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**Bolivar, Mo. -** The Southwest Baptist University Bearcats provided an impressive offensive performance Saturday afternoon, defeating Urbana 28-12, making Keith Allen the winningest football coach in SBU history. Coach Allen now boasts the most wins (22) and the highest winning percentage (.449) of any football coach in the history of SBU.

The Bearcats were lead in a strong offensive effort by quarterback Dan Connors who threw for a career high 320 yards, and rushed for a career high 116 yards. Connors was extremely impressive through the air, completing 28 of his 36 passes for 320 yards and two touchdowns. On the ground, Connors excelled with 116 yards and one score on 21 carriers. The Bearcats also had a strong running performance by Tiras Harris who gained 87 yards off of 27 carriers. Charles Johnson once again lead the Bearcats in receptions (10) and receiving yards (144) as he recorded his second 100 yard receiving game on the season.

On the defensive side of the football, the Bearcats were lead in tackling by Chris Muhammad, who also had a key interception on SBU's own five yard line to prevent the Blue Knights from scoring. As a team, the Bearcats recorded season high's in passing yards (320), rushing yards (234), and total yards (554).

After a scoreless first quarter, the Blue Knights were the first to get on the scoreboard midway through the second quarter, taking an early 6-0 lead. SBU quickly responded when Connors hit Marcus Sullivan from five yards out in the back right corner of the endzone to put SBU up 7-6. Under four minutes later, Johnson broke free from the

defense and was on the receiving end of a 46 yard touchdown pass from Connors, as SBU took a 14-6 halftime lead.

In the second half, Urbana responded back by scoring a touchdown midway through the third quarter, to cut SBU's lead to 14-12. SBU would quickly respond when Derwyn Lauderdale took a pitch from Connors 15 yards into the endzone to increase SBU's lead to 21-12. Connors would then tack on a 4 yard touchdown run of his own to finish off the scoring, and lead SBU to a 28-12 victory.

"I thought we did a great job and held them at bay," Coach Allen commented. "Connors did a great job at moving in the pocket and was also able to make plays down the field. Offensively we did a tremendous job, and came ready to play. Defensively we were able to hold them to 1 for 11 on third downs."

With the win, SBU moves to 4-1 on the season, and are set to travel to Liberty, Missouri to take on William Jewell College on Saturday, October 8. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m.

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*Southwest Baptist University is a four-year evangelical Christian university that was established in 1878. The main campus is located about 30 minutes north of Springfield, Missouri, in Bolivar, a town of approximately 10,000 people.*

*DHS alum **Glen Johnson** is a defensive lineman for the Bearcats.*

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