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Ranked No. 16 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 18 by The Sports Network, the Terriers have equaled their most victories overall in eight years at the Division I-AA level. The five league wins also tie Wofford's high mark in six seasons of SoCon play.

Leading just 7-0 at the half despite holding a 238-to-89 edge in total offense, Wofford built a 27-0 lead and broke the game open in the second half with back-to-back scoring drives of 98 and 90 yards. The Citadel (2-7, 1-5) scored twice in the final 7:45 to provide the final margin.

McCoy had a career-best rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 145 yards last week when the Terriers ran for 472 yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State.

Including a 397-yard rushing day in an Oct. 19 win versus Western Carolina, Wofford is averaging 442.7 yards per game rushing on a 5.6 per carry average in its last three contests. The Terriers added 16 yards passing today for 475 in total offense.

"We knew coming in that The Citadel would play us tough and present some problems," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "We were scratching around in the first half, but came out strong in the third quarter and did some good stuff. Towards the end, we tried to let some young guys play.

"For the most part, it was a great game for us. We're a step closer to possibly a Southern Conference title, but we have a tough game next week at East Tennessee State.

"The Citadel is a physical football team and very well coached. To be able to do what we had to do is a tribute to our kids. We're nicked up in a lot of spots and had some guys out there that weren't playing at 100 percent physically, but they sucked it up and gave us a great effort."

Jones' first touchdown, a one-yard scoring run on the second play of the second quarter, provided the only points of the first half.

Following a Roland Harris interception, his third pick in the last two games, at the Wofford two-yard line, the Terriers drove 98 yards in 12 plays to take a 14-0 lead with 6:12 left in the third quarter. All 12 plays were runs with McCoy having 44 yards on three attempts before Jones canned the drive with a two-yard rush.

The Terriers then drove 90 yards in nine plays on their next possession to take a 21-0 lead. J.R. McNair, who had 75 yards rushing on 14 carries, carried six times for 44 yards on the series with his four-yard touchdown run coming on the third play of the fourth quarter.

A Nate Mahoney fumble, forced by Matt Nelson and recovered by Nathan Fuqua, on The Citadel's third play of their ensuing series set up Wofford's final score as Jones carried five yards for his third touchdown of the game.

The Citadel got on the board when Michael Ballentine returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown with 7:45 to play. Jeff Klein, who completed 15-of-24 passes for 143 yards, closed the game's scoring with a seven-yard touchdown pass to Bud Pough with 53 seconds remaining.

"Wofford does a great job with what they do offensively," The Citadel Head Coach Ellis Johnson said. "Wofford does a great job upfront and their defense does not allow a big play.

"They do a good job offensively controlling the clock, and they keep their defense off the field for a majority of the game. It's really a great strategy and it keeps their defense fresh throughout the contest. The turnovers really hurt us today. We didn't execute very well and it showed. As a result, the miscues really helped feed Wofford's game plan and defensive intensity."

The Citadel was held to 89 yards rushing on 25 carries, the third straight contest that Wofford has held its opponent to less than 100 yards on the ground. In that stretch, Terriers are allowing just 73.3 yards per game on a 2.9 per carry average. The Bulldogs had just 232 yards of total offense and were 2-of-10 on third-down conversions.

Wofford has now defeated The Citadel in four straight seasons for the first time since the 1955-58 campaigns.

The Terriers are at East Tennessee State in a 6 p.m. game next week while The Citadel will host Chattanooga at 2 p.m.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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Halfback Jesse McCoy and strong safety Brandon Ladd will be honored Friday by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 27-14 victory over The Citadel.

McCoy had a career-high rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 184 yards on 20 attempts against the Bulldogs after a 145-yard effort in the previous week's 26-19 win at Appalachian State. He has now gone over the 100-yard mark in four of his five SoCon games this season.

The senior from Acworth, Ga., had 100 yards on 12 attempts in the first half. With the Terriers leading just 7-0 in the third quarter, he keyed a 98-yard scoring drive with a 33-yard run on a 2nd-and-7 from the Wofford five-yard line.

With 754 yards on an 8.6 per carry average, McCoy places third in the SoCon in rushing (94.2 per game) and second in all-purpose yards (126.8 per game). He is the SoCon's second-leading active rusher with 2,437 yards, a mark that places seventh on the Terriers' career list.

Ladd, a senior from Athens, Tenn., had a team-high and career-best 14 tackles, including one for a loss, to go with a quarterback hurry. He also made the stop on The Citadel's Nehemiah Broughton when the Bulldogs were unsuccessful on a 4th-and-1 rush from their own 36-yard line in the second quarter.

Ladd was instrumental in a Wofford defensive effort that limited The Citadel to just 89 yards rushing and 232 in total offense, with 75 of those yards coming on the game's final series when the Terriers cleared their bench.

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McCoy has now received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors three times this season. He previously garnered the award after wins over Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

Appalachian State free safety Scott Cornatzer was named the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week with VMI running back Sean Mizzer earning Freshman of the Week accolades.

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The Wofford College football team is ranked No. 15 in Division I-AA polls released today by The Sports Network and *ESPN/USA Today*.

The Terriers (7-2, 5-1) moved up three places in The Sports Network poll and one spot in the *ESPN/USA Today* rankings after Saturday's 27-14 win over The Citadel. The rankings in both polls represent the highest appearance ever for a Wofford team in the Division I-AA Top 25.

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Wofford is at East Tennessee State on Saturday. Kickoff is 6 p.m. at the Memorial Center in Johnson City, Tenn.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM 
Subject: Wofford Football Release -- Saturday's Game at ETSU
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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 6 p.m. game at East Tennessee State. If you have any trouble with this attachment or prefer to receive the notes in a different manner, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
Wofford College



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Game 10

Wofford at East Tennessee State

November 9, 2002; 6 p.m.

Memorial Center (13,000); Johnson City, Tenn.

This Week

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A Wofford win would give **Mike Ayers** his 100th career victory at the place where he began his head coaching career. Already the Terriers' all-time winningest coach with 88 victories, Ayers also had 11 wins as head coach of the Buccaneers from 1985-87.

ETSU Head Coach **Paul Hamilton** was Wofford's offensive coordinator under Ayers during his first two seasons with the Terriers (1988-89).

Wofford has won three straight over ETSU, including a 24-3 decision last year in Spartanburg, S.C. In the Terriers' last visit to the Mini-Dome, **Shaun Fogle** received National Freshman of the Week honors when he rushed for 193 yards and three touchdowns on just five carries in a 35-31 victory during the 2000 campaign. Fogle set a SoCon per carry record by averaging 38.6 yards with each attempt.

