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Four I-AA playoff teams, including national champion Georgia Southern, and Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe highlight the 2000 Wofford College football schedule announced today.

The Terriers will host Lehigh in the season opener on Sept. 9. The Engineers were 10-2 last year in advancing to the I-AA playoffs for the second straight season. Wofford will be looking to avenge a 26-0 loss to Lehigh in a 1998 game played in Bethlehem, PA.

Wofford will then open its fourth Southern Conference season the next weekend, Sept. 16, when it travels to Statesboro, GA, to face Division I-AA national champion Georgia Southern. The Terriers will make their SoCon home debut with a Sept. 30 contest against Chattanooga.

Longtime rivals The Citadel and Furman will also visit Spartanburg this fall. The Bulldogs come to Gibbs Stadium on Oct. 28 with the Paladin game set for Nov. 11. Wofford will also host Western Carolina in its Homecoming game on Oct. 14. The Terriers will also face Appalachian State in a SoCon battle Oct. 21 in Boone, NC. Furman and Appalachian State were playoff teams last season.

The Terriers close the campaign at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe. The Indians were 5-6 this past season. Louisiana-Monroe will be in its final year as an Independent before beginning play in the new Sun Belt Conference in 2001.

"It's another very difficult schedule," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "We feel like we've got to make a lot of progress to meet that challenge. "We took a positive step forward this past year. The next step for us is to compete for a conference championship. That's our goal."

The Terriers return eight starters on offense and five on defense from last season's squad that posted a 6-5 overall record and a 5-3 SoCon mark to place fourth in the league standings.

2000 Wofford Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 9	Lehigh	Gibbs Stadium	7:00
Sept. 16	Georgia Southern*	Statesboro, GA	1:00
Sept. 23	Charleston Southern	Charleston, SC	1:30
Sept. 30	Chattanooga*	Gibbs Stadium	1:30
Oct. 7	VMI*	Lexington, VA	1:00
Oct. 14	Western Carolina*	Gibbs Stadium	1:30
Oct. 21	Appalachian State*	Boone, NC	2:00
Oct. 28	The Citadel*	Gibbs Stadium	1:30
Nov. 4	East Tennessee State*	Johnson City, TN	2:00
Nov. 11	Furman*	Gibbs Stadium	1:30
Nov. 18	Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, LA	TBA

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The Terriers will begin two-a-day workouts on Aug. 20 with practices at 8:50 a.m. and 3:50 p.m.

"We've got an excellent group of kids coming back and a nice crop of freshmen that we feel will add to our football team," Ayers said. "We have a very tough schedule as usual (Wofford faces four I-AA playoff teams from a year ago as well as Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe).

"It is important for us to come out ready to play from the get go. We open with Lehigh and Georgia Southern. Both are nationally ranked. Everyone knows about Georgia Southern but Lehigh is a very tough football team as well. It's critical for us to stay healthy. We have some quality football players. Our problem is a lack of depth. If we can stay healthy, I believe we'll have a football team that can compete week in and week out and give ourselves an opportunity to win."

With a 70-61-1 record in 12 years, Ayers needs just eight victories to become the Terriers' all-time winningest coach. **Conley Snidow** holds that distinction with a 77-59-4 mark (1953-66).

The Terriers are a consensus fourth-place pick in the SoCon after posting a 5-3 league record (6-5 overall) for a fourth-place finish a year ago. Wofford, which returns eight starters on offense and five on defense, has been ranked No. 18 nationally in the preseason by *Lindy's College Football*.

"The word belief is the key," Ayers said. "When we first started three years ago (Wofford began SoCon play in 1997), there was doubt and a mindset among our players that maybe we can do it. Now, in three short years, our kids believe they can do it - that they can compete against anybody we play, whether it's a Southern Conference school or Division I-A program. We've proved that.

"We've taken great strides in a very short time. Our goal is to take another positive step this year by hopefully competing for a Southern Conference championship and getting into the playoffs."

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"Our kids need to be in good shape when they report," Ayers said. "We don't have time to waste on extra conditioning. Our kids have had a program all summer and we expect them to be in shape.

