

2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



Nick McNeil (left) and Michale Spicer will go down as one of, if not the, best defensive end tandems in Catamount history. McNeil was a three-time All-SoCon pick and finished among the WCU career top five in both sacks and tackles for losses. Spicer, an All-American pick in 2002 and a two-time, first team All-SoCon pick, is the WCU career leader in TFLs and came up just one sack shy of the school record for career sacks.



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GAME ONE • SATURDAY • AUGUST 30, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	20
#14 NORTH CAROLINA STATE	59
CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (53,800)	

RALEIGH, N.C. — Western Carolina's Brian Gaither and Michael Reeder each had impressive games, but their efforts were not enough as the Catamounts fell to 14th-ranked North Carolina State, 59-20, at Carter-Finley Stadium in the teams' 2003 season opener.

Gaither posted then career highs in completions (20) and attempts (37) while throwing for 173 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions or sacks. Reeder posted career highs with nine receptions for 132 yards while scoring his first career touchdown.

The Wolfpack, under the direction of Heisman Trophy candidate Phillip Rivers, scored on each of their first three possessions. Rivers, who was 26-of-30 for 320 yards and three scores, completed 4-of-4 passes on the first drive, including a six-yard touchdown to Tremain Hall. The Catamounts answered with an impressive 13-play, 62-yard drive. However the drive stalled at the NC State 18 and the Cats were unable to put points on the board. The Pack extended their advantage to 21-0 thanks to TD runs of eight and 17 yards by T.A. McLendon.

Western would get on the board early in the second quarter. A 53-yard punt by Stanton Horne, who averaged 45.0 yards on six punts, backed North Carolina State up to its own 21 yard line. One play later, Deonte Cook forced and recovered a McLendon fumble. Western moved to the 14 on a Gaither-to-Reeder pass and Nicholas Wishart did the rest with runs of eight and six yards, making the score 21-7.

NC State extended its advantage to 42-7 with a three-yard TD run by Cotra Jackson, a 67-yard punt return by Hall and an 18-yard Rivers-to-Jerricho Cotchery touchdown pass.

With 2:39 left in the first half, Gaither directed an impressive 10-play, 81-yard scoring drive. After a 16-yard rush by Wishart to start the drive, Gaither would complete 5-of-8 passes, including a 30-yard strike to Reeder for a TD and making the score 42-14 at the break. Reeder caught three passes in the drive for 54 yards, while Lamont Seward caught the other two for 15 yards. Seward's second grab, a 10-yard catch, played a key role in the score as the Cats were facing a fourth and nine situation. Two plays later, Gaither hit Reeder for the touchdown.

The Cats kept the momentum as the second half began. T. Alford gave WCU good field position, taking the second half kickoff at the goal line and returning it to the WCU 33. Western took advantage of two NC State penalties and a 29-yard Gaither-to-Reeder pass to get to the Wolfpack 10. Two plays later, Manny DeShauteurs made a highlight-reel run, bouncing off several would-be tacklers, and reached the endzone, cutting the Catamount deficit to 42-20.

NC State would close the game with two touchdowns and a field goal to provide the final margin.

In addition to solid performances by Gaither and Reeder, the Cats were led by Wishart, who gained 34 yards on six carries for an average of 5.7 yard per rush. The Catamount defense, which held the Wolfpack to only 91 yards rushing, was led by redshirt freshman Bruce Lee. The cornerback tallied 10 tackles in his first collegiate game. Linebackers Lamar Barnes and Jada Sullivan contributed eight and seven tackles, respectively, while linebacker Rod Dunlap tallied two tackles for losses.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	Record:
Western Carolina	0	14	6	0	20	Record: (0-1)
NC State	14	28	14	3	59	Record: (1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st	13:28	NCST	Tremain Hall 6 yd pass from Phillip Rivers (Adam Kiker kick), 4-47 1:32
	04:23	NCST	T.A. McLendon 8 yd run (Adam Kiker kick), 11-80 3:32
2nd	14:54	NCST	T.A. McLendon 17 yd run (Adam Kiker kick), 7-77 3:30
	11:02	WCU	Nicholas Wishart 8 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 4-27 1:24
	08:39	NCST	Cotra Jackson 3 yd run (Adam Kiker kick), 9-77 4:23
	05:27	NCST	Tremain Hall 67 yd punt return (John Deraney kick)
	02:39	NCST	Jerricho Cotchery 18 yd pass from Phillip Rivers (John Deraney kick), 7-45 1:09
	00:15	WCU	Michael Reeder 30 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 10-81 2:24
3rd	12:40	WCU	Manny DeShauteurs 10 yd run (Chris Vought kick blocked), 4-67 2:20
	09:21	NCST	Cotra Jackson 2 yd pass from Phillip Rivers (Adam Kiker kick), 8-86 3:19
	01:40	NCST	Brian Clark 25 yd pass from Jay Davis (Adam Kiker kick), 10-64 4:44
4th	09:45	NCST	Adam Kiker 21 yd field goal, 8-41 3:30

	WCU	NCST
FIRST DOWNS	16	33
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-43	34-91
PASSING YDS (NET)	192	403
Passes Att-Comp-Int	41-22-0	39-34-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	65-235	73-494
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	3-72
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-184	4-64
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-45.0	1-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	11-96	8-80
Possession Time	30:15	29:45
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

RUSHING:

WCU - Nicholas Wishart 6-34, 1 TD; Manny DeShauteurs 12-23, 1 TD; Brian Gaither 1-3; Johnna Philyaw 1-1; James Conklin 1-1; Sam Brown 2(-1); Lamont Seward 1(-18).

NCST - T.A. McLendon 14-69, 2 TDs; Josh Brown 5-25; Cotra Jackson 9-20, 1 TD; Tremain Hal 2-4; Fred Span 1(-5); Phillip Rivers 2(-9); TEAM 1(-13).

PASSING:

WCU - Brian Gaither 20-37-0-173, 1 TD; Justin Clark 2-4-0-19.

NCST - Phillip Rivers 26-30-0-320, 3 TDs; Jay Davis 8-9-0-83, 1 TD.

RECEIVING:

WCU - Michael Reeder 9-132, 1 TD; Lamont Seward 5-29; L.J. Williams 3-15; Nicholas Wishart 2-1; Xavier Godard 1-11; Craig Younce 1-6; Manny DeShauteurs 1(-2).

NCST - Sterling Hicks 7-110; Tremain Hall 7-97, 1 TD; Jerricho Cotchery 5-62, 1 TD; Lamart Barrett 3-25; Brian Clark 2-36, 1 TD; T.J. Williams 2-29; John Ritcher 2-18; T.A. McLendon 2-14; Cotra Jackson, 1 TD 2-5; Avery Gibson 1-4; Chris Hawkins 1-3.

INTS: WCU - None. **NCST** - None.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Bruce Lee 8-2; Jada Sullivan 6-1; Lamar Barnes 6-1; Otis Powell 5-1; B.J. Jessup 4-2; Mitchell Dukes 2-3; Shelton Gaffney 4-0.

GAME TWO • SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 6, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	3
DUKE	29
WALLACE WADE STADIUM (18,800)	

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke quarterback Adam Smith came off the bench to throw for two touchdowns and rush for one in leading the Duke Blue Devils to a 29-3 victory over Western Carolina at Wallace Wade Stadium.

Smith, who lost his starting role after the first game of the season, entered the game midway through the second quarter after Mike Schneider had been knocked out of the game and Duke facing a fourth and three on the WCU 30. Smith proceeded to complete a 24-yard pass to Khary Sharpe to get the first down and, one play later, hit Reggie Love on a six-yard touchdown pass, giving Duke a 13-0 lead. Smith would end the game by completing 13-of-20 passes for 120 yards and two TDs.

Duke got on the board early, taking the opening kickoff and driving 80 yards on 14 plays for the 6-0 lead. Chris Douglas, who rushed nine times for 38 yards on the opening series, capped the drive with a three-yard touchdown run. Douglas finished with 22 rushes for 106 yards. Late in the first quarter, Smith entered and led Duke to its second TD in the game. On their next series, the Blue Devils made the score 16-0 thanks to a 44-yard field goal by Matt Brooks.

On Western's first possession of the second half, Gaither was sacked and fumbled, giving Duke the ball on the one yard line. One play later, Smith scored on a quarterback sneak.

The Catamount offense began to click on the ensuing possession as Gaither completed 4-of-6 passes for 46 yards, moving WCU to the Duke 23. However, a penalty, a sack and another penalty moved the Cats out of field goal range. After a Stanton Horne punt backed Duke up to its own seven, Western's defense forced a Duke punt. Gaither would complete nine straight passes on the Cats' next drive, setting up a 26-yard Chris Vought field goal and making the score 22-3.

Duke capped the scoring midway through the fourth quarter. For the second time in the game, Smith threw a fade pass to Love for a TD, this time from four-yards out, providing the final 29-3 margin.

For Western, Brian Gaither finished the game completing 18-of-33 passes for 181 yards with three interceptions. Lamont Seward and Michael Reeder each caught six passes for 70 and 47 yards, respectively. For the second straight week, Horne was solid, averaging 44.7 yards on six punts.

Defensively for the Catamounts, Jada Sullivan and Rod Dunlap led the way, each collecting 12 tackles. Dunlap added a sack and a pass break. Michale Spicer, who played sparingly in the opener at NC State, tallied five stops, including four tackles for loss with two sacks.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	Record:
Western Carolina	0	0	3	0	3	Record: (0-2)
Duke	6	10	6	7	29	Record: (1-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	08:41	DUKE	Chris Douglas 3 yd run (rush failed), 14-80 6:19
2nd	07:47	DUKE	Reggie Love 6 yd pass from Adam Smith (Matt Brooks kick), 5-37 1:32
	01:13	DUKE	Matt Brooks 44 yd field goal, 11-29 4:44
3rd	14:12	DUKE	Adam Smith 1 yd run (Matt Brooks kick blocked), 1-1 0:04
	03:08	WCU	Chris Vought 26 yd field goal, 14-60 3:34
4th	07:15	DUKE	Reggie Love 4 yd pass from Adam Smith (Matt Brooks kick), 9-44 3:55

	WCU	DUKE
FIRST DOWNS	10	25
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-4	57-215
PASSING YDS (NET)	181	181
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-18-3	29-18-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-185	86-396
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-2	4-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-111	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	3-2
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-44.7	4-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	11-85	5-46
Possession Time	20:45	39:15
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-17	3-25

RUSHING:

WCU - Manny DeShauteurs 10-15; Nicholas Wishart 4-4; Brian Gaither 5(-15).

DUKE - Chip Douglas 22-106, 1 TD; Cedric Dargan 6-34; Senterrio Landrum 3-26; Mike Schneider 7-20; Adam Smith 8-16, 1 TD; Alex Wade 8-12; Ronnie Elliott 1-4; TEAM 1(-1); Deon Adams 1(-2).

PASSING:

WCU - Brian Gaither 18-33-3-181.

DUKE - Adam Smith 13-20-0-120, 2 TDs; Mike Schneider 5-9-0-61.

RECEIVING:

WCU - Lamont Seward 6-70; Michael Reeder 6-47; L.J. Williams 2-33; Manny DeShauteurs 1-22; Brian Rucker 1-12; Nicholas Wishart 1-1; Todd Bargella 1(-4).

DUKE - Reggie Love 4-30, 2 TDs; Lance Johnson 3-28; Khary Sharpe 2-39; Cedric Dargan 2-15; Chip Douglas 2-6; Ben Patriek 1-18; Alex Wade 1-16; Ronnie Elliott 1-14; Calen Powell 1-8; Senterrio Landrum 1-7.

INTS: WCU - None. **DUKE** - Alex Green 1-0; Deon Adams 1-0; Temo George 1-2.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Jada Sullivan 9-3; Rod Dunlap 6-6; Lamar Barnes 3-4; Francis Brown 5-1; Albert Reid 3-3; Otis Powell 2-4; Michale Spicer 3-2.

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GAME THREE • SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	45
JOHNSON C. SMITH	0
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (10,083)	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Western Carolina quarterback Brian Gaither threw four touchdowns, including three to Xavier Godard, as the Catamounts rolled to a 45-0 victory over Johnson C. Smith before 10,083 in the newly expanded E.J. Whitmire Stadium. The game was Western's 2003 home opener with the Cats improving to 21-9 in home openers since Whitmire Stadium opened in 1974, including six straight and 11 of their last 12.

Gaither, who completed 16 of 26 passes for 194 yards, tied a Whitmire Stadium record with his four touchdown passes, becoming the fifth player in stadium history to accomplish the feat. Godard returned to the lineup after an injury the previous week to register five receptions for 78 yards. The Athens, Ga., native only caught one TD pass as a freshman and becomes the first Catamount receiver to haul in three scores in a game since Lamont Seward, who hauled in three passes for 70 yards versus the Golden Bulls, caught three versus Lenoir-Rhyne in the Cats' 2000 home opener.

Western pounded out a 244 yards on the ground, led by Manny DeShauteurs, who rushed for 99 yards on 19 attempts. Darius Fudge picked up 67 yards on 10 carries, all in the second half. Punter Stanton Horne continued his strong play, averaging 48.7 yards on his three punts.

Defensively, the Cats forced 13 punts on JCSU's 17 possessions and just missed a pair of single-game records. The unit held the Golden Bulls to minus 23 yards rushing on 31 attempts as they registered 19 tackles for losses, including seven sacks. The record for fewest yards rushing by a WCU opponent is minus 29 yards (by App State in 1965) and the most sacks by a WCU defense in a game is nine (versus Lenoir-Rhyne in 2000). The Catamount defense was led by Rod Dunlap, Buck Freeman, Rico Reese, Nick McNeil, Lamar Barnes and Felipe Foster, each of whom tallied two tackles for losses. McNeil's two TFLs were both sacks, while Michale Spicer and Albert Reid added solo sacks.

Western took the opening kickoff and marched into scoring position, only to come up short after a missed field goal. After the defense held JC Smith on a three-and-out, Michael Reeder returned a Chivous Kelly punt 26 yards to the Golden Bull 26. One play later, Gaither connected with Godard on the first of their three scores.

Despite a Horne punt being downed on the JCSU one by Francis Brown and a near safety on a McNeil sack, the Cats were not able to capitalize on good field position, losing the ball on downs as the second quarter began. Rico Reese would force and recover a fumble, but a second missed field goal kept the game tight. Midway through the second quarter, the WCU offense found paydirt for the second time as Gaither hit Godard for a 27-yard score.

After trading turnovers and time running out in the first half, Gaither hit J.C. Brown on a short crossing route, which the redshirt freshman from Murphy took the distance for a 42-yard touchdown. The catch was the first by J.C. Brown in his young career. Gaither then found a wide-open Brian Rucker in the endzone for a two-point conversion, making the score 21-0 at the break.

Western's defense forced JC Smith's to punt out of its own endzone on its first possession of the second half, which gave WCU the ball on the Golden Bull 27. After runs of seven, 10, four and minus three yards by DeShauteurs, Gaither threw a 10-yard TD pass to Godard, making the score 28-0. After another three and out by JC Smith, Western made the score 31-0 after a 26-yard Chris Vought field goal. After only a four-play drive by the Golden Bulls, Western answered with a four-play, 60-yard scoring drive, which was capped by a six-yard Nicholas Wishart TD run.

With 4:32 left in the game, Western began a final drive. After seven straight rushes by Fudge, Sam Brown had a 13-yard run and a 19-yard, touchdown run, providing the final 45-0 margin.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Johnson C. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	Record: (0-2)
Western Carolina	7	14	17	7	45	Record: (1-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st 08:29	WCU	Xavier Godard 26 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 1-26 1:46
2nd 06:52	WCU	Xavier Godard 27 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick failed), 5-57 1:37
00:22	WCU	J.C. Brown 42 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Brian Rucker pass from Brian Gaither), 5-57 1:05
3rd 10:00	WCU	Xavier Godard 10 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 5-28 2:23
05:53	WCU	Chris Vought 26 yd field goal, 7-28 2:13
02:42	WCU	Nicholas Wishart 6 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 4-60 1:11
4th 01:21	WCU	Sam Brown 19 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 8-53 3:11

	JCSU	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	8	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-23	49-244
PASSING YDS (NET)	143	258
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-12-0	33-19-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	61-120	82-502
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-7	5-54
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-84	1-14
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	13-31.8	3-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-1
Penalties-Yards	16-76	10-85
Possession Time	21:06	31:11
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	7-48

RUSHING:

JCSU - Stephen Drake 4-10; Kevin Woods 6-7; Dwan Thomas 1-4; Derick Bostic 7-4; Larry Ledbetter 3-1; Andre Kittles 1-0; Greg Johnson 2-(-1); Bernard Hawk 3-(-10); Donja Goodson 4-(-38).
WCU - Manny DeShauteurs 19-99; Darius Fudge 10-67; Sam Brown 4-50, 1 TD; Nicholas Wishart 5-19, 1 TD; John Bush 3-16; Brian Gaither 2-1; Justin Clark 3-0; TEAM 1-(-2); Scooter Dalton 1-(-3); T. Alford 1-(-3).

