

#14 Wofford 16, Chattanooga 13 (OT)

The Wofford football team needed overtime to defeat Chattanooga 16-13 on Saturday afternoon at Gibbs Stadium. With the win, the Terriers earned a share of the Southern Conference Championship for the fourth time, and third in the last

five seasons. The Terriers are 8-2 on the season and 6-2 in the SoCon. Chattanooga is 5-5 overall and 4-3 in conference play. For Wofford, Eric Breitenstein had 132 yards on 28 carries and scored the game-winner in overtime. He also set the school record for career rushing in the first quarter. James Lawson was 4-of-5 passing and ran for 31 yards in his first career start at quarterback. For the Mocs, Jacob Huesman ran for 68 yards and was 22-of-31 passing for 229 yards.

Wofford won the toss and went on defense. The Mocs gained two first downs, but were stopped at the nine-yard line. Nick Pollard hit a 27-yard field goal to take a 13-10 lead. Wofford then gained a first down, but were facing third-and-four. James Lawson kept the ball and ran seven yards for the first down. From the two yard line, Eric Breitenstein took it into the end zone for the 16-13 victory.

Wofford had 249 total yards, with 215 on the ground. Chattanooga had 337 total yards, 234 of which were passing. Chattanooga had 20 first downs to 16 for Wofford. Wofford was 7-of-16 on third downs. Chattanooga was 11-of-18 on third down. Wofford had one penalty, while Chattanooga had five. Chattanooga had a 31:24 to 28:36 time of possession advantage.

Samford 26, Elon 15

Samford junior running back Fabian Truss rushed for a career-high 219 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Bulldog football team to a 26-15 Southern Conference win at Elon Saturday afternoon at Rhodes Stadium.

With the win, Samford improves to 7-3 overall and 5-3 in Southern Conference play. This marks the first time Samford has won seven games in a season since 2003. The game was Samford's final SoCon game of the season, and the Bulldogs finish with a winning league mark for the first time since joining the SoCon in 2008. Elon drops to 3-7 overall and 1-6 in league play.

Truss ran for his career-high total on 34 carries, averaging 6.4 yards per carry. Truss' performance brings his season total to a career-high 1,026 yards. The performance marks the first time a Samford running back has rushed for more than 200 yards since Chris Evans rushed for 257 yards at Wofford on Nov. 14, 2009.

Samford quarterback Andy Summerlin completed 17-of-26 passes for 111 yards and one touchdown. Kelsey Pope caught five passes for 33 yards and a score.

Trey Wesley led Samford in tackles with nine, including four solo stops. Darion Sutton had six

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tackles and one fumble recovery. Durell Hill had an interception to go along with his four tackles. Punter Greg Peranich averaged 39.5 yards on six punts. Cameron Yaw made two-of-four field goal attempts in the game.

For Elon, Thomas Wilson completed 23-of-42 passes for 227 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Aaron Millette caught 10 passes for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Jonathan Spain led all tacklers with 20.

#7 Georgia Southern 69, Howard 26

Behind 529 yards rushing, Georgia Southern defeated Howard 69-26 in front of 18,069 fans on homecoming at Allen E. Paulson Stadium. Quarterback Jerick McKinnon rushed for a career-high 198 yards and three touchdowns enroute to reaching the 1,000-yard plateau for the season. He helped the Eagles tally the most rushing yards against the Bison since 1998.

McKinnon also threw two touchdown passes while going two-for-four for 32 yards in the passing game. The junior quarterback has five touchdown passes in just 14 completions on the season. On the ground McKinnon put Georgia Southern (8-2, 6-2) up 21-0 in the first quarter with a career-long 87-yard touchdown run and finished with his seventh 100-yard rushing game of his career.

The Eagles also got 67 yards, including a 56-yard run, from Johnathan Bryant and 62 yards from reserve B-Back William Banks. On defense senior Boyd Sasser filled in nicely for an injured Darius Eubanks and led the team with 10 tackles. Fellow senior Dion DuBose made eight stops and 1.5 tackles for loss from his defensive end position, while both John Stevenson and Kyle Oehlbeck matched him with eight tackles each.

The Citadel 27, VMI 24

The Citadel retained the Silver Shako and clinched its first winning season since 2007 but not before receiving a huge scare from host VMI in the 33rd edition of the Military Classic of the South.

It was not until VanDyke Jones recovered an onside kick and Aaron Miller converted a third down run with 2:35 remaining that the Bulldogs were able to finish off a 27-24 victory over the Keydets and improve to 6-4 on the season with only next week's regular season finale at Furman remaining.

The Bulldogs will finish above .500 for the first time since going 7-4 in 2007 and can finish with a winning record in the Southern Conference (5-3) for the first time since going 4-3 in both 2006 and 2007 by defeating the Paladins.

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VMI dropped to 2-8 despite matching its season high in points and lost to The Citadel for the sixth straight time. The Bulldogs are now 22-10-1 since the game against VMI was dubbed the Military Classic of the South in 1976 and are 36-30-2 all-time in the series.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Georgia Southern 6 - 2; 8 - 2

Wofford 6 - 2; 8 - 2

Appalachian State 6 - 2; 8 - 3

Samford 5 - 3; 7 - 3

Citadel 4 - 3; 6 - 4

Chattanooga 4 - 3; 5 - 5

Furman 2 - 5; 3 - 7

Elon 1 - 6; 3 - 7

Western Carolina 0 - 8; 1 - 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES

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WESTERN CAROLINA @ ALABAMA, 12 NOON
WOFFORD @ SOUTH CAROLINA, 1 P.M.
GEORGIA SOUTHERN @ GEORGIA, 1:30 P.M.
THE CITADEL @ FURMAN, 1:30 P.M.
ELON @ CHATTANOOGA, 2 P.M.
SAMFORD @ KENTUCKY, 7 P.M.
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