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The Wofford baseball team took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning before Georgia Southern stormed back for a 19-4 victory this afternoon in the rubber game of a Southern Conference series in Statesboro, Ga.

Run-scoring singles by Blake Timanus and Brian Casey keyed the Terriers' opening at bat before the Eagles (21-14, 10-7) answered with five runs of their own in the bottom of the first.

A Casey sacrifice fly in the top of the third pulled Wofford within 5-4. Casey was 2-for-2 with two RBI on the day and finished the three-game series 5-for-11 with three RBI. Matt Lein also had two hits as Wofford (6-25, 4-13) totaled 11 hits on the day.

Chad McGill (0-3), the first of six Wofford pitchers, took the loss. The Eagles broke the game open with three runs in the third and fourth innings.

After the Terriers tagged Eagle starter Brian Harrison for four runs and six hits in three innings, Kevin Culpepper (1-0) tossed six innings of shutout ball in relief to earn the victory. He allowed just five hits while striking out six and walking one.

Grant Burruss and Brent Stephens both had three hits and three RBI for Georgia Southern, which improved to 18-4 at home.

Wofford returns to action Wednesday with a 7 p.m. game at South Carolina. The Terriers host UNC Greensboro next weekend in a 12 noon Saturday doubleheader and a 1:30 p.m. single game on Sunday.
The Wofford baseball team will be in Columbia tonight to face South Carolina in a 7 p.m. game at Sarge-Frye Field.

Freshman righthander Jarrod Rampey (3-6, 4.86 ERA), coming off a 7-3 win at Georgia Southern on Saturday, will start for the Terriers in a pre-determined split. Rampey allowed just two earned runs over seven innings against the Eagles in Statesboro, Ga.

Fellow rookie righthander Conor Lalor (4-0, 3.09 ERA) is tonight's starter for South Carolina.

Wofford and USC will close their season series on Apr. 30 at Duncan Park.

The Terriers return to SoCon action this weekend when they host UNC Greensboro in a 12 noon doubleheader on Saturday and a 1:30 p.m. Sunday single game.
Blake Timanus hit his team-high sixth home run of the season to account for the Terriers' lone run in a 7-1 loss to South Carolina tonight in front of a crowd of 2,214 at Sarge Frye Field in Columbia, S.C.

Timanus’ drive over the right field wall came in the seventh inning after the Gamecocks took a 7-0 lead. The Terriers then loaded the bases with one out. However, USC reliever Stephen Broome recorded a pair of strikeouts to end the inning and escape further damage.

Brian Buscher's two-run homer in the third gave the Gamecocks a 4-0 lead. USC then tallied single runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to conclude their scoring in the briskly played game which took just 1:54.

Jarrod Rampey (3-7) was the Wofford starter and took the loss. He threw 32 pitches in his three innings of work. Culley Kline pitched two innings for the Terriers and Keith Sturkie allowed just one run on three hits over three innings to close the game. Sturkie struck out two without issuing a walk.

USC starter Conor Lalor improved to 5-0 as he allowed just one run on four hits over 6.1 innings. He struck out four and walked two.

The Terriers return to SoCon action Saturday when they host UNC Greensboro in a 12 noon doubleheader at Duncan Park.
With rain expected throughout today in Spartanburg, the first pitch for tomorrow’s Wofford home baseball doubleheader with UNC Greensboro has been moved back two hours from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

The additional time will be used for field maintenance. Sunday’s single game remains a 1:30 p.m. start.
The Wofford baseball team will host UNC Greensboro in a three-game series this weekend at Duncan Park.

The Spartans (26-10, 10-5) are in second place in the SoCon after sweeping league leader Western Carolina last weekend by a combined score of 25-7. UNC Greensboro has a team batting average of .304 and a team ERA of 3.56.

The Spartans will start Jay Metzger (5-1, 2.12 ERA) and Scooter Michael (5-3, 3.02 ERA) in tomorrow's 2 p.m. doubleheader while the Terriers will counter with Jesse Cole (1-5, 5.43 ERA) and Jarrod Rampey (3-7, 5.26 ERA). The starters for Sunday's game will be Ryan Gordon (3-1, 3.03 ERA) for UNCG and Culley Kline (0-6, 12.12 ERA) for Wofford. Gordon is also the Spartans' leading hitter with a .425 average to go with three home runs and 29 RBI.

Cole has pitched well in his seven home appearances this season. He has a 3.75 ERA while limiting opposing batters to a .253 average in games at Duncan Park.

Steve Casey (.333) and Brian Casey (.321), Wofford's top hitters, have been especially productive in the last 10 games with averages of .386 and .371, respectively. Blake Timanus has also been swinging a hot bat with four home runs and 11 RBI during that stretch. His team-high six homers on the year rank in a tie for fourth in the SoCon.

Since both schools began SoCon play together in the 1997-98 campaign, UNCG holds a 13-2 series lead over Wofford. The Terriers (6-26, 4-13) won the first meeting by a 20-4 score before the Spartans have rebounded to take 12 of the last 13 contests.
Steve Casey celebrated his 21st birthday today by hitting a game-winning two-run homer to straightaway center in the bottom of the 10th inning to give Wofford a dramatic 4-3 come-from-behind victory over UNC Greensboro in the second game of a doubleheader this afternoon at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C. The Spartans held on for a 7-6 win in game one.

