

Breitenstein and Scioneaux Named Preseason All-American

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On Monday, The Sports Network announced the 2012 FCS Preseason All-America Team. Wofford fullback Eric Breitenstein was named to the first team and linebacker Alvin Scioneaux earned a spot on the second team. Breitenstein, a senior from Valle Crucis, North Carolina, led the Southern Conference in rushing last year as he earned SoCon Offensive Player of the Year honors. 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 while finishing 14th in the voting for the Walter Payton Award. Currently he is third in school history in career rushing and second in career rushing touchdowns along with being the NCAA FCS active career leader in rushing and rushing touchdowns.

Scioneaux, a junior from Garyville, Louisiana, led Wofford last season with 85 total tackles. He was second in the SoCon in tackles for loss and sacks to earn first team All-Southern Conference honors from the coaches. Scioneaux also was named a third team All-American by Phil Steele and the Sports Network.

The Sports Network FCS Preseason All-America Team consists of 93 players over three teams. The Big Sky and CAA Football lead all conferences with 15 selections each from nine member schools.

The Southland Conference has 14 selections and the Southern Conference follows with 13. All 13 FCS conferences have at least two selections and 11 conferences have at least one player on the first team. The 2012 Sports Network All-America Team will be announced after the regular season on Dec. 19.

The Sports Network also presents the four major awards in the division - the Walter Payton (FCS outstanding player), the Buck Buchanan (FCS outstanding defensive player), the Jerry Rice (FCS outstanding freshman player) and the Eddie Robinson (FCS coach of the year) - after the season. In addition, TSN presents the FCS's most widely recognized weekly Top 25 poll.

The Southern Conference will announce preseason all-conference honors and the preseason poll on Thursday, July 26 during media day. Wofford will report to camp on Sunday, August 5, with the first practice scheduled for Monday, August 6.

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