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, Wofford is 3-2 versus ETSU. The Bucs hold an overall 13-9 series lead dating back to 1957. Ayers is 4-3 against ETSU, including a 64-46 win in 1990 when a Division II Wofford team scored 36 fourth-quarter points for the victory. As the Bucs' head coach, Ayers was 2-0 against the Terriers with 52-3 and 10-6 victories in the 1986 and 1987 campaigns, respectively.

A Look Back

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Wofford (7-2, 5-1)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	14-7
Sept. 28	at Maryland	8-37
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA* (OT)	27-21
Oct. 12	at VMI*	16-27
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	31-24
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	26-19
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	27-14
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

ETSU (4-6, 2-4)

Aug. 31	at N.C. State	0-34
Sept. 7	MARS HILL	20-10
Sept. 14	at Gardner-Webb	10-13
Sept. 21	VMI*	35-21
Sept. 28	at Western Carolina*	27-7
Oct. 5	APPALACHIAN STATE*	10-29
Oct. 12	at The Citadel*	7-26
Oct. 19	ELON	31-15
Oct. 26	FURMAN*	0-25
Nov. 2	at Georgia Southern*	7-40
Nov. 9	WOFFORD*	6:00
Nov. 16	at Chattanooga*	1:30

*SoCon game

Worth Noting

•Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football with an enrollment of 1,100 students. The SAT average (1236) on campus is actually higher than the enrollment.

•SoCon Offensive Player of the Year candidate **Jesse McCoy** has rushed for 754 yards and eight touchdowns (8.6 per carry). He has four 100-yard games this season, including 114 versus Georgia Southern and back-to-back career-best performances of 145 at Appalachian State and 184 against The Citadel.

•The Terriers rank second nationally in rushing (341.9 yards per game), including an average of 432.7 in the last three contests in which they are averaging 37:56 in time of possession.

•Wofford is second in the SoCon in total defense, allowing just 299.2 yards per game.

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 will also be seen this week in over three million homes across nine states on Wednesday at 11:30 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.

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.

Six Wofford starters (DT **Lee Basinger**, OT **Jesse Blackburn**, C **Prosser Carnegie**, OLB **Chase Corn**, SS **Brandon Ladd**, QB **Jeff Zolman**) and second-team fullback **J.R. McNair** have been nominated for honors this fall.

The Terriers provided the backfield on last year's team as McNair and halfback **Ben Foster** were chosen along with Corn and offensive guard **Eric Nash**.

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

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 head 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 has 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

Among the National Leaders

Listed below are key SoCon and NCAA rankings for Wofford and its players:

<u>Name/Category</u>	<u>Average Per Game</u>	<u>SoCon/NCAARanking</u>
Jesse McCoy (HB)	126.8 yards all-purpose	2nd/38th
Jimmy Miner (P)	43.0 yards	3rd/8th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	94.2 yards rushing	3rd/32nd
Melvin Jones (FB)	65.6 yards rushing	6th/69th
Team Rushing	341.9 yards	2nd/2nd
Net Punting	39.6 yards	2nd/6th
Scoring Defense	17.2 points	2nd/T19th
Total Defense	299.2 yards	2nd/31st
Run Defense	138.1 yards	2nd/51st
Pass Defense	161.1 yards	3rd/30th
Pass Eff. Defense	114.1 rating	4th/54th

Historic Wins with a Stingy Defense

In becoming the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996, Wofford held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

**Wofford football can be found on the web at:
www.wofford.edu/athletics**

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

When Last In Action

The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 27-14 win over The Citadel last week:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>The Citadel</u>
First Downs	27	12
Rushes - Yards	82 - 459	25 - 89
Passing Yards	16	143
Total Offense	475	232
Passes	7 - 2 - 0	25 - 15 - 1
Punts - Avg.	3 - 34.0	7 - 36.7
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 50	5 - 46
Time of Possession	39:08	20:52

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing

Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving

Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 24-3 win over East Tennessee State last year:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	24	11
Rushes - Yards	68 - 322	25 - 85
Passing Yards	42	138
Total Offense	364	223
Passes	8 - 3 - 0	32 - 17 - 2
Punts - Avg.	2 - 40.5	5 - 41.2
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 30	10 - 88
Time of Possession	33:59	26:01

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 14-83, Melvin Jones 23-76, McCoy 13-73, Haughey 4-27, Gaillard 3-16, Mike Jones 1-16, Mungin 1-10, Foster 2-8, Wilson 1-8, Fogle 1-3, Rodgers 3-3, Zolman 1-0, Sullivan 1-(1)

Passing

Wilson 5-2-0, 26 yards; Haughey 2-0-0, Rodgers 1-1-0, 16 yards

Receiving

Nash 1-18, Melvin Jones 1-16, Gilmore 1-8

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 280	6-2, 286
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	5-11, 210
Wide Receivers	6-1, 190	6-0, 193
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-2, 277
Linebackers	6-1, 226	6-2, 228
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-1, 184

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

ETSU Offense: Multiple

ETSU Defense: 3-4

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

ETSU Defense -

1 senior, 5 juniors, 4 sophomores, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -

8 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

ETSU Offense

4 seniors, 4 juniors, 0 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: 88-74-1. Overall Record: 99-95-2.

Paul Hamilton

Alma Mater: Appalachian State '81

6th season at ETSU, 6th as a head coach

Record at ETSU: 33-32. Overall Record: 33-32.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (vs. Mars Hill, 0-33 at Wingate)	1-8
S.C. State (vs. Howard, 21-27 at Delaware State)	6-3
Ga. Southern (at Furman, 40-7 vs. East Tennessee State)	7-2
Maryland (vs. N.C. State, 59-7 at North Carolina)	7-2
Chattanooga (at The Citadel, 17-20 vs. Appalachian State)	0-9
VMI (at Appalachian State, 23-35 vs. Western Carolina)	5-5
Western Carolina (Open, 35-23 at VMI)	5-5
Appalachian State (vs. VMI, 20-17 at Chattanooga)	6-3
The Citadel (vs. Chattanooga, 14-27 at Wofford)	2-7
ETSU (vs. Wofford, 7-40 at Georgia Southern)	4-6
Furman (vs. Georgia Southern, Open)	6-2
Elon (vs. Liberty, 13-27 vs. Hofstra)	2-6
Aggregate Record	51-58

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

The Head Coach

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

Now with 88 victories, Ayers broke the previous school mark of 77 wins (**Conley Snidow**, 1953-66) with last year's 35-10 victory 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 is teaching a course in South Carolina history this fall.