UNCG (27-11, 11-6) came into the doubleheader with an RPI of No. 43 in the country and holding second place in the SoCon. The Spartans were nationally ranked earlier this season.

Terrier catcher Scott Holloway, batting leadoff in both games, opened the 10th with a single for his fourth hit of the doubleheader. He was then sacrificed to second by Matt Lein to set the stage for Casey’s game-winning blast, his fifth of the season and fourth in 17 SoCon games. Casey had two hits in each game and was 4-for-9 with three RBI on the day.

Trailing 2-1 with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Tony Carbone singled up the middle. He then came around to tie the game when Matt Davis followed with an RBI double off the leftfield wall.

The Spartans took a 3-2 lead in the top of the 10th on a Kirk Strebin sacrifice fly.

After tossing two scoreless innings of relief in the first game, Culley Kline (1-6) held the Spartans to one earned run on four hits over 2.2 innings of relief in game two to earn the victory.

Wofford received a strong start from freshman righthander Jarrod Rampey, who allowed two earned runs on five hits over 7.1 innings. He struck out three and walked four.

Chris Mason (3-1) began the 10th inning for the Spartans and took the loss. He picked up his eighth save in the game-one victory.

The Terriers (7-27, 5-14), 3-3 in their last six SoCon games, nearly rallied for the victory in the first contest. Wofford was down 7-5 to open the bottom of the ninth before Holloway, Lein, and Casey opened the inning with consecutive singles to pull the Terriers within 7-6. After a Blake Timanus groundout forced pinch runner David Dufour at third for the first out, Mason induced a game-ending double play from Brian Casey.

Brian Casey had given Wofford a 5-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth with a two-run over the centerfield wall. He added a sacrifice fly in the first inning to total three RBI on the day.

Jay Maule hit a pair of homers to lead the Spartans in the first game. Jarrett Santos (8-2), making his team-high 26th appearance of the season, tossed 3.2 innings of scoreless relief for the victory.
UNCG starter Scooter Michael received a no-decision in game two after allowing just one earned run on nine hits while striking out 10 and not walking a batter over nine innings.

Lein and Jason Nidiffer contributed two hits for the Terriers in the first game with Timanus adding two hits in game two.

Jesse Cole (1-6) went seven innings for Wofford as the game-one starter and took the loss.

The Terriers and Spartans will meet at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the rubber game of the series.
A Wofford wild pitch on an intentional walk in the top of the ninth proved costly as it helped allow UNC Greensboro to push across the go-ahead run in a 4-3 victory over the Terriers this afternoon at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

All three games in the weekend SoCon series between second-place UNCG (28-11, 12-6) and Wofford (7-28, 5-15) were decided by one run. The teams split a doubleheader yesterday with the Spartans winning 7-6 in the first game, before the Terriers came back to take the nightcap by a 4-3 score in 10 innings.

Today's game was tied 1-1 heading into the eighth inning when the Spartans took a 3-1 lead on a two-out, two-run homer by David Adams, his first collegiate roundtripper.

Wofford answered in the bottom half of the eighth. Zach Pittman and Scott Holloway had back-to-back singles to lead off the inning before coming around to score on a Blake Timanus two-out, two-run double to the gap in right center.

Holloway, a sophomore catcher from Marietta, Ga., had three hits for Wofford and finished the weekend series 7-for-13 at the plate. Timanus drove in all three runs for the Terriers today as his RBI single in the fourth inning tied the game at 1-1.

UNCG's Jason Sarvis was hit by a pitch to open the ninth and sacrificed to second. Wofford then elected to intentionally walk Spartan clean-up hitter and pitcher Ryan Gordon, who already had two hits in the game. On ball four, Terrier reliever Culley Kline (1-7) uncorked a pitch past Holloway with Sarvis advancing to third. Sarvis then came home on a Jay Maule sacrifice fly for the go-ahead run.

Gordon went seven innings on the mound and did not allow an earned run. He surrendered just four hits while striking out eight and walking two. Jarrett Santos (9-2) came on in the eighth and allowed the Terriers' two runs before retiring the side in order in the ninth for the victory.

Wofford starter Keith Sturkie was superb in the longest outing of his collegiate career. The junior from West Columbia, S.C., exited the game after Adams' home run. He surrendered just three runs on nine hits over 7.2 innings, striking out one and walking two. Sturkie was pitching on just three days rest after tossing three innings of one-run relief Wednesday at South Carolina.

Allen Thomas had three hits for the Spartans while Maule contributed two hits in addition to his game-winning sacrifice fly.

Wofford returns to action Wednesday when it hosts No. 22 Wake Forest in a 7 p.m. game at Duncan Park.
The Wofford College baseball program has announced the signing of four high school seniors to National Letters-of-Intent.

Joining the Terriers next season will be righthanded pitcher/catcher/outfielder John Brandt (West Union, S.C.; Walhalla High School), second baseman/outfielder Bert Parker (Supply, N.C.; West Brunswick High School), righthanded pitcher Austin Redwine (Ocean Island Beach, N.C.; West Brunswick High School), and lefthanded pitcher Jim Zimmer (Lexington, S.C.; Lexington High School).