"We'll have a running test Saturday morning and then we'll start getting ready for the 2000 campaign. We have a tremendous challenge with Lehigh in our opener. We understand the significance of that game. We have our work cut out for us but we're very confident that we have a nice group of kids returning. The kids are also confident with where we are in the program and we're now looking forward to taking the next step."

The Terriers are a consensus fourth-place pick in the SoCon after posting a 5-3 league record (6-5 overall) for a fourth-place finish a year ago. Wofford returns eight starters on offense and five on defense. Based on number of votes received, the Terriers are ranked No. 34 in the preseason poll by The Sports Network.

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Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers is ready to hit the same practice fields that the Carolina Panthers recently vacated.

"The practice field is a place that is dear to my heart," Ayers said. "It's where the game is made and where you really play the game."

"Anybody can play on Saturday. The tough part is down there on the practice field. That's where we're going to concentrate on becoming a better football team, developing our fundamentals, and our concepts of the team offensively and defensively. We've got a big job ahead of us as far as trying to find a kicking game that's going to be efficient and be able to help us win. There are a lot of things we have to look at and a lot of gaps to fill."

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The Southern Conference head football coaches have picked the Wofford College football team to place fourth in the league standings this fall.

Furman and defending national champion Georgia Southern were predicted to tie for the SoCon title with Appalachian State third. Chattanooga was fifth, followed by East Tennessee State, Western Carolina, The Citadel, and VMI.

Last year, the Terriers posted a 5-3 SoCon mark for a 4th-place finish after being a preseason 8th-place pick. Wofford returns 13 starters (eight offensive, five defensive) from last year's squad that peaked at No. 27 and No. 28, respectively, in national polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today. Head Coach Mike Ayers was the runner-up for SoCon Coach of the Year honors.

Wofford, 6-5 overall, has increased its win total each year since joining the SoCon (3-7, 2-6 in 1997; 4-7, 3-5 in 1998; 6-5, 5-3 in 1999).

The Terriers will once again face a challenging schedule with four I-AA playoff teams from a year ago as well as Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe on the 2000 slate. Wofford opens the campaign with a Sept. 9 home game against a Lehigh team that's advanced to the I-AA playoffs in each of the last two seasons. Last year, the Terriers were one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.

Wofford ranked second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game) and No. 8 in total offense (473.8 yards per game) a year ago. The Terriers were also 25th nationally in scoring offense (33.1 points per game).

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Florida Focus has picked the Wofford College football team to place third in the Southern Conference this fall with three Terriers being named to its preseason All-Southern Conference team.

Florida Focus (www.floridafocussports.net) is a variety site that covers everything from Florida high school sports to collegiate athletics.

The Terriers were picked to finish behind Georgia Southern and Furman in the league standings. Appalachian State was selected fourth, followed by East Tennessee State, The Citadel, Chattanooga, Western Carolina, and VMI.

Offensive guards Darin Shelley and Eric Nash as well as defensive lineman Nathan Fuqua were named to the Florida Focus preseason All-SoCon team.

Shelley (Williamsburg, KY) topped Wofford last season with 161 knockdown blocks. He had three of the Top Four individual knockdown block performances of the season for the Terriers. He was instrumental in Wofford placing second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game), eighth in total offense (473.8 yards per game), and 25th in scoring (33.1 points per game). Wofford also set single-season school records for total offense (5,212 yards) and first downs (258).

A native of Sharpsburg, GA, Nash placed second to Shelley with 137 knockdowns a year ago. He earned second-team All-SoCon honors and was selected as a second-team preseason All-America earlier this week by The Sports Network.

Fuqua (Danville, KY) earned second-team All-SoCon honors as a true freshman at nose tackle last season. He totaled 34 tackles with six stops behind the line of scrimmage.

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Street & Smith's College Football has picked the Wofford College football team to place fourth in the Southern Conference this season.

The Terriers finished fourth last year after posting a 5-3 SoCon record to go with a 6-5 overall mark. During the 1999 campaign, Wofford peaked at No. 27 and No. 28, respectively, in The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today national polls.