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 receiving 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, 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 included 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.
Georgia Southern	6	1	.857	7	2	.778
Wofford	5	1	.833	7	2	.778
Furman	4	1	.800	6	2	.750
Appalachian State	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Western Carolina	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
East Tennessee State	2	4	.333	4	6	.400
VMI	2	4	.333	5	5	.500
The Citadel	1	5	.167	2	7	.222
Chattanooga	0	5	.000	0	9	.000

This Week:

- *VMI at Appalachian State, 2 p.m.
- *Chattanooga at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
- *Georgia Southern at Furman, 3:30 p.m.
- *Wofford at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.**
- *SoCon Game

Last Week:

- *Wofford 27, The Citadel 14**
- *Georgia Southern 40, East Tennessee State 7
- *Appalachian State 20, Chattanooga 17
- *Western Carolina 35, VMI 23

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 Rate Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	<u>Student-Athlete Graduation Rate</u>
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 with an average SAT score of 1236.

	<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

1236 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1236) 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"

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Zolman Makes Mark at Quarterback

Sophomore **Jeff Zolman** has been a model of consistency at quarterback for the Wofford football team.

As a freshman last year, Zolman was limited to a mop-up role in two games. He is the younger brother of **Greg Zolman**, Vanderbilt's starting quarterback the last two seasons.

The Dean's List student and southpaw from Dayton, Ohio, is the Terriers' fourth-leading rusher with 402 yards (6.1 per carry) while completing 53.8 percent of his passes with just one interception in 52 attempts.

He directed Wofford to road wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State with near flawless play in both games:

	Rushing				Passing					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Att.	Com.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
vs. Georgia Southern	11	74	6.7	0	6	4	66.7	40	0	0
vs. Appalachian State	12	90	7.5	0	3	2	66.7	35	0	1
GSU and ASU Combined	23	164	7.1	0	9	6	66.7	75	0	1
Season Totals	66	402	6.1	2	52	28	53.8	280	0	1

On Wofford's fourth quarter game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive at Georgia Southern, Zolman had a 20-yard pass to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16. He then added a 54-yard carry to the Eagle three-yard line to set up **Jesse McCoy's** go-ahead score.

Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry when he rushed for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run. He also completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards in directing the Terriers to three

Spreading the Wealth

Wofford places second in the nation in team rushing (341.9 yards per game) on a 5.5 per carry average. The Terriers' top seven rushers are averaging at least 4.2 yards per attempt with six of those players at a 4.6 clip or higher. Four players have rushed for at least 402 yards this season (44.7 per game):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Jesse McCoy , HB	88	754	8.6	8	67	94.2
Melvin Jones , FB	127	590	4.6	6	31	65.6
J.R. McNair , FB	98	413	4.2	5	30	45.9
Jeff Zolman , QB	66	402	6.1	2	82	44.7

What The SoCon Players Say about McCoy

"He's such a great athlete," said Chattanooga linebacker Josh Cain, the SoCon's leading tackler. "He's very shifty and makes you miss. I admire him a lot."

"He was a man amongst boys," The Citadel's Kevin Olecki said. "He's just an immaculate athlete. He's got moves that most people have never seen before."

The Best of McCoy

Jesse McCoy has four 100-yard rushing performances this season and eight in his collegiate career. Seven of those eight contests have seen him average at least 9.2 yards per carry:

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
The Citadel (11/02/02)	20	184	9.2	0
Appalachian State (10/26/02)	22	145	6.6	2
Western Carolina* (10/16/99)	11	136	12.4	2
Chattanooga (10/2/99)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (10/7/00)	9	133	14.8	3
Chattanooga# (10/5/02)	13	121	9.3	2
Western Carolina^ (10/14/00)	9	114	12.7	0
Georgia Southern (9/21/02)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

#McCoy added a 45-yard TD reception

^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns

The Real McCoy

Halfback **Jesse McCoy**, a three-time SoCon Player of the Week, is a candidate for SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

McCoy has topped the 100-yard mark in rushing in four of his five SoCon games this season with career-high rushing totals in each of the last two weeks.

The Acworth, Ga., native had a personal-best 184 yards in the 27-14 win over The Citadel on the heels of a 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State. He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern.

McCoy totaled 166 yards of offense and three touchdowns, including a 12-yard run in overtime for the winning score, in the 27-21 win against Chattanooga.

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year places second in the league in all-purpose yards (126.8 per game) and third in rushing (94.2 yards). He averages 9.0 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career. He has 3,280 combined rushing and receiving yards on 365 touches.

McCoy's 7.5 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.0 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92). Graves is college football's all-time, all-division rushing quarterback with 5,128 yards and 72 touchdowns.

McCoy has rushed for 754 yards this season on an 8.6 per carry average.

McCoy has a career-high rushing total this season, surpassing his previous best of 630 yards his freshman year. He also has eight rushing touchdowns after totaling 11 in his first three seasons.

He is averaging 21.1 yards on 39 career receptions for 843 yards.

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.

Wofford Career Rushing

- 5,128 - Shawn Graves, 1989-92
- 3,686 - Ricky Satterfield, 1972-75
- 3,282 - Ted Phelps, 1965-68
- 3,201 - Clifford Boyd, 1968-71
- 2,488 - Travis Wilson, 1998-01
- 2,486 - Bobby Jordan, 1968-71
- 2,437 - Jesse McCoy, 1999-present**

Honor Roll

Nathan Fuqua, NT

- Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, *Lindy's National College Football*, and the *National Football Gazette*
- 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* and the *National Football Gazette*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- An All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons
- 2001 honorable-mention All-America

Matt Nelson, FS

- Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*
- 2001 second-team All-SoCon

Melvin Jones, FB

- Third-team preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*

Vintage Wofford Football

In its last three games, Wofford is averaging 442.7 yards rushing while holding the opponent to a 73.3 mark.

The Terriers' 472 yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent. The 459 yards against The Citadel was the most against the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category. Listed below is a comparison between Wofford and its opposition over the last three games:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Rushing Yards per Game	442.7	73.3
Yards per Rushing Attempt	5.6	2.9
Average Time of Possession	37:56	22:04
Number of Plays from Scrimmage	255	176

- In that stretch, Wofford has run the ball 237 out of 255 snaps (92.9 percent). For the season, the Terriers have run on 86.7 percent (562-of-648) of their offensive plays at an average of 5.5 yards per carry.

- The Terriers have thrown the ball effectively, completing 47.7 percent (41-of-86) of their pass attempts for 469 yards with two touchdowns and three interceptions. One of those picks came on a fake field goal attempt.

Wingbone Workings

The following shows a breakdown of Wofford's team rushing over the last three contests in comparison to its opposition:

<u>Wofford Rushing</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	74	397	5.4	4	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	81	472	5.8	3	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	82	459	5.6	4	
Totals	237	1,328	5.6	11	442.7
<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	27	79	2.9	3	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	23	52	2.3	0	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	25	89	3.6	0	
Totals	75	220	2.9	3	73.3

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones** rank second and third, respectively, among active career rushers in the SoCon:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,467
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	2,437
Melvin Jones , Wofford	2,292

Seeing the Ball

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

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.