Brandt was named to the North 2A-3A All-Star team. A three-time All-Region selection, he has posted a 7-0 record and 0.72 ERA with 86 strikeouts in 50 innings this spring. He has a 20-2 career mark on the mound. He's also batting .382 with eight home runs. Brandt was named the Region I 2-A Player of the Year in baseball and was also an All-Region selection in football.

Parker is batting .594 (19-for-32) with three doubles, two triples, a home run, and 14 RBI in leading his school to a 9-1 record in its opening 10 games. He earned All-State honors last year and has been a four-year All-Conference and All-County selection.

Redwine has a 4-0 record this spring with a 3.09 ERA. He has struck out 25 and walked five in 22.2 innings. Redwine also has a .370 batting average. As a junior, he received Brunswick County Player of the Year honors when he posted a 7-1 record with a 2.57 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 60 innings. He batted .319 with four home runs and 15 RBI. The 6-foot-5, 205-pound Redwine also lettered in football, basketball, and soccer.

Zimmer has posted a 4-0 mark with a 1.66 ERA, striking out 35 and walking 13 in 25.1 innings. He tossed a perfect game earlier this season and had a no-hitter previously in his prep career. Zimmer was named to the Georgetown All-Tournament team and was a member of the 2001 Babe Ruth state championship squad.

The Terriers signed five student-athletes during the fall period and now have nine incoming players for next season.
The Wofford College baseball team will host Wake Forest tonight in a 7 p.m. game at Duncan Park. Admission is free.

A pair of freshman righthanders will take the mound. Jarrod Rampey (3-7, 4.92 ERA) will start for the Terriers while Wake Forest (24-15) will counter with Kyle Young (2-0, 5.68 ERA).

Wofford (7-28) continues to be led at the plate by first baseman Steve Casey. The junior from Roswell, Ga., has a 17-game hitting streak that has raised his season average to .339. He also has five home runs and 19 RBI.

The Terriers’ 23 home runs in 35 games has already surpassed the 22 roundtrippers hit by last year’s team in 57 contests.

Scott Holloway (.320, 2 HR, 10 RBI) and Brian Casey (.306, 3 HR, 18 RBI) are also over the .300 mark while Blake Timanus is batting .275 with team-high totals of six home runs and 27 RBI.

Holloway, a sophomore catcher from Marietta, Ga., has moved into the leadoff spot in the Terrier lineup and has caught all but two innings this season, including every inning since the fourth game of the season on Feb. 8.

Wake Forest third baseman Jamie D’Antona is batting .392 with 15 home runs, 16 doubles, and 64 RBI while rightfielder Ryan Johnson has a team-best .409 average with eight home runs and 40 RBI. Leftfielder Ryan Hubbard and centerfielder Adam Bourassa are 28-of-32 and 25-of-26, respectively, on stolen bases.

Demon Deacon coach George Greer is in his 16th season at Wake Forest.
Jamie D'Antona hit a pair of home runs, tying him for the Demon Deacons' career mark, to go with six RBI as Wake Forest took a 16-8 slugfest over Wofford tonight at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

D'Antona now has 18 home runs this season and 55 in his career to equal the Demon Deacons' all-time mark. He is one of only nine players in ACC history to reach 55 home runs. He also has 74 RBI this season.

A junior third baseman from Trumbull, Conn., and a projected early-round draft pick this spring, D'Antona hit a three-run shot in the top of the sixth to give Wake Forest (25-15) an 8-2 lead. He added a two-run homer in the eighth to go with a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning.

Ryan Johnson, who entered the game with a team-high .406 batting average, went 4-for-5 with three RBI. Adam Bourassa added three hits for the Demon Deacons.

Trailing 5-0 in the bottom of the fourth, the Terriers (7-29) got on the board on a two-run homer by Tony Carbone. Other offensive highlights for Wofford included a two-run opposite field homer from Zach Pittman and a two-run pinch-hit double by Casey Dwyer. The Terriers scored eight runs and had 15 hits against Wake Forest for the second time this season.

Steve Casey extended his hitting streak to 18 games with a pair of singles. He's now batting .367 during the streak. Carbone, Matt Lein, and Jesse Cole also had two hits for the Terriers.

The Demon Deacons scored a pair of unearned runs in the top of the second to take a 2-0 lead before a Johnson RBI double in the third extended the margin to 3-0. Johnson later keyed a three-run seventh inning with a two-run double that gave Wake Forest an 11-2 lead.

Kyle Young (4-0) allowed two runs on seven hits over six innings to pick up the victory. He struck out four and walked one.

Culley Kline (1-8), the first of five Terrier pitchers, took the loss but did not allow an earned run in 1.2 innings of work.

Wofford and Wake Forest return to conference action this weekend. The Terriers will be at VMI while the Demon Deacons host Virginia.
Scott Holloway homered in both games and was 5-for-8 with four RBI as Wofford split a doubleheader with VMI this afternoon in Lexington, Va. The Terriers won game two by an 11-5 score after the Keydets took a 5-3 decision in the first game.

A two-run single by Blake Timanus and a two-run homer by Jesse Cole, his third of the year, highlighted a six-run eighth inning to break a 5-5 tie in the nightcap.

Cole had three hits and three RBI in game two while Brian Casey went 5-for-8 with two RBI in the doubleheader.