Street & Smith's has Furman winning the SoCon title with defending national champion Georgia Southern second and Appalachian State third. Chattanooga was predicted to finish fifth, followed by East Tennessee State, Western Carolina, VMI, and The Citadel.

The Terriers open the 2000 campaign with a Sept. 9 home date against Lehigh, a Division I-AA playoff participant in each of the last two seasons. Wofford players report to campus Aug. 18 for the start of preseason drills.

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The Sports Network (www.sportsnetwork.com) has predicted the Wofford College football team to place fourth this year in the Southern Conference.

Defending national champion Georgia Southern was picked to finish first, ahead of Appalachian State and Furman. Chattanooga was pegged for fifth, followed by The Citadel, Western Carolina, East Tennessee State, and VMI.

In its prognosis of Wofford, The Sports Network had the following to say, "Wofford, with an SAT average (1184) higher than its enrollment (1100), is one of the best stories in I-AA football. The job (Head Coach) Mike Ayers and his staff have done in a short time, with limited resources, and in one of the nation's best conferences is nothing short of amazing."

The Terriers return 13 starters (eight offensive, five defensive) and 39 of 55 lettermen from last year's squad that posted a 6-5 overall record, including a 5-3 SoCon mark that was good for a fourth-place finish. Wofford also peaked at No. 27 and No. 28, respectively, in national polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today.

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The Wofford College football team received votes in the preseason Top 25 poll released today by The Sports Network.

Based on number of votes received, the Terriers are No. 34 in the poll. Lehigh, Wofford's season opening opponent on Sept. 9 at Gibbs Stadium, is ranked No. 24. The Engineers have appeared in the I-AA playoffs in each of the last two seasons. Defending national champion Georgia Southern is ranked No. 1 while fellow SoCon teams Appalachian State and Furman are No. 6 and No. 9, respectively.

Wofford peaked at No. 27 and No. 28 in polls last year by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today. The Terriers posted a 5-3 SoCon record and a 6-5 overall mark.

The Terriers report to campus Friday for the start of preseason camp. The opening practice is set for 3:50 p.m. on Saturday.

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The Wofford College football team will hold its Media/Picture Day on Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers report to campus on Aug. 18 with the first practice set for Aug. 21. Wofford opens the 2000 campaign on Sept. 9 when it hosts Lehigh in a 7 p.m. contest.

Due to the Carolina Panther training camp on campus, the Terriers traditionally use the first weekend of the season as their open date. For that reason, Wofford is often one of the last teams to report for preseason camp.

The Terriers are a consensus pick for fourth place in the Southern Conference this season. Wofford has also been ranked as high as No. 18 nationally by *Lindy's National College Football*. The Terriers return eight starters on offense, including record-setting quarterback Travis Wilson and SoCon Freshman of the Year Jesse McCoy. Wilson, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound quarterback from Newberry, SC, set a single-season school record for total offense with 2,157 yards last season. McCoy, a sophomore halfback from Acworth, GA, averaged 10.7 yards each time he touched the ball from the line of scrimmage. The Terriers also welcome back five starters on defense.

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As a reminder...

The Wofford College football team will hold its annual Media/Picture Day on Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m at Gibbs Stadium.

Hope to see you there.

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•The Wofford College football team began its second week of two-a-days with Head Coach **Mike Ayers** continuing to enjoy his new role as the position coach for the Terrier safeties.

"It's fun," Ayers said. "I coached the offensive line last year and had a real big group. I only have eight safeties so that's nothing.

"I'm fortunate to have a good group of kids and they're learning. It's still pretty much a young group, but they're starting to get a hold of it. They've given a good effort and are working hard. When they don't, I'll just send them to the hill to see what it's like up there. They're generally working, though, at a pretty good pace."

After having a chance to review the tape from Saturday's scrimmage, Ayers remains pleased with what he saw from his squad. In particular, freshman running back **J.R. McNair** (Jonesboro, GA) has caught his attention.

"We did a lot of good things," Ayers said. "We're still not assignment sound. We've got some young kids that are unclear but we saw some great effort out of them.

"J.R. McNair keeps popping up just about everytime he does anything. If he takes a drink of water, it starts to become pretty impressive.

