up with a key pass break-up to force a punt. However the Terriers were limited to just one first down on their next drive. On the punt, the Bulldogs fumbled the return and it was recovered by Ronald Flott at the 26-yard line. Josh Collier capitalized on the turnover with a one-yard run for the touchdown. The Terriers took a 21-7 lead with 14:41 in the fourth quarter.

Following the touchdown, the Bulldogs drove into Wofford territory with a key fourth-down conversion. Ryan Young had a sack of Duran Lawson for a loss of ten yards, bringing up fourth down and a punt by the Bulldogs.

The Terriers began their next drive at their own 16-yard line. Key first downs on the drive included a 27 yard gain by Jeremy Marshall and a 31-yard reception by Fenn Allen. The drive was capped by an eleven yard run by Michael Hobbs with 6:24 remaining in the game. The Citadel was able to drive inside the Terriers’ red zone, but Seth Goldwire came up with a big stop on fourth down to prevent the Bulldogs from scoring. The Terriers got the ball back with 3:44 remaining in the game and gained one first down before punting. The clock...
ran out on The Citadel’s final drive as Wofford took the 28-7 win.
Next weekend the Terriers will host Gardner-Webb in a non-conference game at Gibbs Stadium. The game will begin at 1:30 pm.

**Wofford at The Citadel**

**Post-Game Notes**
The Terriers have started the season 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the Southern Conference for the first time since 2003.
Wofford has defeated The Citadel nine straight times, dating back to 1999. Wofford has also won five straight in Charleston.
The seven points allowed by the Terriers were the fewest this season and the fewest since posting a shutout against Chattanooga on November 11, 2006.
Josh Collier was intercepted for only the second time this season. He also had an interception last week at Furman.
Gary Blount had his third interception of the season, which leads the team.
Patrick Mugan missed his first field goal attempt of the season. He is now 4-5 on the season.
Strong safety Dan Tavani suffered a left knee injury in the second quarter and did not return to the game. More details on his injury will be made when available.
Attendance: 14,879
Andrew B. Williamson

Wofford Football Wins 52-17 Over Gardner-Webb

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Wofford Wins 52-17 Over Gardner-Webb

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College broke open a tie game with five second half touchdowns to defeat Gardner-Webb 52-17. Kevious Johnson led the Terriers with two touchdowns, while the defense came away with three interceptions, a fumble recovery and a blocked punt recovered for a touchdown.

Wofford improves to 6-1 on the season and are 3-0 in conference play. Gardner-Webb is 2-4 overall. The Terriers are currently in first place in the conference. Wofford had a 445 to 316 lead in total offense and had the ball for 33:33 in the game, including ten minutes of the first quarter.

“We were not playing bad in the first half, scoring 14 points and running a lot of plays,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “Then Gardner-Webb jumped up early in the third quarter. The defense really stepped up and gave us a short field to work with. The passing game in the second half also enabled us to open things up. The bottom line is this was a tough game.”

The Terriers had the ball first in the game and were able to drive 55 yards in twelve plays to take an early 7-0 lead. Adrian Young scored from four yards out to end the drive. The Wofford defense forced the Runnin’ Bulldogs three-and-out on their first possession of the game.

Back on offense, the Terriers picked up five first downs on a twelve play drive. Kevious Johnson scored on a three-yard run to cap the 75-yard drive.

Gardner-Webb picked up a key fourth-and-one on their ensuing drive, but a tackle for loss...
by James Gonsoulin and a sack by Mitch Clark forced a punt. Wofford quarterback Josh Collier was intercepted on the next drive by Cedric McGowan, but Mychael Johnson returned the favor for the Terriers with an interception of quarterback Stan Doolittle just two plays later. Wofford was forced three-and-out on their possession. The Runnin’ Bulldogs picked up one first down before being forced to punt by the Terrier defense. Wofford’s Ben Widmyer was intercepted by Kendrick Best four plays later to return possession to Gardner-Webb.

Gardner-Webb was able to take advantage of the turnover. After a 27-yard reception by Duvaughn Flagler, he scored on a one-yard reception from Doolittle. Wofford was able to drive the ball into Runnin’ Bulldog territory, but the half ended with the Terriers holding a 14-7 lead.

