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Wofford Releases Lady Terrier Basketball Schedule
August 13, 2002

Lady Terrier head coach Ed Wyant released the 2002-03 Wofford women's basketball schedule today. The schedule includes a strong group of non-conference opponents as well as the usual challenging Southern Conference foes.

Wofford faces a significant challenge immediately, as it opens the season on the road with a Nov. 22 game at Indiana as a part of the Indiana Classic. The team will also see a tough stretch in early December, when it travels to South Carolina on Dec. 4 before heading to Atlanta to participate in a tournament at Georgia State on Dec. 6-7.

"We tried to create a balance of both good competition and maintaining practicality," Wyant said. "We'll be quite young and don’t want to overdo it. We’re pleased with the final product. I think our non-conference schedule will prepare us for our SoCon games. We’ll find out really quickly any deficiencies when we travel to Indiana to open the season."

Fans will get their first chance to see the Lady Terriers on the new Benjamin Johnson Arena floor on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m., when Wofford hosts the Smokey Mountain Swarm in an exhibition game. The regular season home opener will be Nov. 26 at 7 p.m., when the Lady Terriers host neighboring Limestone.

Lady Terrier Basketball 2002-03 Schedule

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# Hyatt Regency Atlanta Invitational (Atlanta, Ga.)

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Southern Conference Announces Basketball Schedule Changes
August 26, 2002

The Southern Conference today announced a number of schedule changes for its member institutions' basketball programs.

For women's games, the Jan. 11 and Jan. 18 games will be switched, as will the Feb. 22 and Feb. 24 games. On the men's side, the Jan. 25 and Jan. 27 games will be switched.

For the Lady Terriers, this will create four schedule changes:
• The previously scheduled Jan. 11 game at Furman will now take place on Jan. 18.
• The previously scheduled Jan. 18 game vs. Appalachian State will take place on Jan. 11.
• The previously scheduled Feb. 22 game vs. Chattanooga will take place on Feb. 24.
• The previously scheduled Feb. 24 game vs. Georgia Southern will take place on Feb. 22.

This change will create a four-game homestand for the Lady Terriers in mid-season, beginning with the Western Carolina contest on Jan. 4 and ending with the Davidson game on Jan. 13.

For the Wofford men's team, there will be two schedule changes:
• The previously scheduled Jan. 25 game vs. Georgia Southern will take place Jan. 27.
• The previously scheduled Jan. 27 game vs. East Tennessee State will take place Jan. 25.

Both teams' schedules are available on the web at http://www.wofford.edu/athletics.

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Wofford Downs Smokey Mountain Swarm, 74-66
Nov. 11, 2002

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The young Lady Terrier basketball team got the victory in its first contest of the season, defeating the Smokey Mountain Swarm 74-66 in an exhibition game in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Wofford came out strong, starting the game with a 10-0 run which included six points from sophomore Brie Bradshaw. The Lady Terriers extended their lead to as much as 17 points in the first half when freshman Becky Sasso converted a layup to push the score to 30-13. The Swarm fought back, though, and ended the half with a 7-0 run to close the gap to just six at 35-29. Uneka Webb scored the last four points of the period.

Smokey Mountain shot well early in the second half, outscoring Wofford 11-5 to tie the score at 40. The Swarm never managed to gain the lead, though, as a layup by sophomore Maria Renner, a trey by Ricaye Harris, and a pair of Sasso free throws put the Lady Terriers ahead by seven. Smokey Mountain would never get closer than five for the remainder of the contest, and Wofford took the 74-66 win.

Bradshaw led the Lady Terriers with 20 points on the night, to go with five rebounds, four assists, and two steals. Sophomore Stephanie Riberger had a double-double, tallying 16 points and a game-high 10 rebounds to go with three blocks. Harris finished the night with 17 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Freshman Nakia Mister had eight points and eight boards in the game.

The Swarm were led offensively by Denise Wilbanks, who gathered 13 points and three assists. Quicha Floyd also scored in double digits with 10 points to go with five rebounds and three assists. Webb had a team high seven rebounds and added nine points.