"We've made some progress for one week. We've done some good things but also have critical areas of concern. We'll continue to work and I believe we'll be a lot better when we scrimmage on Thursday."

•Offensive Coordinator **Wade Lang** was extremely pleased with the Wofford offensive line after this morning's practice. He cited the entire unit as performing well.

•Inside linebacker **Robert Mathis** (6-2, 230, So., Cross, SC) continued to draw praise from the Terrier defensive staff. He has added 30 pounds from the close of last season when he earned Wofford Defensive Player of the Week honors twice in the final three games.

•After sitting out Saturday's scrimmage with various injuries, the Terriers' starting defensive front of **Nathan Fuqua**, **Brian Bodor**, and **Robert Trapp** returned to practice this morning. Halfback **Jesse McCoy**, last year's Southern Conference Freshman of the Year, remains day-to-day with a sprained ankle.

•Senior **Buff Williams** (Dacusville, SC) has seen his career come to a close with a torn ACL and MCL. He was moved from wide receiver to outside linebacker during spring practice.

•The Terriers will have their Media/Picture Day tomorrow at 9 a.m. before returning to the practice field at 3:50 p.m. Wofford's next scrimmage will be Thursday.

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•A 70-yard touchdown pass from **Travis Wilson** to freshman wide receiver **Curtis Nash** highlighted the Wofford College football team's first preseason scrimmage tonight at Gibbs Stadium.

Nash, a local player from Spartanburg, SC, quarterback Dorman High School to the state championship game last year. He joined fellow offensive newcomers **J.R. McNair** (Jonesboro, GA) and **Shaun Fogle** (Santee, SC) in stealing the show during the 87-play scrimmage.

Fogle was the Terriers' leading ground gainer with 67 yards on 10 attempts, including a 38-yard carry. McNair, despite being bothered by a toe injury, had seven carries for 61 yards.

The rookie trio of Nash, Fogle, and McNair caught the eye of Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers**.

"We got some young kids that are pushing for starting jobs," Ayers said. "The one thing we saw tonight is that we have the ability to move the ball and stop people.

"We had four starters out defensively with injuries and still did some good things. A lot of our busts occurred with the younger guys in there and that's to be expected. We also tackled extremely well at times.

"J.R. McNair is a special player. He's unbelievable. He can really run the football and everything he does is 100 percent. He has a great attitude and you could see tonight that you better throw some leather on him because you're not going to stop him with just an arm.

"Despite a week of two-a-days and conditioning, I was pleased with the way the kids came out tonight. They looked fairly fresh. I thought they might come out with dead legs, but they got after it and played hard. Travis (Wilson) did some good things and we had our moments on the offensive line where we looked real good. Other times, with our pass protection, it looked like we needed some work."

•Wofford played tonight without its starting defensive line as All-SoCon nose tackle **Nathan Fuqua** (back) and tackles **Brian Bodor** (shoulder) and Robert **Trapp** (shoulder) sat out with injuries. Outside linebacker **Al Clark** (Achilles) was also sidelined. Other notables missing from action were SoCon Freshman of the Year halfback **Jesse McCoy** (ankle), halfback **D.J. Gaillard** (foot), and wide receivers **Jeff Scott** (abdomen) and **Allen Thompson** (prostate infection).

•Cornerback **Fred Washington** (Cross, SC) led the defense with two interceptions. In addition to the Wilson touchdown pass to Nash, the Terriers also reached the end zone on a 3-yard carry by **Melvin Jones** (Gaston, SC) and a 6-yard run by **Ben Foster** (Kennesaw, GA). Placekicker **Darren Brown** (Hendersonville, NC) added a 24-yard field goal on the final play of the scrimmage.

•Ayers was impressed tonight with the performance of freshman punter **James Miner** (Kennesaw, GA).

•With injuries decimating the Terrier defensive line, freshman **Bill Pryor** (Hawesville, KY) was in the starting lineup at one of the tackle positions. Fellow freshman defensive tackle **David Callaway** (Charlotte, NC) recovered a fumble.