A native of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has three receptions for 31 yards this season. He had a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard fourth quarter drive in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Honorary I-A Members

The Maryland contest represented 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
2002	Maryland	8-37

Magic Numbers

- Wofford has a 52-2-1 record in the 55 games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers** in which the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has allowed a total of just 124 points in its last 12 wins (10.3 per game).

- Wofford has won 32 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.

- The two previous times they opened 3-0 or at least 7-2 to start a season (1990, 1991), the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

Good Genes

Starting outside linebacker and medical school bound **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.

The youngest Corn is also the lead vocalist and guitarist for The Senators, a rock band that recently cut its first demo album.

Terriers Making National News

The Wofford football team has received unprecedented national attention in recent weeks:

- The Terriers were featured in the Sept. 25 edition of the *New York Times*. The article was centered on the uniqueness of the Wofford program, including having the smallest enrollment of any Division I-A or I-AA member, to a former college president (**Joe Lesesne**) on the coaching staff, and a legally blind wide receiver (**Isaac Goodpaster**).
- CBS Sports was on campus for two days (Oct. 5-6), including the Chattanooga game, for a similar piece on Wofford that is scheduled to run on *College Football Today* over the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Goodpaster was featured Oct. 14 on CBS' *The Early Show*. A different CBS crew from New York was on campus for that piece.

Quick Progress

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league play: Georgia Southern (42), Appalachian State (35), Furman (32), Wofford (23), East Tennessee State (22), Western Carolina (21), Chattanooga (15), The Citadel (13), and VMI (4).

Back to .500

Wofford's 5-1 SoCon record this season has moved its all-time league mark to 23-23, an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in its eighth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was an NAIA member.

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-A and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked 15th overall for I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 111 and place higher than 21 schools competing in I-A:

112. Connecticut	122. Baylor	145. Rutgers
114. Utah State	125. Troy State	146. La.-Monroe
116. Ohio	127. La.-Lafayette	148. Tulsa
117. Idaho	130. Kent State	149. UTEP
118. Middle Tennessee	139. Arkansas State	160. Eastern Michigan
119. Akron	141. SMU	170. Buffalo
120. Kansas	142. Navy	181. Army

The Artful One

Jesse McCoy is an accomplished sketch artist whose caricatures of his teammates and coaches have become legendary on the locker room greaseboard.

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers have shown consistent defensive improvement in each of the last two seasons:

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Total Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	138.1	161.1	299.2

Think about This...

Wofford has won three road games this season against teams ranked in the Division I-AA Top 25 (Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and South Carolina State).

In their last 20 games dating back to last year, the Terriers have played at Clemson, South Carolina, and Maryland, in addition to posting road wins at those three Top 25 teams.

What the Fridge Had to Say...

Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** spoke highly of the Wofford football team following the Sept. 28 game in College Park, Md.

"They never quit, that team," Friedgen said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team. I thought our defense played exceptionally, especially in the first half."

Battling Maryland Hard

Wofford gave Maryland a much better game than many of the Terrapins' more heralded Division I-A foes. Listed below are Maryland's seven wins and its margin of victory:

Opponent	Score	Margin
North Carolina	59-7	52 points
Eastern Michigan	45-3	42 points
Duke	45-12	33 points
West Virginia	48-17	31 points
Wofford	38-7	31 points
Akron	44-14	30 points
Georgia Tech*	34-10	24 points

*Trailing 34-3, Georgia Tech scored with 1:31 to play

Against Maryland's first-team defense, the Terriers put together an 18-play, 92-yard scoring drive that consumed 8:02 off the clock.

Wofford Defense Steals Show at Georgia Southern

The following are notables from the Terriers' 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern:

- Wofford's first-ever win at Paulson Stadium snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for Georgia Southern, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

- The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

- Jesse McCoy's** 114 rushing yards were the most by an Eagle opponent since Furman's **Louis Ivory** gained 122 on Nov. 3, 2001.

- Jeff Zolman's** 54-yard run and McCoy's 47-yard carry were the longest rushing plays against Georgia Southern since Ivory went 73 yards against the Eagles on Nov. 4, 2000.

- The Terriers' combined rushing effort of 269 yards ran past the Eagles' 234, making it the first time in 75 games that GSU's offense had been outrushed by an opponent other than Furman.

- The scoreless first half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since the East Tennessee State contest in 1996.

Terriers Post First Overtime Win

The 27-21 win over Chattanooga (Oct. 5) represented Wofford's first overtime victory and the first overtime game played at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers had dropped their two previous overtime contests, on the road at Samford (14-20, 1996) and Louisiana-Lafayette (34-37, 1999).

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He's Old School

It's not uncommon for Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** to drive the team's equipment truck when it travels, or to personally powerwash the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

Avoiding the Flag

Wofford has been penalized just 15 times for 103 yards in its last four games and is the SoCon's second-least penalized team (47 for 338 yards).

Turnovers, It's No Cliche...

Wofford is a plus-six in the turnover department in its seven wins and a minus-five in its two losses.

Close Calls

Five of Wofford's seven wins have been by seven points or less, including two victories in the final 3:55 of regulation and one in overtime.

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

Familiar Faces and Places

The chart below shows the connection between Wofford and East Tennessee State with several members of each team's coaching staff:

Wofford

Mike Ayers, Head Coach

Wade Lang, Offensive Coordinator

Jack Teachey, Defensive Line

Thomas Neel, Outside Linebackers

*Teachey was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at tight end. A team captain his senior year, he was an All-SoCon selection in 1989.

^Neel was a four-year letterman on the Buccaneer baseball team.

ETSU

Paul Hamilton, Head Coach

Billy Taylor, Assistant Coach

ETSU Connection

Assistant Coach, 1983-84

Head Coach, 1985-87

Assistant Coach, 1983-87

Student-Athlete*, 1987-90

Student-Athlete^, 1987-91,

Administrative Asst., 1997

Wofford Connection

Off. Coordinator, 1988-89

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator, 1991-96

SoCon Honors

Listed below are SoCon weekly honors received by Wofford players this season:

Opponent	Player	Honor
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Offensive
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Chattanooga	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Appalachian State	Roland Harris , CB	Defensive
	Gabriel Jackson , HB	Freshman
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive

Thurmans Everywhere

Wofford inside linebacker **Jim Thurman**, a two-time SoCon Freshman of the Week this season, is the younger brother of East Tennessee State assistant sports information director **Erin Thurman**.

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' third-leading rusher with 413 yards, McNair went over the 1,000-yard mark (1,019) in his career after a 75-yard performance in the 27-14 victory over The Citadel. He is one of just five I-AA players to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for community involvement.

McNair was also selected to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District team.

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 Office: 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)

McCoy and Thurman: A SoCon POTW Tandem

In two of Wofford's five SoCon wins this season, halfback **Jesse McCoy** was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week with inside linebacker **Jim Thurman** receiving Freshman of the Week honors.