The Terriers (8-30, 6-16) had single runs in each of the first four innings of the second game to take a 4-0 lead. A Matt Lein home run, one of his two hits in game two, gave Wofford a 1-0 lead in the first. Cole had an RBI double in the second with Holloway homering in the third to put the Terriers on top 3-0. Holloway then doubled in the fourth as Wofford extended its margin to 4-0.

Two hit-by-pitches and a pair of Wofford errors led to a five-run VMI fifth inning as the Keydets (15-23, 9-11) took a 5-4 lead. However, the Terriers evened the game in the top of the sixth on a Holloway sacrifice fly.

Culley Kline (2-8) picked up the win with four innings of scoreless relief. Kline also threw 2.2 scoreless innings out of the bullpen in game one. Terrier game-two starter Jarrod Rampey allowed just one earned run on five hits over five innings, striking out two and walking one.

In game one, Holloway gave Wofford a 1-0 lead when he homered on the first pitch of the game. The Terriers then took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth on an RBI bunt single by Tony Carbone, who also had two hits in game two as part of the Terriers' 16-hit attack in the nightcap.

The Keydets evened the game in the bottom of the fourth on back-to-back homers by Elliott Erbe and Andy Barden. Consecutive run-scoring doubles by Allan Wimmer and Justin Briggs in the fifth gave VMI a 4-2 lead. The Keydets added a run in the sixth for a 5-2 lead.

The Terriers attempted a rally in the ninth when Timanus opened the inning with a single and Casey following with an RBI double to bring the Terriers within 5-3.

Wofford and VMI will play the rubber game of the series tomorrow at 1 p.m.
Phil Hendrix tossed a six-hit shutout while striking out 11 to lead VMI to a 10-0 victory today over Wofford in the rubber game of a three-game series in Lexington, Va.

Wofford leftfielder Blake Timanus had two of the six hits off Hendrix, who worked out of several jams throughout the afternoon. The Terriers (8-31, 6-17) left the bases loaded in the second, third, and fourth innings with a total of 12 runners stranded in the game.

After the Keydets scored twice in the bottom of the first, Jon Wade hit a grand slam to highlight a five-run second inning for VMI (16-23, 10-11).

Keith Sturkie (0-3) took the loss for Wofford, which returns to action Wednesday when it hosts South Carolina at 7 p.m.
The Wofford College baseball team will host the University of South Carolina tonight at 7 p.m. at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

All seats are $5 and general admission with the Duncan Park gates opening at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be available this morning in the Wofford athletic office, located on the second floor of the Richardson Building.

Tonight’s game begins a stretch of seven consecutive games for Wofford against teams with an RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) in the Top 52 in the nation.

Following USC, ranked No. 34 in the RPI, the Terriers host SoCon-leading Western Carolina (No. 52) in a three-game series this weekend. Wofford will then travel to No. 44 Texas Tech for a three-game set May 8-10 in Lubbock, Texas.

Freshman righthander Jarrod Rampey (3-7, 4.68 ERA) will be the Terriers’ starting pitcher tonight. It will be the ninth start of the season for the Pittsford, N.Y., native. He’ll be opposed on the mound by sophomore lefthander Matt Campbell (2-3, 5.21 ERA), who will be making his 10th start and has struck out 52 batters in 46.2 innings for USC (28-17).

In last year’s meeting in Spartanburg, the eventual national runner-up Gamecocks held on for a 5-4 victory over the Terriers.
Bryan Triplett went 5-for-6 with two home runs and seven RBI while Brian Buscher had four hits and four RBI, including his 10th home run, to lead South Carolina to a 23-2 victory over Wofford tonight before a crowd of 3,319 at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

USC (29-17) opened the game quickly as Buscher and Triplett each connected for two-run homers in a four-run first. Triplett now has six roundtrippers on the year.

The Terriers (8-32) got a run back in their half of the first on a two-out RBI single by Jesse Cole. Wofford then had runners on second and third, but Gamecock starter Matt Campbell (3-3) escaped the jam by inducing Tony Carbone to ground to third to end the inning.

Campbell allowed one earned run on four hits while striking out six and walking one in five innings.

The Gamecocks broke the game open with a four-run second inning, capped by a two-run Matt Riddle triple, to take an 8-1 lead.

Jarrod Rampey (3-8), the first of seven Terrier hurlers, took the loss.

Wofford pitcher Matt Canine had his first career base hit with a pinch-hit single in the ninth inning. D.J. Rhodes also had a single as a pinch-hitter, his third hit in four at bats in that role this season. Wofford pinch hitters are now 13-for-30 (.433) on the year.

The Terriers return to action Saturday when they host SoCon-leading Western Carolina in a 12 noon doubleheader.
The Wofford baseball team will play its final home series of the 2003 season when it hosts a SoCon-leading Western Carolina team that just swept a two-game set at nationally-ranked Oklahoma State.

Tomorrow's doubleheader will start at 12 noon with first pitch set for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday's single contest. Terrier seniors Brian Casey and Culley Kline will be honored in a pregame ceremony Sunday as they play their final home game.

The radio broadcast of tomorrow's twinbill can be heard at www.catamountsports.com.

