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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football to Report Tomorrow
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Wofford College Head Football Coach Mike Ayers will welcome 66 returning players and 24 newcomers to campus tomorrow for the start of preseason camp.

Tomorrow's schedule includes freshman physicals and team meetings. The Terriers will have equipment disbursement, additional meetings, and weightlifting and running tests on Friday with the first practice set for 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Wofford will hold its Media/Picture Day on Sunday at 10 a.m. inside Gibbs Stadium.

"We're excited about getting started," Ayers said. "For all the kids and coaches, there was a great deal of disappointment with last season. We're going to do everything we can to make sure that doesn't happen again. Our goal is to have a great camp and get off to a great start.

"We're going to pick up the intensity as far as conditioning. We're going to start each practice with conditioning. We're going to be more physical with more contact than we've had in the past. We believe a higher emphasis on those two things will make us a better football team."

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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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The Wofford College football team welcomed 90 players to campus this afternoon for the start of preseason camp.

"It was great to see all the guys return," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "They are anxious. The freshmen, especially, are a little bit nervous. The veterans have that good look in their eye that they're excited and ready to get started.

"As a coaching staff, the big thing that we want to get out of the way deals with physicals, NCAA forms, equipment, and all that. As quick as we can, we hope to get the testing out of the way and get on to practice."

The Terriers conducted physicals and meetings today. Tomorrow's itinerary includes equipment disbursement as well as weightlifting and running tests. The first practice is set for 3:30 p.m. on Saturday with the Terriers' Picture Day being Sunday at 10 a.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football to Hold First Spring Scrimmage Tomorrow Morning
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The Wofford College football team will hold its first scrimmage of spring practice tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Gibbs Stadium.

"We're making a lot of progress this spring," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "A lot of our young kids are starting to come along and the intensity of practice has been outstanding.

"We'll hopefully be in a position to evaluate a good deal more in tomorrow's scrimmage. We've limited our hitting. Depth is a problem for us. We've got a couple of kids nicked up due to some pulls and bruises.

"Overall, it's been very positive. If we can stay at the same pace as far as the intensity and execution level, and get some of those guys that are nicked up some work, we'll have had a very productive spring."

Wofford closed last season with a 9-3 overall record and a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. The Terriers were ranked No. 11 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 14 by The Sports Network. The 2003 season opener is Aug. 30 at Air Force.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Veteran Leadership Impresses Ayers in Wofford's first practice
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MC

The Wofford College football team took the field for the first time with a two-hour practice this afternoon, leaving Head Coach Mike Ayers pleased with the leadership shown by the team's veteran players.

"What stood out to me more than anything was how the upperclassmen took control automatically on the young kids," Ayers said. "They were schooling them up on a jog here, headgear on here, up to the line in a hurry, snap back. It's all the things we've been coaching them to do for years. They're now passing it on."

The Terriers will begin each practice with conditioning drills, leading to Ayers' theme of "the toughest camp in America."

"It was a tough practice," Ayers said. "We started with conditioning and that got some of them. We had a few that got tired early."

"We had the lifting test this morning and the running test last night. We've asked them to do a lot of stuff in a very short time, but they've worked hard. We're installing a bunch and anytime you do that, you'll have some young guys with their heads swimming. For the most part, the veterans picked it right up."

"As everyone saw, we're trying to throw the ball more. We made some good catches and good plays. As practice wore on, the concentration level didn't stay as sharp as it needed to but was still very productive for the first day."

The Terriers will practice at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow on their regular practice fields. During the morning, Wofford will have its final running test at 8 a.m. with its Picture Day at 10 a.m. inside Gibbs Stadium. Two-a-day practices, at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., begin Monday.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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MC

Wofford College defensive tackle Anthony Jones and free safety Matt Nelson have received first-team All-America honors from the *National Football Gazette*.

Offensive guard Eric Deutsch was a third-team selection with offensive tackle Jesse Blackburn and punter Jimmy Miner garnering honorable-mention accolades.

Jones is a consensus All-America. He was previously a first-team selection by The Sports Network and a second-team choice by the Associated Press.

Jones topped the SoCon in sacks (15.5) and tackles for loss (28.0). The senior from Lexington, Ky., is also the Terriers' career leader in both categories with 30.5 sacks and 66 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Jones had three sacks in wins this season over Appalachian State, East Tennessee State, and Chattanooga in addition to two key fourth-quarter sacks versus Furman. Twice in the last three contests, Jones equaled a single-game Wofford record with five tackles for a loss.

Jones and Nelson keyed a Wofford defensive unit that led the SoCon in run defense (125.9 yards per game), pass defense (144.5 yards per game), and total defense (270.4 yards per game).

Nelson placed second in the SoCon with a team-high 131 tackles. After making 114 stops last year, he now owns the Terriers' top two single-season tackle totals dating back to 1987. He was also among the league leaders with 11 pass breakups. The junior from Grove City, Ohio, is already third on the Terriers' career tackles list with 285. His 83 solo stops this fall rank as the third-best single-season total in school history.

Deutsch (Cincinnati, Ohio) and Blackburn (Marysville, Ohio) helped anchor a Wofford offensive line that paved the way for the nation's second-ranked rushing attack (342.2 yards per game). The Terriers' rushing total of 4,106 yards was just five yards shy of a single-season school record (4,111, 1989).

Deutsch and Blackburn were also key in allowing halfback Jesse McCoy to become Wofford's first running back since 1979 to rush for 1,000 yards.

Miner ranked 13th nationally with a 42.2 average. The junior from Kennesaw, Ga., had 13 of his 47 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five. In a 7-6 win over South Carolina State, he had three of his five kicks downed inside the nine-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the one.

The Terriers posted a 9-3 record, including a second-place finish in the SoCon with a 6-2 league mark. With road wins over Georgia Southern and Appalachian State, Wofford was the only team in Division I-AA this season to have victories over two teams ranked in the top five in the final regular-season poll.

Wofford finished the season ranked No. 2 by the *National Football Gazette*, No. 11 by ESPN/USA Today, and No. 14 by The Sports Network.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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The Wofford College football team is listed among "others receiving votes" in the official Division I-AA Top 25 preseason poll by The Sports Network.

Defending national champion Montana is the top-ranked team. The Southern Conference placed three teams in the top seven as Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, and Furman are second, fifth, and seventh, respectively.

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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers Impressed by Freshman Trio
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MC

*The Wofford College football team went through its second day of two-a-day practices with Head Coach Mike Ayers impressed by a trio of freshmen on the offensive side of the ball, including a walk-on wide receiver.

"Corey Dunn and Aaron Johnson at halfback have stepped up," Ayers said. "Drew Hill is doing some good things and is going to get some playing time at receiver."

Dunn and Johnson are two of eight Kentucky natives on the Terrier roster. Dunn hails from Lexington while Johnson is from Bowling Green. Hill is a walk-on from Eustis, Fla.

"Overall, a lot of guys have stepped up and shown positive things," Ayers said. "I'm very impressed by our defensive line with Nathan Fuqua and Anthony Jones. Some of the young guys as well have shown they're going to be real good players. Our first group on the offensive line has come ready to play. We still need some work and progress in the second group.