The second half began with the Runnin’ Bulldogs scoring on a 43-yard reception by tight end Hughie Dixon to tie the game at 14-14 just 1:10 into the third quarter. The Terriers struck back quickly as a reception by Andy Strickland gained 40 yards, then Kevious Johnson scored from 16 yards out at 13:04 in the third quarter to take a 21-14 lead.

After a loss of yardage that backed the Runnin’ Bulldogs to their own one-yard line, a third-down quick punt was unsuccessful as Layton Baker was able to block the punt and recover it in the endzone for a touchdown. After the point after by Patrick Mugan, the Terriers had a 28-14 lead less than three minutes into the second half.

On the next drive by Gardner-Webb, Evan Kay scored with a 27-yard field goal. After the Terriers went three-and-out, the Runnin’ Bulldogs were once again able to sustain a drive, but on fourth-and-six were stopped by the Wofford defense.

Back on offense, the Terriers drove 75 yards in thirteen plays for their fifth touchdown of the day as Josh Collier took it to the endzone from one yard out on a quarterback sneak. The Terriers defense continued to impress, as Kevin Adleman stripped the ball and recovered the fumble at the Runnin’ Bulldog 24-yard line. Six plays later, Patrick Mugan tacked on a 27-yard field goal to take a 38-17 lead with 9:23 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Terrier defense stopped another Runnin’ Bulldog drive when Michael Combest tipped a pass and intercepted it, with a 14 yard return to the Gardner-Webb 26-yard line. Wofford converted the turnover into points when Kevious Johnson found Joseph Inman alone in the endzone for an eleven-yard touchdown reception.

On the next drive by Gardner-Webb, Zac Grey intercepted Devin Campbell and returned it to the Runnin’ Bulldog’s 13-yard line. With Travis Boyd at quarterback, Brian Whitehurst ran it in for a ten-yard touchdown and a 52-17 lead at 2:11. Gardner-Webb had the ball when the game ended.

Next weekend the Terriers will host Elon in a Southern Conference game at Gibbs Stadium. The game will begin at 1:30 pm.

**Wofford vs. Gardner-Webb**

**Post-Game Notes**

The Terriers have started the season 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Southern Conference for the first time since 2003.

The 52 points matched the season high for the Terriers. They also had 52 in the game against Charleston Southern.

Wofford has won five in a row against Gardner-Webb.

Mychael Johnson had his second interception of the season. Zac Grey and Michael Combest both grabbed their first career interceptions.

Joseph Inman scored his first career touchdown on his first career reception with an eleven-yard reception in the fourth quarter.
yard reception in the fourth quarter.
Patrick Mugan is 35-of-35 on extra points this season.
Andy Strickland caught a career-high six passes for 98 yards.
Attendance: 6,218
Wofford Football Defeated 24-13 By Elon

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College was defeated 24-13 by Elon on Saturday afternoon at Gibbs Stadium. Wofford had touchdowns from Josh Collier and Michael Hobbs, but Elon was able to score three receiving touchdowns along with a field goal. The Terriers committed four turnovers in the game.

Wofford is now 6-2 on the season and are 3-1 in conference play. Elon is 5-2 overall and are also 3-1 in the Southern Conference. Wofford was outgained 442 to 400 in total yards. Elon quarterback Scott Riddle was 41-of-51 for 343 yards passing and Terrell Hudgins and Bo Williamson both had 100+ receiving games. Wofford was led by Kevious Johnson with 129 yards rushing.

“Wofford Football Defeated 24-13 By Elon”

“With our own issues this week,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “We did not get it done today. We had several opportunities in the game to take control, but we did not get it done. Offense, defense and kicking all had issues. Elon has a great offense and we had to work for everything we got against their defense.”

The Terriers had the ball first, but despite a 36-yard run by Kevious Johnson, were forced to punt. The Phoenix wasted little time on their first drive, going 94 yard in just eight plays. Terrell Hudgins capped the drive with a 34-yard touchdown reception from Scott Riddle.

Wofford was forced three-and-out on their next drive. Once again, the Phoenix offense was able to drive down the field. Scott Riddle found Michael Mayers for a nine-yard reception at
3:21 in the first quarter to take a 14-0 lead. After an onside kick attempt by Elon that was recovered by Wofford, the Terriers took advantage of the short field. On fourth-and-two, Dane Romero gained 26-yards for the first down. Then, on fourth down, Josh Collier kept the ball and scored on a ten-yard touchdown run. The drive was eight plays and went 53 yards to cut the Elon lead to 14-7.

