

Price, Breitenstein Earn SoCon Honors

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The Southern Conference named its football players of the week today for games played Saturday, Oct. 1. Wofford's Eric Breitenstein has been named

the Offensive Player of the Week, while Chattanooga's Kadeem Wise was named the Defensive Player of the Week. Appalachian State's Sean Price was selected as the Freshman of the Week, while Furman's Jerodis Williams was tabbed the Special Teams Player of the Week. The players of the week are selected by the conference office.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK: Sean Price, Appalachian State, Fr., WR, Reston, Va. Freshman wideout Sean Price caught eight passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns as Appalachian State topped Coastal Carolina, 55-14. His 69-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter put the Mountaineers up 14-0. The Reston, Va., native added a second touchdown in the fourth quarter. With 128 yards against the Chanticleers, Price has matched a school record with three straight 100-yard receiving games and is the only freshman in school history to have multiple 100-yard receiving games. Other Nominees: Reese Hannon (Furman), Patrick Flowe (Georgia Southern), Trey Wesley (Samford), Jacob Huesman (Chattanooga), Sertonuse Harris (Western Carolina) and Cam Flowers (Wofford).

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Eric Breitenstein, Wofford, Sr., RB, Valle Crucis, N.C. Wofford's Eric Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference record with 321 rushing yards in the Terriers' 49-24 win at Elon, eclipsing the previous mark of 313 set by Appalachian State's Armanti Edwards on Dec. 7, 2007, against Richmond. Breitenstein carried 27 times, scored two touchdowns in the win and became just the third player in the league's 91-year history to rush for more than 300 yards in a game. The senior fullback scored on a 90-yard run on his opening carry of the game. He finished the first half with 228 yards on the ground, four yards shy of the league's record for a single half. Other Nominees: Steven Miller (Appalachian State), Darien Robinson (The Citadel), Thomas Wilson (Elon), Jerodis Williams (Furman), Jerick McKinnon (Georgia Southern), Kelsey Pope (Samford), Terrell Robinson (Chattanooga) and Eddie Sullivan (Western Carolina).

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Kadeem Wise, Chattanooga, Jr., DB, Lawrenceville, Ga. Junior defensive back Kadeem Wise anchored a strong defensive performance by the Mocs on Saturday. The Bulldogs entered the game ranked 20th in the nation in scoring (34.5 ppg), but were limited to a season-low 10 points in a 28-10 UTC victory. Wise tallied eight tackles for the Mocs and picked off a pass in the fourth quarter to thwart a Bulldogs' drive inside UTC territory. Saturday's victory gave the Mocs their biggest road win over a ranked opponent since topping No. 10 Appalachian State in 1983. Other Nominees: Jeremy Kimbrough, (Appalachian State), Carson Smith (The Citadel), Blake Thompson (Elon), John Stevenson (Georgia Southern), Jaquiski Tartt (Samford), Rock Williams (Western Carolina), and Alvin Scioneaux (Wofford).

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Jerodis Williams, Furman, Sr., RB/KR, Prattville, Ala. Following a Richard Sigmon field goal that gave Western Carolina an early 3-0 lead, Furman's Jerodis Williams returned the ensuing kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown to give the Paladins a 7-3 lead they would not relinquish en route to a 45-24 victory. His 100-yard return was the longest kickoff return by a Paladin since William Middleton ran a kickoff back 100 yards against Wofford in 2006. Williams finished the day with 131 return yards and accounted for 370 all-purpose yards, the second-highest single-game total in league history. Other Nominees: Drew Stewart (Appalachian State), Adam Shreiner (Elon), Luke Cherry (Georgia Southern), Cameron Yaw (Samford), Nick Pollard (Chattanooga), Clark Sechrest (Western Carolina) and Christian Reed (Wofford).

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