The duo received their awards after victories over Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

Prior to this season, Wofford had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection. The Terriers have since garnered the award three times this year.

Quarterback **Jeff Zolman** made history for Wofford when he was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week following his 106-yard rushing performance in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

Sandwiched in between Thurman's standout games against Georgia Southern and Chattanooga was arguably his best performance of the season. The true freshman totaled 13 stops, including no missed tackles, while making his first collegiate start in the Maryland game (Sept. 28).

Fourth Down: No Problem

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for Wofford, who is 15-of-26 (57.7 percent) on fourth-down conversions this year compared to just 10 attempts for the opposition.

In two of the last three games, Wofford has been successful on a 4th-and-1 inside their own 30 in the opening quarter.

Against The Citadel, **Melvin Jones** carried for five yards on a 4th-and-1 on the game's opening series in the Terriers' 27-14 victory.

In the 31-24 win over Western Carolina, the Terriers converted a 4th-and-1 at their own 24 on their second possession of the game. **J.R. McNair** went up the middle for four yards on a drive that ultimately resulted in a field goal.

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.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Roomies Battle for Title

Defensive linemen, Kentucky natives, and roommates **Nathan Fuqua** and **Anthony Jones** are locked in a battle for the Wofford career record in tackles for loss.

Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America at nose tackle, entered the 2002 campaign as the Terrier career leader with a 39-38 edge over Jones. Both marks, accomplished in just three seasons, erased the previous record of 38 held by consensus All-America **Brian Bodor** (1998-00).

Jones, a defensive tackle, has since overtaken Fuqua by a 54-to-46 margin. Jones also places second among active SoCon players with 25 sacks, another Wofford career mark.

Fuqua displayed his ability with dominant performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina. He had the upperhand on former Tiger All-America center **Kyle Young** as well as drawing postgame praise from **Lou Holtz** for his effort against the Gamecocks.

Statistical Oddities

The seven points scored in the win over South Carolina State represented the lowest point total in a Wofford victory since a 7-6 decision over Gardner-Webb in 1977.

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner**, a two-time All-SoCon selection, has made his case for All-America honors this fall:

- For the season, while kicking in wet weather in two games, Miner ranks seventh nationally with a 43.0 average on 35 attempts.
 - Eleven of Miner's 35 punts (31.4 percent) have been for at least 50 yards.
 - Eleven punts have gone inside the 20-yard line with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five-yard line.
 - In the 7-6 win at South Carolina State, Miner had three of his five kicks downed inside the nine-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the one-yard line. Another kick resulted in field position at the Bulldog 14-yard line. S.C. State began two of its final three possessions at its own one-yard line.
 - The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the nine-yard line on four second-half possessions.
 - Miner's first punt in the 14-7 victory over Georgia Southern was downed at the four-yard line. The average starting position for the Eagles in the game was their own 26.
 - Miner had a 44.7 average on seven kicks at Maryland after recording a 43.5 mark on six attempts in last year's season opener at Clemson, his other game against ACC competition.
 - He topped the SoCon and ranked eighth in Division I-AA last year with his average of 42.0 yards.
 - The two longest punts of his career came in last year's 13-0 win at The Citadel, when he had 67 and 68-yard efforts on the way to a 47.9 average on seven attempts.
- Former South Carolina Head Coach **Jim Carlen** was in attendance and commented that he had never seen a punter impact a game like Miner did that afternoon in Charleston.

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory at South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**, who was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden**.

A native of Barnwell, S.C., Harvey was a late addition to the Terrier roster and is not listed in the team's media guide. He is handling Wofford's kickoff duties.

Harvey is the first junior college transfer to play for **Mike Ayers** in his 15-year tenure at Wofford. However, there is an asterisk attached to that status.

Harvey was a soccer player when he attended Spartanburg Methodist College the last two years. SMC does not have a football team.

Harvey did enjoy a successful placekicking career at Barnwell High School. He was 114-of-120 on extra-point attempts and 20-of-24 on field goals with a long of 47. Harvey was a three-time All-Region placekicker and an All-State selection as a senior. He was also named to the 1999 North-South All-Star Game.

A Collective Receiving Effort

Thirteen different players have combined for Wofford's 41 pass receptions this season, with senior wide receiver **Marcus Gilmore** topping the team with nine catches for 98 yards. Halfback **Ben Mungin** (five), wide receiver **Curtis Nash** (four), and fullback **Melvin Jones** (four) are the only other Terriers with more than three receptions.

Ayers Joins Wofford Broadcast Booth

With Wofford color analyst **Thom Henson** unable to make the Sept. 28 Maryland game due to a previous commitment, an Ayers debuted in the Terrier broadcast booth.

Travis Ayers, the 18-year-old son of Head Coach **Mike Ayers**, drew positive reviews in his debut behind the mike. The younger Ayers is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

There is no word yet on whether Coach Ayers threatened his son with a loss of spending money for any second guessing or critical comments on the air.

Sacking the QB

Wofford has recorded a total of eight sacks in its last three games, which includes two of the top three teams (Western Carolina, The Citadel) in fewest sacks allowed on the year.

The Terriers are second in the SoCon with 20 sacks on the year.

Defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** had three sacks at Appalachian State and is the Terriers' career leader with 25. He also ranks second among active SoCon players in that category.

Wofford posted four sacks against Western Carolina after the Catamounts entered the game having allowed a SoCon-low four sacks in a league-high 225 pass attempts.

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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)

Scoring Drives

Twenty of Wofford's last 22 scoring drives (in regulation play) have gone at least 59 yards, including a 77-yard drive against Western Carolina that consumed a season-best 9:40 off the clock.

In their last two games, the Terriers have had three scoring drives of at least 90 yards, including back-to-back 98 and 90-yard possessions last week versus The Citadel. For the season, Wofford has 10 scoring drives of at least 80 yards.

Not counting the final series at Appalachian State when they were running out the clock, the Terriers moved the ball at least 61 yards on seven of their 10 possessions.

Against Maryland's first-team defense, Wofford went 92 yards in 18 plays and 8:02.