"Our quarterbacks are having some good days and bad days. A lot of that is because of all the installing we're doing and them trying to learn the plays. With the reps, they'll be fine."

Ayers was also pleased with the overall attitude of his squad.

"Practice is going very well," Ayers said. "The kids are working hard and their attitude has been excellent. We've worked them extremely hard. We've really pushed the conditioning. There are some that are a little leg weary, but that goes with what's happening as far as the preparation.

"We've had several kids that have come up with muscle pulls and stuff like that. For the most part, though, there have been no major injuries."

*The Terriers will begin contact drills tomorrow with the first scrimmage set for Saturday.

*Chad Bentley, a senior offensive tackle, will play against his younger brother, Chase, in Wofford's Aug. 31 season opener against Newberry. Like his older brother, the younger Bentley starts at offensive tackle for his team in addition to also wearing No. 67.

*Terrier quarterback Jeff Zolman's brother, Greg, started at quarterback for Vanderbilt the last two seasons and is in training camp with the Indianapolis Colts.

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Subject: Wofford Football Begins Contact Drills
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To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu

MC

*The Wofford College football team began contact drills this morning with Head Coach Mike Ayers less than pleased by what he saw.

"We weren't as productive as we'd like," Ayers said. "Some of the guys were feeling sorry for themselves and not as focused as they needed to be.

"You can't get better that way. We'll now make a concerted effort to get back on track. We're conditioning hard and I'm sure they're leg weary. It's their job and they got to be mentally tough enough to step forward and make sure we have a great practice. We can't afford to lose a practice and not give effort.

"When we ultimately play, we have to be at the highest level. To do that, you have to have great effort. We will have that in our upcoming practices."

*Freshman Matt Forbush (Kingsport, Tenn.) has been moved from free safety to wide receiver while sophomore Andrew Nelson (Matthews, N.C.) had his position changed from strong safety to outside linebacker.

*Sophomore Shaun Bennett (High Point, N.C.) has been impressing at cornerback along with freshmen Alex Love (Decatur, Ga.) and Dedrick Stuckey (Lyons, Ga.).

Bennett lettered as a reserve corner and special teams performer last season, totaling 14 tackles on the year.

*Due to the overlap with the Carolina Panthers' training camp, Wofford's 9 a.m. practices are taking place on the campus baseball field. The Terriers' 6:30 p.m. sessions are on their regular practice fields.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Steele's Interceptions Highlight Wofford Football Practice
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To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu

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*Two interceptions by strong safety Ryan Steele (York, S.C.) highlighted the Wofford College football team's morning practice, leaving Defensive Coordinator Nate Woody pleased with the progress of his unit.

"The guys have done a good job of playing a lot of assignment football," Woody said. "We've tried to throw a lot of our defense to them and have them simply react, and not go through a thinking process. They're playing hard and responding well to that.

"We'll now try to get in to some technique football. They're chasing the ball well and doing a better job of shedding blocks than we've done in the past. Some guys are also doing better in pass drops, especially underneath, which is an area we didn't do very well last year."

Woody was also impressed by the first-team defense from a mental and physical aspect.

Matt Nelson (Grove City, Ohio), an All-SoCon safety last season after topping Wofford with 114 tackles, drew praise from Woody for his ability to create turnovers in nearly every practice. Senior linebackers Robert Mathis (Cross, S.C.) and Hondre McNeil (Lake View, S.C.) have also performed well.

Also cited for their performance is freshman defensive lineman Katon Bethay (Milton, Wis.) and sophomore inside linebacker Josh Smith (Greer, S.C.).

*The Terriers will hold their first preseason scrimmage on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football to Hold First Preseason Scrimmage
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The Wofford College football team will hold its first preseason scrimmage tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. on the lower practice fields.

"We're going to try to do a great job of evaluating some young guys," Terrier Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "There are some older guys that we feel can play because of the years they've been in our program.

"The young kids are the ones we really want to see, as far as how many of them can step up and give us an opportunity to add some depth. We'll also try to look at our quarterbacks to see where we are in that particular position. We also need offensive linemen, because of the changeover from last year, to step up and be productive."

The Terriers will actually have a pair of scrimmages tomorrow. A kicking scrimmage will be held at 9 a.m.

Overall, Ayers has been pleased with the first week of preseason camp.

"It's been a very productive week," Ayers said. "We've seen a great attitude in our kids with a lot of hustle and hard work.

"We've pushed them. Conditioning has been a big part of every practice. The kids have done well and been focused. The leadership has been outstanding from our upperclassmen and kids throughout. We've trying to get better as a football team and improve on last year. If we keep doing what we're doing, I think we can get there."

A 64-yard run by quarterback Trey Rodgers on his first carry highlighted an 80-play scrimmage tonight for the Wofford College football team.

Rodgers' run, on the fourth snap of the evening, set up the Terriers' first touchdown as J.R. McNair scored on a five-yard run just two plays later. The Terriers' other touchdown was a one-yard carry by D.J. Gaillard on a fourth-and-goal play.

"The scrimmage was very productive," Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "It's been a hard camp. The kids have worked hard and they're flying around. I like the spirit.

"Execution wise, we did some pretty good things with our first group on offense and our defense. We're still not as squared away as we need to be on assignments, but we've got some time to work on that. We're way ahead of where we've ever been with our conditioning and that's going to be a plus for us."

Ayers was pleased by all three Terrier quarterbacks as Rodgers, Jonathan Carey, and Jeff Zolman split the snaps. Also receiving praise was offensive tackle Jesse Blackburn along with nose tackle Nathan Fuqua, free safety Matt Nelson, and inside linebacker Robert Mathis.

"For the most part, we were playing as a group," Ayers said. "There were a lot of guys around the ball on defense."

Fourteen different Terriers had at least one carry in the scrimmage. Rodgers, a local standout from Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C., totaled 80 yards on seven rushing attempts while completing 2-of-6 passes for 18 yards. One of his completions provided the most impressive catch of the night, an acrobatic 11-yard grab by fellow Spartanburg native Shiel Wood (Spartanburg High School).

Carey completed 4-of-8 passes for 44 yards while adding 26 yards rushing on seven attempts. Zolman ran for 30 yards on eight carries while completing 3-of-6 pass attempts for eight yards.

Senior fullback Melvin Jones, coming off a 905-yard rushing season, had 31 yards on six carries. Tight end Steve Prochak and wide receiver Brian Rice each had two receptions.

Outside linebacker Hondre McNeil, one of three fifth-year seniors for the Terriers, provided the biggest hit of the night with a stick on freshman halfback Gabriel Jackson following a five-yard gain. Fellow fifth-year senior LaRay Benton was also strong, including a three-yard tackle for loss on Jones and another strong hit on Gaillard for no gain at the goal line.

After recovering a fumble earlier in the scrimmage, Fuqua teamed with Steve Hoover for a sack. Ayers said that Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America, was difficult to block all night.

Jimmy Freland and Lee Basinger combined for a sack, while freshman nose tackle Gaby Dibo also recorded a sack. Freland added an interception when the Terriers closed the scrimmage by simulating plays from Newberry, the season-opening opponent on Aug. 31.