The Lady Terriers begin their regular season Nov. 22-23, when they take part in the Indiana Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Wofford will face host Indiana on Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. before taking on either Ball State or Houston on the second day. The Lady Terriers will have their home opener on Nov. 26, when they take on Limestone at 5 p.m.

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Newspaper Box Score:
Smokey Mountain Swarm vs Wofford
11/10/02 3:00 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena (Spartanburg, SC)
WOFFORD 74, SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SWARM 66

SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SWARM
WILBANKS, Denise 5-9 3-4 13; FLOYD, Quicha 4-13 1-2 10; WEBB, Uneka 4-14 0-1 9; HOLLIFIELD, Gretchen 3-4 1-2 9; PITTMAN, Tara 3-7 2-4 8; THOMPSON, Shawn 4-6 0-1 8; WARREN, Valerie 1-7 2-2 5; COIN, Valerie 1-3 1-2 4; REYNISDOTTIR, Erla 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 25-66 10-18 66.

WOFFORD
BRADSHAW, Brie 6-13 5-7 20; HARRIS, Ricaye 7-12 0-0 17; RIBBERGER, Stephanie 6-10 1-1 16; SASSO, Becky 3-9 2-2 8; MISTER, Nakia 1-4 6-8 8; STRONG, LaToya 0-2 3-4 3; RENNER, Maria 1-2 0-0 2; WHALEY, Gabby 0-1 0-0 0; STASIE, Jenn 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 24-56 17-22 74.

Smokey Mountain Swarm......... 29 37 - 66
Wofford......................... 35 39 - 74

3-point goals-Smokey Mountain Swarm 6-18 (HOLLIFIELD, Gretchen 2-2; COIN, Valerie 1-2; WARREN, Valerie 1-6; WEBB, Uneka 1-3; FLOYD, Quicha 1-2; REYNISDOTTIR, Erla 0-1; WILBANKS, Denise 0-2), Wofford 9-19 (HARRIS, Ricaye 3-5; RIBBERGER, Stephanie 3-6; BRADSHAW, Brie 3-6; STRONG, LaToya 0-2).
Fouled out--Smokey Mountain Swarm-None, Wofford-None.
Rebounds--Smokey Mountain Swarm 36 (WEBB, Uneka 7), Wofford 50 (RIPBERGER, Stephanie 10).
Assists--Smokey Mountain Swarm 11 (HOLLIFIELD, Gretchen 4), Wofford 14 (BRADSHAW, Brie 4; HARRIS, Ricaye 4).

Total fouls--Smokey Mountain Swarm 20, Wofford 15.

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Lady Terriers Sign Six
Nov. 13, 2002

The Wofford women's basketball program received six letters of intent today at the start of the early signing period. The class will include four Charlotte, N.C. area players, plus one from Texas and another from Atlanta.

"We expect all six of these signees to compete for minutes as freshmen," said Head Coach Ed Wyant.

Katherine (K.C.) Correll, a 5-8 point guard, hails from Gastonia, N.C. (Forest View High School). Correll was named to the All-Gaston County first team as a junior, and was also on the All-Gaston Gazette first team. In her junior season, Correll averaged 5.6 assists, 3.2 steals, and 13.0 points per game.

"K.C. is as tough as they come," Wyant says. "She's a true point guard in the respects of running the offense and controlling the tempo. She can shoot the '3,' and she's an excellent defender and a natural leader."

Kerri Metzker, a 6-0 post player, will come to Wofford from Vance High School in Charlotte. Metzker was a first team pick in the ME-CA 8 league, and was also the Player of the Year in volleyball. She was listed as one of the Top 15 prospects in North Carolina by Hoops & Dreams (www.hoopsanddreams.org). Metzker is also one of just 12 North Carolina players to be nominated for the McDonald's All-American game.

"Kerri will bring great physical presence," Wyant said. "She's aggressive, a good leaper, and versatile enough to play the '3,' '4,' or '5.' She's an all-around athlete."

Abby Owens is a 5-11 swing player from Cherryville, N.C. (Cherryville High School). She was also a first team All-Gaston Gazette pick and a first team All-Conference honoree as a junior. Owens currently ranks as the county's 15th all-time leading scorer with 1,173 points after her first three seasons. She is on par to be the school's all-time leading scorer.