The Terriers have 13 scoring drives of at least 10 plays, including six that are 15 or more. Listed below are Wofford's scoring drives:

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP
Newberry	3	72	1:25
Newberry	10	60	3:46
Newberry	3	39	:55
Newberry	1	82	:19
Newberry	8	51	1:54
Newberry	3	30	1:17
Newberry	5	25	2:23
S.C. State	8	32	3:23
Ga. Southern	6	44	1:49
Ga. Southern	10	81	3:55
Maryland	18	92	8:02
Chattanooga	15	80	5:43
Chattanooga	2	76	:18
Chattanooga	8	72	3:09
Chattanooga*	4	25	:00
VMI	17	76	6:35
VMI	8	80	3:05
VMI	10	83	2:34
Western Carolina	18	75	7:04
Western Carolina	5	80	2:15
Western Carolina	12	74	4:46
Western Carolina	19	77	9:40
Western Carolina	3	36	1:10
Appalachian State	13	61	5:51
Appalachian State	14	75	5:19
Appalachian State	7	90	2:59
Appalachian State	16	72	7:31
Appalachian State	2	69	:56
The Citadel	8	59	3:04
The Citadel	12	98	5:01
The Citadel	9	90	4:11
The Citadel	9	45	3:50

*Overtime

Top Terriers

Wofford has had three different 100-yard rushers this season with six different players gaining at least 80 yards in a game:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	The Citadel	184
Jesse McCoy	Appalachian State	145
Melvin Jones	Chattanooga	135
Jesse McCoy	Chattanooga	121
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Melvin Jones	VMI	95
J.R. McNair	Western Carolina	93
Jeff Zolman	Appalachian State	90
Melvin Jones	The Citadel	85
Aaron Johnson	Western Carolina	81
Gabriel Jackson	Western Carolina	80

Long Distance Terriers

The following are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this season:

Yards	Play
82	Jeff Zolman TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
67	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
64	Aaron Johnson run vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 19
61	Gabriel Jackson TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
54	Jeff Zolman run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
53	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
47	Jesse McCoy run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
45	Trey Rodgers TD pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 5

Wofford POTW

The following are Wofford's Players of the Week from each game:

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman, QB	Anthony Jones, DT
S.C. State	Jimmy Miner*, P	Steve Hoover*, OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy, HB	LaRay Benton, ILB
Maryland	Jesse Blackburn, OT	Matt Nelson, FS
Chattanooga	Eric Deutsch, OG	Hondre McNeil, OLB
VMI	Melvin Jones, FB	Hondre McNeil, OLB
Western Carolina	J.R. McNair, FB	Lee Basinger, DT
Appalachian State	Eric Deutsch, OG	Roland Harris, CB
		Anthony Jones, DT
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy, HB	Brandon Ladd, SS

*Selected for special teams play

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 21-11 home record (.656) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

A Look at the Future

Three of Wofford's top nine rushers are true freshmen in halfbacks **Gabriel Jackson**, **Aaron Johnson**, and **Corey Dunn**.

Jackson's 61-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to play provided the winning points in the 26-19 win at Appalachian State. The trio has combined for 514 yards on 68 carries (7.6 avg.):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Gabriel Jackson	26	223	8.6	2
Aaron Johnson	23	189	8.2	1
Corey Dunn	19	102	5.4	0
Totals	68	514	7.6	3

WOFFORD COLLEGE TWO-DEEP

(updated Nov. 3, 2002)

OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

65 Bobby Gibbs (6-3, 290, So.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

CENTER

70 Prosser Carnegie (6-1, 275, Sr.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT GUARD

77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Jr.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHT END

88 Adam Regenthal (6-3, 242, So.)
89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

80 Marcus Gilmore (6-1, 190, Sr.)
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 180, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK

15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, So.)
14 Nick Haughey (5-11, 190, Sr.)

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.)
7 Shaun Fogle (5-11, 195, Jr.)

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.)
92 Katon Bethay (6-2, 265, Fr.)

TACKLE

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

10 Teddie Whitaker (6-2, 230, Jr.)
58 Matt Allison (6-2, 225, So.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

49 Robert Mathis (6-2, 242, Sr.)
55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

45 LaRay Benton (5-11, 225, Sr.)
44 Timmy Thrift (6-0, 215, So.)

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.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 185, So.)

FREESAFETY

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

STRONG SAFETY

24 Brandon Ladd (5-10, 185, Sr.)
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Jr.)

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.)
99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)

PUNT RETURNS

81 Drew Hill (5-8, 160, Fr.)
3 Mike Jones (5-10, 195, So.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 170, Fr.)

HOLDER

32 Jimmy Miner (6-3, 195, Jr.)
14 Nick Haughey (5-11, 190, Sr.)

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Game 1

Wofford 48, Newberry 0
Aug. 31, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jeff Zolman came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford opened its season with a 48-0 victory over Newberry.

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.

Wofford extended its lead to 8-0 at the conclusion of Newberry's opening series when **Shaun Bennett** blocked an Indian 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. 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 intermission.

Fourteen different Wofford rushers totaled 476 yards on the ground.

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

Newberry	0	0	0	0	0
Wofford	15	20	6	7	48

First Quarter

W - McCoy 53 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 13:35
 W - Bennett blocks punt out of end zone for safety, 10:13

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 2:20

Second Quarter

W - McNair 6 run (Rhoden kick), 12:00
 W - Zolman 82 run (Rhoden kick failed), 5:03
 W - McCoy 11 run (Rhoden kick), :44

Third Quarter

W - Carey 6 run (Rhoden kick blocked), :10

Fourth Quarter

W - Johnson 10 run (Harvey kick), 8:37

	Wofford	Newberry
First Downs	26	7
Rushes - Yards	61-476	34-84
Passing Yards	82	48
Total Offense	558	132
Passes	13-6-0	29-11-2
Punts - Avg.	3-43.0	11-32.2
Fumbles - Lost	4-3	5-1
Penalties - Yards	6-35	5-35
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Zolman 6-106, McCoy 5-74, Dunn 9-72, Johnson 3-42, Carey 10-35, Jackson 3-26, Rodgers 3-22, McNair 5-22, Melvin Jones 6-21, Fogle 2-16, Sullivan 3-13, Mungin 2-12, Mike Jones 3-12, Gaillard 1-3

Passing

Zolman 6-4-0, 49 yards; Rodgers 6-2-0, 33 yards; Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Chandler 1-28, McCoy 1-26, Gilmore 1-10, Goodpaster 1-8, Nash 1-5, Gaillard 1-5

Game 2

Wofford 7, South Carolina State 6
Sept. 14, 2002; Orangeburg, S.C.

Trey Rodgers scored on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter for Wofford's game-winning touchdown in a hardfought 7-6 victory at South Carolina State.

Rodgers' touchdown, the only second-half points allowed by the Bulldogs this season, capped an eight-play, 32-yard drive that was set up by a 13-yard **Jesse McCoy** punt return. **Jay Harvey's** successful extra-point attempt gave Wofford the 7-6 lead.

The Terrier defense and special teams were the story in the first meeting between Wofford and S.C. State since 1977.

Jimmy Miner, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons and a preseason All-America, averaged 47.8 yards on five punts. Two of those kicks were downed by **Steve Hoover** at the Bulldog one-yard line, forcing S.C. State to start two of its final three series in the shadow of its own goal line. Two other punts were downed inside the 13-yard line.