The Terriers will lift for two hours in the morning tomorrow before attending a church service on campus with Wofford Chaplain Dr. Talmage Skinner. The Terriers return to the practice field at 3:30 p.m. with two-a-days resuming Monday.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Quarterback Battle Heats Up in Wofford Football Camp
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After reviewing the tape from Saturday's scrimmage, Wofford College Offensive Coordinator Wade Lang believes the battle for the starting quarterback job has grown tighter.

Trey Rodgers (Spartanburg, S.C.) came out of spring practice in the No. 1 position, just ahead of fellow sophomores Jonathan Carey (Jonesboro, Ga.) and Jeff Zolman (Dayton, Ohio).

"They actually got closer to each other rather than someone separating from the pack," Lang said. "All three of them did some great things physically and mentally. All three also made some bad decisions as well as throwing some good balls and poor balls."

"They all did the same exact things. We just need one of them to be consistent. That's the guy who's going to end up starting, the one who's the most consistent and can do the easy things."

Lang, like Head Coach Mike Ayers, has been most pleased with the first-team offensive line of left tackle Chad Bentley (Pickens, S.C.), left guard Bobby Gibbs (Corbin, Ky.), center Prosser Carnegie (Davidson, N.C), right guard Colan Miles (Washington, Pa.), and right tackle Jesse Blackburn (Marysville, Ohio). Bentley is the lone returning starter in this unit.

"We're doing a great job upfront," Lang said. "The first group has done especially well on the offensive line. The young guys are coming and we're going to need a couple of them to step up and be ready to play."

"The three young kids at halfback (Corey Dunn, Gabriel Jackson, Aaron Johnson) are going to be outstanding football players and are way ahead of where they should probably be at this point."

Dunn (Lexington) and Johnson (Bowling Green) are natives of Kentucky while Jackson is from Dahlonega, Ga.

Lang praised assistant coaches Tommy Elrod and Freddie Brown for their respective work with the offensive line and running backs. Also impressing Lang was the blocking of the wide receivers and the play of the veterans at that position. He also echoed Ayers' high marks of freshman walk-on Drew Hill (Eustis, Fla.).

Fullbacks Melvin Jones (West Columbia, S.C.) and J.R. McNair (Jonesboro, Ga.), after combining for 1,468 yards and 19 touchdowns last season, have played well along with Mike Jones (Galloway, Ohio).

The Terriers are alternating between two-a-days and one practice this week. Wofford went at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today and will practice just once, at 3:30 p.m., tomorrow.

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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Wide Receiver Sideline by Dislocated Finger
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*Wofford College wide receiver Marcus Gilmore suffered a dislocated right ring finger in practice yesterday and will be sidelined 1-to-2 weeks.

A senior from Greenville, S.C., Gilmore had performed very well in preseason camp. The J.L. Mann Academy graduate had 13 receptions for 108 yards (8.3 avg.) last season. As a sophomore, he averaged 23.0 yards with his six catches.

*Senior inside linebacker Robert Mathis (Cross, S.C.) is listed as day-to-day with a right knee sprain that occurred during a standout performance in Saturday's scrimmage.

*The Terriers are also hopeful of inside linebacker Timmy Thrift beginning practice next week. The sophomore from Hilliard, Fla., was projected to compete for a starting job. However, he has yet to practice while recovering from a right ankle sprain suffered prior to arriving for the start of preseason camp.

*Wofford spent the morning lifting weights and conducting position meetings. The Terriers will practice at 3:30 p.m. today before resuming two-a-days at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. The final preseason scrimmage is set for Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Fogle Climbs to No. 1 on Depth Chart; Terriers to Hold Final Scrimmage
Date: August 21, 2002 at 3:54 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu

MC

*As the Wofford College football team prepares for tomorrow's final preseason scrimmage, Shaun Fogle has earned a starting job at one of the halfback positions.

"Shaun has had a very productive preseason camp," Wofford Running Back Coach Freddie Brown said. "He's done some really good things and improved on his speed and strength. We're looking forward to him making an outstanding contribution this fall."

A junior from Santee, S.C., Fogle earned SoCon and National Freshman of the Week honors two years ago when he rushed for 193 yards and three touchdowns on just five carries in a 35-31 win at East Tennessee State. The 38.6 per carry average in that game set a single-game SoCon record. Fogle rushed for 141 yards on a 4.7 per carry mark last season.

*The Terriers will hold their final preseason scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow with a different emphasis from this past Saturday's initial scrimmage.

"We're going to try to be more game oriented," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "We'll present Newberry's offense and defense and divide up the team."

"We were just trying to execute our offense and defense in the last scrimmage and really weren't concerned about particulars as far as the opponent's scheme. We'll be a little bit more in detail tomorrow."

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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers Sees Room for Improvement in Final Scrimmage
Date: August 22, 2002 at 8:44 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu

MC

Head Coach Mike Ayers saw plenty of room for improvement as the Wofford College football team held its final preseason scrimmage tonight.

"We just didn't execute offensively," Ayers said. "We didn't catch the ball and we didn't block who we were supposed to block. It was just poor execution all the way around. To move the football, you can't expect the defense to mess up and give you something.

"Defensively, we played well. The guys flew around and tackled well. They let us get deep on them one time but, other than that, they were pretty solid."

The lone offensive highlight was a 43-yard completion from Jeff Zolman to Curtis Nash to the six-yard line. Shaun Fogle then carried five yards to the one-yard line, before Melvin Jones scored the evening's lone touchdown on the next play.


Zolman completed all seven of his pass attempts for 104 yards. He later added a 23-yard completion to Nash.

"We've got to be more consistent," Ayers said. "We've worked a lot of things during two-a-day camp and we've got to cut it back, find out what we can execute at a high level, and do it.

"When you have too many plays, you don't get the opportunity to get honed in the way you need to. Realistically, everything that we saw today and every play we ran today, we've repped hundreds of times.

"There was no excuse. They weren't ready to play and that's our fault as an offensive staff. We've got to get them ready."

Sophomore cornerback Shaun Bennett blocked a field goal. He also provided the biggest hit of the night when he stuck Nash on a kickoff return. All-SoCon free safety Matt Nelson added an interception for the Terrier defense.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM 
Subject: Wofford Football Game Notes
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To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu

MC

Attached as a .pdf file are Wofford's game notes for Saturday's season-opening football game with Newberry. Kickoff is 7 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

If you have any trouble with the attachment, please feel free to let me know. The notes are also available on the Terriers' web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics).

Thanks.

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Game 1
Newberry at Wofford
August 31, 2002; 7 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week

•The Wofford College football team opens its first-ever 12-game regular season with a home contest against Newberry College.

This will be the 81st meeting between the schools. With the exception of the war years (1943-45) when Wofford did not field a football team, the Terriers and Indians played every season from 1923-96. Wofford holds a 47-29-4 edge, including a 48-13 victory at Newberry in a 1996 game that represents the last contest between the former rivals.

•**Mike Ayers**, set to begin his 15th season as Wofford's head coach, was a Newberry assistant from 1976-78. During that time, he coached current Indian Head Coach **Mike Taylor**. Ayers and Taylor then coached together as assistants at East Tennessee State for two seasons (1983-84). When Ayers became ETSU's head coach in 1985, Taylor served as one of his assistants that year.