PASSING:

JCSU - Bernard Hawk 6-17-0-73; Donja Goodson 6-13-0-70.
WCU - Brian Gaither 16-26-1-194, 4 TDs; Justin Clark 3-5-1-64; Josh Lee 0-2-0-0.

RECEIVING:

JCSU - Dwan Thomas 3-40; Eddie Menter 2-32; Dedrick Mayo 2-25; Andre Kittles 2-8; Kevin Woods 1-20; Bryan James 1-15; Derick Bostic 1-3.
WCU - Xavier Godard 5-78, 3 TDs; Manny DeShauteurs 4-39; Lamont Seward 3-70; J.C. Brown 1-42, 1 TD; Brian Rucker 1-10; Nick Miller 1-8; Nicholas Wishart 1-5; Todd Bargella 1-4; L.J. Williams 1-2; Michael Reeder 1-0.

INTS: **JCSU** - Chi-Emeke Worthington 1-0; Omar Bizzell 1-0. **WCU** - None.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Rod Dunlap 3-3; Otis Powell 3-2; Ricky Rainey 2-2; Buck Freeman 2-2; Rico Reese 2-2; Bruce Lee 2-2; Nick McNeil 3-0; Albert Reid 3-0; Lamar Barnes 1-2; Felipe Foster 0-3.

GAME FOUR • SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	28
THE CITADEL	21
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (8,549)	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — For the second week in a row, Western Carolina quarterback Brian Gaither and wide receiver Xavier Godard each had an impressive game to lead the Catamounts. This contest, televised on The Football Network and the 2003 Southern Conference opener for both teams, was a 28-21 WCU win over The Citadel at E.J. Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

Gaither completed 16-of-26 passes for 224 yards and three TDs. Godard hauled in two of the three scores, including a 62-yarder with 2:26 left in the game, which proved to be the game-winner.

On WCU's second possession, it took a 7-0 lead, marching 65 yards in nine plays. Manny DeShauteurs had three rushes, while Nicholas Wishart had two runs and a pass reception in the drive, putting the Cats on the 11. The series was capped with an 11-yard Gaither to Lamont Seward TD.

As the second quarter began, The Citadel moved to scoring position, having first and goal on the eight. Two Nehemiah Broughton runs got the ball to the one. The Cats' Francis Brown and Michale Spicer held the Bulldogs on third and one, then, James Conklin kept The Citadel out of the endzone on fourth and one.

Western took possession on its own one-foot line, then drove the length on the field for an 11-play, 99-yard scoring drive, making the score 13-0. The drive was kept alive on third and four from the Catamount seven when Gaither found Seward for a 22-yard reception. On third and four again, Gaither completed a short pass to DeShauteurs, who gained 41 yards getting to the Bulldog 24. Five plays later, Gaither threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Godard.

The Catamounts proved why they led the SoCon in rush defense on the next series. The Bulldogs started the drive with the ball on the 36. Phillip Young and Lamar Barnes registered an 11-yard tackle for loss. On the next play, The Citadel was backed up 12 more yards on a Rico Reese sack. Then, on third down, Dwan Johnson tallied a five-yard sack.

After a Bulldog punt, Western would go up 20-0 at the break, thanks to a 41 yard rushing touchdown by Wishart. The Toronto, Ontario, native finished with an impressive 9.2 yards per carry on the day, rushing six times for 55 yards.

The Citadel came out in the second half and began to have success offensively. After only gaining 88 yards in the first half, the Bulldogs piled up 337 in the second, thanks to the efforts of senior quarterback Willie Simmons. The transfer from Clemson posted career highs in attempts (38), completions (23) and yards (323). Scooter Johnson and Pough were Simmons' top targets. Pough had six receptions for 82 yards, while Johnson had seven for 71 with two TDs.

The Bulldogs got on the board with 4:23 left in the third quarter. Simmons was 3-for-4 passing for 53 yards on the 10-play, 80-yard drive, while Broughton had runs of six yards, two yards, two yards and finally one yard to make the score 20-7.

With 7:17 left in the game, the Bulldogs would begin an impressive three-minute, 74-yard drive. Simmons would complete 5-of-7 passes and pick up a key fist down on a 15-yard run. On fourth and goal, Simmons found Johnson in the endzone for the eight-yard score, making the score 20-14.

On the ensuing possession, Western scored what proved to be the game-winner. Facing third and nine from the Cats' own 38, Gaither scrambled and found Godard on a 62-yard streak pattern. Gaither and Godard hooked up again for the two-point conversion, making the score 28-14. The Citadel cut its deficit to seven, 28-21, on the next possession. Simmons moved the Bulldogs 73 yards in 10 plays and just 1:36. The drive was capped with a Simmons to Johnson eight-yard TD.

The Citadel tried an on-side kick with 43 seconds left in the game. The kick sailed out of bounds and Western ran out the clock for the win.

Defensively for the Cats, senior Rod Dunlap led the way with nine tackles while Reese finished with five tackles, including three for losses and a sack, and an interception.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
The Citadel	0	0	7	14	21	Record: (1-3,0-1)
Western Carolina	7	13	0	8	28	Record: (2-2,1-0)

Scoring Summary:

1st 05:33	WCU	Lamont Seward 11 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 9-65 3:33
2nd 04:49	WCU	Xavier Godard 5 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick failed), 11-99 5:20
01:06	WCU	Nicholas Wishart 41 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 4-52 1:11
3rd 04:23	CIT	Nehemiah Broughton 1 yd run (Blake Vandiver kick), 10-80 4:08
4th 04:17	CIT	Scooter Johnson 8 yd pass from Willie Simmons (Blake Vandiver kick), 10-74 3:00
02:26	WCU	Xavier Godard 62 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Godard pass from Gaither), 3-63 1:51
00:45	CIT	Scooter Johnson 8 yd pass from Willie Simmons (Blake Vandiver kick), 10-73 1:41

	JCSU	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	25	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-102	33-141
PASSING YDS (NET)	323	224
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-23-1	26-16-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	79-425	59-365
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	2-30
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-64	2-32
Interception Returns-Yards	2-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-41.8	5-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	6-62
Possession Time	32:26	27:34
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-23

RUSHING:

CIT - Nehemiah Broughton 22-57, 1 TD; Willie Simmons 10-36; Ern Mills 6-13; Porter Johnson 2-7; Scooter Johnson 1-(-11).
WCU - Manny DeShauteurs 19-76; Nicholas Wishart 6-55, 1 TD; Brian Gaither 3-9; John Bush 2-6; Xavier Godard 1-(-1); TEAM 2-(-4).

PASSING:

CIT - Willie Simmons 23-38-1-323, 2 TDs.
WCU - Brian Gaither 16-26-2-224, 3 TDs.

RECEIVING:

CIT - Scooter Johnson 7-71, 2 TDs; Bud Pough 6-82; Nehemiah Broughton 4-67; Ross Armstrong 2-54; Jermaine Anderson 2-27; Rontrel Tyler 1-13; Porter Johnson 1-9.
WCU - Lamont Seward 5-64, 1 TD; Xavier Godard 3-70, 2 TDs; Manny DeShauteurs 2-36; L.J. Williams 2-13; Michael Reeder 1-16; Nicholas Wishart 1-11; Brian Rucker 1-9; J.C. Brown 1-5.

INTS: **CIT** - Anthony Roberts 1-0; Brandon Hawkins 1-0. **WCU** - Rico Reese 1-0.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Rod Dunlap 5-4; Randy Thompson 4-2; Lamar Barnes 4-2; Deonte Cook 3-2; Rico Reese 3-2; Jada Sullivan 1-4.



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GAME FIVE • SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 27, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	28
EAST TENNESSEE STATE	21
MEMORIAL CENTER (4,868)	

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. — Thanks to one of the best games in WCU history by wide receiver Lamont Seward, Western Carolina rolled up 446 yards of total offense and held the ball for 39:10 en route to a 28-21 victory over East Tennessee State at the Memorial Center.

Seward caught 12 passes for 176 yards. His 12 catches, 11 of which went for first down yardage, marked the second-best, single-game effort in WCU history.

As impressive as Western was on offense, the Cats committed five turnovers and saw an extra point and field goal blocked. However, the Catamount defense was dominant, allowing the Bucs to only 76 yards of total offense. Western held ETSU, who featured the SoCon's top rusher, to just 56 rushing yards. The Cats also kept pressure on the ETSU quarterbacks as the Bucs were just 3-for-20 passing for 20 yards.

The game, Western's last in the Memorial Center as ETSU discontinued football, had some of the oddest scoring plays in a single game. Both teams scored on blocked kicks, while ETSU added a TD on a fumble recovery after one of its own players intercepted a pass.

The Bucs stumbled out of the gate as two early miscues by ETSU led to a 14-0 lead for WCU. Western was forced to punt on its first possession of the game. However, James Conklin forced the Bucs' Allen Davis to fumble, which WCU's T. Alford recovered on the ETSU seven. Two plays later, Brian Gaitner scored from one yard out. On ETSU's first offensive possession, John Bush blocked a Bucr punt at the ETSU two-yard line. The kick was picked out of the air by Alford, who ran it into the end zone.

Trying to get back into the game, the Buccaneers embarked on a 17-play, 78-yard drive that took 7:19. The drive was aided by five Catamount penalties, including a five-yard encroachment flag as the Buccaneers were attempting to punt. Western had also blocked a field goal attempt on the drive, but a pair of penalties allowed the Buc to keep possession. Gavin Varner capped the drive with four consecutive rushes, including the final run that he punched into the end zone from one yard out.

Western Carolina came right back on their next drive, putting another touchdown on the board to make the score 20-7. The Cats got into the end zone following a nine-play, 67-yard drive that featured two big plays by Gaitner. On two third and long plays, he completed a pass to Seward for 35 yards and one to Brian Rucker for 23 yards. Gaitner then found Michael Reeder for a four-yard score.

ETSU closed the gap to 20-14, as the Bucs scored on an interesting play late in the first half. After another long drive by the Cats, WCU set up for a field goal from the ETSU six-yard line with 1:04 left in the second quarter. Scott Brummett broke through the line and blocked the attempt. As the ball rolled to the five-yard line, Gerald Sensabaugh scooped it up and raced 95 yards for a touchdown.

After an ETSU three and out on their first possession of the second half, Western Carolina began another sustained drive that resulted in a touchdown. Gaitner again completed some clutch passes on the drive, including a six-yard strike to Seward on fourth and four and an 18-yard pass to Seward down to the one. From there, Bush scored on a one-yard run and Alford ran for the two-point conversion.

Late in the third quarter, the Buccaneer defense again made a memorable play that got the Bucs right back in the ball game. Tony Tiller stepped in front of a Gaitner pass for his first interception of the season, but as he came down the ball was stripped by Seward. Montreal Harkley was in the right place at the right time, as he scooped the ball up in stride and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown.

But that was all of the scoring the Bucs could muster, as the WCU offense controlled the clock in the fourth quarter. ESTU only had the ball for four plays in 16 yards in the fourth. The Cats held the ball for the first 4:23 in the period before losing possession on Tiller's second interception of the game. After the Bucs' four-play, 1:58-minute drive, the Cats ran out the remaining 8:44 for the win. During that final drive and facing third and 11, Gaitner completed a clutch 17-yard pass to Seward to keep the drive alive. Manny DeShauteurs, Nicholas Wishart and Bush combined for 12 rushes to run out the clock.

Despite four interceptions, it was a strong day for Gaitner, who completed a career-high 22-of-32 passes for 281 yards and a touchdown. Albert Reid and Rod Dunlap tied for the Catamount lead with six tackles. Reid also had four tackles for a loss and two pass breakups. Dunlap added three TFLs, while Nick McNeil had two tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Western Carolina	14	6	8	0	28	Record: (3-2,2-0)
East Tennessee State	7	7	7	0	21	Record: (2-3,0-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st	11:59	WCU	Brian Gaitner 1 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 2-7 0:38
	10:20	WCU	T. Alford 2 yd blocked punt return (Chris Vought kick)
	03:01	ETSU	Gaven Varner 1 yd run (Jon Godfrey kick), 17-78 7:11
2nd	14:20	WCU	Michael Reeder 4 yd pass from Brian Gaitner (Chris Vought kick blocked), 9-67 3:30
	01:04	ETSU	Gerald Sensabaugh 95 yd missed FG return (Jon Godfrey kick)
3rd	08:15	WCU	John Bush 1 yd run (T. Alford rush), 11-59 5:26
	00:05	ETSU	Montreal Harkley 52 yd interception return (Jon Godfrey kick)

	WCU	ETSU
FIRST DOWNS	23	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	52-165	26-56
PASSING YDS (NET)	281	20
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-22-4	20-9-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	84-446	46-76
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punt Returns-Yards	4-29	1-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-19	3-71
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	4-66
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-55.0	7-35.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	15-110	4-25
Possession Time	38:59	20:16
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

RUSHING:

WCU - Manny DeShauteurs 23-92; Nicholas Wishart 18-67; John Bush 6-18, 1 TD; **TEAM** 2(-5); Brian Gaitner 3(-7), 1TD. **ETSU** - Gaven Varner 16-26, 1 TD; Scott Butler 2-16; Nick Spearman 3-7; Carl Meadows 2-5; Andrew Nuckolls 3-2.

PASSING:

WCU - Brian Gaitner 22-32-4-281, 1 TD. **ETSU** - Carl Meadows 3-19-0-20; Scott Butler 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING:

WCU - Lamont Seward 12-176; Brian Rucker 3-53; T. Alford 2-18; Michael Reeder 2-14, 1 TD; L.J. Williams 1-13; Manny DeShauteurs 1-4; Xavier Godard 1-3.

ETSU - Justin Cruze 1-19; Nick Spearman 1-1; Gaven Varner 1-0.

INTS: **WCU** - None. **ETSU** - Tony Tiller 2-0; Jeff Mitchell 1-15; Allen Davis 1(-1); M. Harkley 0-52, 1 TD.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Albert Reid 3-3; Rod Dunlap 2-4; Johnnta Philyaw 2-2; Otis Powell 3-0; Lamar Barnes 1-2; Nick McNeil 1-2; Shelton Gaffney 1-2.

GAME SIX • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 4, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	13
#6 FURMAN	19
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (10,549)	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Furman running back Hindley Brigham had career highs in attempts and yards, while kicker Danny Marshall kicked a career-high four field goals to lead the sixth-ranked Paladins to a 19-13 victory over Western Carolina at Whitmire Stadium/Waters Field. Prior to the game, the 1983 football, the 1963 men's basketball and 1969 women's basketball teams were inducted into the WCU Athletics Hall of Fame as the only Catamount teams to have played in a national championship game.

On Furman's first possession, the Paladins fumbled on an option play and the ball was recovered by Rod Dunlap. Manny DeShauteurs had five rushes on a seven-play scoring drive, including the final four yards, to give the Cats an early 7-0 lead.

Furman answered with an eight-play, 55-yard scoring drive. The Paladins got into scoring position thanks to a 31-yard run by Brigham, getting to the Catamount 38. Six plays later, Marshall hit the first of his four field goals to make the score 7-3. Furman regained possession on the Cats' next offensive possession when Cam Newton intercepted a Brian Gaitner pass and returned it to the WCU seven. Bo Moore capped the short drive with a four-yard touchdown run, giving the Paladins a 10-7 lead. Moore finished the game completing 14-of-18 passes for 219 yards.

As the second quarter began, Furman padded its advantage with a 30-yard Marshall field goal. The Paladins were forced to settle for the field goal thanks to back-to-back stops by Michale Spicer, putting Furman in a third and 11 situation. With a tackle for loss during the drive, Spicer passed Louis Cooper to become the WCU all-time leader in tackles for losses (TFLs).

Late in the second quarter, Furman was forced to punt, but the Catamounts fumbled the kick and the Paladins' Brad Bell recovered at the WCU 30. Four plays later, Marshall gave Furman a 16-7 lead at the break, making a 43-yard field goal with 1:43 left in the half.