"Abby is a very complete player," says Wyant. "She shoots the '3,' handles the ball well, and has good instincts. She's a bona fide scorer."

Susanna Paul is a 6-1 post player from Corpus Christi, Texas (Calallen High School). Her older brother, Rob, is a center for the Naval Academy's men's basketball team.

"Susanna is a real physical contact-craving power post," Wyant says. "She can score, she rebounds well, and she's a very athletic player."

Jenny Weurding, a 6-2 post player, will arrive at Wofford from Atlanta, Ga. (Marist High School). Her older brother, Joe, plays forward for the College of Charleston men's basketball team.

"Jenny is an excellent athlete," Wyant said. "She runs, jumps, defends, blocks shots and has a terrific work ethic."

Mary Jo Yee is a 5-8 guard from Charlotte (South Mecklenberg High School). Yee is a left-handed player who was named the 2002 SW4A Player of the Year as a junior. She averaged 19.6 points and was
player who was named the 2002 SW4A Player of the Year as a junior. She averaged 19.6 points and was also a member of the Charlotte Observer All-Conference team. An equally strong academic prospect, Yee was a Junior Marshall at South Mecklenberg and is a Wofford Scholar candidate.

"Mary Jo is a long-range bomber," Wyant said. "She can play both point and off-guard. She's a quick player, and a natural leader with a great basketball IQ."

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Lady Terriers Topple Limestone
November 26, 2002

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Ricaye Harris scored 25 points to lead Wofford to a 87-48 win over local opponent Limestone Tuesday night in women’s basketball action in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

With the win, the Lady Terriers improve to 1-2 on the season, while Limestone falls to 0-3.

Limestone opened the scoring when Shell Lowrance converted a layup just four seconds into the contest. Wofford responded with a 26-2 run that gave it a 20-point margin that it would maintain throughout the contest. The teams traded scores throughout the remainder of the half, and the Lady Terriers took a 51-22 lead into the break. Wofford’s 51 first-half points included 17 from Harris.

Wofford outscored the Lady Saints 36-26 in the second half to finish with the 39-point final margin of victory.

Harris had an all-around solid day to lead the Lady Terriers, adding four assists, four rebounds, a block and two steals to her game-leading scoring total. A pair of Wofford freshmen notched double-doubles in their first home games; Becky Sasso had 16 points and 15 rebounds while Nakia Mister had 10 points and 14 rebounds. Mister also added six steals.

Kelly Tarr led Limestone with 15 points, two blocks and three rebounds. Joy Hyman added 12 points and five rebounds, while Lowrance finished the night with eight points and five steals.

Wofford continues its home stretch with a 7 p.m. Friday game against Coastal Carolina. The Lady Saints begin league play on Dec. 3, when they travel to Barton College for a 5:30 p.m. game.