•In addition to Ayers and Taylor reuniting, the Bentley brothers will have an opportunity to face each other for the first time. Wofford starting left tackle **Chad Bentley's** younger brother, Chase, also starts at left tackle for Newberry. They both wear jersey No. 67.

•The Terriers will be looking to win a season opener for the first time since 1997. Wofford has dropped season-opening contests the last four years to The Citadel (1998), Georgia Southern (1999), Lehigh (2000), and Clemson (2001).

•The Newberry game represents Wofford's lone home contest until Oct. 5. Following an open date on Sept. 7, the Terriers have consecutive road games at South Carolina State (Sept. 14), Georgia Southern (Sept. 21), and Maryland (Sept. 28).

A Look Back and Ahead

After closing the 2000 season with a 7-4 record and a No. 23 national ranking, Wofford dropped to 4-7 last year while facing the most-difficult schedule in Division I-AA.

The Terriers had non-conference games at Clemson and South Carolina in addition to playing in the Southern Conference, arguably the strongest I-AA league in the country. Tough three-point losses at Chattanooga and Western Carolina kept Wofford from its third consecutive winning season.

The Terriers return four starters on offense and 10 on defense from last year's squad. One of the losses to graduation was quarterback and four-year starter **Travis Wilson**. A Newberry, S.C., native, Wilson left Wofford as the school's career passing leader (4,067) while also becoming the only Terrier to place in the Top 5 in rushing (2,488 yards), passing, and total offense (6,555 yards).

The Wofford defense will again be anchored by three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America nose tackle **Nathan Fuqua**. Also returning is All-SoCon safety **Matt Nelson**, who topped last year's squad with 114 tackles.

The special teams are led by punter and All-America candidate **Jimmy Miner**, who topped the SoCon and ranked eighth nationally with a 42.0 average in 2001.

Wofford (0-0, 0-0)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	7:00
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	6:00
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	7:00
Sept. 28	at Maryland	6:00
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA*	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Newberry (0-0, 0-0)

Aug. 31	at Wofford	7:00
Sept. 14	at North Greenville	1:30
Sept. 21	DAVIDSON	7:00
Sept. 28	STILLMAN	2:00
Oct. 5	at Lenoir-Rhyne*	2:00
Oct. 12	at Carson-Newman*	3:00
Oct. 19	TUSCULUM*	2:00
Oct. 26	CATAWBA*	2:00
Nov. 2	at Wingate*	1:30
Nov. 9	MARS HILL*	2:00
Nov. 16	at Presbyterian*	1:30

*SAC game

Worth Noting

•Wide receiver **Isaac Goodpaster**, last year's leading receiver with 25 catches, is legally blind with 20/200 vision. He suffers from macular degeneration.

•After serving 28 years as Wofford's president, **Dr. Joe Lesesne** is in his second year as the Terriers' tight end coach.

•**Jonathan Carey, Trey Rodgers, and Jeff Zolman** remain locked in a battle for the Wofford starting quarterback job.

•The Newberry game represents Wofford's earliest start to a season since 1996, when the Terriers opened on Aug. 28 at Youngstown State.

•Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football with an enrollment of 1,100 students. The SAT average (1237) on campus is actually higher than the enrollment.

Terriers on the Tube



Hosted by NewsChannel 7 Sports Director **Pete Yanity**, Wofford Football Illustrated is seen on WASV-TV (sister station of CBS-affiliate WSPA) each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

WASV-TV is part of the nation's 35th-largest television market and covers the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson area.

Wofford Football Illustrated is also seen in over three million homes and nine states on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).



Wofford Football Illustrated Local Cable Affiliates

Columbia Time Warner Cable
Tues., 7:30 p.m., Channel 10

Dining with The Coach

The Mike Ayers Media Luncheon is held each Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Ginko Room of the Burwell Building on the Wofford campus.

All media members are invited. Players are available on request. Please notify Wofford SID **Mark Cohen** if you plan on attending.

Hall of Fame Day at Wofford

Former Athletic Director **Danny Morrison '75** and baseball standout **Chad McLain '91** will be inducted into Wofford's Athletic Hall of Fame during a luncheon prior to the Newberry game.

Morrison, now commissioner of the Southern Conference, oversaw Wofford's move to NCAA Division I and SoCon membership. He was also instrumental in the athletic facility upgrades and the arrival of the Carolina Panthers' summer training camp. Terrier Club giving also reached unprecedented levels during his tenure.

McLain is the Terriers' all-time winningest pitcher with 31 victories.

Local sportscaster **Pete Yanity** is the 2002 Honorary Letterman while **Joe Lesesne** is the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Lesesne was a friend of Wofford athletics during his 28-year tenure as the college president. He is now in his second year as the Terriers' tight end coach.

Terriers Heard Worldwide on the Web

Originating through AM 910 WSPA, Wofford football games are broadcast worldwide on the Internet with **Mark Hauser** on the play-by-play, **Thom Henson** the color commentary, and **Tom Brown** on sideline analysis.

SportsJuice.com brings the Terrier broadcasts to the web at www.sportsjuice.com.

Listeners can also pick up the game from anywhere in the country through TEAMLINE by dialing 1-800-846-4700. The Wofford code is 1099.



SoCon Teleconference

The Southern Conference holds a weekly teleconference throughout the season with the league's nine football coaches. The teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 11:03 a.m. Eastern time. Each coach will have seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions.

<u>Time (Eastern)</u>	<u>Coach, School</u>
10:00 - 10:07	Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07 - 10:14	Ellis Johnson, The Citadel
10:14 - 10:21	Paul Hamilton, ETSU
10:21 - 10:28	Bobby Lamb, Furman
10:28 - 10:35	Mike Sewak, Georgia Southern
10:35 - 10:42	Donnie Kirkpatrick, Chattanooga
10:42 - 10:49	Cal McCombs, VMI
10:49 - 10:56	Kent Briggs, Western Carolina
10:56 - 11:03	Mike Ayers, Wofford

SoCon Teleconference Number
1-866-375-5101

Newberry Native Runs the Show

Wofford senior and Newberry, S.C., native **Cornelius Cromer** is an institution with Terrier football.

Cromer runs the equipment operation for Wofford. The biology major is headed to graduate school next fall.

Cromer lettered as an offensive lineman for Newberry High School, where he blocked for former Terrier quarterback standout **Travis Wilson**.

That Big School Wofford

It's not often that Wofford (1,100) takes the field as the school with the largest enrollment.

With Newberry having just 750 students, the two opposing schools have a combined enrollment of 1,850.

Wofford football can be found on the web at:

www.wofford.edu/athletics

WOFFORD VS. NEWBERRY

Football Anyone?

Nearly one out of every six males on the Wofford campus play on the football team.

The Wofford student body of 1,100 is divided equally between 550 males and 550 females. This year's Terrier football roster has 88 players. With roughly 300 student-athletes on campus, more than 25 percent of Wofford's student body is on an athletic team.

