

WOFFORD TERRIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

QUARTERBACKS - The Terriers run a wingbone offense so the QB's do not have huge passing numbers but are a major factor in the rush attack. In '08 Wofford had to replace a 3 yr starting QB (1030 pass yd, 514 rush yd) but ret'd Ben Widmyer (361 pass yd, 242 rush). He threw for 1,284 (65%, 10-2) and was the #2 rusher (800, 5.6). Mitch Allen threw for 170 (59%, 0-2) and ran for 404 (8.4). LY Widmyer departed and Allen threw for just 605 (43.6%, 7-6) but was the #1 rusher with 633 (4.7). Backup Stev Davitte threw for 197 (60.7%, 0-1) while rushing for 272 (5.9, 2 TD). TY they must replace Davitte but Allen returns along with Chris White, who played in 3 (16 tkl yd).

RUNNING BACKS - In '08 the Terriers had to replace their top 3 rushers who comb for 2,291 (5.2). Dane Romero led in '08 (1078, 5.1, 23 TD) earning AA honors and Wofford ranked #2 in the FCS in rushing. LY Romero and QB Widmyer departed but they ret'd 3 of their top 5 led by Mike Rucker (539, 7.2) and FB Eric Breitenstein (395, 6.7). The unit was hit by injuries as starting HB Jeremy Marshall (256 in '08) missed the ssn, while 3 other HB's missed a comb 24 gms and Breitenstein ply'd in just 9 (still rushed for 187, 6.7). Despite rushing for 70 ypg less in '09 the Terriers still ranked #2 in the FCS. TY they ret 7 of their top 9 rushers plus get Breitenstein and Marshall back, making this a very dangerous unit.

RECEIVERS - Wofford lost 3 of its top 4 rec LY incl 2nd Tm SoCon WR Andy Strickland (656, 19.3) and TE Fenn Allen (230, 16.4). Justice Joslin was their top returnee with just 202 (28.9). As you would expect with a rush centered offense, they remained last in the SoCon in rec and finished 2nd last in that category in the FCS. TY they lose their #2 rec Joslin (227, 15.1) but ret 4 of the top 5 led by Brenton Bersin (356, 23.7) and Devin Reed (150, 16.7) who combined for 6 of the team's 8 rec TD's in '09.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL ret'd 3 s'trs in '08 led by 1st Tm SoCon RT Derek Wooten. They improved the rush ypg by 30 as their ypc went from 5.2 to 6.1 and they cut their sks allowed from 14 to an FCS-best 5 (3.4%). The OL ret'd just 2 s'trs in '09 and had to replace 3 All-SoCon OL (one 1st Tm). In an injury-plagued ssn the OL actually had 4 who started all 11 gm. Their ypc still dropped from 6.1 to 5.3 but their 9 sks allowed (8.2%) were 2nd fewest in the SoCon (#5 FCS). The only losses TY are LT Matt Vick (11 st) and C Joe

Fornadel (3 st). Four s'trs ret in 1st Tm SoCon LG Pat Illig, 2nd Tm SoCon RT Clark Bishop, RG Ben Wilmoth and C Trey Johnson.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The DL ret'd just 1 s'tr in '08 and had to replace a 2nd Tm SoCon DE. They improved their ypc from 4.1 to 3.9 and again finished #2 in the conf in rush D while leading the conf with 34 sks. In '09 the DL lost 2 s'trs incl 2nd Tm SoCon NT Layton Baker (22 tkl, 4 tfl) but ret'd 1st Tm SoCon DE Mitch Clark (30 tkl, 8 sk). However Clark missed 9 (inj) leaving the line completely inexperienced. They fell from #2 to #7 in the SoCon in rush defense giving up 4.5 ypc LY and the D's sack tfl dropped to 21. They return three s'trs TY in DE Ameet Pall (29 tkl, 8 tfl), NT Eric Eberhardt (32 tkl, 5 tfl), and DE Alex Goltry (15 tkl, 3 sk) but Clark (1 sk) does depart.