The teams traded punts for most of the third quarter. The Catamounts mounted an impressive drive, getting to the Furman 24. However, the Cats were forced to kick a field goal, which Paladin defensive end Brandon Poole blocked to keep the score at 16-7. As the third quarter came to a close, Marshall connected from 22 yards out to make it a 19-7 game in favor of the Paladins.

As the fourth quarter began, the Paladins got the ball back on an interception. Western dodged another field goal attempt as a bad snap forced the Paladins to turn the ball over on downs. Western would capitalize by driving 91 yards in eight plays and cutting its deficit to six (19-13). The drive featured two big plays by Xavier Godard. First, Godard hauled in a Gaitner pass for 33 yards, giving WCU the ball on the Furman 22. On the next play, Gaitner once again found Godard for the score. The point after attempt was no good, leaving the six-point deficit.

The Paladins looked to put the game out of reach. A 54-yard Moore to Isaac West pass gave Furman the ball on the WCU three. Nick McNeil stopped the Paladins for no gain on first and goal, then recorded a tackle for a loss of one yard on second. Dunlap dropped Moore for a five-yard sack on third, forcing a sixth field goal attempt. Marshall's try was blocked by Albert Reid. The Cats could not take advantage and were forced to punt five plays later with 5:40 still left in the game.

Furman had two big plays on what proved to be the final drive to hold on for the win. First, with the ball on its own 27, Brigham broke a 13-yard run. Facing third and seven, the Paladins committed back-to-back penalties, making it third and 17. However, Moore found Brian Stone for a 43-yard pass. Furman's final big play of the drive was with the Paladins facing fourth and two, Brigham rushed for eight yards. The first down allowed the Paladins to run out the clock for the 19-13 victory.

For the Catamounts, Gaitner finished with 16 completions on 34 attempts with two interceptions, one touchdown and 173 yards. Defensively, Dunlap led all players with 11 stops, including three for losses and a sack. James Conklin and McNeil each added eight tackles or the Cats.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Furman	10	6	3	0	19	Record: (4-1,2-0)
Western Carolina	7	0	0	6	13	Record: (3-3,2-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st	10:41	WCU	Manny DeShauteurs 4 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 7-30 2:53
	07:02	FUR	Danny Marshall 42 yd field goal, 8-55 3:39
	05:20	FUR	Bo Moore 4 yd run (Danny Marshall kick), 3-7 1:23
2nd	11:46	FUR	Danny Marshall 30 yd field goal, 13-74 5:43
	01:43	FUR	Danny Marshall 43 yd field goal, 4-4 1:59
3rd	00:32	FUR	Danny Marshall 22 yd field goal, 9-56 5:00
4th	10:28	WCU	Xavier Godard 22 yd pass from Brian Gaitner (Chris Vought kick failed), 8-91 2:12

	FUR	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	19	12
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	54-170	21-57
PASSING YDS (NET)	219	173
Passes Att-Comp-Int	19-14-1	34-16-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-389	55-230
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-10	2-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-34	5-109
Interception Returns-Yards	2-28	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-41.3	7-41.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-65	5-36
Possession Time	38:51	21:09
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-7

RUSHING:

FUR - Hindley Brigham 28-137; Bo Moore 10-14, 1 TD; Brandon Berry 4-6; Al Means 8-6; Lamar Rembert 2-5; Brian Bratton 1-4; Team 1(-2).

WCU - Manny DeShauteurs 11-31, 1 TD; Nicholas Wishart 7-23; Brian Gaitner 2-4; John Bush 1(-1).

PASSING:

FUR - Bo Moore 14-18-1-219; Jeremiah Van Dora 0-1-0-0.

WCU - Brian Gaitner 16-34-2-173, 1 TD.

RECEIVING:

FUR - Brian Bratton 5-50; Brian Stone 4-57; Isaac West 1-54; John Rust 1-30; Grant Brigham 1-13; Hindley Brigham 1-12; Justin Stepp 1-3.

WCU - Lamont Seward 5-37; Michael Reeder 4-25; Xavier Godard 3-63, 1 TD; Manny DeShauteurs 2-21; Brian Rucker 1-18; Todd Bargella 1-9.

INTS: **FUR** - Shelton Riley 1-0; Cam Newton 1-28. **WCU** - Bruce Lee 1-0.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Rod Dunlap 6-5; James Conklin 4-4; Nick McNeil 3-5; Lamar Barnes 4-3; Bruce Lee 3-4; Ricky Rainey 3-2; Michale Spicer 2-3.

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2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



GAME SEVEN • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 11, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	25
#11 GEORGIA SOUTHERN	31
PAULSON STADIUM (15,708)	

STATESBORO, GA. — Western Carolina quarterback Brian Gaither had a record-setting game as the Catamounts raced out to an early 16-3 lead. However, 11th-ranked Georgia Southern got four touchdowns from their quarterback, Trey Hunter, and the Eagles held on for a 31-25 victory at Paulson Stadium.

Hunter, starting his second straight game in place of injured Chaz Williams, had three one-yard runs for touchdowns, and broke the Catamounts' back on a 53-yard dash in the fourth period. Overall, he finished with 312 yards of total offense. Hunter had 163 yards rushing on 32 carries and completed 10 of 17 passes for 149 yards. Jermaine Austin, who was averaging 143 yards per game going into the contest and ended the season as the SoCon rushing leader, only rushed for 92 yards on 12 carries.

Hunter and the Eagles spoiled an outstanding performance by Gaither, who set a school record with 35 completions, while his 56 attempts and 321 yards were career highs. The game marked Gaither's first 300-yard passing game as it was the 28th in WCU history. The 56 pass attempts was also just one shy of the school record. Also, Gaither's 350 yards of total offense was the 12th-best, single-game effort in WCU history.

The Catamounts took an early 10-0 lead, getting their first touchdown on a 59-yard run by freshman Nicholas Wishart with 5:20 remaining in the first period. Wishart had 104 yards rushing in the first period and finished with 128 on 18 carries, marking the Cats first 100-yard rushing game of the season. The 59 yard run was the longest by a Catamount this season and the longest against Georgia Southern this season.

John Bush scored on a two-yard run, capping an 80-yard drive, to give the Catamounts a 16-3 lead with two minutes into the second period. The Eagles, however, rallied for a 17-16 halftime lead when Hunter scored with 1:15 to go in the half.

After the Eagles' Hunter had scored three unanswered touchdowns, putting GSU up 24-16, Xavier Godard brought the Catamounts to within two points, returning a kickoff 100 yards. Western was not successful on the two-point attempt, making the score 24-22 with 8:17 left in the game. The kickoff return for a TD was Godard's second of his career and the 100-yard return was only the second in WCU history as Harvey Walker did it in 1976 versus East Tennessee State.

Hunter added his fourth TD, giving his team a nine-point cushion. The Cats cut the deficit to six on a Chris Vought 28-yard field goal with 44 seconds left. Western's on-sides kick was recovered by the Eagles, who ran out to clock for the win.

Helping Gaither have his record setting game were receivers Lamont Seward and Michael Reeder. Each had 10 receptions with Seward tallying 103 yards and Reeder getting 100. It was each players second 100-yard game of the season. Wishart and Godard each added five catches.

Rod Dunlap led the Cats defensively with nine tackles, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and one interception. Rico Reese and Lamar Barnes contributed eight stops each, while Michale Spicer had two tackles for losses and a fumble recovery.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Western Carolina	10	6	0	9	25	Record: (3-4,2-2)
Georgia Southern	3	14	0	14	31	Record: (4-2,2-1)

Scoring Summary:

- 1st 08:35 WCU Chris Vought 32 yd field goal, 7-57 1:57
- 05:20 WCU Nicholas Wishart 59 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 3-68 1:28
- 02:47 GSU Sean Holland 25 yd field goal, 6-32 2:33
- 2nd 13:03 WCU John Bush 2 yd run (Chris Vought kick blocked), 12-80 4:44
- 07:19 GSU Trey Hunter 1 yd run (Sean Holland kick), 9-80 3:19
- 01:15 GSU Trey Hunter 1 yd run (Sean Holland kick), 9-66 1:31
- 4th 08:31 GSU Trey Hunter 53 yd run (Sean Holland kick), 2-58 0:16
- 08:17 WCU Xavier Godard 100 yd kickoff return (Brian Gaither pass failed)
- 06:06 GSU Trey Hunter 1 yd run (Sean Holland kick), 6-65 2:11
- 00:44 WCU Chris Vought 28 yd field goal, 10-59 1:57

	WCU	GSU
FIRST DOWNS	25	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-160	54-330
PASSING YDS (NET)	321	149
Passes Att-Comp-Int	57-35-0	18-10-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	86-481	72-479
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-15	3-5
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-157	4-109
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-38.5	5-39.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	9-67	12-105
Possession Time	30:08	29:52
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-16

RUSHING:

WCU - Nicholas Wishart 18-128, 1 TD; Brian Gaither 9-29; John Bush 2-3, 1 TD.
GSU - Trey Hunter 32-163, 2 TDs; Jermaine Austin 12-92; Kevin Davis 6-44; Kevin Anderson 2-30; Jesse McMillan 1-3; TEAM 1-(-2).

PASSING:

WCU-Brian Gaither 35-56-0-321; Justin Clark 0-1-0-0.
GSU-Trey Hunter 10-17-1-149; Teddy Craft 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING:

WCU-Lamont Seward 10-103; Michael Reeder 10-100; Nicholas Wishart 5-47; Xavier Godard 5-18; L.J. Williams 2-32; John Bush 2-15; J.C. Brown 1-6.
GSU-P.J. Cantrell 3-24; Teddy Craft 2-46; Kevin Anderson 2-31; Kevin Davis 1-29; Carl Kearney 1-11; Jermaine Austin 1-8.

INTS: **WCU**-Rod Dunlap 1-0. **GSU**-None.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Rod Dunlap 3-6; Rico Reese 6-2; Lamar Barnes 5-3; Bruce Lee 6-1; Ricky Rainey 4-2.

GAME EIGHT • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 18, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	6
#8 WOFFORD	38
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (11,021) • HOMECOMING	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Wofford quarterback Jeff Zolman had 55 yards rushing and was 5-of-5 for 73 yards passing to lead the eighth-ranked Terriers to a 38-6 victory over Western Carolina Whitmire Stadium/Waters Field.

Wofford improved to 6-1, remained on top of the Southern Conference standings, while snapping a WCU five-year streak of Homecoming wins.

Wofford set the tone early, taking the opening kickoff and driving 74 yards in 11 plays for 7-0 lead. During the drive, the Terriers converted a fourth and two on their own 34 just four plays into the drive. Then, facing third and 17, got a 25-yard run by Zolman. Four plays later, and Wofford facing fourth and three, Kevious Johnson scored from 35 yards out.

After a Western punt, Wofford put together another impressive scoring drive, covering 75 yards in 14 plays. On fourth and goal from the WCU one, senior fullback J.R. McNair scored for a 14-0 advantage.

The Catamounts answered with a drive to the Wofford 32, only to have it end with a fumble. The Terriers could not take advantage and were forced to punt. However, immediately after the punt, which gave WCU the ball on the Catamount nine, a Western fumble was recovered by Wofford's Teddie Whitaker on the WCU 17. After the fumble recovery, backup Wofford quarterback Trey Rodgers had four carries for 19 yards, including the final four, to put the Terriers up 21-0 at the break.

Whitaker made a second big play for the Terriers as the third quarter began, picking off a WCU pass on its second play of the period. However, Western's defense held and the teams would trade possessions throughout the quarter. As the fourth quarter began, Wofford capped a 15-play, 52-yard drive with a 27-yard field goal by Nick Robinson, giving the Terriers a 24-0 lead.

Western responded with a 12-play, 80-yard scoring drive. Brian Gaither completed 9-of-11 passes on the drive, the last being a 37-yard pass to J.C. Brown to the Wofford two. Wofford appeared to end the threat by causing and recovering a WCU fumble, but a Terrier penalty allowed the Cats to keep possession. One play later, Michale Spicer found his way into the endzone for a one-yard TD. Western would fail on its two-point conversion making the score 24-6. For Spicer, the rush was his first career attempt. The senior added five tackles, a caused fumble and a fumble recovery from his defensive end position.

The Terriers immediately regained the momentum, using two plays to make the score 31-6. After a short loss on a rushing attempt, Rodgers, who rushed for 20 yards on seven attempts, connected with Curtis Nash for a 51-yard score. The pass was Rodgers' lone attempt of the game and Nash would finish with four catches for 104 yards.

Wofford added an insurance touchdown with just under two minutes to play. After Derek Newberry intercepted a pass and returned it 81 yards to the WCU 14, Terrence Ware had a 10-yard rushing score for the final 38-6 margin.

Joining Zolman and Rodgers as offensive leaders for Wofford were Johnson (six rushes for 44 yards), McNair (16 rushes for 323 yards) and Corey Dunn (nine rushes for 21 yards). The Terriers were led on defense by Matt Nelson's seven tackles and Jimmy Thrift, who had six. John Pressley added two sacks and forced fumble.

Offensively for the Cats, Lamont Seward had an 11-catch, 121-yard performance. Michael Reeder added six catches for 52 yards as Gaither finished with 31 completions on 49 attempts for 257 yards.

Defensively for Western, Rod Dunlap led the team in stops for the seventh consecutive game, tallying 12 with four going for losses. Nick McNeil added nine tackles, while Ricky Rainey and Lamar Barnes each had seven stops.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Wofford	7	14	0	17	38	Record: (6-1,4-0)
Western Carolina	0	0	0	6	6	Record: (3-5,2-3)

Scoring Summary:

- 1st 09:20 WOF Kevious Johnson 35 yd run (Nick Robinson kick), 11-74 5:34
- 2nd 11:57 WOF J.R. McNair 1 yd run (Nick Robinson kick), 14-75 6:43
- 00:30 WOF Trey Rodgers 4 yd run (Nick Robinson kick), 5-17 1:53
- 4th 12:54 WOF Nick Robinson 27 yd field goal, 15-52 6:31
- 07:23 WCU Michale Spicer 1 yd run (Brian Gaither rush failed), 12-80 5:31
- 06:31 WOF Curtis Nash 51 yd pass from Trey Rodgers (Nick Robinson kick)
- 01:38 WOF Terrance Ware 10 yd run (Nick Robinson kick), 2-14 1:00

	WOF	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	16	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	62-194	21-33
PASSING YDS (NET)	124	304
Passes Att-Comp-Int	6-6-0	54-32-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	68-318	75-337
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-19	5-107
Interception Returns-Yards	2-90	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-47.7	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	3-26	4-40
Possession Time	33:16	26:36
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-15	0-0

RUSHING:

WOF - Jeff Zolman 16-55; Kevious Johnson 6-44, 1 TD; J.R. McNair 16-32, 1 TD; Corey Dunn 9-21; Trey Rodgers 7-20, 1 TD; Terrance Ware 1-10, 1 TD; Aaron Johnson 6-9; Ben Mungin 1-3.
WCU - Nicholas Wishart 7-27; Manny DeShauteurs 1-8; Xavier Godard 1-3; Justin Clark 2-1; Michale Spicer 1-1, 1 TD; John Bush 1-0; Sam Brown 2-(-3); Brian Gaither 6-(-4).

PASSING:

WOF - Jeff Zolman 5-5-0-73; Trey Rodgers 1-1-0-51, 1 TD.
WCU - Brian Gaither 31-49-1-257; Justin Clark 1-5-1-47.

RECEIVING:

WOF - Curtis Nash 4-102, 1 TD; Kevious Johnson 1-17; Brian Rice 1-5.
WCU - Lamont Seward 11-121; Michael Reeder 6-52; Xavier Godard 5-31; Nicholas Wishart 4-44; J.C. Brown 2-42; Darius Fudge 2-6; Brian Rucker 1-4; L.J. Williams 1-4.

INTS: **WOF** - Derek Newberry 1-81; Teddie Whitaker 1-9. **WCU** - None.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Rod Dunlap 8-4; Nick McNeil 5-4; Ricky Rainey 6-1; Lamar Barnes 5-2; James Conklin 3-2; Michale Spicer 3-2; Andre Brown 4-0; Felipe Poster 2-2; Luis Herron 2-2.



2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

GAME NINE • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 25, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	0
CHATTANOOGA	38
FINLEY STADIUM (6,693)	

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. — Vinnie Miroth threw four touchdown passes as Chattanooga handed Western Carolina a 38-0 loss at Finley Stadium. It was the Mocs' first shutout in league play since 1999 and was the Cats' first time to be shutout in league play since 1995.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Mocs struck for two touchdown pass plays over 60 yards each. Patrick Shutters booted a 36-yard field goal right before halftime as UTC enjoyed a 17-0 lead at the break.