The Catamounts (31-14, 16-5) hold a two-game lead over UNC Greensboro and The Citadel in the race for the SoCon regular-season title. Western Carolina swept Oklahoma State by scores of 12-3 and 15-9, respectively, on Tuesday and Wednesday in Stillwater, Okla. WCU was nationally-ranked earlier this season.

The Catamount starting rotation will feature LHP Brandon McDowell (4-2, 4.12 ERA), RHP Ryan Basner (5-2, 3.62 ERA), and LHP Brad Josey (5-1, 3.46 ERA). The Terriers will counter with righthanders Jesse Cole (1-7, 5.82 ERA), Jarrod Rampey (3-8, 5.16 ERA), and Andrew Hewitt (0-0, 13.50 ERA).

Western Carolina has a .312 team batting average and has scored in double figures in six of its last seven games, including 27 runs on 27 hits in its two-game sweep at Oklahoma State.
Alan Beck had six RBI in the first game while Ryan Basner, with eight major league scouts in attendance to watch him, tossed a complete game in game two as Western Carolina swept Wofford by scores of 17-5 and 11-1 this afternoon at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

Western Carolina, in first place in the SoCon and coming off a two-game sweep at No. 26 Oklahoma State, improves to 33-14 overall and 18-5 in the league.

Beck was 3-for-4 in the first game, including a three-run double to highlight a 10-run third inning that gave the Catamounts an 11-0 lead. Beck now has 212 RBI in his career to move into a tie for third on the Western Carolina career list and a tie for fifth on the SoCon's all-time chart.

Brian Casey hit a two-run homer for the Terriers in the bottom of the sixth to give him 100 career RBI. He needs just four RBI in the final seven games to become Wofford's all-time leader in its Division I era (1996-present). Rad Deaton currently holds that mark with 103 (1996-99). Casey had a double in game two to give him 37 in his career, just two behind Strat Stavrou (1999-02) for Wofford's all-time record.

Brandon McDowell (5-2), who had two hits and two RBI in the second game, allowed just two earned runs on five hits over six innings to earn the game one victory.

Basner (6-2), whose fastball has been clocked as high as 96 miles per hour, then pitched his first nine-inning complete game. He allowed one run on seven hits while striking out four and walking two.

Western Carolina took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth of game two on a Rod Goldston RBI double and a Matt Nelson run-scoring single. Goldston had three doubles today and now has 23 on the season, moving him into second and ninth place, respectively, on the Catamount and SoCon single-season charts. His 67 career doubles leave him one shy of tying the all-time Western Carolina mark. Nelson was a combined 5-for-6 at the plate in the two games.

The Terriers (8-34, 6-19) closed to within 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth when Brian Casey and Steve Casey opened the inning with consecutive doubles. After a Blake Timanus grounder moved Steve Casey to third with one out, the Terriers were unable to get him home. Timanus had two hits in each game for Wofford.

Two Wofford errors in the top of the sixth led to a three-run inning as Western Carolina took a 5-1 lead.

Terrier starter Jarrod Rampey (3-9) allowed just two earned runs on six hits over five innings of game two before leaving the contest due to injury after taking hard-hit balls off each leg.

Wofford and Western Carolina will meet again at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Terriers' final home game of the season.
tomorrow in the Terriers’ final home game of the season. It will also be Wofford’s final game at Duncan Park. The Terriers are scheduled to move into a new on-campus stadium next season. Wofford has been playing at Duncan Park since beginning Division I play in 1996.
Brandon McDowell’s two-out double to center in the ninth inning scored pinch runner Brett Kasten from third with the winning run as Western Carolina overcame a 3-0 deficit for a 6-5 victory over Wofford this afternoon at Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Catamounts (34-14, 19-5) extend their winning streak to 10 games while moving closer to a Southern Conference regular-season championship. The Terriers (8-35, 6-20) were making their final home appearance of the season and playing their final game at Duncan Park. Wofford is scheduled to move into a new on-campus stadium next spring.

Steve Casey led off the bottom of the fourth with his sixth home run of the season to give Wofford a 1-0 lead. The Terriers added two more runs in the inning on a Tony Carbone run-scoring single, one of his three hits on the day, and a squeeze bunt by Matt Davis.

A misplay on a foul pop up to begin the top of the fifth and two subsequent Wofford errors were part of a five-run inning that gave Western Carolina a 5-3 lead. A Todd Roper infield single brought home the first run before Alan Beck tied the game with a sacrifice fly to left. Rod Goldston then hit a two-run double to give the Catamounts a 4-3 lead. It was Goldston’s 24th two-bagger of the season and the 68th of his career, tying him for the all-time Western Carolina mark. Chris Davis capped the inning with an RBI single to give the Catamounts a 5-4 lead.

Roper and Davis each had two hits to pace a 10-hit Catamount attack.

A Casey sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth pulled Wofford within 5-4. The Terriers then evened the game with two outs in the seventh when an error by Catamount shortstop Wayne Kilmer allowed Scott Holloway to score the tying run.

Derrick Hawk (8-2) allowed just one hit and an unearned run in 4.2 innings of relief to earn the victory. He struck out five and walked one. Catamount starter Brad Josey lasted 4.1 innings and surrendered four runs, two earned, on seven hits.