LINEBACKERS - The LB unit lost the #2 tkl'r in '08 but ret'd 4 who comb for 35 st. Despite the exp group, the ppg allowed remained at 24.8. LY they had to replace 3 s'trs (#1, #2 and #4 tkl's) but ret'd starting OLB Gary Blount (#5 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl) and ILB Mike Niam (#6 tkl'r). With those losses the ppg fell to 33.5 which was #108 in the FCS. TY they lose 2 s'trs in Blount (#4 tkl'r, 10 tfl) and Jonathon Sharpe (#6 tkl'r) along with Cody Van Der Linden (19 tkl). They ret 5 who comb for 25 st led by Keaton Thompson (#2 tkl'r, 10.5 tfl), SeQuan Stanley (#3 tkl'r, 5.5 tfl) and Anthony Carden (34 tkl) along with Niam (23 tkl, 3 gm) and Ricco Braxton (13 tkl, 2 sk, 4 gm), who both missed time with inj.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The secondary lost all 4 starters in '08 but allowed just 13 ypg more passing finishing #8 in the SoCon in pass D allowing a 24-13 ratio. In '09 they lost FS Jason Leventis (#3 tkl'r) but ret'd 3 s'trs incl 2nd Tm SoCon Mychael Johnson. Despite improving slightly on the ypg passing allowed, they allowed a horrific 71.5% comp and a 24-16 ratio. This year the only loss is S Johnson (43 tkl, 1 int) as 6 of the top 7 ret (combined 33 st). FS Tommy Irvin was the #1 tkl'r (3 pd) and he returns along with CB Blake Wylie (37 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Kendall Bratcher (32 tkl, 4 pd), CB Stephon Shelton (28 tkl) and CB Preston Roseboro (26 tkl). After LY's performance, there's only one way this unit can go, right?

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wofford had to replace K Patrick Mugan (7-9 FG) and PR Andy Strickland (10.6 in '09). They did return P Craig Novacek (36.3 avg), who filled in for Chris Tommie (missed '08 w/inj), and KR Mike Rucker (22.2 ypr). This year they lose 1st Tm SoCon P Tommie (43.8 avg, would've ranked #5 FCS but not enough att)



LB Keaton Thompson

Spartanburg, South Carolina
Enrollment: 1,450

Mike Ayers (Career 155-125-2)
23rd Year at Wofford
Ayers at Wofford (144-104-1)

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	at Ohio
9/11	at Charleston Southern
9/18	Union (KY)
9/25	
10/2	Furman
10/9	at Georgia Southern
10/16	Western Carolina
10/23	at Elon
10/30	The Citadel
11/6	at Samford
11/13	at Appalachian St
11/20	Chattanooga



2009 RECORD:
(3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 9*

DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:

Returning: 49 (22,25,2)

Lost: 12 (5,6,1)

2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:

7,273 (#50)

SOUTHERN

and top PR Justice Joslin (10.7). They return K Christian Reed (5-7 FG) and their top 2 KR.

COACHES - HC Mike Ayers enters his 23rd season but is coming off his first losing ssn since 2001. Wade Lang enters his 21st ssn as OC and Nate Woody enters his 10th at DC.

FORECAST - The Terriers ret'd just 3 s'trs LY and had an injury-plagued year. Overall the group lost 6 offensive players to season ending injuries. The inexperienced group avg'd 119 ypg less and saw their point production fall by 13.2 ppg. TY the offense returns 9 starters and gets back the 2 they lost in '09. They return 7 of their top 9 rushers and also return 4 starters on the OL. The defense was also bitten by the inj bug as they ret'd 5 starters (6 of top 10 tkl's) but then lost their only returning DL after 1 gm and lost 4 others to season ending injuries. As you would expect, the numbers went up in most categories. TY the D returns 8 starters and while they lose 3 of their top 6 tkl's they return 22 of their top 26. The Terriers played 11 true frosh with 4 earning starts on def (3 with 5+). They were also a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team as they went from 9-3 (+11 in TO's) to 3-8 (-10 in TO's). All of these factors point towards things going up for Wofford. They go from 8 to 17 returning starters and because of all the injuries, they now have experienced depth. While the Terriers' tough conf sked may prevent them from winning the SoCon crown, they will be in the hunt. With the expanded playoffs, they could make it to the postseason for the 3rd time in the 4 years. I will call for the Terriers to be one of the most improved teams in the FCS.