Early in the second quarter, Wofford’s defense forced the Phoenix to punt. The Terriers were able to drive 80 yards, including a 25-yard reception by Fenn Allen and a fourth-down run by Josh Collier. The drive was capped by a three-yard run by Michael Hobbs. Pat Mугan missed the extra point, giving Elon a 14-13 edge.

After the kickoff, the Phoenix drove into Terriers’ territory, but Andrew Wilcox missed a 47-yard field goal attempt with 2:28 remaining in the half. Wofford gained a first down, but were forced to punt. After picking up two first downs, the Phoenix attempted a 38-yard field goal, but it was wide right as time expired.

In the second half, Elon had the ball first and the Terriers defense forced a punt. With Wofford back on offense, Kevious Johnson gained 29-yards before Daronce Daniels forced a fumble, which was recovered by the Phoenix.

The Terrier defense forced Elon three-and-out, but after gaining two first downs the Terriers were also forced to punt. Back on defense, the Terriers were led by Kevin Adleman with a pass break-up as Wofford forced a three-and-out.

After a three-and-out by Wofford, Elon was able to put together a drive that ended with a 35-yard line drive field goal by Andrew Wilcox with 42 seconds left in the third quarter. Wofford picked up two quick first downs by Kevious Johnson and Justice Joslin. Josh Collier fumbled a lateral, which was recovered by Walker White of Elon to end the drive for the Terriers. However the Phoenix could not convert the turnover into point as Andrew Wilcox missed a 44-yard field goal wide left.

The Terriers again were able to move the ball, picking up a couple first downs. However the drive ended with a fumble that was recovered by Corey Weaver of Elon. The Phoenix were able to convert the turnover into points when Terrell Hudgins scored on a one-yard reception from Scott Riddle.

Following the touchdown, Wofford was able to gain one first down before turning the ball over on downs. The Terrier defense was able to force a three-and-out and Elon punted with 2:57 left in the game. Again, Wofford was able to gain a first down, but an interception by Chris Bland of Ben Widmyer sealed the game. Elon was able to run out the final two minutes of the game and leave with a 24-13 win.

Next week the Terriers will travel to Cullowhee, N.C. on Thursday, October 25 to face Western Carolina. The Southern Conference game will be televised nationally by ESPNU.

Wofford vs. Elon

Post-Game Notes

The Terriers lost at Gibbs Stadium for the first time September 30, 2006 against Furman, ending a seven-game streak.

The win by Elon marked the first over the Terriers since a 20-16 win on November 4, 1995. Wofford had won five straight in the series.

The loss by Wofford ended a streak of ten straight wins over NCAA FCS opponents.

Wofford had three fumbles, all in the second half, tied for the most this season. They also had three fumbles at NC State. The Terriers had four total turnovers in the game, the most since they had four on September 10, 2005 against West Virginia.

Wofford was behind (14-7) after the first quarter for just the second time this season. The Terriers were down 7-3 at NC State. They have also been tied entering the second quarter.
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Wofford was down at the half (14-13) for the second time this season (24-3 vs. NC State). They have also been tied at the half twice.

Elon quarterback Scott Riddle completed his first ten passes of the game.

Wofford placekicker Patrick Mugan ended his streak of consecutive PATs at 36 when he hit the right upright in the second quarter.

Wofford wide receiver Tripp Smith caught a career-high three passes for 34 yards.

Attendance: 8,229
On the second play of the game, we have one more game to go and still have a chance, but it is going to be tough. The kids battled and kept competing the whole way. We are down in some personnel due to injuries, which is frustrating but we have to go on and get ready for the next one. Georgia Southern has done a great job this season. This is the best the league has been, top to bottom. We have one more game to go and still have a chance, but it is going to be tough. On the second play of the game, Georgia Southern quarterback Jayson Foster went 82 yards
On the second play of the game, Georgia Southern quarterback Jayson Foster went 82 yards for touchdown and an early lead just 24 seconds into the game. Wofford responded with a 71-yard drive, highlighted by a 59-yard reception by Tripp Smith from Dane Romero. Michael Hobbs went in from three-yards out to tie the game at 13:38 in the first quarter. The Terrier defense forced the Eagles to punt on their next possession. Back on offense, Wofford was able to take the lead when Justice Joslin scored on a 19-yard run at 6:07 in the first quarter. Jayson Foster continued to impress, going 72 yards for a touchdown at 5:17. Wofford gained three first downs on their ensuing drive, but were forced to punt. Early in the second quarter, Georgia Southern put together an 86-yard drive that was capped by a three-yard touchdown run by Foster, his third of the day.