Miroth completed 27-for-40 pass attempts and was 17 yards away from his season high of 293 yards at halftime. He collected 124 yards on his first two touchdown passes.

Each of the first two touchdowns were on similar plays. Miroth tossed the ball three or four yards in the flat and let the speedy wideouts use their abilities to complete the touchdown. Jeremy Grier raced 63 yards for the first score with 13:28 left in the second quarter. Tyrone Baisden, a former defensive back, caught a quick screen, his first career reception, and outran the Catamounts for a 61-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead at 6:45 of the second period.

A WCU facemask penalty on the final play of the first half gave UTC an opportunity to kick a field goal before heading for the locker room. Shutters drilled the 36-yarder for the 17-0 advantage. The Mocs wasted little time in the second half. Miroth, who completed passes to 10 different receivers, found fullback Chad Smith on a six-yard TD toss to extend the lead to 24-0 at 11:55 of the third quarter.

UTC's defense, which limited the Cats to 302 total yards, scored the Mocs' fourth touchdown. In the fourth quarter, lineman Tim Powers deflected a Brian Gaither pass, intercepted it and returned it 29 yards with 13:27 remaining for a 31-0 lead. Alonzo Nix capped UTC's scoring with a 38-yard touchdown pass from Miroth with 11:42 left in the game.

The Catamounts were led by Gaither with 176 passing yards and Michael Reeder with seven receptions for 87 yards. Catamount senior wide receiver Lamont Seward had four catches for 45 yards, moving to fifth on the SoCon all-time receptions list (177). Manny DeShauteurs led the Cats on the ground with 38 yards on seven carries. As a team, WCU had 105 yards on 25 rushes.

Defensively for Western, Bruce Lee had eight tackles, while Rod Dunlap added seven.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Western Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	Record: (3-6-0,2-4)
Chattanooga	0	17	7	14	38	Record: (2-6-0,2-2)

Scoring Summary:

2nd 13:28 UTC	Jeremy Grier 63 yd pass from Vinnie Miroth (Patrick Shutters kick), 3-69 1:17
06:45 UTC	Tyrone Baisden 61 yd pass from Vinnie Miroth (Patrick Shutters kick), 3-63 0:55
00:00 UTC	Patrick Shutters 36 yd field goal, 6-53 1:33
3rd 11:55 UTC	Chad Smith 6 yd pass from Vinnie Miroth (Patrick Shutters kick), 7-54 3:05
4th 13:27 UTC	Tim Powers 29 yd interception return (Patrick Shutters kick)
11:42 UTC	Alonzo Nix 38 yd pass from Vinnie Miroth (P. Shutters kick), 3-40 1:24

	WCU	UTC
FIRST DOWNS	13	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	25-105	36-88
PASSING YDS (NET)	197	384
Passes Att-Comp-Int	46-23-1	41-28-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-302	77-472
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-27	2-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-124	1-29
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-29
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-40.0	8-40.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	13-115	10-85
Possession Time	26:05	33:55
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	0-0

RUSHING:

WCU-Manny DeShauteurs 7-38; Nicholas Wishart 6-35; Darius Fudge 6-17; Brian Gaither 2-7; Scooter Dalton 1-5; Justin Clark 1-3; John Bush 2-0.
UTC-Jessie Chesterfield 9-46; Cortney McGlone 9-25; Kyle Oden 7-21; Tyrone Baisden 3-8; TEAM 1-0; Kurtis Koester 1(-1); Vinnie Miroth 6(-11).

PASSING:

WCU-Brian Gaither 19-39-1-176; Justin Clark 4-7-0-21.
UTC-Vinnie Miroth 27-40-0-382, 3 TDs; Kurtis Koester 1-1-0-2.

RECEIVING:

WCU-Michael Reeder 7-87; Xavier Godard 5-37; Lamont Seward 4-45; Manny DeShauteurs 2(-1); Scooter Dalton 1-11; Craig Younce 1-9; Nicholas Wishart 1-4; L.J. Williams 1-3; Darius Fudge 1-2.
UTC-Alonzo Nix 8-122, 1 TD; Ebrahim Tehrani 6-42; Jeremy Grier 4-91, 1 TD; Kwento Ikweuzunma 3-24; Tyrone Baisden 2-62, 1 TD; Jessie Chesterfield 1-16; Bryan Arnold 1-14; Barrett Brightwell 1-6; Chad Smith 1-6; Cortney McGlone 1-1.

INTS: WCU-None. UTC-Tim Powers 1-29.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Western Carolina-Bruce Lee 5-3; Rod Dunlap 6-1; Francis Brown 3-3; Jada Sullivan 5-0; James Conklin 2-3; Lamar Barnes 2-3; Johna Philyaw 3-0; Darvin Coffin 3-0; Michale Spicer 2-1; Felipe Foster 2-1; Albert Reid 2-1; Nick McNeil 1-2.

GAME TEN • SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 1, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	26
ELON	3
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (7,997)	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Brian Gaither completed a 37-yard pass to Xavier Godard on the first play of the game and Western Carolina never looked back in the Catamounts' 26-3 win over Elon at E.J. Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field. Western Carolina additionally got two rushing touchdowns from Nicholas Wishart.

Wishart had 16 carries for 81 yards in the first half, leading the Cats to a 23-0 lead at the break. The true freshman, who finished with 18 carries for 87 yards, accounted for 38 of Western's 70 yards on the first drive, which ended with a 22-yard Chris Vought field goal.

The Catamount defense came up big on Elon's first possession when junior Albert Reid caused and recovered a fumble on the Phoenix 37. Gaither connected with Lamont Seward for a 33-yard pass on the first play and Wishart did the rest, scoring from two yards out.

After Western's defense forced an Elon three-and-out on the next possession, the WCU offense put together an impressive drive, covering 10 plays and 68 yards for a 17-0 lead. Gaither completed three passes in the drive and Wishart ran for 34 yards, including a 12-yarder, highlighted by a dive from the three yard line, for his second rushing TD of the game.

As the first half ended, Western, facing fourth and 23 from its own eight, punted and T.J. Clegg returned it 16 yards putting the Phoenix on the Catamount 33. Rashaud Palmer had a 22-yard rush to start the drive, getting to the WCU 11. Four plays later, Elon went for it on fourth down from the WCU two and got the one yard needed to set up first and goal from the Catamount one. However, on the next play, Marcus Johnson fumbled and Western's Francis Brown recovered the ball.

Western did not capitalize and Elon regained possession six plays later after Jacobi Jones intercepted a pass and returned it to the WCU 32. Two rushes totaling two yards and two incomplete passes gave Western the ball back on downs. The Catamounts would take advantage on their next possession, driving 69 yards in nine plays to make the score 23-0. The drive was capped by a 15-yard Gaither-to-Seward touchdown. The hookup, Seward moved up in the NCAA, Southern Conference and Western Carolina record books. Seward, who had four catches for 64 yards, tallied his 181st career reception to rank fourth in the SoCon and 57th in the NCAA all-time lists.

Midway through the third quarter, on Elon's second possession of the second half, Western's Michale Spicer picked off a Phoenix pass and returned it four yards to the Elon 10. The interception, which was the first in Spicer's career, led to Western's final scoring drive of the game. A penalty put Western in a first and goal situation. A short pass and two incompletions brought on Vought, who connected from 30 yards out and gave Western a 26-0 lead.

Neither team got much going offensively in the second half until Elon had a 12-play, 31-yard drive which consumed 3:53 on the clock. William Rawls came on to kick a career-long, 48-yard field goal, which just clear the crossbar. The kick provided the final 26-3 margin.

For the game, Western averaged an impressive 4.1 yards per rush and the 176 rushing yards was the Cats second-best total of the season. The WCU defense held Elon, who was averaging 141.0 yard per game, to just 79 yards rushing and a 1.9 yards per rush average.

In addition to Wishart and Seward, Western was led offensively by Gaither and Michael Reeder. Gaither was 15-for-28 for 257 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Reeder, like Seward, had four catches, gaining 31 yards. Defensively for the Cats, a trio led the way. Nick McNeil, Jada Sullivan and true freshman Ryan Nesby, who was making his first career start, each tallied eight tackles. Of McNeil's eight stops, four were for losses, including a sack.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Elon	0	0	0	3	3	Record: (2-8,1-5)
Western Carolina	17	6	3	0	26	Record: (4-6,3-4)

Scoring Summary:

1st 10:14 WCU	Chris Vought 22 yd field goal, 11-80 4:46
08:04 WCU	Nicholas Wishart 2 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 2-37 0:38
03:36 WCU	Nicholas Wishart 12 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 10-68 2:55
2nd 06:05 WCU	Lamont Seward 15 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick failed)
3rd 06:38 WCU	Chris Vought 30 yd field goal, 4-3 1:13
4th 03:14 ELON	William Rawls 48 yd field goal, 12-31 3:53

	ELON	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	14	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	41-79	43-176
PASSING YDS (NET)	115	266
Passes Att-Comp-Int	30-15-1	29-16-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-194	72-442
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-3	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-19	4-27
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-60	2-23
Interception Returns-Yards	1-28	1-4
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-43.0	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-12	9-74
Possession Time	29:40	30:20
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-26

RUSHING:

Elon - Rashaud Palmer 24-88; Marcus Johnson 6-19; Chad Nkang 3-1; Anthony Crews 8-minus 29.
WCU - Nicholas Wishart 18-87, 2 TDs; Darius Fudge 6-34; Manny DeShauteurs 6-27; Scooter Dalton 3-14; T. Alford 1-10; John Bush 2-4; Sam Brown 3-3; Brian Gaither 3(-1); TEAM 1(-2).

PASSING:

Elon - Anthony Crews 15-30-1-115.
WCU - Brian Gaither 15-28-1-257, 1 TD; Justin Clark 1-1-0-9.

RECEIVING:

Elon - Rashaud Palmer 2-21; Marcus Southerland 2-16; Casey Hall 2-12; Brian Simer 1-15; Zak DeBusk 1-13; Kyle Belkoski 1-13; C.W. Singletary 1-9; Josh Crawford 1-7; Derek Neal 1-6; Ronnie Dargan 1-3; Chad Nkang 1-1; Marcus Johnson 1(-1).
WCU - Lamont Seward 4-64, 1 TD; Michael Reeder 4-31; J.C. Brown 2-48; Nicholas Wishart 2-31; John Bush 2-17; Todd Bargella 1-38; Xavier Godard 1-37.

INTS: Elon - Jacobi Jones 1-28. WCU - Michale Spicer 1-4.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A): Nick McNeil 7-1; Jada Sullivan 5-3; Ryan Nesby 5-3; Rod Dunlap 2-5; James Conklin 3-3; Lamar Barnes 3-3; Albert Reid 1-3; Bruce Lee 2-1; Phillip Young 1-2.

2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



GAME ELEVEN • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 15, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	18
APPALACHIAN STATE	26
KIDD BREWER STADIUM (14,443)	

BOONE, N.C. — Catamount receiver Xavier Godard had a career game with seven receptions for 103 yards, but the Mountaineers scored 14 of its 26 points off of Western Carolina turnovers, including a 52-yard fumble return by K.T. Stovall with 3:44 left in the game, to hold on for a 26-18 win at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

Appalachian State overcame six fumbles, four quarterback sacks, only 27 rushing yards and a school record 16 penalties for 168 penalty yards to retain the Old Mountain Jug. Thanks to three tackles for losses by Nick McNeil and two each by Albert Reid, Rod Dunlap and Michale Spicer, Western forced Appalachian State to 95 yards in lost yardage for their net of 27.

The Catamounts opened the scoring on Chris Vought's 33-yard field goal with 1:09 left in the opening period. The Mountaineers' Erik Rockhold split the uprights from 24 yards out to knot the score, at 3-3 with 7:17 remaining in the second quarter.

Stovall intercepted a Brian Gaither pass that was deflected by Jason Blalock at the line of scrimmage and Appalachian took over at the WCU 27 with 2:52 left in the first half. Five plays later, Alan Atwater scored from one yard away to give ASU a 10-3 advantage and the momentum heading into halftime. Atwater finished the afternoon as Appalachian State's leading rusher with 76 yards on 27 carries.

After a scoreless third quarter, App's DaVon Fowlkes scored 59 seconds into the fourth period when he corralled a 47-yard Richie Williams pass in the end zone to boost the Mountaineer lead to 17-3. Fowlkes ended the day with four catches for 81 yards, while Sterling Hayward snagged five catches for 109 yards.

On the ensuing possession, Omarr Byrom forced Gaither to fumble the ball on the WCU one, ending a streak of 121 WCU consecutive pass attempts without a sack, and Blalock tackled Kevin McAlmont in the end zone for a safety. The two points lifted the Mountaineers to their largest lead of the day, at 19-3.

Feeling the Mountaineer pass rush most of the fourth quarter, Gaither escaped the pressure and heaved a 60-yard bomb up the left sideline that Michael Reeder caught and carried to cut the margin to 19-9. Gaither found tight end Todd Bargella on the point-after try to cut the deficit to 19-11.

With 3:44 remaining, Marques Murrell and Stovall converged at the football for a sack of Gaither. Stovall grabbed the ball from the quarterback for his first career touchdown. Stovall's dash gave ASU a 26-11 lead.

Gaither pushed his way into the end zone from one yard out with 1:56 left to set the final count at 26-18. Gaither finished the day completing 20-of-35 passes for 226 yards.

Jada Sullivan paced the Catamounts with 10 tackles. McNeil enjoyed an impressive day on the defensive line with eight stops, including three tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble. Dunlap added five tackles, including two for losses, with two forced fumbles.

Nicholas Wishart led all rushers with 95 yards on 19 carries.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score	
Western Carolina	3	0	0	15	18	Record: (4-7,3-5)
Appalachian State	0	10	0	16	26	Record: (7-4,8-2)

Scoring Summary:

- 1st 01:09 WCU Chris Vought 33 yd field goal, 8-16 3:42
- 2nd 07:17 ASU Erik Rockhold 24 yd field goal, 8-28 3:23
- 00:58 ASU Alan Atwater 1 yd run (Erik Rockhold kick), 4-27 1:54
- 4th 14:01 ASU Davon Fowlkes 47 yd pass from Richie Williams (Erik Rockhold kick), 2-56 0:54
- 13:43 ASU Jason Blalock safety
- 08:00 WCU Michael Reeder 60 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Todd Bargella pass), 5-86 1:57
- 03:44 ASU K.T. Stovall 52 yd fumble recovery (Erik Rockhold kick)
- 01:56 WCU Brian Gaither 1 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 6-49 1:48

	WCU	ASU
FIRST DOWNS	15	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-91	42-27
PASSING YDS (NET)	226	243
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-20-2	28-16-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-317	70-270
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-52
Punt Returns-Yards	3-17	5-67
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-63	4-104
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.4	8-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	6-1
Penalties-Yards	7-61	16-168
Possession Time	25:34	34:26
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-42	2-21

RUSHING:

WCU - Nicholas Wishart 19-95; T. Alford 1-3; Darius Fudge 1-2; John Bush 1-0; Michale Spicer 1-0; Brian Gaither 9(-9).

ASU - Alan Atwater 27-76, 1 TD; Davon Fowlkes 1-0; Eric Elsener 1-minus 4; Richie Williams 10(-22); TEAM 3(-23).

PASSING:

WCU - Brian Gaither 20-35-2-226, 1 TD.

ASU - Richie Williams 16-28-0-243, 1 TD.

RECEIVING:

WCU - Xavier Godard 7-103; Michael Reeder 5-86, 1 TD; L.J. Williams 2-22; Lamont Seward 2-11; Nicholas Wishart 2-1; Todd Bargella 1-6; J.C. Brown 1(-3).

ASU - Sterling Hayward 5-109; Davon Fowlkes 4-81, 1 TD; Alan Atwater 4-22; Zach Johnson 1-16; Torez Leach 1-10; Jose White 1-5.

INTS:

WCU - None. **ASU** - Corey Lyneh 1-0; K.T. Stovall 1-0.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A):

Jada Sullivan 4-6; Nick McNeil 5-3; Bruce Lee 3-4; Rod Dunlap 2-3; Ryan Nesby 2-3; Francis Brown 1-4; Johnna Philyaw 1-4; Michale Spicer 2-2; James Conklin 1-3.