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- Sophomore wide receiver **Marcus Gilmore** (Greenville, SC) had four carries for 46 yards while adding two receptions for 24 yards. Senior running back **Tony Hudson** had a 31-yard gain.

- Wilson split time at quarterback with backup signal caller **Brandon Batson** (Travelers Rest, SC). **Nick Haughey** (Rock Hill, SC), nursing a shoulder injury, saw limited action.

- Wofford, a preseason pick for fourth place in the Southern Conference, opens the 2000 campaign on Sept. 9 with a 7 p.m. home game against No. 22-ranked Lehigh. The Engineers have advanced to the Division I-AA playoffs in each of the last two seasons.

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•After taking the morning off for Picture Day, meetings, and weightlifting, the Wofford College football team returned to the practice field in the afternoon.

•Sophomore **Roland Harris** (Hope Mills, NC) has earned a first-team job at the cornerback position opposite veteran standout **Chris Edwards** (Greensboro, NC). Harris served in a backup role last year while contributing on special teams.

Also making a strong impression at corner is **Fred Washington**. The junior from Cross, SC, had two interceptions in Saturday's scrimmage and is in the No. 1 backup position on both sides.

•One of the more interesting battles in camp is at right tackle on the offensive line. **Jesse Blackburn** (6-3, 265, So., Marysville, OH) and **Stacey Clark** (6-4, 300, Sr., Newland, NC) are competing for the first-team nod. Blackburn started three games at left tackle as a true freshman and placed eighth on the team with 32 knockdown blocks. Clark started all 11 games and ranked fourth with 101 knockdowns.

J.C Neel (6-5, 280, Sr., Williamston, SC) has the upper nod at the left tackle position. Neel was sidelined all last year by a torn pectoral muscle suffered during preseason camp. He's being pushed hard by senior **Steward Williams** (Ayden, NC).

The remainder of the first-team offensive line has **Bailey King** (Hickory, NC) at center with **Darin Shelley** (Williamsburg, KY) and **Eric Nash** (Sharpsburg, GA) teaming for arguably the top guard tandem in the Southern Conference. Shelley led the Terriers with 161 knockdown blocks last year while Nash earned All-SoCon honors after placing second with 137.

"I can't say enough about all the guys on the line," Offensive Line Coach **Drew Watson** said. "They're all beat up and tired but they're giving a great effort. Every one of them has done an outstanding job. They come ready to practice every day."

•The Terriers will practice at 8:50 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. tomorrow. The next scrimmage is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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•Wofford College linebacker **Greg Horton**, whose football career was apparently over last year after a series of concussions, has received clearance from neurosurgeons to return to action.

Horton took part in practice this morning. He is being limited right now to non-contact drills. A senior from College Park, GA, Horton sat out last year after being bothered by the effects of a concussion during preseason camp. As a sophomore, he placed 11th on the Terriers with 38 tackles, including a season-high nine stops against The Citadel in his first collegiate game. He also had eight tackles in a 17-10 win over Western Carolina. He did not see game action as a freshman.

"I'm still really concerned," Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers**. "He's been cleared by the doctors and he's talked to his folks. We've talked and had a long heart-to-heart. I basically told him that I wish he wouldn't.

"However, he feels like he can go and the doctors feel like he can go. They've done a thorough check on him and he's gone to a neurologist. They say everything is fine. We're going to let him go and work into it slow. If he starts having any symptoms or anything like that, then that's going to be it.

"If he can stay healthy, there's no doubt he can help our club. He's excited about being out there. He's a long way off from being in game shape, but he's a guy with experience inside in the core of the defense."

•The Terriers will hold their final preseason scrimmage tomorrow at 7 p.m. with an emphasis on the Sept. 9 season opener against No. 22-ranked Lehigh.

"We're going to try to have a Lehigh team and a Wofford team and get as close to a game situation as we can," Ayers said. "If it all possible, we'll try to divide the teams, put them on each sideline, and go through a full-game scenario. Hopefully, we'll have enough folks to go around and be able to do it."

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- The Wofford College football team took the morning off for team meetings and weightlifting before returning to the practice field in the afternoon.