The Terriers were driving, but a fumble was recovered by Chris Rodgers to give the ball to the Eagles. After a gain of one first down, Georgia Southern was forced to punt. Wofford was forced three-and-out on the next drive and defensive back Ronald Flott punted in place of an injured Chris Tommie.

With the Eagles back on offense, a ten-play drive was capped by a one yard rushing touchdown by Mike Hamilton with 3:06 remaining in the second quarter. Wofford was forced to punt on the next drive, and Georgia Southern went into the half with a 28-14 lead. To open the second half, Josh Collier found Jeremy Marshall open for a 44-yard touchdown reception at 13:46 to cut the Georgia Southern lead to 28-21. The Eagles turned the ball over on downs after an incomplete pass on fourth-and-two. However the Georgia Southern defense was able to force a three-and-out by the Terriers.

With the Terriers’ defense coming up with a big three-and-out, the offense responded with a 47-yard reception by Fenn Allen to the ten-yard line. Three plays later, Kevious Johnson scored on a two-yard run at 3:21 in the third quarter to tie the game at 28-28.

After another three-and-out forced by the Terrier defense, Jeremy Marshall was intercepted by Chris Covington to return the ball to the Eagles. Following the turnover, Georgia Southern drove 38 yards in seven plays and scored with a one-yard run by Mike Hamilton at 14:14 in the fourth quarter.

Back on offense, Andy Strickland took the ball 39-yards on a reverse up the sidelines for a touchdown at 10:52 in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 35-35. With a 45-yard kickoff return, Georgia Southern was able to regain the lead at 38-35 when Jesse Hartley kicked a 44-yard field goal at 8:58 in the fourth quarter.

Wofford picked up a key fourth-and-six with a run by Kevious Johnson. Dane Romero added two more first down runs to get inside the Eagles 20-yard line. On fourth-and-two at the 15-yard line, the Terriers turned the ball over on downs.

Georgia Southern picked up three key first downs, including one with 1:22 remaining in the game to run out the clock for the 38-35 victory. Next week the Terriers will complete the regular season next Saturday with a trip to Chattanooga.

**Wofford vs. Georgia Southern Post-Game Notes**

The Homecoming crowd of 12,124 was the largest ever home crowd at Gibbs Stadium for a Wofford game. Wofford has had two of the top five attendances this season. Wofford is now 39-20-2 all-time in Homecoming games. It ended a streak of nine-straight Homecoming wins by the Terriers.

Kevious Johnson rushed for a season-high 137 yards, which marked his third-straight 100+ rushing game. It is also his 13th career 100+ rushing game. Safety Dan Tavani returned to action after missing three games due to a knee injury.
Georgia Southern quarterback Jayson Foster rushed for 279 yards, the first time since October 17, 1998 (Brad Hoover, Western Carolina, 203 yards) an opponent has rushed for over 200 yards against Wofford. After an injury to Chris Tommie in the first quarter, Patrick Mugan had his first career kickoff and Ronald Flott made his first collegiate punt. Wofford was down at the half for only the third time this season. The Terriers are now 0-3 in those games.
Attendance: 12,124
Dan Tavani and Kevin Adleman Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Dan Tavani and Kevin Adleman Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford defensive back Dan Tavani and linebacker Kevin Adleman have been named to the 2007 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Team. Tavani, a senior from Easton, Pa., has played in seven games this season, missing three due to a knee injury. He was named SoCon Defensive Player of the Week following an interception, six tackles and a tackle for loss in the Terriers win over Appalachian State in September.

Last year Tavani was named second-team All-Southern Conference as he started all eleven games and was third on the team in tackles. He is majoring in Accounting and was named to the Academic All-SoCon team in 2006.

Adleman, a senior from Mauldin, S.C., has played in all ten games this season and is second on the team with 50 total tackles. He also has 3.5 tackles for loss, one sack and two interceptions, along with a forced and recovered fumble.

In his career at Wofford, Adleman has 116 total tackles and five interceptions. Last year he earned SoCon Defensive Player of the Week honors after returning an interception 71-yards for a touchdown. Adleman is an Accounting major and last season was named to the Academic All-SoCon team. He also was a member of the SoCon Academic Honor Roll.