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Newspaper Box Score
Limestone vs Wofford
11/26/02 5:00 pm at Benjamin Johnson Arena - Spartanburg, SC
At Benjamin Johnson Arena - Spartanburg, SC
WOFFORD 87, LIMESTONE 48
LIMESTONE (0-3)
TARR, Kelly 6-12 1-3 15; HYMAN, Joy 6-11 0-0 12; LOWRANCE, Shell 3-15 2-5 8;
THOMAS, Joselyn 2-11 1-1 5; KNAPP, Laura 2-5 0-1 4; ELLENBERGER, Kristi 1-3
0-2 2; WILLIAMS, Keri 0-1 2-2 2; SENIOR, Stacey 0-1 0-0 0; HORTON, Amber 0-3
0-0 0; SHERALD, Chimere 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 20-64 6-14 48.
WOFFORD (1-2)
HARRIS, Ricaye 8-15 5-5 25; RIPBERGER, Stephanie 8-11 1-2 17; SASSO, Becky
5-11 6-11 16; MISTER, Nakia 5-9 0-0 10; BRADSHAW, Brie 4-8 1-1 9; CHAPMAN,
Courtney 2-8 0-1 4; STRONG, LaToya 1-6 0-0 3; STASIE, Jenn 1-6 0-0 3;
WALEY, Gabby 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 34-78 13-20 87.
Limestone.....................   22   26  -   48
Wofford.......................   51   36  -   87
3-point goals-Limestone 2-9 (TARR, Kelly 2-4; HYMAN, Joy 0-3; LOWRANCE,
Shell 0-2), Wofford 6-25 (HARRIS, Ricaye 4-8; STRONG, LaToya 1-6; STASIE,
Jenn 1-2; BRADSHAW, Brie 0-1; CHAPMAN, Courtney 0-5; WALEY, Gabby 0-1;
RIPBERGER, Stephanie 0-2). Fouled out--Limestone-None, Wofford-None.
Rebounds-Limestone 36 (THOMAS, Joselyn 8), Wofford 63 (SASSO, Becky 15).
Assists-Limestone 8 (WILLIAMS, Keri 2; HYMAN, Joy 2; LOWRANCE, Shell 2),
Wofford 19 (HARRIS, Ricaye 4; STASIE, Jenn 4; RIPBERGER, Stephanie 4). Total
fouls-Limestone 14, Wofford 13. A-151
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Coastal Carolina Edges Wofford in Women’s Hoops Thriller
November 29, 2002

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Crystal Brown scored 20 points and Nikki Reddick added 18 as Coastal Carolina staged a 74-72 comeback victory over Wofford Friday night in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

With the win, Coastal Carolina moves to 3-0 on the season for only the second time in its 27-year history. They matched the 3-0 start of the 1984-85 season. The Lady Terriers fall to 1-3.

The Lady Terriers held a seven point lead, 67-60, with less than six minutes remaining in the contest. The Lady Chants held Wofford scoreless over the next 3:30 as they tallied a 9-0 run to take the lead. A Nakia Mister jumper tied the score at 69 all for the Lady Terriers at 2:27. After a layup by Coastal’s Temecca Barnes, Wofford’s LaToya Strong notched a trey to put Wofford up for the last time, 72-71, with 59 seconds left to play. Barnes made another layup for the go-ahead points, and a Reddick free throw with 13 seconds left completed the scoring.

The Lady Chants had a strong start to the game, building a 9-2 lead after three minutes. Wofford chipped away throughout the first half, though, and tied it at 33 all on a Brie Bradshaw jumper with 4:04 remaining. Ricaye Harris scored a 3-pointer to go ahead, 36-35 at the 2:16 mark, and Becky Sasso converted a pair of free throws to give the Lady Terriers the 38-37 halftime advantage.

In addition to the 20 points, Brown had eight rebounds and two blocks for Coastal Carolina. Reddick also had five boards and five assists. Barnes finished the evening with 11 points, four assists, five rebounds and four steals.

Bradshaw led Wofford with 15 points and nine rebounds. Jenn Stasie had 14 points, while Sasso contributed 12. Mister had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Next up for the Lady Chants is a trip to Southern Conference rival College of Charleston for a 7 p.m. Tuesday contest. Wofford will take on South Carolina in Columbia on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Newspaper Box Score
Coastal Carolina vs Wofford
11/29/02 7:00 pm at Benjamin Johnson Arena - Spartanburg, SC
At Benjamin Johnson Arena - Spartanburg, SC
COASTAL CAROLINA 74, WOFFORD 72
COASTAL CAROLINA (3-0)
BROWN, Crystal 10-18 0-4 20; REDDICK, Nikki 6-15 3-7 18; BARNES, Temecca 5-6 1-4 11; BROWN, Courtney 2-8 3-4 8; MEEKS, Molly 2-4 0-0 5; TROUTMAN, Cyndie 2-8 0-0 4; LAUG, Vanessa 2-2 0-0 4; POPOVICI, Lucia 2-3 0-0 4; SHEARER, Whitney 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-66 7-19 74.
WOFFORD (1-3)
BRADSHAW, Brie 5-11 5-9 15; STASIE, Jenn 6-10 0-0 14; SASSO, Becky 5-5 2-2 12; MISTER, Nakia 5-11 0-0 10; RIPBERGER, Stephanie 2-6 2-2 8; HARRIS, Ricaye 3-14 1-3 8; STRONG, LaToya 2-2 0-0 5; WHALEY, Gabby 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-60 10-16 72.