With injuries to Southern Conference Freshman of the Year **Jesse McCoy** (ankle), **Ben Foster** (head), and **D.J. Gaillard** (foot), the Terriers suddenly have senior **Nathan Price** as the lone healthy returning back from last season. Compounding matters is freshman **Frank Gorom** (appendix) out a minimum of 3-to-4 weeks.

McCoy's ankle injury is not serious and he's expected to miss just a few days. Foster returned to regular duty this afternoon after being held out of contact drills yesterday. Gaillard is limited at practice.

Price averaged 10.2 yards per carry last season in rushing for 215 yards and three touchdowns. The other remaining halfback is impressive freshman **Shaun Fogle** (Santee, SC).

"We've had some kids go down and now Frank (Gorom) has appendicitis," Head Coach **Mike Ayers** said. "We were counting on Frank to come in and give us some depth."

"We've had some things happen out of our control, like the appendicitis. We came in with six quality backs and we lost most of them in a hurry. It was a major concern, but we worked some fullbacks in the halfback position and they looked like they could do it if needed. We'll just try to work hard, keep our fingers crossed, and hope nobody else gets hurt."

- The cornerback position has been a positive for the Terriers this spring. Senior **Chris Edwards** (Greensboro, NC) will be in his third year as a starter while sophomore **Roland Harris** (Hope Mills, NC) has the inside track on the other first-team job. **Fred Washington** (Cross, SC) and **Sylvester Carstarphen** (Columbus, GA) have also performed well.

- Freshman inside linebacker and Spartanburg native **Geoff Gibbon** (Spartanburg High School) has been getting a lot of reps with the first and second teams due to injuries to **LaRay Benton** (hamstring) and **Roland Tucker** (knee). Gibbon came to Wofford on a Richardson Scholarship, provided by the family of 1959 Wofford graduate and Carolina Panther owner and founder **Jerry Richardson**. Benton is improving and should return to practice in a few days while Tucker has begun non-contact drills.

- Junior nose tackle **Scotty Dean** (Headland, AL) has been impressing on the defensive line.

- Josh Brizendine**, a junior from Huntsville, AL, has been moved from wide receiver to strong safety.

- The Terriers will return to two-a-days tomorrow with practices at 8:50 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. Wofford will scrimmage Saturday night.

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•The Wofford College football team will begin contact drills tomorrow with practices at 8:50 a.m. and 3:50 p.m.

Terrier Head Coach **Mike Ayers** is aware that his players might not share his enthusiasm.

"The coaches are probably looking forward to it more than the players," Ayers said. "They (the players) have some dead legs since we've been doing conditioning every practice. This time next week, though, they'll get over it."

•The Wofford helmets this season have the initials "BJ" on the back in memory of former Defensive Coordinator **Bruce Johnson** who passed away in February. A veteran collegiate coach and 1970 Wofford graduate, Johnson had returned to his alma mater just six weeks prior to his death from heart complications. Johnson's daughter, Jessica, will be a freshman this fall on the Lady Terrier volleyball team.

•Starting outside linebacker **Al Clark** (Spartanburg, SC; Dorman High School) sat out today's practices with an Achilles injury. He's listed as day-to-day.

•Record-setting quarterback **Travis Wilson** and Southern Conference Freshman of the Year **Jesse McCoy** were the final two players to leave the practice field this morning. At the conclusion of the two-hour workout, they spent 15 minutes running an adjacent hill on their own.

Wilson, a junior from Newberry, SC, set a Wofford single-season record for total offense last year with 2,157 yards. He ran for a team-high 936 yards while establishing another school mark by completing 64.5 percent of his passes for 1,221 yards. McCoy (Acworth, GA) averaged 10.7 yards each time he touched the ball from the line of scrimmage. He rushed for 630 yards while his 8.6 per carry average was just short of the Wofford single-season record of 8.8 (**Shawn Graves**, 1990). McCoy also averaged 24.5 yards on his 11 pass receptions, including two touchdowns.

•One of the more interesting battles in camp is at placekicker, where freshman **Kevin Beorlegui** (Merritt Island, FL) and junior **Darren Brown** (Hendersonville, NC) are battling for the first-team job. Brown handled the Terriers' kickoff duties last season and was also 11-of-12 on PATs.

