

Breitenstein suffers knee injury

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Former Watauga High and All-State running back Eric Breitenstein may have suffered a possible season-ending knee injury during Saturday's game between Wofford College and Charleston Southern.

The Wofford sophomore collided with a defender near the visitor sidelines at Gibbs Stadium when the injury occurred. Breitenstein suffered a torn posterior cruciate ligament, and a damaged posterier capsule of his right knee.

The injury was diagnosed Sunday by Wofford team orthopaedist Dr. Stephen Kana. According to Breitenstein, he will be on the shelf four-to-six weeks before a decision is made concerning possible season-ending surgery. The big concern is the damaged posterier capsule of his right knee.

The posterier cruciate is one of four ligaments that is important to the stability of the knee joint. It sits right behind the anterior cruciate ligament. Breitenstein, who suffered a concussion and a strained medial collateral ligament in his knee at WHS during his junior year, was Wofford's leading rusher with 187 yards and three touchdowns.

If he cannot play another game this season, Breitenstein would be eligible for a medical red-shirt. The Terriers play host to Appalachian State October 17. Wofford (1-1), and ranked 14th in The Sports Network Poll, travels to Wisconsin Saturday.

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