Wofford and Furman were the only Southern Conference football schools to have multiple student-athletes honored in District Three. The district includes schools in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

All student-athletes that received first team honors are advanced to the Academic All-
All student-athletes that received first team honors are advanced to the Academic All-America ballot. The Academic All-America Team will be announced on November 29. ###
Wofford football players to participate in Children’s Book Week

Spartanburg, S.C. – A pair of Wofford football players will participate in the Spartanburg County Public Library’s Children’s Book Week that begins on Monday, November 12.

Senior linebacker Derek Swindall and junior halfback Dane Romero will read to children at the Westside Library in Spartanburg on Monday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. They will read to the children beginning shortly after 4:00 and at the end of the session, sign autographs and pass out many free items including tickets to a Wofford basketball game for all in attendance.

All children in attendance will also receive a Terrier Tales Reading Program bookmark. The Terrier Tales program rewards children for reading by offering a free ticket to any Wofford basketball game for completing five books. For complete details click this link for the Terrier Tales Reading Program: [http://wofford.edu/athletics/sportsMarketing/content.aspx?id=19036](http://wofford.edu/athletics/sportsMarketing/content.aspx?id=19036). The program is in its second year and has been in-place for the entire football season with over 400 enrolling in the program this fall.

“We hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to meet Derek and Dane and celebrate Children’s Book Week,” said assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions Lenny Mathis. “The Spartanburg County Public Libraries have been great partners to us on the Terrier Tales Reading Program and we’re honored to
have the opportunity to interact with the children on Monday.”
The SCPL Westside Library is located just off Reidville Road at 525 Oak Grove Road in Spartanburg.

For more information contact Gaelyn Jenkins at the Westside Library at (864) 574-6815 or Wofford Sports Marketing at (864) 597-4110.
Wofford’s Sean Lees named SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford freshman halfback Sean Lees was named the Southern Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on November 12.

Lees, a freshman from Libertyville, Illinois, returned three kickoffs for a total of 115 yards in the Terriers 42-16 win at Chattanooga. Lees returned a kickoff to start the fourth 79 yards for a touchdown. It was his first career touchdown and the Terriers second kickoff returned for a touchdown this season.

Lees is the fifth Terrier to earn conference honors this season. Kevious Johnson earned Offensive Player of the Week on October 1. Dan Tavani was named Defensive Player of the Week on September 24, joining Gary Blount who earned the honor on September 10. In addition, Patrick Mugan earned Special Teams Player of the Week on September 3.

Also earning Southern Conference honors this week were Appalachian State running back Kevin Richardson as Offensive Player of the Week, Furman linebacker Julian Hicks as Defensive Player of the Week, and The Citadel quarterback Bart Blanchard as Freshman of the Week.

The Terriers have ended the season and will await the NCAA Selection Show on Sunday, November 18 to learn their next opponent.
Join the Terriers for the NCAA Football Selection Show

Wednesday, November 15, 2007

Join the Terriers for the NCAA Football Selection Show

SPARTANBURG, SC – With Wofford College earning the Southern Conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA FCS Playoffs, the Terriers will learn their opponent on Sunday, November 18 at 3:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend a special viewing party with the Wofford football team on Sunday, at 3:00 pm. The viewing party will take place at Leonard Auditorium in Main Building on the Wofford campus. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a series of short highlights of several games from the 2007 season.

At approximately 3:15, Southern Conference commissioner John Iamarino will present Wofford head coach Mike Ayers and the Terriers with the Conference’s FCS automatic bid certificate and the Southern Conference Championship trophy.

At 3:30 p.m. the FCS playoff brackets will be announced live on ESPNU. The selection show is a half-hour program.

The viewing party will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on the portico outside Main Building as the Wofford Alumni Office will have refreshments and light snacks for those in attendance and fans will have an opportunity to get autographs from the Terriers.

A limited amount of Southern Conference football championship apparel will also be available after the event. Ben Wofford Books will have apparel available at their location on Church Street (on campus) beginning Monday, November 19.
For Immediate Release
Contact: Brent Williamson
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Sunday, November 18, 2007
Terriers to Face Montana in First Round

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College will face Montana on Saturday, November 24 at 2:05 pm ET in the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs. The game will mark the second time in the past five years that the Terriers have advanced to the Playoffs.