Keith Sturkie (0-4) took the loss for Wofford. Freshman Andrew Hewitt made his first collegiate start and held Western Carolina scoreless until the fifth inning. Hewitt’s older brother, Nick, then relieved and did not allow a run in 2.2 innings.

Wofford senior Brian Casey had two hits in his final home game and flew out to the wall in right to end the game.

The Terriers return to action Thursday when they begin a three-game series at Texas Tech. Western Carolina will host Appalachian State in a SoCon set next weekend.
The Wofford baseball team will be making history when it heads to Lubbock, Texas, to face Texas Tech in a three-game series (May 8-10). First pitch for all three contests is 9 p.m. Eastern.

The series will represent the first plane trip for the Terriers and the farthest west that a Wofford baseball team has ever traveled. It's also the first meeting for the Terriers against a Big 12 opponent. Texas Tech (26-23) was nationally ranked earlier this season.

The Terrier pitching rotation will be a trio of freshman righthanders in Jesse Cole, Andrew Hewitt, and Jarrod Rampey.

Wofford senior outfielder Brian Casey (.318, 4 HR, 22 RBI) has 100 career RBI and needs four RBI in the final six games to become the Terriers' career leader for its Division I era (1996-present). Rad Deaton currently holds that mark (103, 1996-99). Casey also has 37 doubles, just two shy of Strat Stavrou's career record of 39 (1999-02).

First baseman Steve Casey tops Wofford with a .331 average to go with six home runs and 23 RBI. In 26 SoCon games, he's batting .363 with five homers and 18 RBI.

Terrier catcher and leadoff hitter Scott Holloway, named the team Most Valuable Player Tuesday night, has improved his average 95 points over last year with his .312 mark at the plate, including a .343 average in SoCon action.

Following the Texas Tech series, Wofford will close the 2003 campaign next week at Appalachian State (May 16-17).
Scott Holloway was 4-for-5 while Matt Lein added three hits and three RBI to key a 16-hit Wofford attack in a 20-9 loss to Texas Tech in the opener of a three-game series in Lubbock, Texas.

It was a long travel day for the Terriers, who departed campus at 5:30 a.m. to catch a bus to the Greenville-Spartanburg airport. Wofford flew into Dallas and then onto Lubbock.

Steve Casey and Zach Pittman both had two hits for the Terriers while Brian Casey added a run-scoring single in the sixth inning for his 101st career RBI. He's now just three RBI away from surpassing Rad Deaton (103, 1996-99) to become Wofford's career leader in its Division I era (1996-present).

Wofford took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a bases-loaded walk by D.J. Rhodes. Christian Colonel then hit a three-run homer in the bottom half of the inning to give the Red Raiders (27-23) a 3-1 lead. It was the sixth roundtripper of the season for the Texas Tech first baseman who had five hits and five RBI.

The Terriers (8-36) tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the second on RBI singles by Lein and Blake Timanus. However, the Red Raiders answered with nine runs in their half of the second to take control.

Jesse Cole (1-9), the first of five Wofford pitchers, took the loss. Nick Hewitt did not allow an earned run in two innings.

Steven Thomas (1-0) picked up the win in relief for the Red Raiders. Wofford tagged Texas Tech starter Nathan Fouts for five earned runs on six hits in 2.1 innings.

The Terriers and Red Raiders will meet again the next two nights at 8 p.m. Eastern.
Steve Casey was 4-for-5 while Blake Timanus added three hits as the Wofford baseball team dropped a 20-10 slugfest to Texas Tech before a crowd of 3,064 in Lubbock, Texas.

Brian Casey added two hits and two RBI, tying him with Rad Deaton (103, 1996-99) for the most career RBI by a Wofford player since the Terriers began Division I play in 1996. Scott Holloway and Tony Carbone also had two hits for the Terriers.

Wofford has pounded Texas Tech pitching for 19 runs and 32 hits in the opening two games of the series.

The Terriers took a 4-0 lead in the top of the third. Matt Lein brought home the first run for Wofford (8-37) with an RBI triple before run-scoring singles by Steve Casey, Brian Casey, and Jesse Cole capped the inning.

After Texas Tech (28-23) answered with six runs in their half of the fourth, the Terriers closed to within 6-5 on a Cole sacrifice fly in the fifth inning. However, Texas Tech countered with five runs in the bottom of the fifth and seven more in the sixth inning to break the game open.

Red Raider first baseman Christian Colonel had five hits and three RBI, giving him 10 hits and eight RBI in the series which concludes tonight at 8 p.m. Eastern.
Blake Timanus homered twice and totaled six RBI in a 4-for-4 day at the plate as Wofford came close to its first-ever win over a Big 12 opponent, dropping an 11-10 decision to Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

Timanus now has eight homers on the year, the Terriers' highest single-season total since Scott Yaniszewski slugged 14 in 1999. A three-run homer by Timanus in the first inning gave Wofford a 3-0 lead. He then added a solo shot as part of the Terriers' three-run seventh that tied the game at 9-9. Timanus also had a sacrifice fly to give Wofford a 4-1 lead in the third and a two-out single in the eighth to even the game at 10-10.

Texas Tech first baseman Christian Colonel, who was 13-for-16 with 10 RBI in the three-game series, had an RBI double in the bottom of the eighth to score the winning run for the Red Raiders (29-23).

