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**Bolivar, Mo.** - The Southwest Baptist University football team continues to get national recognition this season, and have currently received the 28th most votes in the latest AFCA Division II Coaches Poll released earlier this week. The total amount of votes SBU received in this week's poll (36) is five times greater than any other week in the history of the program, and is the third consecutive week the Bearcats have received votes.

The SBU offense is lead by junior quarterback Dan Connors who has thrown for 1202 yards with six touchdowns over the first seven games of the season. Connors has completed 65.8% of his passes and is averaging 200.3 passing yards per game this season.

Thad Everson leads all Bearcat rushers with 443 rushing yards and four touchdowns, while averaging 63.3 yards per game, and Charles Johnson leads the Bearcat receivers with 431 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 61.6 yards per game.

The Bearcat defense is lead by Zach Moore, who has recorded team highs in tackles (57) and tackles for loss (4.5) this season. As a team, the Bearcats had wrapped up 10 sacks, picked off 9 passes, and recovered 8 fumbles, and blocked 6 kicks on the season. Dexter native Glen Johnson had had success from the defensive end position, and continues to earn more playing time in the Bearcats' defensive line rotation.

The Bearcats are off to the best start in school history, and look to move to 7-1 on the season with a victory over Missouri Southern this Saturday. The game is set to kick off at 2:00 p.m. from Joplin, Missouri.

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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.*

*For more information on SBU Bearcat Athletics, visit [sbubearcats.com](http://sbubearcats.com).*

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