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•The Wofford College football team went through its first day of contact drills with Head Coach **Mike Ayers** seeing plenty of room for improvement.

"We weren't very good this morning," Ayers said. "I think the kids let the heat and pads get to them. We just weren't as mentally sharp as we needed to be and didn't perform like we thought we would.

"We had a lot of mental mistakes and were very lethargic. Some of that comes from us conditioning twice-a-day every practice. Some of them are a little leg weary. The most frustrating thing probably is all the busted assignments. We just weren't very sharp. No matter how tired you are, you can still be mentally sharp and give the effort you've got as much as possible. We just didn't have that. We'll be better in our next practices.

"As a coach, you're never satisfied. You've got an expectation that you want to try to achieve. The bottom line is that when you don't achieve it, you don't feel like you've been successful. It's not as bad as it sounds, but it's not as good as we'd like."

Ayers signaled out the solid play of three freshmen: running back **J.R. McNair** (Jonesboro, GA), wide receiver **Curtis Nash** (Spartanburg, SC), and free safety **Matt Nelson** (Grove City, OH). Also drawing praise was sophomore wide receiver **Isaac Goodpaster** (Mt. Sterling, KY) and walk-on **Will Thomas** (Fayetteville, TN).

Thomas (6-1, 170) joined the Terriers during spring practice after not playing his first semester at Wofford. He spent most of the spring at quarterback before being moved to wide receiver this fall. Thomas earned All-State honors as a senior for the McCallie School in Chattanooga. He rushed for 2,000 yards in his prep career while passing for 1,900. He also played basketball and ran track in being named his school's Best All-Around Athlete.

•Wofford's lone practice tomorrow will be at 3:50 p.m. The Terriers will spend the morning lifting and in team meetings. The Terriers will hold their first preseason scrimmage at 6:50 p.m. on Saturday.

•**Jonathan Starks** is another freshman making an immediate impact. The Columbia, SC, native will be the Terriers' long snapper this year. He earned All-State honors as a tight end while being selected to the North-South All-Star Game his senior year at Fairfield-Central High School. He also helped lead his team to a 3-A state championship and a 37-5 record over his three years.

•Freshman halfback **Frank Gorom** (Texas City, TX) underwent an emergency appendectomy yesterday and will be held out of any football related activities for a minimum of 3-to-4 weeks.

•While outside linebacker **Al Clark** (Spartanburg, SC) returned to practice after sitting out yesterday with an Achilles problem, the Terriers have lost inside linebacker **LaRay Benton** (Savannah, GA) for 2-to-4 days with a hamstring injury.

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•The Wofford College football team went through its first day of two-a-day practices today with Head Coach **Mike Ayers** pleased by the improvement he saw from the opening practice yesterday.

"It was better," Ayers said. "For the most part, it was a positive day. We learned a lot. There's so much we're putting in during these first four practices that it's probably paralysis through analysis.

"Hopefully, we'll smooth it out a little bit as we get the reps and learn what to do. There's some kids here with a great deal of talent. I've been very impressed with the upperclassmen and their leadership. There are a bunch of guys who have been stepping up and doing a great job from that standpoint. We still have a lot to cover and a long way to go before we finish camp. After the first couple of days, we've made some progress but we're going to need all our remaining practices to get done what we need to accomplish."

•Senior **Allen Thompson** is working out at both wide receiver and quarterback. A native of Murray, KY, Thompson started three games at quarterback for the Terriers as a sophomore. In a backup role to **Travis Wilson** last year, he rushed for 201 yards on 20 carries (10.0 avg.) while also seeing action at halfback in the final weeks of the campaign. During the spring, he was utilized exclusively at wide receiver and did not take any snaps at quarterback.

•A pair of freshmen drew praise for their performance after the morning practice. Wide receiver **Curtis Nash** (Spartanburg, SC) and running back **J.R. McNair** (Jonesboro, GA) are impressing the Terrier coaching staff. A local player, Nash quarterbacked Dorman High School to the state championship game last year. McNair rushed for 1,691 yards and 11 touchdowns on a 6.4 per carry average as a senior for Mount Zion High School.