Wofford first baseman Steve Casey had three hits and was 9-of-15 against Texas Tech pitching, while catcher Scott Holloway went 7-for-13 in the three-game set. The Terriers totaled 29 runs on 47 hits against the Red Raiders.

An error by Texas Tech third baseman Josh Haney allowed the Terriers to score two unearned runs in the top of the fifth to take a 6-2 lead. However, the Red Raiders answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and then five in the sixth inning for a 9-6 lead.

Timanus' second homer of the game pulled the Terriers within 9-7 in the top of the seventh, before an RBI single by Tony Carbone and another Red Raider error allowed Wofford to tie the game at 9-9.

Culley Kline (2-9) went 2.1 innings in relief and took the loss. Jarrod Rampey was the third straight freshman righthander to start for the Terriers in the series.

Wofford (8-38) will close the 2003 campaign when it travels to Appalachian State for a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Friday and a 12 noon single game Saturday.
Brian Casey hit a three-run homer to become Wofford's Division I career RBI leader in the Terriers' 6-5 victory over Appalachian State in the first game of a doubleheader this afternoon in Boone, N.C.

Casey's three-run shot to left-center highlighted a four-run Terrier sixth inning, rallying Wofford from a 5-2 deficit. A native of Spartanburg, S.C., Casey now has 106 career RBI to break the previous mark of 103 (Rad Deaton, 1996-99). The Terriers began Division I play in the 1996 campaign.

Casey has five home runs this year, equaling the combined total he hit in his first three seasons.

Nick Hewitt (1-1), Casey's former Dorman High School teammate, tossed 4.1 innings of scoreless relief to earn the victory. He allowed just three hits while striking out two and walking one.

The Terriers won despite collecting just five hits. Matt Lein had a solo home run, his second of the year, in the third inning.
The Wofford baseball team stranded 15 runners, including the bases loaded in the top of the ninth, as it dropped a 9-7 decision at Appalachian State in the final game of the 2003 season.

The Terriers loaded the bases with one out in the top of the ninth. However, Steve Casey hit a come-backer on a check-swing that resulted in a force play at the plate for the second out. Mountaineer reliever Johnathan Reeder then struck out Blake Timanus on a 3-2 pitch to end the game.

Trailing 9-4 in the top of the eighth, Wofford loaded the bases with no outs. A Blake Timanus single and a subsequent fielding error cleared the bases as the Terriers closed to within 9-7. Wofford had left the bases loaded in the sixth and seventh innings.

After the Terriers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a run-scoring single by Brian Casey, the Mountaineers (14-36, 8-22) took advantage of a Wofford error in the bottom of the second to score six runs on just two hits for a 6-1 lead.

The Terriers (9-40, 7-22) answered with two runs in the top of the third, including an RBI double by Jesse Cole, to cut the deficit to 6-3.

Keith Sturkie, the third of three Wofford pitchers, did not allow a hit in closing the game with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief.
A commitment in excess of $1 million from a trustee and former Terrier baseball player made it possible for Wofford College to hold a groundbreaking ceremony today for its new on-campus baseball field.

The Wofford Board of Trustees approved the $1.8 million project, which will bear the name of Russell C. King Field. The remainder of the funds is expected to be raised in the next few weeks. The new field will be located at the current baseball facility on campus. A former chairman, King has served on the Wofford Board of Trustees for 22 years.

Russell C. King '56 made it possible for NCAA baseball to return to campus after an eight-year absence. Since beginning Division I play in 1996, Wofford had played its games off-campus at Duncan Park, a former minor league baseball facility. The Terriers' existing baseball field did not meet Division I standards.

"We very much appreciate the generosity of Mr. King in enabling us to have a first-class field on campus," Wofford baseball coach Steve Traylor said. "This will provide our student-athletes with a tremendous baseball experience, and the field will certainly enhance our recruiting efforts.

"Russell C. King Field is for our student body, providing another opportunity for the Wofford community to come together."

The Terriers will begin play at Russell C. King Field next season when they host South Carolina on Feb. 7 in the 2004 opener.

Lights will be installed at Russell C. King Field with the first-ever night game at Wofford slated for Mar. 10 when the Terriers host Clemson at 7 p.m.

"Wofford has been envied and praised for the number of gathering spaces on our campus where students and faculty can interact," Wofford president Dr. Benjamin Dunlap said. "There could be no better springtime addition to that list than a handsome, centrally-located baseball facility -- and that is what Russell C. King and other generous donors are making possible.

"As a sometime Yankee fan, it pains me that no one remembers King Kong Keller. But, as an ardent Terrier supporter, it gives me real satisfaction to know future generations will recognize the name of one of the best power hitters in Wofford's history. Russell King used to launch homers over the railroad tracks and, according to a legendary account for which there are several purported eyewitnesses, one of his shots fell into a coal car and traveled all the way to Arizona -- surely the longest home run on record!

"Russell C. King Field will be as significant an addition to our campus as Russell himself was to Wofford baseball in the 1950s."
King is part of a three generation family at Wofford that also includes an athletic background. His father, Russell Calvin King '29, played baseball and football for the Terriers as did one of his four uncles who attended Wofford. King's son, Russell C. King, III '81, is also a Wofford graduate.