Coastal Carolina............. 37 37 -    74
Wofford...................... 38 34 -    72
3-point goals-Coastal Carolina 5-14 (REDDICK, Nikki 3-7; MEEKS, Molly 1-2; BROWN, Courtney 1-4; SHEARER, Whitney 0-1), Wofford 6-18 (RIPBERGER, Stephanie 2-4; STASIE, Jenn 2-4; STRONG, LaToya 1-1; HARRIS, Ricaye 1-7; BRADSHAW, Brie 0-2). Fouled out--Coastal Carolina-None, Wofford-RIPBERGER, Stephanie. Rebounds-Coastal Carolina 36 (BROWN, Crystal 8), Wofford 38 (RIPBERGER, Stephanie 9; BRADSHAW, Brie 9). Assists-Coastal Carolina 20
(REDDICK, Nikki 5), Wofford 16 (HARRIS, Ricaye 6). Total fouls-Coastal Carolina 17, Wofford 18. A-156

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Hot-Shooting Bruins Down Wofford

December 16, 2002

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Natalie Brown and Chasity Campbell combined for 37 points as the Belmont women's basketball team defeated the Lady Terriers 76-51 in the Benjamin Johnson Arena Monday night.

The teams played close for the first seven minutes of the contest, and Wofford (2-6) led 13-12 at the 13:45 mark. Belmont (6-1) then began a 19-point run to put the game safely in hand, capped by a pair of Campbell layups with eight minutes to play in the first period. The Bruins went into halftime with a 40-21 lead.

After the break, Belmont expanded its lead to as much as 31, 61-30 with 12:27 remaining. The Lady Terriers rebounded late to close the score to 72-51, but would get no closer.

The Bruins shot 51.8 percent from the field in the contest and had 19 steals. Brown scored a game-high 20, while Campbell had 17, both season highs. Brandi Miller contributed nine points and nine rebounds on the night.

Wofford was led by 14 points from Ricaye Harris and 12 from Jenn Stasie. Becky Sasso pulled down a team-high eight rebounds. Meredith Bonner, in her Wofford debut, had five rebounds and two points in 10 minutes of action.

The Lady Terriers return to action Thursday, when they play host to Montreat in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. Belmont makes a cross-country trek to Long Beach, Calif., where it will compete against Long Beach State in the Beach Classic.

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Lady Terriers Topple Montreat, 80-61
December 19, 2002

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Five Wofford players scored in double digits Thursday night as the Lady Terriers defeated the Montreat Cavaliers 80-61 in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Wofford (3-6) trailed early, as Montreat (3-7) took a 7-2 lead less than four minutes into the contest. The Lady Terriers came back to tie the score at 12 and again at 14 before a LaToya Strong layup gave Wofford a lead that it would not relinquish. The Lady Terriers stretched their advantage to as much as 13 in the first half, and went to the locker rooms ahead, 39-30.

After the break, a pair of Julie Buchanan three-pointers helped the Cavaliers cut the lead to five. Wofford, however, used a 20-4 run midway through the period to put the game out of reach for Montreat.

The teams racked up a combined 56 personal fouls and attempted 59 free throws.

The Lady Terriers’ Ricaye Harris led all players on the night with 19 points and added four steals. Strong had a career-high 12 points while Brie Bradshaw had 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals. Freshman Nakia Mister racked up a double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds, while fellow freshman Becky Sasso had the near double-double of 11 points and nine rebounds. Stephanie Ripberger came up with 11 rebounds, five assists, six blocks and six points for Wofford.

The Cavaliers were led by Jessica Mills’ double-double of 12 points and 12 rebounds. Jennifer Brooks added a team-high 15 points and seven boards, while Buchanan scored 14 on the night.

The Lady Terriers will break until after Christmas, when they resume play on Dec. 30 with a road trip to face College of Charleston in the teams' Southern Conference opener. Montreat is off until Jan. 3, when they travel to face Reinhardt College.

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