GAME TWELVE • SATURDAY • OCTOBER 22, 2003

WESTERN CAROLINA	39
GARDNER-WEBB	16
E.J. WHITMIRE STADIUM/BOB WATERS FIELD (8,028)	

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Lamont Seward caught seven passes for 125 yards and two touchdowns, while Brian Gaither completed 18-of-23 passes for 254 yards, as Western Carolina rolled to a 39-16 victory over Gardner-Webb at E.J. Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field on Senior Day.

While both teams moved the ball well through the air, it was the ground attack which proved to be the difference in the game. Western was able to rush for 198 yards on 42 carries, while Gardner-Webb, who was averaging 180.6 rushing yards per game prior to the contest, only had 14 net rushing yards on 29 attempts, an average of 0.5 yards per carry.

Western Carolina jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. The Cats took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards in 11 plays, ending with a 23 yard field goal by senior Chris Vought. On Gardner-Webb's second possession, WCU's Brian Rucker blocked a Bulldog punt, which was recovered by Mitchell Dukes in end zone for a 10-0 Catamount lead. The Catamounts closed the first quarter with a second Vought field goal, this time from 32 yards out, for a 13-0 advantage.

Gardner-Webb made the score 13-6 thanks to an impressive 19-play, 80-yard drive, covering 7:52 to start the second period. Chris Foster capped the drive with a one-yard plunge.

Western immediately answered to make the score 20-6. Gaither connected with L.J. Williams for 16 yards, hit a short pass to Xavier Godard and found Seward on a 47-yard TD pass.

Gardner-Webb looked to cut its deficit to seven late in the second quarter, getting first and goal on the Catamount two. However, the Bulldogs were denied on four straight rushing plays.

As the second half began, the Bulldogs took the opening kickoff and covered 69 yards in six plays. Nick Roberts hooked up with Austin Gaines for four passes, the last being a 24-yard scoring strike.

The Catamounts rebounded, taking advantage of a three big passing plays from Gaither to Rucker. The two paired up for passes of 15, nine and 24 yards to get in scoring position. WCU would reclaim a 14-point lead with a six-yard, Gaither-to-Seward TD pass.

Gardner-Webb and Western exchanged field goals to make the score 30-16. First, the Bulldogs' Hunter Smith connected from 31 yard out, followed by a 21-yard Vought field goal.

Later, Vought came up short on a 48-yard field goal. However, three consecutive penalties after the kick on Gardner-Webb pushed the Bulldogs back to their own four yard line. The Bulldogs were called for a holding penalty in their own endzone, resulting in a safety. After the ensuing free kick, Western provided the final 39-16 margin. The score was set up thanks to a 58-yard run by Scooter Dalton. Two plays later, Manny DeShauteurs capped his career with an 11-yard score.

In addition to Seward and Gaither, Western was led offensively by Nicholas Wishart, who had 18 rushes for 65 yards. Rucker had four catches for 52 yards, while Michael Reeder had three for 48.

Gardner-Webb's Roberts threw for 245 yards, completing 24-of-38, and a touchdown but was intercepted twice and sacked three times for Gardner-Webb. William Andrews had nine grabs for 63 yards and Austin Gaines had a 24-yard touchdown reception from Roberts.

The Catamount defense was led by Nick McNeil with eight tackles, including four for losses and 1.5 sacks. Lamar Barnes also had eight stops, while Rod Dunlap contributed seven tackles. Michale Spicer fell just one sack shy of the school's all-time record. He had 1.5 sacks versus Gardner-Webb, giving him 29 for his career. Johnna Philyaw, getting the start at middle linebacker in his final game, came through with a key interception, returning it 19 yards.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Gardner-Webb	0	6	10	0	16
Western Carolina	13	7	7	12	39

Scoring Summary:

- 1st 10:49 WCU Chris Vought 23 yd field goal, 11-75 4:11
- 05:55 WCU Mitchell Dukes 0 yd blocked punt return (Chris Vought kick)
- 00:00 WCU Chris Vought 32 yd field goal, 8-56 3:31, GWU 0 - WCU 13
- 2nd 07:08 GWU Chris Foster 1 yd run (kick failed), 19-80 7:52
- 06:19 WCU Lamont Seward 47 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 3-70 0:49
- 3rd 12:02 GWU Austin Gaines 24 yd pass from Nick Roberts (Hunter Smith kick), 6-69 2:58
- 07:09 WCU Lamont Seward 6 yd pass from Brian Gaither (Chris Vought kick), 11-80 4:53
- 00:54 GWU Hunter Smith 31 yd field goal, 11-45 3:15
- 4th 10:02 WCU Chris Vought 21 yd field goal, 4-8 2:24
- 02:28 WCU TEAM safety
- 00:25 WCU Manny DeShauteurs 11 yd run (Chris Vought kick), 5-69 2:03

	GWU	WCU
FIRST DOWNS	18	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-14	42-198
PASSING YDS (NET)	245	254
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-24-2	23-18-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-259	65-452
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	3-23
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-91	3-58
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-19
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-33.0	3-34.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-65	6-59
Possession Time	27:03	32:57
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-1	3-16

RUSHING:

GWU - Chris Foster 11-14, 1 TD; George Pressley 3-8; Jermaine Boston 4-5; TEAM 1(-2); Nick Roberts 10(-11).

WCU - Nicholas Wishart 18-65; Scooter Dalton 1-58; Manny DeShauteurs 13-34, 1 TD; Brian Gaither 6-27; John Bush 2-12; Xavier Godard 1-1; Lamont Seward 1-1

PASSING:

GWU - Nick Roberts 24-38-2-245, 1 TD.

WCU - Brian Gaither 18-23-0-254, 2 TDs.

RECEIVING:

GWU - William Andrews 9-63; Austin Gaines 5-71, 1TD; Chris Foster 5-47; Daren Bradford 3-20; Jermaine Boston 1-39; Ralphell Goodson 1-5.

WCU - Lamont Seward 7-125, 2 TDs; Brian Rucker 4-52; Michael Reeder 3-48; Xavier Godard 2-8; L.J. Williams 1-16; Manny DeShauteurs 1-5.

INTS:

GWU - None. **WCU** - Johnna Philyaw 1-19; Ryan Nesby 1-0.

WCU TACKLES LEADERS (UA-A):

Nick McNeil 7-1; Lamar Barnes 4-4; Rod Dunlap 4-3; Mitchell Dukes 4-1; Michale Spicer 2-3.



2003 CATAMOUNT HIGHLIGHTS

WCU TOPS SoCon IN PASSING AGAIN

Thanks to an impressive season by WCU senior quarterback Brian Gaither, including a record-setting game at Georgia Southern, the Catamounts once again ranked as the top passing team in the league, averaging 239.8 yards per game through the air.

Western Carolina was able to pace the league due to a number of factors. One, Brian Gaither led the SoCon in both passing and total offense. Two, Lamont Seward, Michael Reeder and Xavier Godard ranked among the top 10 in the league in receiving. Three, and perhaps most important, Western only allowed 11 sacks in a league-most 443 pass attempts.

Each time Western Carolina has led the SoCon in passing, Catamount head coach Kent Briggs has been in Cullowhee. First, the Cats led the SoCon in passing from 1977-79 when Briggs was a quarterback with Western. Then in 1982, the Cats led the league in passing when Briggs was an assistant on Bob Waters' staff. When Briggs returned to Western in 2002 as the Cats' head coach, WCU once again paced the league in passing.

WCU TOPS SoCon IN RUSHING DEFENSE

After ranking 116th nationally and seventh in the SoCon by allowing 222.0 rushing yards per game last season, Western Carolina's rushing defense led the league and ranked 14th in the category in 2003, allowing an average of just 111.9 yards per game and marking the first time the Cats had ever paced the league in the category. Not only is that total impressive, but it is even more impressive considering Western played two Division I-A games and faced three of the nation's top 15 rushing offenses in Georgia Southern (first), Wofford (seventh) and Furman (13th). Also, the Catamount defense only allowed opponents to gain 2.65 yards per rush, which was the fourth-lowest average in the nation.

In the season opener, Western held NC State to just 91 yards rushing. The unit held Johnson C. Smith to minus 23 yards rushing on 31 attempts, which was just six yards shy of a WCU record. Western additionally forced The Citadel into 51 yards of lost yardage.

At ETSU, the Bucs only managed 56 rushing yards on 26 attempts. The Cats held Gavin Varner, who was leading the SoCon in rushing (123.5 ypg), to just 26 yards on 16 attempts (1.6 yards per rush). Overall, the Bucs only managed 76 yards of total offense as their quarterbacks only completed 3-of-20 passes for 20 yards. At Georgia Southern, the Cats once again had the task of facing the SoCon's top rusher in Jermaine Austin. Austin entered the game averaging 143.0 yards per game. Western held Austin to just five carries for 22 yards in the first half and 92 yards for the game, 51 yards below his average.

Western held Chattanooga to just 88 yards rushing and kept Elon, who was averaging 141 yards per game heading into the game, to just 79 rushing yards. At App State, Western's defense had 10 tackles for losses, including four sacks, forcing the Mountaineers into minus 95 rushing yards for their net of 27. In the season finale, Western only allowed Gardner-Webb to net 14 yards rushing on 29 attempts.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Western Carolina played one of the toughest schedules in NCAA I-AA football in 2003. The Cats opened the season playing at 14th-ranked North Carolina State and Duke, being the only I-AA team to play two I-A schools in '03. Also, Western played Furman (ranked sixth at the time), Georgia Southern (ranked 11th at the time) and Wofford (ranked eighth at the time) on consecutive weeks.

Although Western suffered seven losses in 2003, two came to the I-A schools (NC State and Duke) and three were by only six points (Furman, Georgia Southern and Appalachian State.)

CATS PUT SEVEN ON ALL-SoCon TEAMS

With so many Catamounts wrapping up their careers in fine fashion, it was no surprise at season's end that seven Catamounts earned All-Southern Conference honors. Jason Whaley, Lamont Seward and Michale Spicer were each consensus first team picks by the coaches and media, while Todd Bargella and Nick McNeil found their way on at least one of the two teams. Brian Gaither and Rod Dunlap were each second team selections.

WHALEY: ALL-AMERICAN ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Offensive lineman Jason Whaley, who played every position along the front five except center over his career, was rewarded in a big way for his outstanding play in his senior year. The Beulaville, N.C., native was a consensus first team All-SoCon pick and picked up second team All-American honors by College Sports Television.

Whaley's honors extended beyond the playing field as he earned first team Academic All-America honors as well as being named to the College Football National Scholar-Athlete Class.

Whaley graduated from Western Carolina in December of 2003, finishing his collegiate career with a 3.918 grade point



Jason Whaley earned his second All-SoCon honor, earned second team All-American honors, earned first team Academic All-America honors and was a special guest at the College Football Hall of Fame as one of 15 in all college divisions across the nation to earn the National Football Foundation \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

average in Computer Information Systems. During the graduation ceremony he was recognized as a University Scholar.

A finalist for the 2003 Draddy Trophy, which goes to the nation's top Football Scholar-Athlete from all divisions of college football, Whaley earned an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship from the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame. He additionally was named to the Division I-AA Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team for the second consecutive year.

Whaley, a four-time WCU Male Student Athlete of the Year, was named the TIAA/CREF Southern Conference Student-Athlete of the Week as helped the Cats defeat The Citadel. At season's end, he was named to the TIAA/CREF Southern Conference Fall Academic All-Southern Conference team.

Whaley's play was a key in the Catamounts leading the SoCon in passing for a second consecutive season. His offensive line unit only allowed 11 sacks in 433 passing attempts on the season, which is just one sack every 40.36 attempts and tops in the SoCon. Overall, the WCU offensive line did not give up a sack in six of its 12 contests, including games versus North Carolina State, The Citadel, East Tennessee State, Furman, Chattanooga and Elon. Twice this season, Western had streaks of 121 consecutive pass attempts without allowing a sack. A 2003 team captain, Whaley is a four-time Southern Conference Honor Roll member and a nine-time Dean's List member.

GAITHER, McNEIL AND SPICER GET NFL SHOT

Although Western Carolina did not have a player drafted by the National Football League this past spring, three Catamounts signed free agent contracts. Quarterback Brian Gaither signed with the Baltimore Ravens, Nick McNeil signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers and Michale Spicer signed with the Buffalo Bills.

Gaither had an impressive senior season with the Catamounts, earning All-Southern Conference honors. This past season, he paced the SoCon individually in passing yards (226.4 avg.), total offense (230.1 avg.) and passing touchdowns (14). Not only did he lead the conference in total offense, but he ranked 24th nationally, while ranking 11th in NCAA I-AA in completions per game (20.5). Over the past two years, the Winston-Salem, N.C., native helped Western lead the league in passing. For the season, Gaither completed 246 passes, which is a WCU regular-season record, for 2,717 yards, which is the third-best single-season total in school history. At Georgia Southern, he established a school record by completing 35 passes in a game and finished the contest with a career-high with 321 passing yards.

For his career, Gaither leaves Western ranked among the WCU all-time top five in six offensive categories, including completions (2nd, 422), pass attempts (4th, 764), passing yards (5th, 5,159 yards), completion percentage (2nd, 55.23 percent), touchdown passes (5th, 27) and total offense (4th, 5,276 yards).

McNeil is coming off his third All-SoCon season, ending his career fourth (tied) on the WCU all-time tackles for losses list (45) and sixth on the school's all-time sack list (18.5). This past season, the Leland, N.C., product finished third on the team in tackles with 63, while ranking third in the SoCon in both sacks (5.5) and TFLs (16.5). McNeil closed the season in fine fashion, averaging 7.2 tackles per game with 12 TFLs over

the final five contests of the season. In his final career game as a Catamount, McNeil tallied eight tackles versus Gardner-Webb, including four for losses and 1.5 sacks. He was tabbed SoCon Defensive Player of the Week for his effort. Also, his play late in the season played a role in Western leading the SoCon in rushing defense (111.9 yards per game) in a league which featured three of the top 15 rushing teams in the nation.

As a junior, McNeil led the SoCon in fumble recoveries, while ranking second on the team with 77 total hits. As a sophomore, McNeil led the league in sacks (10).

Spicer, a two-time, first team All-SoCon pick and 2002 All-American selection, shattered the Western record for career tackles for losses (58), while finishing with 29 career sacks, one sack shy of Louis Cooper's school record. This past season, the Goldsboro, N.C., native had 16 tackles for losses, including 7.5 sacks to rank second in the SoCon. He showed his great athleticism with an interception versus Elon, while also playing fullback in short yardage situations. Against SoCon champion Wofford, Spicer scored on his only rushing attempt, finding the endzone from one yard out. He had a slow start to the season due to an injury, but ended the year being a consensus All-SoCon pick and playing the annual Blue Gray All-Star Classic.

As a junior, Spicer led the SoCon and set a WCU single-season record with 26 TFLs. He additionally ranked second in the SoCon in sacks (11), while ranking seventh nationally in both TFLs and sacks.

SEWARD ENDS CAREER ON WCU & SoCon TOP 5

Lamont Seward claimed first team All-SoCon honors as he ranked second in the SoCon in both receptions (6.17) and receiving yards (76.25). Seward had four games with at least 100 receiving yards in 2003 and posted 12 in his career. He ended his Catamount career by catching a pass in 39 consecutive games and catching at least one pass in 43 of his 45 games. With seven receptions for 125 in his final collegiate game, Seward had 74 catches for the season, which is second on the WCU single-season list. (Eric Rasheed holds the record, catching 89 passes in 16 games in 1983.)

He was named Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 29) after he caught 12 passes for 176 yards in the Catamounts' 28-21 win at East Tennessee State. Of Seward's 12 receptions that game, 11 went for first down yardage. Five of his catches were third-down conversions and one was a fourth-down conversion. The 12 receptions is additionally the second-best, single-game effort in WCU history, tying his own mark of 12 versus Wofford in his freshman season. The 176 yards is the 12th-best, single-game total in WCU history.

Despite playing in the shadow of three-time All-SoCon pick Michael Banks over the past three seasons, Seward surpassed Banks on the WCU and SoCon career lists. Seward's 190 career receptions is third on the WCU, third on the SoCon and 43rd on the NCAA I-AA all-time lists. Seward's 2,972 career receiving yards is third on the WCU and fifth on the SoCon all-time lists. Seward's 15 career TD receptions ranks sixth (tied) on the WCU all-time list.