"I've been a long-time advocate of bringing baseball back to campus," King said. "Back in my day, and in the future, a lot of students would come and watch at least part of the game. It was a good atmosphere and a place for students to gather.

"This will be a first-class facility and will have a significant impact on the beauty and activity for that corner of the Wofford campus. This is something I was prepared to do and wanted to do. It will help us attract some quality opponents and we'll be able to have some night games. As a former player, I'm excited about having a new field for our program."

Other components of the new facility include a major gift from Toccoa Switzer and her family for the construction of the seating area, which will have 900 permanent seats located behind home plate. Grass banks behind each dugout will bring total capacity to 2,500. A series of rocking chairs, overlooking the field, will highlight the plaza area.

The Switzer family also has a long relationship with Wofford, spanning four generations. Toccoa Switzer is a former member of the Wofford Board of Trustees. Her late husband, James L. Switzer, Sr. '40, was an alumnus, as are her two sons, James L. Switzer, Jr. '80 and Dr. Paul K. Switzer, III '77. The next generation is about to begin, as Toccoa's granddaughter, Lizzie Switzer '07, is enrolling this fall.

"The Switzers made the first gift on the project," Dunlap said. "Without their generous support, Wofford baseball might have wandered in the alien corn a lot longer than it did.

"Long before 'Field of Dreams' made the thought a by-word, the Switzers were convinced that, if we built it, the springtime crowds would return to Wofford to enjoy an afternoon at the ballpark. Next season will prove how right they were."
Wofford College outfielder Brian Casey has received All-SoCon honors from the Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA).

A senior from Spartanburg, S.C., Casey batted a career-high .315 with five home runs and 29 RBI. In 29 SoCon games, he hit at a .333 clip with five homers and 21 RBI. He also had eight doubles and five sacrifice flies in league play.

Casey concluded his career as Wofford's Division I leader in RBI with 107. His 38 doubles rank second on the Terriers' all-time list, just one behind Strat Stavrou (39, 1999-02). Casey places third on the Wofford Division I career chart with 96 runs scored and fifth in hits with 178.
Former Wofford pitching standout George Lehr has posted a 0.93 ERA in 13 appearances this spring for the Mid-Missouri Mavericks in the Independent Frontier League.

A 2002 All-SoCon selection for the Terriers and Wofford's all-time leader in appearances (112), innings pitched (356.2), and saves (13), Lehr has held opposing batters to a .172 average in 19.1 innings for his team based in Columbia, Mo. Lehr has allowed just 11 hits while striking out 23 and walking 10. He has one save.

As a senior at Wofford, Lehr set single-season school records with 11 wins and eight saves. He also holds the college's top two single-season appearance marks at 36 in the 2000 and 2002 campaigns.
The final session of the Steve Traylor All Day Baseball Camp at Wofford will be held next week.

The camp is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (July 7-11). Due to the construction of the new baseball stadium on campus, the camp is held on the lower football practice fields where the Panthers train. The cost is $195. The mornings are spent with instruction on baserunning, defense, hitting, etc. Scrimmage games are then held in the afternoon.

For more information, contact Wofford baseball coach Steve Traylor at traylorse@wofford.edu or 597-4126.
The Wofford College baseball program has announced the signing of junior college transfers Anthony DiNardo and David Long.

DiNardo, a second baseman, batted .292 with 14 stolen bases, 24 RBI, and 34 runs scored for Chattanooga State (Tenn.) Community College this spring. As a senior at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., he had a .302 mark at the plate to go with 18 RBI, 28 runs scored, and 34 double plays turned. DiNardo was a Georgia High School All-Star team selection in addition to being a Dugout Club Player of the Week and Player of the Month.

Also a football standout, DiNardo rushed for 1,300 yards and 20 touchdowns without a fumble in 263 carries. He was a three-year letterman in baseball and football, receiving All-County honors in both sports in addition to serving as team captain. He was also a captain at Chattanooga State.

A third baseman/first baseman, Long earned All-Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association (TJCAA) honors in both seasons for Walters State (Tenn.) Community College. He posted a career .381 batting average to go with 17 home runs, 31 doubles, and 122 RBI, while committing just six errors in the field. Long was also selected to the All-Eastern Division team each year and was instrumental in leading Walters State to a third-place finish this season at the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

During his prep career at Coeburn (Va.) High School, he had a .475 batting average with 26 home runs and 121 RBI. Long was a two-time All-State selection and a three-time All-District, All-Region, and All-Southwest Virginia performer. He received District Player of the Year honors as a senior while participating in the Virginia High School League All-Star Game in Hampton, Va.

Long established single-season Coeburn records for batting average (.538), home runs (14), and RBI (50) in addition to career marks for home runs (26) and RBI (121). He was also a three-time All-District and All-Region golfer who placed sixth in the state of Virginia and was a Region D medalist.
Wofford College's Jesse Cole has been selected as an outfielder to the New England Collegiate Baseball League All-Star team.

Cole is second in the NECBL with a .371 batting average while playing for the Mill City All-Americans in Lowell, Mass.

A rising sophomore from Scituate, Mass., Cole batted .300 with three home runs and 17 RBI for the Terriers in the 2003 campaign. He also topped the Wofford pitching staff in starts (15), complete games (two), innings pitching (90.1), and strikeouts (62).