In a defensive battle, No.5 Wofford football fell 17-9 to No.7 Georgia Southern on Saturday evening at Paulson Stadium. Both teams kept the ball on the ground, as the Eagles had 265 rushing yards to 221 for the Terriers. The Terriers are

5-1 on the season and 3-1 in the SoCon. Georgia Southern is 5-1 overall and 4-1 in conference play. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein had 102 yards on 13 carries and Cam Flowers had 26 yards. Georgia Southern was led by Dominique Swope with 25 carries for 137 yards and the game's only two touchdowns.

To open the game, Georgia Southern fumbled and the ball was recovered by E.J. Speller at the 28-yard line. Wofford was stopped and made a 39-yard field goal, but the Eagles were offsides and the Terriers got the first down. After a pass interference call in the endzone, Wofford got on the board with a 19-yard field goal by Christian Reed for a 3-0 lead with 9:26 on the clock in the first quarter.

On the next drive for the Eagles, they were forced three-and-out and punted. Wofford gained one first down before a tackle for loss and sack made the Terriers punt. Georgia Southern picked up one first down before punting. Wofford used a 65-yard run by Eric Breitenstein to move the ball inside the 15-yard line and took a 6-0 lead after a 30-yard field goal by Christian Reed with 14:56 on the clock in the second quarter.

The Eagles had a 33-yard run by Jerrick McKinnon to set up a 48-yard field goal by Alex Hanks to make it a 6-3 game at 11:52 in the second quarter. On the ensuing drive the Terriers gained one first down before punting, which was matched by the Eagles on their next drive. Wofford then went three-and-out and punted and Darreion Robinson returned it 46 yards inside the 30-yard line. Georgia Southern took advantage of the short field and scored a touchdown on a four-yard run by Dominique Swope. The Eagles had a 10-6 lead with 46 seconds left in the first half.

To start the second half, Wofford gained one first down before two incomplete passes forced a punt. After a sack by Alvin Scioneaux, Georgia Southern went three-and-out and punted. After picking up two first downs, Eric Breitenstein converted a fourth-and-one. However the drive stalled and Wofford punted.

The Eagles gained two first downs on their next drive before punting with 1:23 on the clock in the third quarter. Wofford then was able to pick up three first downs, but after a fumble the Terriers were forced to punt with 12:12 left in the fourth quarter.

Georgia Southern used four rushing first downs to get to the 11-yard line. Dominique Swope then scored from three yards out to give the Eagles a 17-6 lead with 8:36 on the clock in the fourth quarter. With the ball back, Wofford was able to drive inside the 10-yard line, but once again were kept out of the endzone and Christian Reed kicked a 23-yard field goal. The score was 17-9 with 3:38 left in the game. The Eagles got the ball back and were able to gain three first downs and run out the clock for the win.

Wofford had 248 total yards, with 221 on the ground. Georgia Southern had 265 total yards, all of which were rushing. Each team had 15 first downs. Wofford was 4-of-15 on third downs. Georgia Southern was 3-of-10 on third down. Wofford had two penalties, while Georgia Southern had five. Wofford had the time of possession by a 33:40 to 26:20 margin.

Chattanooga 31, Furman 10

Jacob Huseman passed for 171 yards and two touchdowns to lead Chattanooga past Furman, 31-10, in Southern Conference football action Saturday afternoon at Paladin Stadium.
Huseman, a freshman from Chattanooga, completed 18-of-23 passes and added 59 yards rushing on 22 carries to finish with 230 yards total offense in helping the Mocs (3-3, 2-1 SoCon) record their second straight win in Greenville but only the fifth triumph over the Paladins (2-5, 1-3 SoCon) in the last 28 meetings dating back to 1985.
Chattanooga rolled up 369 total yards and dominated time of possession, 38:54-21:06. Terrell Robinson also figured big in the win for UTC, completing 7-of-10 passes for 86 yards, rushing four times for 29 yards and a score, and catching eight passes for 81 yards, including both of Huseman's touchdown passes.

The Citadel 45, Western Carolina 31

True freshman quarterback Troy Mitchell and senior tailback Michael Vaughn both rushed for two touchdowns apiece for Western Carolina on Saturday afternoon, but it was not enough as The Citadel's triple-option attack ground out six scores in handing the Catamounts a 45-31 setback in Southern Conference action at Johnson Hagood Stadium.
The loss was WCU's sixth-straight on the season while The Citadel halted a three-game slide.
Western Carolina (1-6, 0-5 SoCon) had two backs go for over 100 yards in the loss as both Mitchell (117 yards) and classmate Darius Ramsey (118 yards) - who was making his return to the Catamount backfield - eclipsed the century mark as WCU rushed for 298 yards, its second-highest output of the season. Mitchell was also 9-of-14 passing with one interception for a combined 67 yards through the air.
Vaughn added 51 yards on the ground, twice finding the end zone for his second career two touchdown game - and the second in the past three games. Senior Jacoby Mitchell and freshman Spearman Robinson - who entered the game fourth in NCAA FCS Football in receptions among freshmen - both had three catches apiece.
The Citadel (4-3, 3-2 SoCon) compiled 378 yards on the ground led by Darien Robinson with 116 yards and a touchdown while quarterback Ben Dupree rushed for two scores to accompany his 96 rushing yards. Combined, the Bulldogs used eight different backs for 68 rushing attempts

with six TDs, only throwing the ball six times (4-of-6 for 48 yards).

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Georgia Southern 4 - 1; 5 - 1
Wofford 3 - 1; 5 - 1
Appalachian State 3 - 1; 5 - 2
Chattanooga 2 - 1; 3 - 3
Samford 3 - 2; 5 - 2
Citadel 3 - 2; 4 - 3
Furman 1 - 3; 2 - 5
Elon 0 - 3; 2 - 4
Western Carolina 0 - 5; 1 - 6

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