

Sechrest Named Student-Athlete of the Week

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Clark Sechrest, a junior punter/kicker on the Western Carolina football team, has been named the Southern Conference Student-Athlete of the Week for November 7, the league office announced

today. Sechrest punted five times for an average of 50.6 yards per punt last Saturday in the home finale against Chattanooga.

The Cornelius, N.C., native recorded three kicks of 50-yards or more including a career-long punt of 58 yards. Sechrest downed two of his five kicks inside the Mocs' 20-yard line including corraling a high snap and uncorking a boot just in front of the Chattanooga rush, downing the punt at the UTC two-yard line.

Taking over placekicking responsibilities in the first quarter, Sechrest finished a perfect 3-for-3 on PATs and nailed a 36-yard field goal in the second quarter, recording six points on the afternoon for the Catamounts. On the season, Sechrest leads the SoCon with 56 punts and ranks third with a 42.4 yard average – a mark that ranks 17th in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) statistics.

Sechrest has a league-best 15 punts of 50-yards or more and ranks second in the SoCon with 17 punts downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line. His overall punting average has also helped WCU rank seventh in

the FCS in net punting average at 38.77, second among SoCon schools. The junior holds a 3.877 GPA in Engineering Technology and was also named the SouthernPigskin.com Special Teams Player of the Week from the Southern Conference this week.

Other nominees included Appalachian State football's Troy Sanders, UNCG volleyball's Kellie Orewiler, Chattanooga's Adam Miller, and Wofford Men's soccer's Billy Padula.

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Sept. 5: Christina Dorismond, Volleyball, Furman
Sept. 12: Nathan Wanuch, Cross Country, Chattanooga
Sept. 19: Carson Smith, Football, The Citadel
Sept. 26: Kate Van Dyke, Volleyball, Georgia Southern
Oct. 3: Lauren Hein, Women's Soccer, UNCG
Oct. 10: Julia Singley, Women's Soccer, Davidson
Oct. 17: Rachel Woodlee, Volleyball, Wofford
Oct. 24: Laura Greb, Women's Soccer, Western Carolina
Oct. 31: Paul Chelimo, Cross Country, UNCG
Nov. 7: Clark Sechrest, Football, Western Carolina

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