Academic Dominance

In each of the last two years, Wofford has led the way in placing members on the Verizon Academic All-District team, which combines Division I-A and I-AA members in a five-state region.

Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections last season with four. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA.

The Terriers provided the backfield on the team as halfback **Ben Foster** and fullback **J.R. McNair** were chosen along with offensive guard **Eric Nash** and outside linebacker **Chase Corn**.

In the 2000 campaign, Wofford had six players on the team while no other school had more than three.

Honor Roll

Nathan Fuqua, NT

- Preseason All-America by The Sports Network and *Lindy's National College Football*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- Three-time All-SoCon selection
- 2001 third-team All-America

Jimmy Miner, P

- Preseason All-America by *Lindy's National College Football*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- Has been an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons
- 2001 honorable-mention All-America

Coaching Stability

Head Coach **Mike Ayers** is in his 15th season at Wofford. His assistant coaches have also been models of stability:

Off. Coordinator **Wade Lang*** (15th year)
 Kicking Coach **Lee Hanning** (13th year)
 Def. Coordinator **Nate Woody*** (12th year)
 Def. Line Coach **Jack Teachey** (9th year)
 Wide Receiver Coach **Bruce Lackey** (8th year)
 Outside LB Coach **Thomas Neel** (5th year)
 RB Coach **Freddie Brown*** (4th year)
 Secondary Coach **Terry Lantz** (3rd year)
 Tight End Coach **Joe Lesesne^** (2nd year)
 Off. Line Coach **Tommy Elrod** (1st year)

*Wofford graduate and former student-athlete

^Served as Wofford's president for 28 years (1972-2000)

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Newberry</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 271	6-2, 275
Offensive Backs	5-11, 198	6-0, 210
Wide Receivers	6-0, 175	6-0, 185
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-1, 251
Linebackers	6-1, 223	6-2, 220
Secondary	5-11, 195	5-11, 184

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Newberry Offense: I Formation

Newberry Defense: 50

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Newberry Defense -

5 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -

8 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Newberry Offense

0 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores, 3 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

15th season at Wofford, 18th as a head coach

Record at Wofford: 81-72-1. Overall Record: 92-93-2.

Mike Taylor

Alma Mater: Newberry '76

11th season at Newberry, 15th as a head coach

Record at Newberry: 46-63. Overall Record: 78-66.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent (this week)</u>	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (at Wofford)	0-0
South Carolina State (vs. Tennessee State)	0-0
Georgia Southern (at Delaware)	0-0
Maryland (vs. Notre Dame)	0-0
Chattanooga (at West Virginia)	0-0
VMI (at Charleston Southern)	0-0
Western Carolina (at Liberty)	0-0
Appalachian State (at Marshall)	0-0
The Citadel (Open)	0-0
ETSU (at NC State)	0-0
Furman (Open)	0-0
Elon (Open)	0-0
Aggregate Record	0-0

The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach, is in his 15th year on the Terrier sideline.

Now with 81 victories, Ayers broke the previous school mark of 77 wins (**Conley Snidow**, 1953-66) after last year's 35-10 win over Charleston Southern.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ayers was named the 2000 SoCon Coach of the Year from the league coaches and media after guiding the Terriers to a 7-4 record and Top 25 national ranking.

Ayers is also a two-time Kodak Region Coach of the Year after leading the Terriers to NCAA playoff appearances in 1990 and 1991.

Hello Neighbor

The 2002 campaign marks the 23rd consecutive year that Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** and his offensive coordinator and neighbor **Wade Lang** are together in football.

Ayers and Lang not only have their offices side-by-side, they also live across the street from each other.

In 1980, when Ayers came to Wofford as an assistant coach, Lang was in his sophomore year. When Ayers left for the defensive coordinator position at East Tennessee State in 1983, Lang joined him in Johnson City as a graduate assistant before being elevated to a full-time position in 1985.

They both returned to Wofford in 1988 when Ayers was named the Terriers' head coach. He brought Lang with him as the quarterback coach. Lang then took over the offensive coordinator duties in 1990.

A Presidential Flavor to the Wofford Staff

Retired Wofford College President **Dr. Joe Lesesne** is in his second season on the Terrier football staff as a volunteer assistant coach working with the tight ends.

Lesesne retired in 2000 after a distinguished 28-year tenure as just the ninth president in the 148-year history of Wofford.

Lesesne is no stranger to football. Upon arriving at Wofford in 1964 as a history professor, he served four years (1965-68) as an assistant football coach for the Terriers under Head Coach **Conley Snidow** and later **Jim Brakefield**. Lesesne also coached one season at Abbeville (S.C.) High School.

Lesesne also returned to the classroom last fall, teaching a course in South Carolina history.

Future Coach?

If he'd like to follow **Joe Lesesne** from the president's office to the football coaching staff, current Wofford President **Bernie Dunlap** does have a football background.

Dunlap earned All-Area honors as a starting fullback for Columbia (S.C.) High School as well as earning a varsity letter as a halfback at the University of the South.

Future Schedules

The Terriers will open the 2003 season on Aug. 30 at Air Force, which is coached by 1960 Wofford graduate **Fisher DeBerry**.

Did You Know?

- An anonymous donor committed \$100,000 toward the creation of an endowed scholarship in honor of Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers**.

- Ayers is a black belt in karate and an accomplished sketch artist.

- Now in his sixth SoCon season at Wofford, Ayers ranks in a tie for second with East Tennessee State's **Paul Hamilton** in league seniority behind Appalachian State's **Jerry Moore** (14 years).

Strength of Schedule

- The Wofford football team annually plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation for a Division I-AA member. This year's slate is highlighted by a Sept. 28 game at defending ACC champion Maryland.

- Playing at Clemson and South Carolina last year, Wofford was the nation's only I-AA team to face a pair of bowl teams.

- The Terriers had four I-AA playoff teams on their 2000 schedule in addition to Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe.

- In 1999, Wofford was one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.

- The 1998 campaign saw the Terrier schedule ranked as the eighth-most difficult in the nation with the 11 opponents combining for a .563 winning percentage.

2002 Southern Conference Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wofford	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
East Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Furman	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Georgia Southern	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
The Citadel	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
VMI	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Western Carolina	0	0	.000	0	0	.000

This Week:

Georgia Southern at Delaware (Thurs.), 7 p.m.

Chattanooga at West Virginia, 1 p.m.

VMI at Charleston Southern, 1:30 p.m.

Western Carolina at Liberty, 3:30 p.m.

Newberry at Wofford, 7 p.m.

Appalachian State at Marshall, 7 p.m.

East Tennessee State at NC State, 7 p.m.

Wofford has topped the Southern Conference in its graduation rate for football players all five years since joining the league in 1997.