WCU in the Final 2003 NCAA I-AA Statistics

Individual	Category	No.	Rank
T. Alford	Yds/Kick Return	22.18	63rd
Brian Gaither	Completions/Gm	20.50	11th
	Total Off/Gm	230.08	24th
	Pass Effic. Rating	116.4	65th
Xavier Godard	Yds/Kick Return	23.93	37th
Stanton Horne	Punting	41.95	11th
Michael Reeder	Receptions/Gm	4.83	52nd
	Yds/Punt Return	5.71	87th
Lamont Seward	Receptions/Gm	6.17	20th
	Receiving Yds/Gm	76.25	44th
Chris Vought	Field Goals/Gm	0.83	53rd

TEAM (top 50)	Category	No.	Rank
Western	Net Punting Avg	38.25	4th
Western	Rush Def Yds/Gm	111.92	14th
Western	Pass Off Yds/Gm	239.75	32nd
Western	Tot Def Yds/Gm	324.33	36th
Western	Yds/Kick Return	20.85	38th



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2003 WESTERN CAROLINA FOOTBALL GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	SoCon Record	Time	Attend
Aug. 30, 2003	at #14 North Carolina State	20-59 L	0-1-0	0-0-0	3:25	53,800
Sept. 06, 2003	at Duke	3-29 L	0-2-0	0-0-0	2:59	18,022
Sept. 13, 2002	Johnson C. Smith	W 45-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	3:25	10,083
Sept. 20, 2003	The Citadel *	W 28-21	2-2-0	1-0-0	3:00	8,549
Sept. 27, 2003	at East Tennessee State *	W 28-21	3-2-0	2-0-0	2:52	4,868
Oct. 04, 2003	#6 Furman *	13-19 L	3-3-0	2-1-0	2:50	10,577
Oct. 11, 2003	at #11 Georgia Southern *	25-31 L	3-4-0	2-2-0	3:29	15,708
Oct. 18, 2003	#8 Wofford (HC) *	6-38 L	3-5-0	2-3-0	2:35	11,021
Oct. 26, 2003	at Chattanooga *	0-38 L	3-6-0	2-4-0	3:08	6,693
Nov. 01, 2003	Elon *	W 26-3	4-6-0	3-4-0	3:00	7,994
Nov. 15, 2003	at Appalachian State *	18-26 L	4-6-0	3-5-0	3:16	14,443
Nov. 27, 2003	Gardner-Webb	W 39-16	5-7-0	3-5-0	3:00	8,028

BOLD - HOME GAMES * - Southern Conference Games

2003 WCU OVERALL TEAM STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS	WCU	OPP
SCORING	251	301
POINTS PER GAME	20.9	25.1
FIRST DOWNS	224	228
RUSHING	86	93
PASSING	126	111
PENALTY	12	24
RUSHING YARDAGE	1417	1343
YARDS GAINED RUSHING	1697	1826
YARDS LOST RUSHING	280	483
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	390	507
AVERAGE PER RUSH	3.6	2.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	118.1	111.9
TDS RUSHING	15	18
PASSING YARDAGE	2877	2549
ATT-COMP-INT	443-257-19	336-203-6
AVERAGE PER PASS	6.5	7.6
AVERAGE PER CATCH	11.2	12.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	239.8	212.4
TDS PASSING	14	15
TOTAL OFFENSE	4294	3892
TOTAL PLAYS	833	843
AVERAGE PER PLAY	5.2	4.6
AVERAGE PER GAME	357.8	324.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	48-1001	37-729
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	35-220	26-211
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	6-23	19-243
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.9	19.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.3	8.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	3.8	12.8
FUMBLES-LOST	25-10	33-10
PENALTIES-YARDS	106-890	98-793
AVERAGE PER GAME	74.2	66.1
PUNTS-YARDS	57-2391	68-2634
AVERAGE PER PUNT	41.9	38.7
NET PUNT AVERAGE	38.2	35.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	28:29	30:52
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	61/172	62/179
3RD-DOWN PCT	35%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10/26	12/22
4TH-DOWN PCT	38%	55%
SACKS BY-YARDS	27-189	11-86
MISC YARDS	0	57
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	32	38
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-17	12-16
PAT-ATTEMPTS	19-26	35-37
ATTENDANCE	56252	113534
GAMES/AVG PER GAME	6/9375	6/18922

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
WESTERN CAROLINA	78	66	44	63	251
OPPONENTS	47	112	54	88	301

2003 WCU OVERALL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Nicholas Wishart	12	132	682	43	639	4.8	6	59	53.2
Manny DeShauteurs	10	121	488	45	443	3.7	3	15	44.3
Darius Fudge	10	23	134	14	120	5.2	0	32	12.0
Scooter Dalton	11	6	77	3	74	12.3	0	58	6.7
John Bush	11	22	61	3	58	2.6	2	13	5.3
Sam Brown	6	11	56	7	49	4.5	1	19	8.2
Brian Gaither	12	51	160	116	44	0.9	2	14	3.7
Justin Clark	7	6	18	14	4	0.7	0	9	0.6
Xavier Godard	11	3	4	1	3	1.0	0	3	0.3
James Conklin	12	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Lamont Seward	12	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Johnta Philyaw	12	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Michale Spicer	12	2	1	0	1	0.5	1	1	0.1
T. Alford	11	4	13	21	-8	-2.0	0	10	-0.7
TEAM	7	6	0	13	-13	-2.2	0	0	-1.9
Total.....	12	390	1697	280	1417	3.6	15	59	118.1
Opponents.....	12	507	1826	483	1343	2.6	18	53	111.9

PASSING	G	Effle	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Brian Gaither	12	116.37	418-246-17	58.9	2717	14	62	226.4
Justin Clark	7	88.87	23-11-2	47.8	160	0	54	22.9
Josh Lee	2	0.00	2-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	114.42	443-257-19	58.0	2877	14	62	239.8
Opponents.....	12	135.30	336-203-6	60.4	2549	15	63	212.4

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Lamont Seward	12	74	915	12.4	4	54	76.2
Michael Reeder	12	58	638	11.0	3	60	53.2
Xavier Godard	11	38	459	12.1	6	62	41.7
Nicholas Wishart	12	19	145	7.6	0	23	12.1
L.J. Williams	12	16	153	9.6	0	27	12.8
Manny DeShauteurs	10	14	124	8.9	0	41	12.4
Brian Rucker	11	12	158	13.2	0	24	14.4
J.C. Brown	12	8	140	17.5	1	42	11.7
Todd Bargella	12	5	53	10.6	0	38	4.4
John Bush	11	4	32	8.0	0	11	2.9
Darius Fudge	10	3	8	2.7	0	4	0.8
T. Alford	11	2	18	9.0	0	14	1.6
Craig Younce	7	2	15	7.5	0	9	2.1
Scooter Dalton	11	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.0
Niek Miller	1	1	8	8.0	0	8	8.0
Total.....	12	257	2877	11.2	14	62	239.8
Opponents.....	12	203	2549	12.6	15	63	212.4

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Michael Reeder	17	97	5.7	0	26
Xavier Godard	12	78	6.5	0	15
Lamont Seward	3	15	5.0	0	10
John Bush	1	12	12.0	0	0
Brian Rucker	1	11	11.0	0	0
Francis Brown	1	5	5.0	0	5
T. Alford	0	2	0.0	1	2
Mitchell Dukes	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	36	220	6.3	2	26
Opponents.....	28	211	8.1	1	67



2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

2003 WCU SEASON STATISTICS

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Michale Spiecer	1	4	4.0	0	4
Ryan Nesby	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rod Dunlap	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rico Reese	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bruce Lee	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnta Philyaw	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total.....	6	23	3.8	0	19
Opponents.....	19	243	12.8	2	81

SCORING

	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rev	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
Chris Vought	0	10-17	19-26	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	49
Xavier Godard	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	44
Nicholas Wishart	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
Lamont Seward	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Manny DeShauteurs	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Michael Reeder	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
John Bush	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Brian Gaither	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	3-4	0	0	12
T. Alford	1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	8
Mitchell Dukes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Sam Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
J.C. Brown	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Michale Spiecer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
Brian Rucker	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Todd Bargella	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
Total.....	32	10-17	19-26	1-2	3	3-4	0	1	251
Opponents.....	38	12-16	35-37	0-1	0	0-0	0	1	301

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Brian Gaither	12	469	44	2717	2761	230.1
Nicholas Wishart	12	132	639	0	639	53.2
Manny DeShauteurs	10	121	443	0	443	44.3
Justin Clark	7	29	4	160	164	23.4
Darius Fudge	10	23	120	0	120	12.0
Scooter Dalton	11	6	74	0	74	6.7
John Bush	11	22	58	0	58	5.3
Sam Brown	6	11	49	0	49	8.2
Xavier Godard	11	3	3	0	3	0.3
Lamont Seward	12	1	1	0	1	0.1
Michale Spiecer	12	2	1	0	1	0.1
James Conklin	12	1	1	0	1	0.1
Johnta Philyaw	12	1	1	0	1	0.1
T. Alford	11	4	-8	0	-8	-0.7
TEAM	7	6	-13	0	-13	-1.9
Total.....	12	833	1417	2877	4294	357.8
Opponents.....	12	843	1343	2549	3892	324.3

PUNTING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TR	FC	I20	Blkd
Stanton Horne	57	2391	41.9	61	6	8	21	0
Total.....	57	2391	41.9	61	6	8	21	0
Opponents.....	68	2634	38.7	62	10	8	9	3

FIELD GOALS

	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Chris Vought	10-17	58.8	0-0	6-8	4-5	0-4	0-0	33	2

FG SEQUENCE

	Western Carolina	OPPONENTS
NC State	35	(21)
Duke	(26)	35,(44)
Johnson C. Smith	28,44,(26)	-
The Citadel	-	-
East Tennessee State	24	39
Furman	41	(42),(30),(43),(22),26
Georgia Southern	(32),(28)	(25),34
Wofford	-	(27)
Chattanooga	-	(36)
Elon	(22),(30)	(48)
Appalachian State	(33),40	(24)
Gardner-Webb	(23),(32),(21),48	(31)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

KICK RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
T. Alford	22	488	22.2	0	50
Xavier Godard	15	359	23.9	1	100
John Bush	4	58	14.5	0	18
Scooter Dalton	4	53	13.2	0	18
Francis Brown	1	10	10.0	0	10
Michael Reeder	1	16	16.0	0	16
Darius Fudge	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total.....	48	1001	20.9	1	100
Opponents.....	37	729	19.7	0	43

ALL PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Lamont Seward	12	1	915	15	0	0	931	77.6
Xavier Godard	11	3	459	78	359	0	899	81.7
Nicholas Wishart	12	639	145	0	0	0	784	65.3
Michael Reeder	12	0	638	97	16	0	751	62.6
Manny DeShauteurs	10	443	124	0	0	0	567	56.7
T. Alford	11	-8	18	2	488	0	500	45.5
Brian Rucker	11	0	158	11	0	0	169	15.4
John Bush	11	58	32	12	58	0	160	14.5
L.J. Williams	12	0	153	0	0	0	153	12.8
Darius Fudge	10	120	8	0	17	0	145	14.5
J.C. Brown	12	0	140	0	0	0	140	11.7
Scooter Dalton	11	74	11	0	53	0	138	12.5
Todd Bargella	12	0	53	0	0	0	53	4.4
Sam Brown	6	49	0	0	0	0	49	8.2
Brian Gaither	12	44	0	0	0	0	44	3.7
Johnta Philyaw	12	1	0	0	0	19	20	1.7
Francis Brown	9	0	0	5	10	0	15	1.7
Craig Younce	7	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.1
Nick Miller	1	0	8	0	0	0	8	8.0
Michale Spiecer	12	1	0	0	0	4	5	0.4
Justin Clark	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.6
James Conklin	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
TEAM	7	-13	0	0	0	0	-13	-1.9
Total.....	12	1417	2877	220	1001	23	5538	461.5
Opponents.....	12	1343	2549	211	729	243	5075	422.9

WCU 2003 STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR
at NC State	Vaughan	Whaley	Ryan	Sanders	Donaldson	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Godard
at Duke	Vaughan	Whaley	Ryan	Sanders	Donaldson	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Alford
Johnson C. Smith	Vaughan	Whaley	Ryan	Sanders	Donaldson	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Bush #
The Citadel	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Rucker %
at East Tennessee	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Godard	Bush #
Furman	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Bargella	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Bush #
at Georgia Southern	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Rucker	Gaither	Alford \$	Seward	Reeder	Godard
Wofford	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Williams \$	Gaither	Wishart	Seward	Reeder	Godard
at Chattanooga	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Rucker	Gaither	DeShauteurs	Seward	Reeder	Godard
Elon	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Williams \$	Gaither	Wishart	Seward	Reeder	Godard
at App State	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Bargella	Gaither	Wishart	Seward	Reeder	Godard
Gardner-Webb	Vaughan	McAlmont	Ryan	Sanders	Whaley	Bargella	Gaither	Wishart	Seward	Reeder	Godard

- started with a fullback % - started with two tight ends \$ - Started with four wide receivers

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB
at NC State	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Powell	L. Reid	Jessup
at Duke	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Powell	Dukes	Jessup
Johnson C. Smith	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Powell	A. Brown	Jessup
The Citadel	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Powell	A. Brown	Thompson
at East Tennessee	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Conklin	B. Lee	Powell	Rainey	Cook
Furman	McNeil	A. Reid	Johnson	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Conklin	B. Lee	Powell	Rainey	Cook
at Georgia Southern	Reese	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Conklin	B. Lee	Rainey	A. Brown	Cook
Wofford	McNeil	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Rainey	A. Brown	F. Brown
at Chattanooga	McNeil	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Rainey	A. Brown	F. Brown
Elon	McNeil	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Conklin	B. Lee	Sullivan	Nesby	F. Brown
at App State	McNeil	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Barnes	Sullivan	B. Lee	Dukes	Nesby	F. Brown
Gardner-Webb	McNeil	A. Reid	Foster	Spiecer	Dunlap	Philyaw	Sullivan	B. Lee	Dukes	Nesby	F. Brown



2003 WCU SEASON STATISTICS

2003 WCU OVERALL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			TFL/Yds	|-Sacks-| No-Yards	|---Pass Def---|			|-Fumbles-|		Blkd Klok	Saf
		Solo	Asst	Total			Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	Rev-Yds	FF		
7 Rod Dunlap	12	49	45	94	20-49	2.0-12	1-0	4	1	1-0	3	.	.
44 Lamar Barnes	12	39	31	70	6-10	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
75 Nick McNeil	12	40	23	63	20-73	5.5-45	.	2	.	.	3	.	.
26 Jada Sullivan	11	39	22	61	9-21	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
3 Bruce Lee	12	39	18	57	2-6	.	1-0	5	.	.	.	1	.
40 James Conklin	12	19	23	42	3-2	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.
97 Michale Spicer	12	19	20	39	16-67	7.5-54	1-4	.	.	2-0	1	.	.
45 Albert Reid	12	23	15	38	11-29	2.0-13	.	2	.	2-0	1	1	.
29 Ricky Rainey	11	23	12	35	4-15	1.0-6	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
99 Rico Reese	12	18	16	34	7-24	2.0-13	1-0	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
94 Felipe Foster	12	13	16	29	8-15	2.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 Francis Brown	9	17	11	28	2-2	.	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
13 Otis Powell	6	16	12	28	4-4	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
38 Andre Brown	12	16	8	24	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
56 Phillip Young	12	17	6	23	4-13	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
28 Ryan Nesby	8	11	10	21	2-4	.	1-0	1	.	.	1	.	.
41 Shelton Gaffney	12	14	7	21	1-5	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
22 Deonte Cook	12	15	4	19	.	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
24 Johnta Philyaw	12	10	7	17	2-2	.	1-19	1	.	.	.	.	.
90 Dwain Johnson	9	6	11	17	2-5	1.0-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Mitchell Dukes	8	12	4	16	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 Luis Herron	11	7	7	14	3-22	2.0-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19 Randy Thompson	11	8	6	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
46 Darvin Coffin	12	7	6	13	4-12	1.5-10	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
39 B.J. Jessup	3	6	4	10	1-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4 T. Alford	11	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
59 Buck Freeman	12	3	3	6	2-6	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 Darius Fudge	10	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 Anwar Phillips	11	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 J.C. Brown	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Todd Bargella	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
14 L.J. Williams	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 John Bush	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
20 Lamont Reid	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
65 Linden Ryan	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 Mike Watson	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95 Cameron Melson	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Scooter Dalton	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 Brian Rucker	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
32 Manny DeShauteurs	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 Michael Reeder	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 Nicholas Wishart	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TEAM	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
8 Lamont Seward	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
47 Jacob Hannah	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	12	513	356	869	134-392	27-189	6-23	34	3	10-0	18	5	1
Opponents.....	12	452	384	836	82-232	11-86	19-243	38	11	10-57	13	4	1