The Bulldogs' average starting field position for the game was their own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

S.C. State took a 6-0 lead with 13:57 to play in the first half on a five-yard **Derek Watson** scoring run, the only points the Terriers have allowed in their opening two games.

McCoy was Wofford's top ground gainer with 77 yards on eight carries, including a 37-yard run on a 2nd-and-9 at the Terrier 30 to help Wofford run out the clock on the game's final possession. **J.R. McNair** added 76 yards on 15 carries.

Wofford	0	0	7	0	7
S.C. State	0	6	0	0	6

Second Quarter

S - Watson 5 run (DePalo kick blocked), 13:57

Third Quarter

W - Rodgers 3 run (Harvey kick), 2:42

	Wofford	S.C. State
First Downs	14	16
Rushes - Yards	55 - 227	41 - 172
Passing Yards	4	154
Total Offense	231	326
Passes	3 - 1 - 0	19 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	5 - 47.8	6 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	4 - 21	7 - 57
Time of Possession	30:14	29:46

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 8-77, McNair 15-76, Jones 14-48, Fogle 8-33, Zolman 5-7, Rodgers 5-(14)

Passing

Rodgers 2-1-0, 4 yards; Zolman 1-0-0

Receiving

Jones 1-4

Game 3

Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7
Sept. 21, 2002; Statesboro, Ga.

Jesse McCoy rushed for a game-high 114 yards and scored both Terrier touchdowns, the last on a 4th-and-goal carry from the 1-yard line, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern.

The Terriers' first-ever win at Paulson Stadium also snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for the Eagles, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

The Wofford defense limited the Eagles to 234 yards rushing and 257 total.

McCoy's 30-yard touchdown run with 4:08 left in the first quarter gave Wofford a 6-0 lead that stood until the fourth quarter.

Zolman added 74 yards on the ground, 54 coming on a pivotal 3rd-and-3 play from the Wofford 43-yard line midway through the fourth quarter to highlight the Terriers' game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive.

Zolman had a 20-yard completion to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16 earlier on that series. He later added his keeper to set up McCoy's go-ahead score. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' lead to 14-7.

Georgia Southern took a 7-6 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter when **Zzream Walden** scored from two yards out on a 4th-and-goal play with 14:20 remaining.

Wofford	6	0	0	8	14
Ga. Southern	0	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

W - McCoy 30 run (Harvey kick blocked), 4:08

Fourth Quarter

G - Walden 2 run (Shelton kick), 14:20
 W - McCoy 1 run (Zolman rush), 3:55

	Wofford	GSU
First Downs	12	17
Rushes - Yards	52 - 269	62 - 234
Passing Yards	40	23
Total Offense	309	257
Passes	9 - 6 - 1	12 - 2 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 47.8	6 - 34.3
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	5 - 1
Penalties - Yards	10 - 70	5 - 31
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 10-114, Zolman 11-74, Melvin Jones 15-51, McNair 8-27, Fogle 5-13, Jackson 1-8, Dorham 1-1, Team 1-(19)

Passing

Zolman 8-6-0, 40 yards; Wood 1-0-1

Receiving

Goodpaster 1-20, Gaillard 1-6, Mike Jones 1-5, Melvin Jones 1-4, Mungin 1-3, McCoy 1-2

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Game 4

Maryland 37, Wofford 8
Sept. 28, 2002; College Park, Md.

Chris Downs ran for 147 yards and a touchdown to lead defending ACC champion Maryland to a 37-8 victory over Wofford before a crowd of 44,098 in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins won for the 10th time in 11 games at Byrd Stadium while the Terriers were playing their third consecutive road game.

"They never quit," Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team."

A pair of **Nick Novak** field goals gave Maryland a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Terriers threatened on their opening drive when they reached the Terrapin 25-yard line before a costly fumble.

The Terriers got on the board when **Trey Rodgers** directed an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02 on the clock. **Melvin Jones** capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run to cut the Maryland lead to 30-6 with 11:44 to play.

Wofford scored again 32 seconds later when **Anthony Jones** sacked **Scott McBrien** in the end zone for a safety.

Wofford	0	0	0	8	8
Maryland	6	14	10	7	37

First Quarter

M - Novak 39 field goal, 11:50

M - Novak 43 field goal, :10

Second Quarter

M - Downs 6 run (Nowak kick), 9:57

M - Allen 1 run (Nowak kick), :14

Third Quarter

M - Novak 50 field goal, 9:46

M - Suter 10 pass from McBrien (Nowak kick), 4:46

Fourth Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Harvey kick failed), 11:44

W - Jones sacks McBrien in end zone for safety, 11:12

M - Allen 10 run (Novak kick), 6:55

	Wofford	Maryland
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	48 - 156	50 - 250
Passing Yards	54	140
Total Offense	210	390
Passes	10 - 7 - 0	20 - 12 - 0
Punts - Avg.	7 - 44.7	2 - 56.5
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 38	6 - 55
Time of Possession	29:11	30:49

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Mungin 7-43, Melvin Jones 10-37, Rodgers 5-19, McCoy 6-17, Carey 3-16, McNair 7-14, Gaillard 2-10, Dorham 1-6, Sullivan 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Zolman 5-(15)

Passing

Zolman 7-5-0, 44 yards; Rodgers 2-2-0, 10 yards, Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 1-17, Nash 1-11, Regenthal 1-9, Mungin 1-7, Wood 1-4, Mike Jones 1-3, Johnson 1-3

Game 5

Wofford 27, Chattanooga 21 (OT)
Oct. 5, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jesse McCoy scored on a 12-yard run in overtime, his third touchdown of the day, to lead Wofford to a 27-21 victory over Chattanooga.

McCoy had 121 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 13 carries in addition to catching a 45-yard touchdown pass from **Trey Rodgers**.

On Chattanooga's opening possession of the overtime, Wofford inside linebacker **LaRay Benton's** hit forced a **Mario Hain** fumble on second down from the 22-yard line. Terrier freshman **Jim Thurman** fell on the loose ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

McCoy's game-winning touchdown came on the fourth play of Wofford's overtime possession.

Trailing 21-7, Chattanooga scored twice in a 3:23 span of the fourth quarter to even the game at 21-21.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead with 7:56 left in the first half when McCoy's three-yard scoring run capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive.

The Terriers went 76 yards in two plays to take a 13-0 lead when Rodgers hit a streaking McCoy down the left sideline with the 45-yard scoring pass. **Melvin Jones**, who rushed for 135 yards, had a 31-yard gain on the previous play.