Terrier Football Ranks in the Top 10

Wofford ranks 10th in the nation in its graduation rate for student-athletes among Division I members with scholarship football programs. The information listed below was taken from the 2001 Graduation Rates Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	<i>Student-Athletes Graduation Rate</i>
1. Duke	90 percent
Northwestern	90 percent
3. Stanford	86 percent
4. William & Mary	85 percent
5. Virginia	84 percent
6. Boston College	83 percent
7. Syracuse	81 percent
8. New Hampshire	80 percent
9. Villanova	79 percent
10. Wofford	78 percent
11. Rice	76 percent
12. Penn State	75 percent
Tulane	75 percent
14. Iowa	74 percent
Notre Dame	74 percent
Richmond	74 percent
Wisconsin	74 percent
Vanderbilt	74 percent

2001 SoCon Graduation Rate Summary

The chart below, taken from the 2001 Southern Conference Graduation Rate Summary, shows how Wofford continues to top the SoCon in graduating the highest percentage of its football players in addition to overall student-athletes over the last four years.

Wofford's high graduation rate comes at a nationally-respected liberal arts college where the average SAT score of the student body exceeds 1200.

	<u>Football Players 4-year average</u>	<u>Student-Athlete 4-year average</u>
1. Wofford	76 percent	81 percent
2. Furman	67 percent	72 percent
VMI	67 percent	58 percent
4. Appalachian State	56 percent	59 percent
5. The Citadel	48 percent	57 percent
Georgia Southern	48 percent	50 percent
7. Chattanooga	47 percent	44 percent
8. Western Carolina	46 percent	52 percent
9. East Tennessee State	32 percent	39 percent
Division I-AA Average	48 percent	58 percent

1237 vs. 1100

Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1237) than enrollment (1100).

About Wofford

- Located in Spartanburg, S.C., Wofford is one of only five independent colleges and universities to have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the Carolinas (Davidson, Duke, Furman, and Wake Forest are the others).

- Wofford is one of just three Division I colleges or universities to have the nickname Terriers. The others are Boston University and St. Francis (N.Y.).

- Founded in 1854, Wofford has an enrollment of 1,100, making it the smallest school in NCAA Division I-A or I-AA football.

- With 1,100 students, Wofford is the second smallest school in Division I. Only Centenary (La.) is smaller with 850 students. However, the Gentlemen do not field a football team.

- Famous Wofford graduates include Carolina Panther owner and founder **Jerry Richardson** and Air Force Head Football Coach **Fisher DeBerry**.

- Wofford ranks No. 1 among national liberal arts colleges in "operating efficiency," providing a quality education while spending relatively less.

In the 2000 NCAA Division I Graduation Rate Report, Wofford was the only school in the nation to rank in the Top 10 in all four categories: overall student-athlete graduation rate as well as those for the football, men's basketball, and women's basketball teams.

"There are no junk courses at Wofford that we could see, and we would certainly match its course of study with that of any school in the Ivy League."

National Review's Guide to the
Best Liberal Arts Colleges
"America's Top 50 Liberal Arts Schools"

A New Era Behind Center

With the graduation of **Travis Wilson**, the Terriers' preseason camp was highlighted by a closely contested three-way battle for the starting quarterback job.

The Wofford coaching staff has yet to make a decision on whether **Jonathan Carey**, **Trey Rodgers**, or **Jeff Zolman** will receive the starting nod in the season opener against Newberry. The trio has a combined six games of collegiate experience while throwing a total of just four passes.

Rodgers appeared briefly in four games last year while Zolman entered two contests. Carey did not see game action and is the lone quarterback with four years of eligibility remaining.

Looking to get back in the mix is senior **Nick Haughey**, who started last year's game at South Carolina. Haughey suffered a torn ACL and MCL in his left knee during spring drills and has returned to practice. He operated the scout team in the final preseason scrimmage.

Rebuilt Offensive Line Makes Mark in Preseason Camp

Despite losing four starters to graduation, the Wofford first-team offensive line was one of the major stories of preseason camp.

Left tackle **Chad Bentley**, left guard **Bobby Gibbs**, center **Prosser Carnegie**, right guard **Colan Miles**, and right tackle **Jesse Blackburn** drew positive reviews from Head Coach **Mike Ayers** and Offensive Coordinator **Wade Lang**.

Giving Opponents a Melvin

The career-high 168 yards rushing by **Melvin Jones** against Appalachian State last year is even more impressive when considering how the Mountaineers earlier that season contained a pair of recipients of the Walter Payton Award (the Division I-AA equivalent of the Heisman Trophy). Listed below were comparative numbers last season against the ASU defense:

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	T.D.
Melvin Jones, Wofford	27	168	6.2	2
Adrian Peterson*, Ga. Southern	19	71	3.7	0
Louis Ivory^, Furman	18	40	2.2	1

*1999 Payton Award winner

^2000 Payton Award winner

Just Call Him Joe College...



J.R. McNair

Wofford fullback and Dean's List student **J.R. McNair** is extremely active on campus.

Listed below are just a few of the items on his resume.

Service Groups/Organizations

- Campus Union, Student Government: Elected as an at-large delegate
- Campus Relations Committee
- Campus Union Chaplain

- Wofford College Board of Trustees Student Representative: Athletic Committee
- Wofford Ambassadors, Admissions Department: Provide campus tours/Wofford history to prospective students and their families
- Wofford College Student Panel
- Advisor to Arkwright Community: Community Student Representative
- Community Mentor: Volunteer once a week to take inner-city youth to lunch
- Wofford College Dual Representative: Spartanburg Big Band Project
- Web Designer/Developer: Created a web site for the Girl Scouts/Piedmont Area
- Association of African-American Students
- UVOV Gospel Choir member
- Wofford College Gospel Choir President
- Wofford Singers
- Southern Comfort (men's ensemble)
- Campus Outreach
- Campus Crusade
- Feed the Children: Partner since 2000 (donations have provided 450 meals)

Seeing the Ball

Isaac Goodpaster, the Terriers' leading receiver a year ago, is legally blind with 20/200 vision as he suffers from macular degeneration.

Goodpaster posted a team-best 25 catches for 422 yards (16.9 avg.) and two touchdowns last season.

He had a 15-yard touchdown catch at Clemson and a season-high five receptions at South Carolina.

The Two-Headed Monster

Fullbacks **Melvin Jones** and **J.R. McNair** were Wofford's top two rushers last season with 905 and 563 yards, respectively.

They combined to give the Terriers 133.5 yards per game from the fullback position and 19 of the Terriers' 34 touchdowns on the year.

Carrying the Rock

Wofford returns its top three rushers from last season in fullbacks **Melvin Jones** (905 yards) and **J.R. McNair** (563 yards) and halfback **Jesse McCoy** (530 yards).

The Real McCoy

Halfback **Jesse McCoy** is a big-play weapon in Wofford's offense.

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year averages 8.9 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career.

McCoy became the first player in Wofford history to go over 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in the same game when he ran for 114 yards on nine carries and had three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 40-31 win over Western Carolina in the 2000 campaign.

McCoy's 7.09 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.03 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92).

The Best of McCoy

The top four rushing performances of **Jesse McCoy's** collegiate career have seen him average at least 12.4 yards per carry in those contests.

The games listed below also represent his four career 100-yard games:

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	T.D.
WCU* (10/16/99)	11	136	12.4	2
UTC (10/2/99)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (10/7/00)	9	133	14.8	3
WCU^ (10/14/00)	9	114	12.7	0

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers return 10 starters from a defensive unit last season that allowed 38.2 yards per game fewer than the previous year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rush. Yds. Allowed</u>	<u>Pass. Yds. Allowed</u>	<u>Tot. Defense</u>
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6

The Plus and Minus

Wofford committed just three turnovers and was a +6 in the turnover department in its four wins last year. Two of those turnovers came in the fourth quarter of a 24-3 win over East Tennessee State, after the contest was clearly decided.