2003 WCU INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	UA-A	TOT	NCST	DU	JCSU	CIT	ETSU	FUR	GSU	WOF	UTC	ELON	ASU	GWU
Rod Dunlap	49-45	94	2-1	6-6	3-3	5-4	2-4	6-5	3-6	8-4	6-1	2-5	2-3	4-3
Lamar Barnes	39-31	70	6-1	3-4	1-2	4-2	1-2	4-3	5-3	5-2	2-3	3-3	1-2	4-4
Nick McNeil	40-23	63	2-1	3-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	3-5	2-1	5-4	1-2	7-1	5-3	7-1
Jada Sullivan	39-22	61	6-1	9-3	0-1	1-4	DNP	1-2	3-0	2-1	5-0	5-3	4-6	3-1
Bruce Lee	39-18	57	8-2	3-1	2-2	1-0	-	3-4	6-1	3-0	5-3	2-1	3-4	3-0
James Conklin	19-23	42	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	4-4	1-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	1-3	1-3
Michale Spicer	19-20	39	-	3-2	2-0	0-3	0-2	2-3	1-2	3-2	2-1	2-0	2-2	2-3
Albert Reid	23-15	38	-	3-3	3-0	2-0	3-3	1-3	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	2-0
Ricky Rainey	23-12	35	DNP	2-0	2-2	2-1	2-0	3-2	4-2	6-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-1
Rico Reese	18-16	34	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	6-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-1
Felipe Foster	13-16	29	-	1-1	0-3	1-3	1-0	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-1
Francis Brown	17-11	28	0-1	5-1	0-1	3-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	3-3	2-0	1-4	3-0
Otis Powell	16-12	28	5-1	2-4	3-2	3-1	3-0	0-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Andre Brown	16-8	24	-	2-1	2-0	1-2	-	2-1	4-0	4-0	0-2	1-1	0-1	-
Phillip Young	17-6	23	1-0	3-1	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	-	1-2	1-2	1-0
Ryan Nesby	11-10	21	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	1-1	0-1	-	5-3	2-3	2-2
Shelton Gaffney	14-7	21	4-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	-	1-0	1-1
Deonte Cook	15-4	19	3-0	1-1	-	3-2	-	2-0	2-0	1-0	-	2-0	1-1	-
Dwain Johnson	6-11	17	2-0	1-2	0-2	2-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP
Johnta Philyaw	10-7	17	1-0	-	-	-	2-2	-	-	1-0	3-0	1-1	1-4	1-0
Mitchell Dukes	12-4	16	2-3	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	2-0	2-0	1-0	4-1
Luis Herron	7-7	14	-	DNP	2-0	-	-	0-2	0-1	2-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	-
Randy Thompson	8-6	14	-	-	1-1	4-2	0-1	1-1	-	1-0	1-0	DNP	0-1	-
Darvin Coffin	7-6	13	2-0	0-2	0-2	1-0	0-1	-	1-0	-	3-0	-	0-1	-



2003 SEASON IN REVIEW

2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

2003 SoCon STANDINGS AND HONORS

Team	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W	L	Pts.	Opp	Pct	W	L	Pts.	Opp	Pct
1. Wofford	8	0	246	91	1.000	12	2	383	207	.857
2. Appalachian State	6	2	204	123	.750	7	4	252	219	.636
3. Georgia Southern	5	3	224	163	.625	7	4	311	232	.636
4. Furman	4	4	185	110	.500	6	5	278	155	.545
The Citadel	4	4	163	176	.500	6	6	261	311	.500
6. WESTERN CAROLINA	3	5	144	197	.375	5	7	51	301	.417
Chattanooga	3	5	143	281	.375	3	9	195	421	.250
8. East Tennessee State	2	6	158	175	.250	5	7	270	233	.417
9. Elon	1	7	70	221	.125	2	10	119	314	.167

2003 SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSE

Sept. 2	Ern Mills, Citadel
Sept. 8	Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern
Sept. 15	Gavin Varner, East Tennessee State
Sept. 22	Brian Gaither, Western Carolina
Sept. 29	Lamont Seward, Western Carolina
Oct. 6	J.R. McNair, Wofford
	Alonzo Nix, Chattanooga
Oct. 13	Trey Hunter, Georgia Southern
Oct. 20	Nehemiah Broughton, Citadel
Oct. 27	Vinnie Miroth, Chattanooga
Nov. 3	Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern
Nov. 10	Sean Holland, Georgia Southern
Nov. 17	Gavin Varner, East Tennessee State
	Ern Mills, Citadel
Nov. 24	Gavin Varner, East Tennessee State

DEFENSE

Sept. 2	Cam Newton, Furman
Sept. 8	Teddie Whitaker, Wofford
Sept. 15	Allen Davis, East Tennessee State
	Mike Warren, Elon
Sept. 22	William Freeman, Furman
Sept. 29	James Burchett, Georgia Southern
Oct. 6	Timmy Thrift, Wofford
Oct. 13	K.T. Stovall, Appalachian State
Oct. 20	Tony Tiller, East Tennessee State
Oct. 27	Teddie Whitaker, Wofford
Nov. 3	Matt Nelson, Wofford
Nov. 10	Sam Smalls, Appalachian State
Nov. 17	K.T. Stovall, Appalachian State
Nov. 24	Nick McNeil, Western Carolina

FRESHMAN

Sept. 2	Chad Nkang, Elon
Sept. 8	Carl Meadows, East Tennessee State
Sept. 15	Carl Meadows, East Tennessee State
Sept. 22	Kevious Johnson, Wofford
Sept. 29	Mike Cullen, East Tennessee State
Oct. 6	Alan Atwater, Appalachian State
Oct. 13	Nicholas Wishart, Western Carolina
Oct. 20	Corey Lynch, Appalachian State
Oct. 27	Josh Stepp, Furman
Nov. 3	Alan Atwater, Appalachian State
Nov. 10	Kevious Johnson, Wofford
Nov. 17	Carl Meadows, East Tennessee State
Nov. 24	Carl Meadows, East Tennessee State

2003 SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

OFFENSE

September	Brian Gaither, Western Carolina
October	Alonzo Nix, Chattanooga
November	Richie Williams, Appalachian State
December	Eric Deutch, Wofford

DEFENSE

September	Eddie Bell, Elon
October	Rod Dunlap, Western Carolina
November	K.T. Stovall, Appalachian State
	Matt Nelson, Wofford
December	Matt Nelson, Wofford

2003 COACHES ALL-SoCon TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

TE	Ross Armstrong	Citadel
WR	Alonzo Nix	Chattanooga
WR	LAMONT SEWARD	WESTERN CAROLINA
OT	Low Dawson	Citadel
OT	JASON WHALEY	WESTERN CAROLINA
C	Brandon Mason	Elon
OG	Bobby Gibbs	Wofford
OG	Eric Deutch	Wofford
QB	Willie Simmons	Citadel
RB	Gaven Varner	East Tennessee State
RB	Jermaine Austin	Georgia Southern
PK	Danny Marshall	Furman
RS	Davon Fowlkes	Appalachian State

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	K.T. Stovall	Appalachian State
DL	Leon Moore	Appalachian State
DL	NICK McNEIL	WESTERN CAROLINA
DL	MICHALE SPICER	WESTERN CAROLINA
LB	Sam Smalls	Appalachian State
LB	Mike Killian	Furman
LB	Derrick Butler	Georgia Southern
DB	Derrick Black	Appalachian State
DB	Tony Tiller	East Tennessee State
DB	Gerald Sensabaugh	East Tennessee State
DB	Matt Nelson	Wofford
P	Nate McKinney	Appalachian State

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE	TODD BARGELLA	WESTERN CAROLINA
WR	Scooter Johnson	Citadel
WR	Jeremy Grier	Chattanooga
OT	Michael Porter	Appalachian State
OT	Chad Bentley	Wofford
C	Kevin Olecki	Citadel
OG	Quinton Staton	East Tennessee State
OG	Clayton Dyson	Furman
QB	BRIAN GAITHER	WESTERN CAROLINA
RB	Nehemiah Broughton	Citadel
RB	J.R. McNair	Wofford
PK	Erik Rockhold	Appalachian State
RS	Lewis Barr	Georgia Southern

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	Lee Basinger	Wofford
DL	Katon Bethay	Wofford
DL	Brandon Calton	East Tennessee State
DL	Eric Hadley	Georgia Southern
LB	Cedrick Ritter	Furman
LB	ROD DUNLAP	WESTERN CAROLINA
LB	Timmy Thrift	Wofford
LB	Teddie Whitaker	Wofford
DB	T.J. Rose	Citadel
DB	Corey Lynch	Appalachian State
DB	T.J. Wilson	Furman
DB	Cam Newton	Furman
P	Jimmy Miner	Wofford

2003 MEDIA ALL-SoCon TEAM

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

TE	TODD BARGELLA	WESTERN CAROLINA
WR	Alonzo Nix	Chattanooga
WR	LAMONT SEWARD	WESTERN CAROLINA
OT	JASON WHALEY	WESTERN CAROLINA
OT	Chad Bentley	Wofford
C	Corey Stewart	Furman
OG	Bobby Gibbs	Wofford
OG	Eric Deutch	Wofford
QB	Willie Simmons	Citadel
RB	Jermaine Austin	Georgia Southern
RB	Nehemiah Broughton	Citadel
PK	Danny Marshall	Furman
RS	Lewis Barr	Georgia Southern

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL	K.T. Stovall	Appalachian State
DL	MICHALE SPICER	WESTERN CAROLINA
DL	Lee Basinger	Wofford
DL	Michael Burant	Furman
LB	Mike Killian	Furman
LB	Timmy Thrift	Wofford
LB	Teddie Whitaker	Wofford
DB	Tony Tiller	East Tennessee State
DB	Gerald Sensabaugh	East Tennessee State
DB	Matt Nelson	Wofford
DB	Cam Newton	Furman
P	Jimmy Miner	Wofford

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE	Willis Sudderth	Furman
WR	Scooter Johnson	Citadel
WR	Brian Batton	Furman
OT	Low Dawson	Citadel
OT	Ben Bainbridge	Furman
C	Kevin Olecki	Citadel
OG	Quinton Staton	East Tennessee State
OG	Clayton Dyson	Furman
QB	BRIAN GAITHER	WESTERN CAROLINA
RB	J.R. McNair	Wofford
RB	Hindley Brigman	Furman
PK	Sean Holland	Georgia Southern
RS	Davon Fowlkes	Appalachian State

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL	NICK McNEIL	WESTERN CAROLINA
DL	Katon Bethay	Wofford
DL	Brandon Calton	East Tennessee State
DL	Eric Hadley	Georgia Southern
LB	Derrick Butler	Georgia Southern
LB	Cedrick Ritter	Furman
LB	ROD DUNLAP	WESTERN CAROLINA
DB	Derrick Black	Appalachian State
DB	Jay Lyles	Appalachian State
DB	Corey Lynch	Appalachian State
DB	T.J. Wilson	Furman
P	Nate McKinney	Appalachian State

Coach of the Year: Mike Ayers, Wofford
 Offensive Player of the Year: Jermaine Austin, GSU
 Defensive Player of the Year: K.T. Stovall, ASU
 Freshman of the Year: Kevious Johnson, Wofford
 Jacobs Blocking Trophy: Eric Deutch, Wofford

Coach of the Year: Mike Ayers, Wofford
 Offensive Player of the Year: Jermaine Austin, GSU
 Defensive Player of the Year: Matt Nelson, Wofford
 Freshman of the Year: Kevious Johnson, Wofford



2003 SoCon STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING AVG/GAME

Name_Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Jermaine Austin, GSU	SO	11	224	1461	6.5	6	132.8
Gaven Varner, ETSU	SR	12	270	1199	4.4	7	99.9
Hindley Brigham, FUR	SR	11	178	1042	5.9	5	94.7
Rashaud Palmer, ELON	SR	11	238	920	3.9	6	83.6
Alan Atwater, ASU	FR	11	174	873	5.0	4	79.4
Nehemiah Broughton, CIT	JR	10	164	776	4.7	8	77.6
Kevious Johnson, WOF	FR	14	137	823	6.0	9	58.8
Nicholas Wishart, WCU	FR	12	132	639	4.8	6	53.2
J.R. McNair, WOF	SR	12	180	636	3.5	11	53.0
Ern Mills, CIT	JR	12	150	621	4.1	4	51.8

PASSING AVG/GAME

Name_Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
Brian Gaither, WCU	SR	12	299	152	12	50.8	1862	13	155.2
Vinnie Miroth, UTC	JR	10	301	190	17	63.1	2011	10	201.1
Bo Moore, FUR	JR	9	178	114	7	64.0	1412	7	156.9
Willie Simmons, CIT	SR	12	299	152	12	50.8	1862	13	155.2
Richie Williams, ASU	SO	11	204	120	5	58.8	1621	14	147.4
Carl Meadows, ETSU	FR	10	208	98	4	47.1	1142	10	114.2
Anthony Crews, ELON	FR	12	200	86	16	43.0	975	2	81.2
Trey Hunter, GSU	JR	11	53	26	6	49.1	535	4	48.6
Jeff Zolman, WOF	JR	14	53	31	4	58.5	389	1	27.8
Trey Rodgers, WOF	JR	14	62	31	4	50.0	368	4	26.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

Name_Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Yds/G
Brian Gaither, WCU	SR	12	44	2717	469	2761	230.1
Bo Moore, FUR	JR	9	291	1412	265	1703	189.2
Vinnie Miroth, UTC	JR	10	-156	2011	349	1855	185.5
Willie Simmons, CIT	SR	12	218	1862	372	2080	173.3
Richie Williams, ASU	SO	11	211	1621	328	1832	168.5
Jermaine Austin, GSU	SO	11	1461	0	224	1461	132.8
Carl Meadows, ETSU	FR	10	-20	1142	349	1122	112.2
Gaven Varner, ETSU	SR	12	1199	0	270	1199	99.9
Hindley Brigham, FUR	SR	11	1042	0	178	1042	94.7
Trey Hunter, GSU	JR	11	493	535	180	1028	93.5

RECEPTIONS/GAME

Name_Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/G	Rec/G
Alonzo Nix, UTC	JR	12	90	1060	7	11.8	7.50
Lamont Seward, WCU	SR	12	74	915	4	12.4	6.17
Jeremy Grier, UTC	JR	12	62	753	2	12.1	5.17
Michael Reeder, WCU	JR	12	58	638	3	11.0	4.83
Brian Bratton, FUR	JR	11	45	596	4	13.2	4.09
Sterling Hayward, ASU	SR	11	41	681	4	16.6	3.73
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	JR	11	39	639	6	16.4	3.55
Xavier Godard, WCU	SO	11	38	459	6	12.1	3.45
Scooter Johnson, CIT	SR	12	35	549	7	15.7	2.92
Bud Pough, CIT	SR	12	28	379	1	13.5	2.33

RECEIVE YDS/GAME

Name_Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/G	Yds/G
Alonzo Nix, UTC	JR	12	90	1060	7	11.8	88.3
Lamont Seward, WCU	SR	12	74	915	4	12.4	76.2
Jeremy Grier, UTC	JR	12	62	753	2	12.1	62.8
Sterling Hayward, ASU	SR	11	41	681	4	16.6	61.9
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	JR	11	39	639	6	16.4	58.1
Brian Bratton, FUR	JR	11	45	596	4	13.2	54.2
Michael Reeder, WCU	JR	12	58	638	3	11.0	53.2
Scooter Johnson, CIT	SR	12	35	549	7	15.7	45.8
Xavier Godard, WCU	SO	11	38	459	6	12.1	41.7
Bud Pough, CIT	SR	12	28	379	1	13.5	31.6

ALL PURPOSE

Name_Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rev	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
Jermaine Austin, GSU	SO	11	1461	8	0	0	1469	133.5
Jeremy Grier, UTC	JR	12	8	753	0	629	1390	115.8
Brian Bratton, FUR	JR	11	156	596	0	502	1254	114.0
Gaven Varner, ETSU	SR	12	1199	86	0	0	1285	107.1
Nehemiah Broughton, CIT	JR	10	776	239	0	0	1015	101.5
Hindley Brigham, FUR	SR	11	1042	50	0	0	1092	99.3
Rashaud Palmer, ELON	SR	11	920	79	0	89	1088	98.9
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	JR	11	48	639	279	32	998	90.7
Alan Atwater, ASU	FR	11	873	105	0	0	978	88.9
Alonzo Nix, UTC	JR	12	5	1060	0	0	1065	88.8