Wofford won the Southern Conference automatic bid to the Playoffs. The Terriers and Appalachian State were the only Southern Conference teams to earn a bid to the playoffs.

“This has been a very blessed season,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “We have a great group of players who fight the fight. I think we have the best coaching staff in America, who are very committed to the program. The Wofford faithful have been behind us all the way this season as well. The week off has given us a chance to get healthy and work on the fundamentals. We are going to be facing a team that we have never played and don’t know much about.”

University of Northern Iowa University (11-0) tops the bracket as the top seed after capturing the automatic qualifying berth from the Gateway Football Conference. Second-seeded McNeese State University (11-0) captured the Southland Conference automatic berth.

The University of Montana (11-0), which is making its 18th tournament appearance, is the number three seed. Rounding out this years seeded teams in Southern Illinois University, McNeese State University (11-0), Montana State University (11-0), and the University of Montana (11-0).
number-three seed. Rounding out this year’s seeded teams is Southern Illinois University (10-1) with the number-four seed.

Other first-round hosts include two-time defending national champion Appalachian St. (9-2), Delaware (8-3), Colonial Athletic Association automatic qualifier Massachusetts (9-2) and Richmond (9-2).

For tickets to the game, please contact the University of Montana Athletic Ticket Office toll free at (800) MONTANA (666-8262). Ben Wofford Books will have Southern Conference Champion apparel available at their location on Church Street (on campus) beginning Monday, November 19. Please visit athletics.wofford.edu for more information on the Playoffs.

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Monday, November 19, 2007

Seven Terriers Named All-SoCon, Ayers Co-Coach of Year

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College had seven players named to the Coaches All-Southern Conference Team. In addition, head coach Mike Ayers was named the co-coach of the year with Elon’s Pete Lembo.

For the Terriers, Kevious Johnson and Seth Goldwire earned first team honors, while Derek Wooten, Fenn Allen, James Gonsoulin, Brian Kemp and Dan Tavani earned second team honors from the conference’s coaches.

Mike Ayers has earned his fourth Southern Conference Coach of the Year honor. He also received the honor in 2000, 2002 and 2003. He is in his twentieth season as head coach of the Terriers and is the school’s all-time leader in victories with a record of 131-92-1.

Seth Goldwire, a junior from Guyton, Georgia, led Wofford with 90 tackles on the season. He was seventh in the conference in total tackles on the season and also had 3.5 tackles for loss, a sack, an interception, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.

Kevious Johnson, a senior running back from Fitzgerald, Georgia, led the Terriers with 1,029 yards rushing this season. He scored nine rushing touchdowns and also had three receiving touchdowns. Johnson was named All-SoCon second team in 2003.

Tight end Fenn Allen, a junior from Concord, N.C., played in all eleven games and was second on the team in receiving with 15 catches for 280 yards. He also scored one touchdown on the season and was a key piece in the Terriers success in the running game.

A senior from Tulsa, Oklahoma, James Gonsoulin repeats as a member of the All-SoCon second team defense. He started all eleven games for the Terriers at defensive end and was fifth on the team in total tackles. He was second on the team with six tackles for loss and...
added 2.5 sacks.
A senior cornerback from Bowling Green, Fla., Brian Kemp started all eleven games at
cornerback for the Terriers. He tied for the team lead with three interceptions and added 34
tackles on the season. Kemp led Wofford with 12 passes broken up on the season, which
was second in the conference.
Dan Tavani, a senior safety from Easton, Pa., earned second team defense honors for the
second straight season. He started the first six games of the season before suffering a torn
ACL. He returned to action after missing three games to play in the final two regular season
games. Tavani finished seventh on the team in total tackles and had two interceptions,
including one at Chattanooga.
Offensive lineman Derek Wooten, a junior from Rock Hill, S.C., started all eleven games at
right tackle for the Terriers. On the season, he 110 knockdowns and helped lead the way for
Wofford to gain 3,498 yards rushing on the season.
Georgia Southern senior quarterback Jayson Foster was named the league’s Offensive
Player of the Year. Appalachian State defensive back Corey Lynch was named the
conference’s Defensive Player of the Year. Elon quarterback Scott Riddle earned Freshman
of the Year recognition. Appalachian State’s Kerry Brown is the 2007 recipient of the Jacobs
Blocking Trophy.
Southern Conference regular season co-champion Appalachian State placed 11 players on
the all-conference team with six players on offense, four on defense and one specialist.
Georgia Southern had nine players gain All-Southern Conference honors including five on
offense, three on defense and one specialist. Conference co-champion Wofford had seven
players honored including three on offense and four on defense.
Wofford finished the regular season with an 8-3 overall record and were 5-2 in the
conference. The Terriers won the Southern Conference Championship for the second time
and earned the league’s automatic bid. Wofford will face Montana in the first round of the
NCAA FCS Playoffs on Saturday, November 24 at 2:05 pm ET.
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CSS To Broadcast Wofford At Montana Game