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•The Wofford College football team went through an 80-minute scrimmage tonight with a focus on the offensive and defensive schemes of Lehigh, the Terriers' season-opening opponent on Sept. 9.

The Terriers' first-team offense came out strong with an opening 12-play, 83-yard drive that was capped by a three-yard **Nathan Price** scoring run. The senior from Villa Rica, GA, had two carries for 12 yards and two receptions for 21 yards on the drive. Quarterback **Travis Wilson** (Newberry, SC) completed all three of his pass attempts for 29 yards on the possession.

Placekicker **Darren Brown** (Hendersonville, NC) added field goals of 34 and 51 yards. If it were a regular season game, the 51-yard effort would have broken the Wofford record of 50 yards (**Don Hairston**, 1982).

"We saw a lot of good things tonight," Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** said. "I think we've shown that we have the ability when we focus, concentrate, and play hard.

"When we do those things, we can move the football and play some good defense. I saw some good things out of our backs as far as running hard. I thought Travis (Wilson) did a nice job as always. The kicking game also improved, which is a major plus.

"What we tried to do was incorporate as many different things as possible that might occur in a game. Some things happened that we weren't planning on, but we were able to go out there and get some reps. We got some good film to study. Hopefully, this will make us a better football team for next Saturday."

•Other highlights in the scrimmage included blocked punts by freshman standout running back **J.R. McNair** (Jonesboro, GA) and sophomore **Isaac Goodpaster** (Mt. Sterling, KY), a 54-yard kickoff return by **Jeff Scott** (Daytona Beach, FL), and an interception by strong safety **Jason Evans** (Flemington, NJ).

•McNair and fellow newcomer **Shaun Fogle** (Santee, SC) were in the starting backfield for the offensive unit.

•Sophomore **Prosser Carnegie** (Charlotte, NC) saw action at both guard and center. He recently was moved to center, a position he played at North Meck High School.

•Wide receiver **Allen Thompson** (Murray, KY) saw his first scrimmage action of the preseason. He had been out for a week due to an infection.

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•The Wofford College football team went through its second day of two-a-days with the weather a major topic of conversation.

The Terriers were greeted by a very unseasonable 70 degree temperature during their two-hour morning practice. Head Coach **Mike Ayers** continues to be pleased with his team's daily progress.

"We're starting to get a clue of what we need to do from a scheme standpoint," Ayers said. "There are some young kids that are stepping up that I think are going to be awfully good.

"We have a team that is very close chemistry wise. They're willing to work. We've started to make progress but we've also got to continue to make that progress. Hopefully, we'll do it in big increments. If we do that, we'll be ready for the opener with Lehigh and we'll play hard, play well, and have a chance to win."

•One of the challenges for Wofford heading into the season was replacing the graduated **Greg Rhoads** at center, the lone loss from last year's offensive line. Rhoads earned All-Southern Conference honors as Wofford set school records for total offense (5,212 yards) and first downs (258). The Terriers also ranked second in the nation in team rushing (351.5 yards per game) and No. 8 in total offense (473.8 yards per game).

Bailey King (5-11, 230, Jr.) is slated to be the starting center. The Dean's List student from Hickory, NC, served in a backup role last season, but did step in for an injured Rhoads with an impressive start as he totaled a season-high 10 knockdown blocks in the 47-16 win at The Citadel. King totaled 18 knockdowns on the year.

Sean Hayden (6-2, 270, Jr., Benton, KY) and **Gary Cooper** (6-0, 265, So., Thomasville, NC) are the other returning players at center. Hayden began last year as the starter before a high ankle sprain in the season opener with Georgia Southern sidelined him for much of the campaign. Cooper saw most of his action as the long snapper.

•Freshman punter **James Miner** (6-3, 187, Kennesaw, GA) has looked solid in taking over for the graduated **Brandon Kale**. Kale was the Terriers' punter each of the last four seasons before signing a free-agent contract with the Carolina Panthers. Miner is from the same Harrison High School that produced Wofford halfbacks **Jesse McCoy** and **Ben Foster**.

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