INTERCEPTIONS

Name_Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD	Int/G
Corey Lynch, ASU	FR	11	6	61	0	0.55
Montreal Harkley, ETSU	SR	12	6	75	1	0.50
Matt Nelson, WOF	SR	14	6	61	1	0.43
Derriek Black, ASU	SR	11	4	6	0	0.36
Anthony Roberts, CIT	SR	12	4	70	1	0.33
Dwayne Ijames, ELON	SO	12	4	27	0	0.33
Terence McBride, GSU	SO	11	3	94	1	0.27
Tariq Muhammad, GSU	SO	11	3	48	1	0.27
Cam Newton, FUR	JR	11	3	31	0	0.27
Allen Davis, ETSU	JR	12	3	89	1	0.25

PASS EFFICIENCY

Name_Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
Richie Williams, ASU	SO	11	204	120	5	58.8	1621	14	143.3
Trey Hunter, GSU	JR	11	53	26	6	49.1	535	4	136.1
Bo Moore, FUR	JR	9	178	114	7	64.0	1412	7	135.8
Vinnie Miroth, UTC	JR	10	301	190	17	63.1	2011	10	118.9
Brian Gaither, WCU	SR	12	299	152	12	50.8	1862	14	116.4
Jeff Zolman, WOF	JR	14	53	31	4	58.5	389	1	111.3
Willie Simmons, CIT	SR	12	299	152	12	50.8	1862	13	109.5
Trey Rodgers, WOF	JR	14	62	31	4	50.0	368	4	108.2
Carl Meadows, ETSU	FR	10	208	98	4	47.1	1142	10	105.3
Eric Elsener, ASU	JR	9	34	15	2	44.1	39	2	86.1

PUNT RETURN AVG

Name_Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	JR	11	26	279	0	10.7
Teddy Craft, GSU	FR	11	14	134	0	9.6
Lewis Barr, GSU	SO	11	21	197	0	9.4
Justin Stepp, FUR	FR	10	27	234	1	8.7
Allen Davis, ETSU	JR	12	23	227	0	8.1
Xavier Godard, WCU	SO	11	12	78	0	6.5
Jermaine Anderson, CIT	JR	12	14	87	0	6.2
Scooter Johnson, CIT	SR	12	12	73	0	6.1
Shiel Wood, WOF	JR	12	18	104	0	5.8
Michael Reeder, WCU	JR	12	17	97	0	5.7

KICK RETURN AVG

Name_Team	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Lewis Barr, GSU	SO	11	20	598	0	29.9
Ebrahim Tehrani, UTC	JR	12	19	498	1	26.2
James Rainer, ETSU	SO	12	17	413	0	24.3
Xavier Godard, WCU	SO	11	15	359	1	23.9
Bud Pough, CIT	SR	12	26	599	0	23.0
T. Alford, WCU	SR	11	22	488	0	22.2
Derriek Black, ASU	SR	11	18	399	0	22.2
Dwayne Ijames, ELON	SO	12	26	551	0	21.2
Brian Bratton, FUR	JR	11	24	502	0	20.9
Jeremy Grier, UTC	JR	12	31	629	0	20.3

PUNTING

Name_Team	Cl	G	Punts	Yds	Avg
Nate McKinney, ASU	SR	11	74	3294	44.5
Aaron Bass, ETSU	SR	12	73	3121	42.8
Stanton Horne, WCU	SR	12	57	2391	41.9
Travis Zobel, CIT	SR	12	68	2776	40.2
Patriek Shuttlers, UTC	SR	12	68	2670	39.3
Jimmy Miner, WOF	SR	14	60	2343	39.0
Anthony Turowski, ELON	JR	12	86	3287	38.2
Jeremiah Van Dora, FUR	JR	11	37	1405	38.0
Sean Holland, GSU	JR	11	38	1427	37.6

SCORING

Name_Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
Danny Marshall, FUR	SR	11	0	31	16	79	7.2
Sean Holland, GSU	JR	11	0	36	13	75	6.8
Nehemiah Broughton, CIT	JR	10	10	0	0	60	6.0
J.R. McNair, WOF	SR	12	11	0	0	66	5.5
Erik Roekhold, ASU	SR	10	0	23	9	50	5.0
Nick Robinson, WOF	FR	14	0	48	5	63	4.5
Jonathan Godfrey, ETSU	JR	12	0	30	8	54	4.5
Kevious Johnson, WOF	FR	14	10	2	0	62	4.4
Trey Hunter, GSU	JR	11	8	0	0	48	4.4
Patriek Shuttlers, UTC	SR	12	0	22	9	49	4.1

SCORING (TDS)

Name_Team	Cl	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
Nehemiah Broughton, CIT	JR	10	10	8	2	0	0	60	6.0
J.R. McNair, WOF	SR	12	11	11	0	0	0	66	5.5
Kevious Johnson, WOF	FR	14	10	9	1	0	1	62	4.4
Trey Hunter, GSU	JR	11	8	8	0	0	0	48	4.4
Xavier Godard, WCU	SO	11	7	0	6	1	1	44	4.0
Scooter Johnson, CIT	SR	12	8	1	7	0	0	48	4.0
Jeff Zolman, WOF	JR	14	9	9	0	0	0	54	3.9
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	JR	11	7	1	6	0	0	42	3.8
Kevin Davis, GSU	JR	10	6	4	2	0	0	36	3.6
Alonzo Nix, UTC	JR	12	7	0	7	0	0	42	3.5

SCORING (KICK)

Name_Team	Cl	G	PATs	FGs	Pts	Pts/G
Danny Marshall, FUR	SR	11	31-31	16-20	79	7.2
Sean Holland, GSU	JR	11	36-38	13-17	75	6.8
Erik Roekhold, ASU	SR	10	23-23	9-11	50	5.0
Jonathan Godfrey, ETSU	JR	12	30-31	8-13	54	4.5
Nick Robinson, WOF	FR	14	48-50	5-8	63	4.5
P. Shuttlers, UTC	SR	12	22-22	9-12	49	4.1
Chris Vought, WCU	SR	12	19-26	10-17	49	4.1
Travis Zobel, CIT	SR	12	4-4	10-16	34	2.8
Blake Vandiver, CIT	FR	11	25-27	0-1	25	2.3
William Rawls, ELON	JR	12	12-13	3-9	21	1.8

FIELD GOALS

Name_Team	Cl	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	FG/G
Danny Marshall, FUR	SR	11	16	20	80.0	1.45
Sean Holland, GSU	JR	11	13	17	76.5	1.18
Erik Roekhold, ASU	SR	10	9	11	81.8	0.90
Travis Zobel, CIT	SR	12	10	16	62.5	0.83
Chris Vought, WCU	SR	12	10	17	58.8	0.83
Patriek Shuttlers, UTC	SR	12				



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2004 WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

2003 SoCon STATISTICAL LEADERS

SCORING OFFENSE	Q	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Georgia Southern	11	39	36	0	0	13	1	311	28.3
Wofford	14	53	48	1	0	5	0	383	27.4
Furman	11	33	32	0	0	16	0	278	25.3
Appalachian State	11	31	29	1	0	11	1	252	22.9
East Tennessee State	12	36	30	0	0	8	0	270	22.5
The Citadel	12	33	29	1	0	10	1	261	21.8
Western Carolina	12	32	19	4	0	10	1	251	20.9
Chattanooga	12	24	22	0	0	9	1	195	16.2
Elon	12	16	12	0	0	3	1	119	9.9

SCORING DEFENSE	Q	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Furman	11	18	17	0	0	10	0	155	14.1
Wofford	14	26	24	0	0	9	0	207	14.8
East Tennessee State	12	30	27	1	0	8	0	233	19.4
Appalachian State	11	29	23	2	0	6	0	219	19.9
Georgia Southern	11	31	25	0	0	7	0	232	21.1
Western Carolina	12	38	35	0	0	12	1	301	25.1
The Citadel	12	39	35	1	1	12	1	311	25.9
Elon	12	37	36	0	0	18	1	314	26.2
Chattanooga	12	58	52	0	0	7	0	421	35.1

PASS OFFENSE	Q	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Western Carolina	12	443	257	19	58.0	2877	6.5	14	239.8
Chattanooga	12	444	268	22	60.4	2814	6.3	11	234.5
The Citadel	12	309	157	13	50.8	1959	6.3	13	163.2
Furman	11	225	140	9	62.2	1793	8.0	8	163.0
Appalachian State	11	239	135	7	56.5	1760	7.4	16	160.0
East Tennessee State	12	266	125	9	47.0	1403	5.3	11	116.9
Elon	12	239	97	21	40.6	1095	4.6	2	91.2
Georgia Southern	11	115	49	9	42.6	869	7.6	5	79.0
Wofford	14	116	63	8	54.3	771	6.6	6	55.1

PASS DEFENSE	Q	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Furman	11	272	150	12	55.1	1461	5.4	5	132.8
East Tennessee State	12	276	153	17	55.4	1821	6.6	9	151.8
Appalachian State	11	269	147	19	54.6	1821	6.8	12	165.5
The Citadel	12	264	147	10	55.7	1994	7.6	14	166.2
Chattanooga	12	247	142	7	57.5	2011	8.1	19	167.6
Georgia Southern	11	295	157	11	53.2	1968	6.7	10	178.7
Elon	12	324	168	11	51.9	2259	7.0	14	188.2
Wofford	14	427	254	22	59.5	2665	6.2	8	190.4
Western Carolina	12	336	203	6	60.4	2549	7.6	15	212.4

KICKOFF RETURNS	Q	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Georgia Southern	11	36	898	0	24.9
Furman	11	29	629	0	21.7
Western Carolina	12	48	1006	1	21.0
East Tennessee State	12	38	788	0	20.7
Chattanooga	12	65	1336	1	20.6
Appalachian State	11	35	717	0	20.5
The Citadel	12	48	970	0	20.2
Elon	12	56	1098	0	19.6
Wofford	14	33	542	0	16.4

PUNTING	Q	No.	Yards	Avg	Ret	Yds	Avg	Net/P
Appalachian State	11	75	3294	43.9	37	362	4.8	39.1
Western Carolina	12	57	2391	41.9	26	211	3.7	38.2
Wofford	14	60	2343	39.0	19	139	2.3	36.7
East Tennessee State	12	77	3121	40.5	37	369	4.8	35.7
Furman	11	46	1684	36.6	20	62	1.3	35.3
The Citadel	12	70	2776	39.7	30	314	4.5	35.2
Chattanooga	12	70	2670	38.1	47	429	6.1	32.0
Elon	12	90	3262	36.2	48	424	4.7	31.5
Georgia Southern	11	41	1427	34.8	21	212	5.2	29.6

TURNOVER MARGIN	-GAINED-				-LOST-				
	Q	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Mar	Per/G
Wofford	14	19	22	41	10	8	18	+23	1.64
Appalachian State	11	13	19	32	14	7	21	+11	1.00
East Tennessee State	12	17	17	34	14	9	23	+11	0.92
The Citadel	12	13	10	23	12	13	25	-2	-0.17
Furman	11	13	12	25	18	9	27	-2	-0.18
Elon	12	14	11	25	12	21	33	-8	-0.67
Georgia Southern	11	5	11	16	15	9	24	-8	-0.73
Chattanooga	12	18	7	25	14	22	36	-11	-0.92
Western Carolina	12	10	6	16	10	19	29	-13	-1.08

RUSHING OFFENSE	Q	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Georgia Southern	11	664	3692	5.6	32	335.6
Wofford	14	795	3616	4.5	43	258.3
Furman	11	499	2437	4.9	23	221.5
The Citadel	12	498	2000	4.0	18	166.7
East Tennessee State	12	473	1772	3.7	17	147.7
Appalachian State	11	445	1496	3.4	12	136.0
Elon	12	502	1614	3.2	13	134.5
Western Carolina	12	390	1417	3.6	15	118.1
Chattanooga	12	413	1063	2.6	11	88.6

RUSHING DEFENSE	Q	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Western Carolina	12	507	1843	2.6	18	111.9
Wofford	14	552	1735	3.1	18	123.9
Furman	11	444	1537	3.5	12	139.7
Appalachian State	11	451	1626	3.6	13	147.8
East Tennessee State	12	537	2052	3.8	19	171.0
Georgia Southern	11	446	1889	4.2	19	171.7
Elon	12	513	2177	4.2	20	181.4
The Citadel	12	521	2256	4.3	23	188.0
Chattanooga	12	570	3108	5.5	33	259.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	Q	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
Georgia Southern	11	3692	869	779	4561	5.9	37	414.6
Furman	11	2437	1793	724	4230	5.8	31	384.5
Western Carolina	12	1417	2877	833	4294	5.2	29	357.8
The Citadel	12	2000	1959	807	3959	4.9	31	329.9
Chattanooga	12	1063	2814	857	3877	4.5	22	323.1
Wofford	14	3616	771	911	4387	4.8	49	313.4
Appalachian State	11	1496	1760	684	3256	4.8	28	296.0
East Tennessee State	12	1772	1403	739	3175	4.3	28	264.6
Elon	12	1614	1095	741	2709	3.7	15	225.8

TOTAL DEFENSE	Q	Rush	Pass	Plys	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Furman	11	1537	1461	716	2998	4.2	17	272.5
Appalachian State	11	1626	1821	720	3447	4.8	25	313.4
Wofford	14	1735	2665	979	4400	4.5	26	314.3
East Tennessee State	12	2052	1821	813	3873	4.8	28	322.8
Western Carolina	12	1343	2549	843	3892	4.6	33	324.3
Georgia Southern	11	1889	1966	741	3855	5.2	29	350.5
The Citadel	12	2256	1994	785	4250	5.4	37	354.2
Elon	12	2177	2259	837	4436	5.3	34	369.7
Chattanooga	12	3108	2814	817	5119	6.3	52	426.6

PUNT RETURNS	Q	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
Appalachian State	11	30	314	0	10.5
East Tennessee State	12	39	372	2	9.5
Georgia Southern	11	40	368	0	9.2
Furman	11	31	238	1	7.7
Elon	12	24	164	0	6.8
Wofford	14	25	165	1	6.6
Western Carolina	12	35	220	2	6.3
The Citadel	12	26	160	0	6.2
Chattanooga	12	15	91	0	6.1

PASS EFFICIENCY	Q	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Effic	
Appalachian State	11	239	135	.565	7	1760	134.6	
Furman	11	225	140	.622	9	1793	8	132.9
Western Carolina	12	443	257	.580	19	2877	14	114.4
Wofford	14	116	63	.543	8	771	6	113.4
Chattanooga	12	444	268	.604	22	2814	11	111.9
The Citadel	12	309	157	.508	13	1959	13	109.5
Georgia Southern	11	115	49	.426	9	869	5	104.8
East Tennessee State	12	266	125	.470	9	1403	11	98.2
Elon	12	239	97	.406	21	1095	2	64.3

PASS DEF EFFICIENCY	Q	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Effic
Furman	11	272	150	12	55.1	1461	5	97.5
Wofford	14	427	254	22	59.5	2665	8	107.8
East Tennessee State	12	276	153	17	55.4	1821	9	109.3
Appalachian State	11	269	147	19	54.6	1821	12	112.1
Georgia Southern	11	295	157	11	53.2	1966	10	112.9
Elon	12	324	168	11	51.9	2259	14	117.9
The Citadel	12	264	147	10	55.7	1994	14	129.1
Western Carolina	12	336	203	6	60.4	2549	15	135.3
Chattanooga	12	247	142	7	57.5	2011	19	145.6

FIRST DOWNS	Q	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total
Georgia Southern	11	182	33	14	229
Wofford	14	181	32	12	225
Western Carolina	12	86	126	12	224
Chattanooga	12	66	121	21	208
Furman	11	124	73	10	207
The Citadel	12	103	90	11	204
Appalachian State	11	82	75	11	168
East Tennessee State	12	88	59	18	165
Elon	12	89	38	21	148

OPPONENT 1ST DOWNS	Q	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total
Furman	11	81	70	8	159
Appalachian State	11	90	73	13	176
East Tennessee State	12	110	74	7	191
Georgia Southern	11	96	82	16	194
The Citadel	12	114	85	12	211
Elon	12	122	89	15	226
Western Carolina	12	93	111	24	228
Wofford	14	108	128	14	250
Chattanooga	12	159	83	17	259

SACKS BY	Q	Sacks	Yards
Wofford	14	29	176
Western Carolina	12	26	188
Appalachian State	11	24	157
East Tennessee State	12	23	150
Elon	12	21	154
The Citadel	12	20	131
Georgia Southern	11	16	