ATLANTA, Ga. – Comcast / Charter Sports Southeast (CSS) announces it will broadcast two key NCAA Division I FCS playoff games on Saturday, November 24, 2007. The Wofford College contest at Montana will air on a taped-delay beginning at 3:30 pm ET. Coverage of the first round matchups begins at noon ET with live coverage of James Madison at Southern Conference champion's Appalachian State University.

CSS is available in the Greenville and Spartanburg markets on Charter expanded basic cable channel 58. Please check local listings for availability in other Comcast/Charter markets in the southeast.

"CSS is proud to offer exciting Division I-AA action with two games that feature two outstanding programs from our region," said CSS General Manager Mark Fuhrman. "Appalachian State's accomplishments are well documented, including their season-opening upset of then highly ranked powerhouse Michigan and Wofford's season includes a victory over that same Appalachian State team as well as a share atop the Southern Conference final standings. CSS strives to bring our viewers the very best college football action available."

About CSS Network

CSS is a 24-hour regional sports network serving approximately 5.8 million cable subscribers across twelve southeastern states. Launched in 1999, the network is a partnership between Comcast Corporation and Charter Communications. CSS carries a full slate of college sports programming including over 45 live football games, 110 college football replay games, more than 160 men's and women's live college basketball games and 50 live baseball games, as well as a comprehensive mix of sports news and in-depth sports analysis geared toward fans in the Southeast. CSS is only available on cable.
Spirit of teamwork lives between Wofford and S.C. State

Spartanburg, S.C. (November 27, 2007) -- The Wofford football team and fans will get an extra boost during Saturday night’s NCAA FCS playoff contest against Richmond. Wofford athletic director Richard Johnson and South Carolina State University director of bands Eddie Ellis are pleased to announce that the SCSU Marching 101 will perform at Saturday’s playoff game at Gibbs Stadium. The SCSU Marching 101 will perform during the game and at halftime.

“It is an honor to have the Marching 101 join us on Saturday,” said Johnson. “We are grateful to Eddie and his staff for working with us to put the trip together on such short notice.”

Members of the Marching 101 will be in two places at once on Saturday, as approximately 30 members of the drumline will be performing at the Big Apple Classic basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Kickoff on Saturday is slated for 7:00 p.m. and the game will be televised on ESPN GamePlan (other media outlets will be known later in the week).

Wofford College does not have a marching band, routinely not the services of local marching bands to perform at home games. This season five high school bands performed at Gibbs Stadium including Dorman (September 22), Eastside, J. L. Mann, East Rutherford and Chase High Schools (November 3). The Marching 101 last performed in Spartanburg on September 2, 2006 to great fanfare when the Terriers and Bulldogs met on the gridiron at Gibbs Stadium.

RICHMOND AT WOFFORD – NCAA FCS PLAYOFF TICKET INFORMATION
Ticket prices are $20 for reserved seats, $20 for adult general admission and $10 for children age 3-12. Wofford students with a valid ID as well as students all other Spartanburg County colleges and universities (with a valid ID) are $10 as well. The Wofford Athletic Ticket Office is open this week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Wofford Athletic Ticket Office phone number is (864) 597-4090. On Saturday, tickets may be purchase at the Gibbs Stadium box office beginning at 5:00 p.m. General admission tickets for adults and children/students are available (cash only transactions) at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium box office during normal business hours.

