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Six players repeated as first-team selections on The Sports Network FCS All-America Team on Monday, including Wofford fullback Eric Breitenstein for the third straight year. Breitenstein, a senior from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is just the fourth player in conference history to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons. He led the Southern Conference in rushing for the second straight season with 2,035 yards, a school record and the second most in conference history.

He had 19 rushing touchdowns to lead the conference and was second in scoring with 114 points. With 12 games with 100 or more rushing yards this season, Breitenstein set a new Southern Conference mark and his eleven straight games with 100 or more yards tied an NCAA record. He also holds the SoCon single game rushing mark with 321 yards.

Last season he ran for 1,474 yards and was fifth in the nation in scoring at 9.50 points per game. He was named All-American by the Associated Press, Sports Network and Phil Steele. Currently he has a school record 5,730 career rushing and is second in career rushing touchdowns. He is the NCAA FCS active career leader in rushing and rushing touchdowns.

“Being named an All-American is a great honor,” Breitenstein said. “It has always been one of my goals, but wouldn't be possible without my team. They really make it all possible. The offensive line is excellent, maybe the best unit in the country and individually four of the five were named all- conference. I have truly been blessed to be a part of a program that has had a great deal of success.”

The Sports Network also presents the Walter Payton, Buck Buchanan, Jerry Rice and Eddie Robinson awards. All four awards will be presented next Monday in Philadelphia. Breitenstein is one of the three finalists for the Payton Award and he is the first player from Wofford to be named a finalist.

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