In seven losses, the Terriers had 14 turnovers and were a -6 in the turnover ratio.

Dominating the Trenches

Nose tackle and preseason All-America **Nathan Fuqua**, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first three years, is already Wofford's career leader in tackles for a loss (39).

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner** will contend for All-America honors this fall.

Miner topped the SoCon and ranked eighth nationally in Division I-AA last season with his average of 42.0 yards. The two longest punts of his career came in the 13-0 win at The Citadel, when he had boots of 67 and 68 yards on the way to a 47.9 average on seven kicks.

Former South Carolina Head Coach **Jim Carlen** was in attendance and commented that he had never seen a punter have a day like Miner enjoyed that afternoon in Charleston.

Miner also had a 43.5 mark on six attempts at Clemson.

Going for It

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for Wofford.

The Terriers were 21-of-33 (63.6 percent) on fourth-down attempts last season. Wofford was also 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth downs in the 2000 campaign and 24-of-39 (61.5 percent) in 1999.

Remember When?

It was 10 years ago at Newberry that Wofford best illustrated to expect the unconventional on fourth down.

With a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line, Terrier punter **Jud Heldreth** completed a 36-yard pass to **Tim Geter** on a fake punt as Wofford went on to post a 34-16 victory in 1992.

Good Genes

Starting outside linebacker **Chase Corn** is a third generation Wofford football player.

Corn's father (**Buddy Corn '76**) and grandfather (**Wade Corn '50**) as well as uncle (**Skip Corn '73**) played football for the Terriers.

That's My Boy

Sophomore wide receiver **Shiel Wood** is the son of former Wofford athletic director and now Senior Vice-President **David Wood**.

The elder Wood was a football standout at Elon and a former assistant coach at Catawba.

Defensive Stands

Wofford allowed a total of just 27 points (6.8 per game) in its four wins last year, including a total of just three points in the last two victories (13-0 versus The Citadel, 24-3 against East Tennessee State).

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 48-2-1 record in the 51 games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers** that the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

•Wofford has won 26 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead.

The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon in 1995. Wofford held a 9-3 halftime edge that night.

Traveling Terriers

After playing just two games (Chattanooga and Western Carolina) out of state last season, Wofford will cross the Palmetto border for six of its seven road contests this fall.

The Terriers will take the field in the states of Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee during the 2002 campaign.

Honorary I-A Members

The Maryland game will represent Wofford's seventh game in the last five years against a Division I-A opponent.

The Terriers' first game in that stretch was a 29-27 loss at Marshall in the 1998 season finale. Wofford saw its bid for an upset over the Herd fall short when a 29-yard field goal was blocked with just over three minutes to play.

Listed below are Wofford's Division I-A games since the reclassification in 1982:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
1998	Marshall	27-29
1999	Middle Tennessee	42-52
1999	La.-Lafayette	34-37 (OT)
2000	La.-Monroe	24-6
2001	Clemson	14-38
2001	South Carolina	14-38

The Marshall Plan

Prior to becoming the dominant program in Division I-AA, Marshall had to wait five years to win its first Southern Conference game after beginning league play in 1977.

With 18 victories in its opening five years of SoCon membership, Wofford is well ahead of schedule on "The Marshall Plan."

Gibbs Stadium

Wofford's football stadium is the second youngest facility in the Southern Conference.

With a capacity of 13,000, Gibbs Stadium opened in October 1996. Only Chattanooga's Finley Stadium (1997) is newer.

The Terriers have a 16-10 home record since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

The 400-Win Club

Wofford's final victory of last season, a 24-3 win over East Tennessee State, represented the 400th win in Wofford's football history.

College football in the state of South Carolina traces back to Wofford. The Terriers played in the first-ever collegiate football game in the state when they posted a 5-1 win over Furman in 1889.

W O F F O R D V S . N E W B E R R Y

A Statistical Comparison

The following are how last year's team statistics compared:

	<u>Newberry</u>	<u>Wofford</u>
Points per game - allowed	21.9 - 22.3	23.6 - 26.4
Rushing yards per game - allowed	187.5 - 82.6	264.1 - 155.7
Passing yards per game - allowed	155.9 - 227.9	103.4 - 197.9
Total net yards per game - allowed	343.4 - 310.5	367.5 - 353.6
Punts - average	60 - 34.8	48 - 42.0
Penalties - yards	67 - 614	58 - 475
Turnover Margin (takeaways/giveaways)	+1 (31/30)	E (17/17)
Fumbles - Lost	20 - 14	22 - 11
Third-Down Conversions - allowed	32.1% - 36.5%	41.6% - 40.8%
Time of Possession - allowed	32:10 - 27:50	32:20 - 27:40

Did You Know?

TerrierHead Football Coach **Mike Ayers** was hired in 1988 over a chocolate milkshake at the Biltmore Dairy Bar in Asheville, N.C., by then Wofford athletic director and now Southern Conference commissioner **Danny Morrison**.

Wofford and the NFL

Wofford College is the summer training camp site for the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League.

The Last Time...

•The Terriers have not had a kickoff return for a touchdown since **Craig Best** took one back 93 yards in a 1982 game versus Elon.

•Wofford's last punt return for a touchdown came in 1997 when **Tony Young** went 84 yards against Charleston Southern.

Wofford Starting Lineup

Offense

LT
LG
C
RG
RT
TE
WR
QB
RB
HB
HB

Defense

DT
NT
DT
OLB
ILB
ILB
OLB
CB
FS
SS
CB

WOFFORD COLLEGE TWO-DEEP

(updated Aug. 23, 2002)

OFFENSE

LEFTTACKLE

67 Chad Bentley (6-1, 290, Sr.)
79 Brad Birrenkott (6-5, 230, Fr.)

LEFT GUARD

65 Bobby Gibbs (6-3, 290, So.)
77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Jr.)

CENTER

70 Prosser Carnegie (6-1, 275, Sr.)
71 Brad Anderson (6-2, 275, Fr.)

RIGHT GUARD

60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE

63 Jesse Blackburn (6-3, 270, Sr.)
78 Kevin Hodapp (6-3, 270, So.)

TIGHTEND

88 Adam Regenthal (6-3, 242, So.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

20 Isaac Goodpaster (6-0, 175, Sr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)

QUARTERBACK

12 Jonathan Carey (6-2, 185, So.) OR
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, So.) OR
15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, So.)

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.) OR
34 Corey Dunn (5-11, 195, Fr.)