There are no group ticket discounts for playoff games. For fans or corporations who want to support the team, but may not be able to make Saturday’s game we have a plan to donate those purchased tickets to local youth groups giving children who may not otherwise have a chance to go to the game that special opportunity please call (864) 597-4110. This is a special joint effort between Wofford Campus Ministry and Wofford Sports Marketing. The Wofford College bookstore, Ben Wofford Books, located on Church Street has extended hours this week. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 9:00 a.m.-7:00 on Friday and special Saturday hours, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Spartanburg, S.C. – Wofford College was defeated 21-10 by the University of Richmond on Saturday night at Gibbs Stadium. Richmond is now 11-2 on the season and will advance in the FCS Playoffs. The Terriers end the season at 9-4.

Wofford was led by Kevious Johnson with 89 yards on 16 carries and Andy Strickland with 98 yards on six catches for 92 yards. Wofford’s lone touchdown was by Michael Hobbs.

“Tell you the truth it is exactly what we expected,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “First and foremost Richmond has a quality program. Their kids are just like our guys, they are going to go out, they are going to compete, and do everything they can do to try to get it done. We had concerns with our match-up offensively versus defensively. They did some things that created some problems for us, and then we compounded the problem by making some mistakes; not executing on certain situations. It has been a great year; it has been a great ride. I’m not going to let this one loss take away from what we have accomplished for the long run this season.”

Wofford had the opening kickoff, but turned it over on downs after an unsuccessful fourth-and-six play. Richmond drove into Terrier’s territory, but with 5:31 left in the first quarter Andrew Howard missed a 34-yard field goal wide right.

The Terriers were then able to drive the ball, but Patrick Mugan missed a 42-yard field goal attempt with 19 seconds remaining in the first quarter. On the next drive by the Spiders, Seth Goldwire forced a fumble that was recovered by Brian Kemp. After the turnover, Wofford drove to the one-yard line, but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Patrick Mugan to take
drove to the one-yard line, but had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Patrick Mugan to take a 3-0 lead at 7:47 in the second quarter.

On the next drive by Richmond, Erid Ward found Joe Stewart alone in the back of the endzone for a 10-yard touchdown reception. Richmond took a 7-3 lead with 4:19 left in the second quarter. After the touchdown, Wofford’s Josh Collier had a pass intercepted by Michael Ireland and returned to the Terrier’s 46-yard line with under three minutes to go in the half. But the Wofford defense held, and the Spiders missed a 39-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

The Spiders opened the second half with the ball, and after picking up two first downs, Filmon Dawkins intercepted Eric Ward at the Terrier’s ten-yard line. Wofford returned the turnover when a pitch was fumbled and recovered by the Spiders. But on fourth-and-nine, Richmond turned the ball over on downs.

Wofford took over at their own 29-yard line. After three first downs, Jeremy Marshall converted on a fourth-and-two at the Spider’s 27-yard line. After a key third-down conversion by Kevious Johnson, Michael Hobbs took it in from one-yard out for the touchdown and a 10-7 lead at 3:34 in the third quarter.

On the next drive by Richmond, Tim Hightower ran it in from one yard out to give the Spiders a 14-10 lead at 11:55 in the fourth quarter. With the ball back, Wofford picked up a first down before they were forced to punt. The snap went over the head of Chris Tommie and the ball was recovered at the one-yard line by the Spiders. On the next play, Tim Hightower went in from one-yard out to take a 21-10 lead with 8:40 left in the fourth quarter.

With the ball back, Wofford was forced three-and-out and punted. The Terrier defense came up with a stop as well, and the Spiders punted after a three-and-out. Wofford had the ball back with 5:48 remaining in the game and were able to drive to the Richmond 14 before turning the ball over on downs. The Spiders gained a first down and were able to run out the clock for a 21-10 victory.

Richmond will face Appalachian State, who defeated Eastern Washington 38-35 on Saturday afternoon. In the other semifinal, Southern Illinois will host Delaware.

Wofford vs. Richmond
Post-Game Notes
The match-up was the first ever between Richmond and Wofford.
The game marked the third FCS Playoff game hosted by Wofford at Gibbs Stadium; Wofford is 2-1 in playoff games at home.

Wofford entered the second half behind for the fifth time this season. The Terriers are 1-4 in those five games.
The Terriers did not score in the first quarter for the first time this season.
Michael Hobbs has rushed for a touchdown in each of the last six games.
Kevious Johnson had 89 yards rushing in the game, giving him 5,126 all-purpose yards in his career. The school record is held by Shawn Graves with 5,128 all-purpose yards.
Three of Wofford’s four losses this season were at Gibbs Stadium.
Attendance: 8,500