STADIUM: GIBBS STADIUM (13,000) (#62) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	12-2	8-3	6-5	7-4	9-4	9-3	3-8	63-32
Home	4-1	8-0	5-1	4-1	4-2	4-3	6-0	1-4	36-12
Away	5-2	4-2	3-2	2-4	3-2	5-1	3-3	2-4	27-20
Conf	6-2	8-0	4-3	3-4	5-2	5-2	7-1	2-6	40-20
Non-Conf	3-1	4-2	4-0	3-1	2-2	4-2	2-2	1-2	23-12
Playoffs	-	2-1	-	-	-	1-1	0-1	-	3-3

2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Mitch Allen	136	747	114	633	6	4.7	Tommy Irvin	74	0	3.5	2	1
Mike Rucker	87	636	34	602	6	6.9	Keaton Thompson	69	4	6.5	1	0
Michael Scott	104	583	7	576	3	5.5	SeQuan Stanley	55	2	3.5	0	0
Austin Palmer	67	295	2	293	4	4.4	Gary Blount	55	1	9	2	1
Stev Davitte	46	297	25	272	2	5.9	Mychael Johnson	43	0	0	1	1
Arsenio Parks	43	197	3	194	0	4.5	Jonathon Sharpe	40	0	1	0	1
Eric Breitenstein	28	187	0	187	3	6.7	Blake Wylie	37	0	1.5	5	0
Derek Boyce	3	78	0	78	1	26.0	Anthony Carden	34	0	1	0	0
Alex Dunmire	11	74	0	74	0	6.7	Eric Eberhardt	32	1	4	0	0
Justice Joslin	5	56	9	47	0	9.4	Kendall Bratcher	32	0	1	3	1
Sean Lees	19	61	15	46	0	2.4	Rob Williams	30	0	0.5	1	0
Devin Reed	4	26	3	23	0	5.8	Ameet Pall	29	4	4	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PLAYER	STPHN	SHLTON	ROSEBORO	MIKE NIAM	CODY VAN DER LINDEN
Mitch Allen	78	34	43.6	605	7	6	Preston Roseboro	26	0	0	1	0
Stev Davitte	17	28	60.7	197	0	1	Mike Niam	23	1	0	0	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	CODY VAN DER LINDEN	PHILLIP LEGRANDE	COLEMAN HORNADAY	ALEX GOLTRY	JUSTICE JOSLIN	BRENTON BERSIN
Brenton Bersin	15	356	23.7	4	69	Phillip LeGrande	19	0	0	0	0	0
Justice Joslin	15	227	15.1	2	35	Coleman Hornaday	18	0	0	0	0	0
Devin Reed	9	150	16.7	2	44	Alex Goltry	15	3	1.5	0	0	0
Mike Rucker	3	39	13.0	0	34	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	PLAYER	JUSTICE JOSLIN
Joesh Inman	2	28	14.0	0	22	Justice Joslin	6	64	10.7	0	0	0
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	IN20	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	PLAYER
Chris Tommie	29	1270	43.8	8	35.8	2	3	3	24	8.0	0	0
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	PLAYER
Christian Reed	32-33	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-0	5-7	42	22	568	25.8	0	0
								25	526	21.0	0	0
												Stéphon Shelton
												Mike Rucker