RUNNING BACK

41 Melvin Jones (5-10, 215, Sr.)
4 J.R. McNair (5-10, 200, Jr.)

HALFBACK

7 Shaun Fogle (5-11, 195, Jr.)
42 D.J. Gaillard (5-10, 200, Sr.)

DEFENSE

TACKLE

97 Anthony Jones (5-10, 255, Sr.)
96 Ben Whitney (6-3, 260, So.)

NOSE TACKLE

90 Nathan Fuqua (6-2, 285, Sr.)
94 Gaby Dibo (6-0, 277, Fr.)

TACKLE

75 Lee Basinger (6-1, 255, So.)
95 John Pressley (6-2, 250, Jr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

2 Hondre McNeil (6-2, 218, Sr.)
10 Teddie Whitaker (6-2, 230, Jr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)
50 Alex Schaefer (6-1, 225, Fr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

45 LaRay Benton (5-11, 225, Sr.)
52 Will Wheeler (6-0, 200, Fr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

37 Chase Corn (5-11, 205, Sr.)
54 Jimmy Freland (5-11, 215, So.)

LEFT CORNERBACK

25 Fred Washington (5-10, 190, Sr.)
40 Shaun Bennett (6-0, 185, So.)

STRONG SAFETY

24 Brandon Ladd (5-10, 185, Sr.)
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 205, So.)

FREESAFETY

5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Jr.)
33 Tony Jefferson (5-11, 188, So.)

RIGHT CORNERBACK

48 Roland Harris (5-9, 180, Sr.)
8 Craig Thomas (5-10, 188, Jr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

32 Jimmy Miner (6-3, 195, Jr.)

PLACEKICKER

17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

PUNT RETURNS

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)

HOLDER

84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)

LONG SNAPPER

82 Jonathan Starks (6-2, 215, Jr.)
89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)

KICKOFFS

17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Illustrated to Make Season Debut on Sunday
Date: August 27, 2002 at 3:51 PM
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Wofford Football Illustrated, the Terriers' weekly television show, will make its season debut on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. on WASV-TV (sister station of CBS-affiliate WSPA-TV) in the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson area.

WASV-TV is part of the nation's 35th-largest television market. Wofford Football Illustrated will also be seen regionally on CSS in addition to each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. on Time Warner Cable Channel 10 in Columbia.

Hosted by WSPA-TV Sports Director Pete Yanity, Wofford Football Illustrated contains highlights of each game, player features, and a postgame interview with Head Coach Mike Ayers.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Starting Strong Safety Sideline
Date: August 28, 2002 at 1:53 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Wofford College starting strong safety Ryan Steele will be sidelined 2-to-4 weeks with a hamstring strain.

Steele, a junior from York, S.C., will be replaced in the lineup by Brandon Ladd. Ladd started six games at free safety last season, although he was the starting strong safety in the season opener at Clemson. He posted a season-high 10 tackles to go with an interception against the Tigers. A senior from Athens, Tenn., Ladd totaled 41 tackles on the year and has 104 stops in his career.

Wide receiver Marcus Gilmore will miss Saturday's season opener against Newberry due to a dislocated finger while freshman center Brad Anderson (hand laceration) and nose tackle Katon Bethay (high ankle sprain), both in second-team positions on the depth chart, are also sidelined.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Rodgers to Start at Quarterback for Wofford
Date: August 30, 2002 at 3:50 PM
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The Wofford College football program has announced that Trey Rodgers will be the starting quarterback for tomorrow night's season opener against Newberry.

Rodgers, a graduate of Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C., appeared in four games last season. He rushed for 48 yards on eight carries while completing 2-of-3 passes for 17 yards. Rodgers was engaged in a tight battle with fellow sophomores Jeff Zolman (Dayton, Ohio) and Jonathan Carey (Jonesboro, Ga.) for the starting nod.

"It was one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make," Wofford Offensive Coordinator Wade Lang said. "I've never seen three guys that close at one position since I've been coaching.

"All three did a great job all spring, through the summer, and into camp. We were looking for the guy that was going to be the most consistent and do the easiest things that we asked them to do, and then make some of the tougher plays that we need. Trey did that more than anybody."

Rodgers received South Carolina Player of the Year honors as a senior when he led Dorman to the state championship. He was also the Shrine Bowl Most Valuable Player.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Broadcasts to be Heard on the Internet
Date: August 30, 2002 at 4:09 PM
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The live radio broadcast of all Wofford College football games will again be heard on the Internet at www.sportsjuice.com.

The Terrier broadcasts originate out of AM 910 WSPA in Spartanburg, S.C. Mark Hauser will be in his 11th season as Wofford's play-by-play announcer. Thom Henson will again serve as the color analyst with Tom Brown as the sideline reporter.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Three Terriers Receive Preseason All-America Honors
Date: August 30, 2002 at 4:36 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The *National Football Gazette* has tabbed Wofford College nose tackle Nathan Fuqua for second-team preseason All-America honors with punter Jimmy Miner and free safety Matt Nelson being honorable-mention selections.

Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon performer, also garnered preseason All-America accolades from The Sports Network and *Lindy's National College Football*. In just three seasons, the Danville, Ky., native has already become Wofford's career leader in tackles for loss with 39.

Nelson (Grove City, Ohio) received All-SoCon honors last year as a sophomore when his team-high 114 tackles represented the highest total by a Terrier since 1987.

Miner topped the SoCon and ranked eighth nationally a year ago with his 42.0 average. The junior from Kennesaw, Ga., has been an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Rolls Past Newberry in Season Opener
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Sophomore quarterback Jeff Zolman came off the bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford defeated Newberry, 48-0, tonight in the season opener for both teams at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

Wofford took control of the game on its opening series as a 53-yard Jesse McCoy touchdown run capped a three-play, 72-yard drive just 1:25 into the contest. Todd Rhoden's extra-point attempt was blocked as the Terriers took a 6-0 lead.

Wofford extended its lead to 8-0 at the conclusion of Newberry's opening series when Shaun Bennett blocked a Brandon Carnes punt with the ball rolling out of the end zone for a safety.

Zolman's 82-yard score gave the Terriers a 28-0 lead with 5:03 to play in the first half en route to a 35-0 margin at the intermission. Zolman, a native of Dayton, Ohio, finished with a team-best 106 yards on six carries as 14 different Wofford rushers totaled 476 yards on the ground.

For the game, the Terriers outgained the Indians by a 558-to-132 edge in total offense while holding a 26-to-7 advantage in first downs.

Wofford won its season opener for the first time since 1997 and recorded its first shutout since a 13-0 blanking of The Citadel on Oct. 27 of last season.

"Our defense played very well," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "I thought our kids came into the game ready to play both physically and mentally.

"Offensively, we did some great things. We played a lot of people and I think it was a productive game."

McCoy's second touchdown of the game, an 11-yard run with 44 seconds left in the second quarter, gave Wofford its 35-0 lead at the half.

"Wofford showed its experience on defense and we had a few kicking game errors early," Newberry Head Coach Mike Taylor said. "Their misdirection hurt us. When they got into space, we failed to make some plays and they took advantage."

Zolman completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yard second-quarter completion to McCoy that set up a six-yard J.R. McNair scoring run on the next play as Wofford took a 22-0 lead. McCoy finished with 74 yards and two touchdowns on five carries. Including his punt and kickoff returns, he totaled 137 yards on just eight touches.

Tony Jefferson and Teddie Whitaker recorded their first career interceptions for the Terriers. Wofford also recorded three sacks.

Wofford has an open date next week before returning to action Sept. 14 at South Carolina State.