On a wet Saturday afternoon, the Wofford football team used a career day by Eric Breitenstein to win 49-24 over Elon at Rhodes Stadium. Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference single game record with 321 rushing yards in the contest

as the Terriers ran for a total of 500 yards. The Terriers open the season 4-0 and 2-0 in the SoCon. Elon is 2-3 overall and 0-2 in conference play. For Wofford, Breitenstein had two touchdowns. Brian Kass ran for 57 yards and three touchdowns and threw for one touchdown. Elon was led by Thomas Wilson who was 31-of-47 passing for 322 yards and two touchdowns. Aaron Mellette had 13 catches for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

Breitenstein became only the third Southern Conference player since the league started football in 1922 to eclipse the 300-yard mark on the ground. He broke the previous record of 313 yards by former Appalachian State quarterback Armani Edwards in a 2007 playoff game against Richmond.

By halftime, he was 2 yards away from his career high with 228, including a 90-yard touchdown on which he broke through the line and went straight up the middle without any further contact. A bruising fullback known more for carrying would-be tacklers, he beat Elon's fastest defenders to the end zone by 5 yards. All the while, he kept looking back, first over one shoulder and then the other.

One more carry and Breitenstein likely would have set the school record as well. Wofford Hall of Fame quarterback Shawn Graves ran for 323 yards in a 1990 game against Lenoir-Rhyne back in the Division II days in 1990. Still, it was a performance for the record books. Breitenstein set the Wofford single-season rushing record of 1,639 yards in 2010 and put up the third-best total in school history with 1,474 last season. He has 4,430 career yards, 698 from what has been considered an unbreakable mark set by Graves with seven regular-season games remaining.

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