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	STS	TOTAL	OFF	RUSH	OFF	PASS	PASS	OFF	YPP	SKS	TOTAL	RET	STS	TOTAL	DEF	RUSH	DEF	PASS	PASS	DEF	YPP	SKS
			OFF	YPC	PASS	%					TURN				DEF	YPC	YPP	%			BY	
3	23.3	348	270	5.3	78	48.2	15.0	9	-10	2009	5	33.5	393	172	4.5	220	71.5	11.7	21			
6	36.5	467	340	6.1	127	64.1	12.8	5	+11	2008	4	24.8	371	134	3.9	236	66.0	14.9	34			
8*	34.2	428	310	5.2	118	54.9	12.5	14	+1	2007	8	24.8	368	145	4.1	223	61.7	14.8	20			
6	29.9	335	264	5.1	71	54.1	11.2	9	+21	2006	8	19.4	342	140	4.0	202	59.2	17.7	32			
-	22.6	348	283	4.9	65	39.1	15.4	13	+6	2005	-	26.5	381	178	4.3	203	61.9	14.3	20			
-	30.8	374	305	5.3	69	51.4	12.1	14	+11	2004	-	22.5	325	130	3.3	195	64.5	14.5	20			

OFFENSE

2009 STATS BY GAME

DEFENSE

WC 2009 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TURN
40,360	at USF	13	50-177	3.5	4-11	34	2	22	32-174	5.4	21-25	185	2	0
7,017	Charles South	21	52-384	7.4	8-14	98	0	17	37-113	3.1	17-28	167	4	+3
78,253	at Wisconsin	16	55-214	3.9	3-7	45	2	21	42-258	6.1	16-21	172	0	-1
8,452	at Chattanooga	11	38-151	4.0	7-14	75	1	21	42-170	4.0	23-30	176	2	-3
8,490	GA Southern	16	52-234	4.5	4-9	83	0	17	36-148	4.1	25-28	187	4	-2
8,330	Appalachian St	17	51-384	7.5	4-8	153	0	25	41-196	4.8	27-34	415	3	-3
10,017	at W Carolina	21	56-374	6.7	5-7	52	0	19	37-175	4.7	16-32	159	0	+1
6,610	Elon	10	50-146	2.9	3-8	24	2	23	34-79	2.3	31-45	323	1	-2
15,155	at The Citadel	24	54-320	5.9	9-12	130	1	17	29-102	3.5	22-33	172	3	+2
5,917	Samford	25	47-347	7.4	4-13	119	0	25	54-304	5.6	19-27	174	1	-1
9,435	at Furman	17	58-241	4.2	2-7	45	1	28	37-177	4.8	26-37	292	1	-4
TOTALS		191	563-2972	5.3	53-110	858	9	235	421-1896	4.5	243-340	2422	21	-10
AVERAGES		17.4	51-270	5.3	5-10	78	0.8	21.4	38-172	4.5	22-31	220	1.9	-0.9

2004 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
at South Carolina St	24-22
at Georgia Southern	14-58
Johnson C Smith	56-0
Chattanooga	56-21
at Elon	27-13
Western Carolina	15-12
at Appalachian St	17-38
The Citadel	38-17
Gardner-Webb	49-17
Furman	24-31
at VMI	19-18

2005 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Georgetown (KY)	34-24
at West Virginia	7-35
Georgia Southern	21-17
at Chattanooga	13-25
Elon	14-9
VMI	38-23
Appalachian St	17-49
at The Citadel	28-10
at Western Carolina	0-24
at Furman	21-34
at Gardner-Webb	56-42

2006 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
South Carolina St	28-21
Coastal Carolina	38-41
at South Carolina	20-27
Furman	21-35
The Citadel	28-20
at Appalachian St	7-14
at Elon	35-21
Western Carolina	35-7
at Georgia Southern	28-10
Chattanooga	55-0
at Gardner-Webb	34-17

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Georgetown (KY)	38-21
Charleston Southern	54-24
at NC State	17-38
Appalachian St	42-31
at Furman	45-20
at The Citadel	28-27
Gardner-Webb	52-17
Elon	13-24
at Western Carolina	47-44
Georgia Southern	35-38
at Chattanooga	42-16
at Montana	23-22
Richmond	10-21

2008 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Presbyterian	38-21
Charleston Southern	41-23
at South Carolina	13-23
at Georgia Southern (OT)	38-37
Chattanooga	56-7
Western Carolina	42-14
at Elon	55-20
at Appalachian St	24-70
The Citadel	33-28
at Samford	28-7
Furman	35-10
at James Madison	35-38