Chattanooga	0	0	7	14	0	21
Wofford	0	13	8	0	6	27

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 3 run (Harvey kick), 7:56

W - McCoy 45 pass from Rodgers (Harvey kick failed), 1:11

Third Quarter

C - Jones 8 pass from McCann (Shutters kick), 12:55

W - Jones 1 run (Jones rush), 9:46

Fourth Quarter

C - Hain 3 run (Shutters kick), 9:37

C - Grier 30 pass from McCann, 6:14

Overtime

W - McCoy 12 run, 0:00

	Wofford	UTC
First Downs	21	16
Rushes - Yards	65 - 328	37 - 129
Passing Yards	97	200
Total Offense	425	329
Passes	11 - 6 - 0	27 - 15 - 2
Punts - Avg.	5 - 42.4	7 - 48.9
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 71	7 - 49
Time of Possession	31:12	28:48

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 22-135, McCoy 13-121, Zolman 6-20, McNair 9-17, Fogle 5-11, Johnson 1-8, Dorham 1-7, Mungin 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Miner 1-2, Rodgers 4-1

Passing

Zolman 6-3-0, 23 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 74 yards, McCoy 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 3-21, McCoy 1-45, Nash 1-18, Wood 1-13

Game 6

VMI 27, Wofford 16
Oct. 12, 2002; Lexington, Va.

Three turnovers, including two on kickoff returns, were too much for Wofford to overcome as the Terriers dropped a 27-16 decision to VMI in Lexington, Va.

Wofford drove 76 yards in 17 plays on its opening possession of the game to take a 3-0 lead on a 22-yard **Jay Harvey** field goal.

After a VMI field goal evened the game late in the first quarter, Wofford fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Five plays later, **Joey Gibson** hit **Gary Price** with a four-yard scoring pass to give the Keydets a 10-3 lead.

Melvin Jones had three carries for 48 yards to key an eight-play, 80-yard Wofford drive, capped by a one-yard **J.R. McNair** scoring run, to even the game at 10-10 with 7:54 to play in the first half.

After VMI took the lead for good at 17-10 with 4:41 left in the second quarter, another fumbled kickoff return by Wofford enabled the Keydets to take a 20-10 halftime advantage.

The Keydets extended their lead to 27-10 early in the fourth quarter. Wofford then answered with a 10-play, 83-yard drive. Facing a 4th-and-9, Rodgers connected with Jones on a 29-yard scoring pass to bring the Terriers within 27-16 with 10:15 left.

Wofford	3	7	0	6	16
VMI	3	17	0	7	27

First Quarter

W - Harvey 22 field goal, 6:57

V - Sharpe 29 field goal, :19

Second Quarter

V - Price 4 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 13:34

W - McNair 1 run (Harvey kick), 7:54

V - Snelling 30 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 4:41

V - Sharpe 24 field goal, :29

Fourth Quarter

V - Solomon 3 run (Sharpe kick), 12:49

W - Jones 29 pass from Rodgers (kick failed), 10:15

	Wofford	VMI
First Downs	22	21
Rushes - Yards	44 - 293	48 - 154
Passing Yards	93	210
Total Offense	386	364
Passes	22 - 7 - 1	28 - 19 - 0
Punts - Avg.	1 - 41.0	4 - 55.5
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	2 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 15	5 - 40
Time of Possession	24:26	35:34

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 11-95, Zolman 7-52, Rodgers 4-33, McNair 6-27, Mungin 2-22, McCoy 4-22, Dunn 4-19, Johnson 5-19, Fogle 1-4

Passing

Zolman 7-2-0, 25 yards; Rodgers 15-5-1, 68 yards

Receiving

Gilmore 3-35, Hill 2-25, Jones 1-29, Wood 1-4

WOFFORD VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Game 7

**Wofford 31, Western Carolina 24
Oct. 19, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

J.R. McNair rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 397 yards on the ground in a 31-24 victory over Western Carolina.

Freshmen **Aaron Johnson** and **Gabriel Jackson**, filling in for an injured **Jesse McCoy**, rushed for 81 and 80 yards, respectively.

Four of Wofford's five scoring drives were at least 74 yards in length, including a 19-play, 77-yard drive that covered 9:40. The Terriers held a 36:28-to-23:32 edge in time of possession and were 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions.

A **Todd Rhoden** 27-yard field goal capped an 18-play, 75-yard drive to give the Terriers an early 3-0 lead. On the fourth play of the possession, Wofford converted a 4th-and-1 at its own 24-yard line when McNair carried up the middle for four yards.

After falling behind 7-3, the Terriers responded with a five-play, 80-yard drive, keyed by a 64-yard Johnson run, to take a 10-7 lead on an eight-yard keeper by **Jeff Zolman**.

Leading 17-10 midway through the third quarter, Wofford began its 9:40 scoring drive that culminated with a one-yard McNair touchdown run to extend its lead to 24-10 with 11:27 to play.

WCU	7	0	3	14	24
Wofford	10	7	0	14	31

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 27 field goal, 5:19

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 2:18

W - Zolman 8 run (Rhoden kick), :03

Second Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 2:39

Third Quarter

WCU - Vought 24 field goal, 6:07

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 1 run (Rhoden kick), 11:27

W - Jackson 5 run (Rhoden kick), 7:20

WCU - Bush 1 run (Vought kick), 3:08

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 1:16

	Wofford	WCU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes - Yards	74 - 397	27 - 79
Passing Yards	48	302
Total Offense	445	381
Passes	8 - 4 - 0	39 - 31 - 1
Punts - Avg.	2 - 44.5	5 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	2 - 15	4 - 40
Time of Possession	36:28	23:32

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-93, Johnson 7-81, Jackson 14-80, Jones 13-62, Zolman 6-27, Mungin 7-25, Fogle 5-19, Dunn 3-10

Passing

Zolman 8-4-0, 48 yards

Receiving

Mungin 2-30, Regenthal 1-15, Goodpaster 1-3

Game 8

**Wofford 26, Appalachian State 19
Oct. 26, 2002; Boone, N.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 145 yards and two touchdowns, but it was freshman halfback **Gabriel Jackson's** 61-yard scoring run with 1:36 to play that gave Wofford a 26-19 win at Appalachian State before a Homecoming crowd of 17,297.

On the second play of the Mountaineers' ensuing series, **Roland Harris** recorded his second interception of the game with 1:19 left to seal the Terrier victory. His first pick came at the Wofford nine-yard line with 5:14 to play.

Wofford's 472 yards rushing set a single-game record for an ASU opponent. Wofford added 35 yards passing for 507 yards of total offense in controlling the line of scrimmage with 84 offensive plays, including 81 runs. The Terriers held a 37:33-to-22:27 edge in time of possession.

McCoy's seventh career 100-yard game included a career-long 67-yard scoring run with 12:27 to play in the second quarter as Wofford built a 16-0 lead. He also added a six-yard touchdown carry.

The Mountaineers evened the game with 2:32 to play before Jackson's game-winning run.

The Terriers limited ASU to just 52 yards rushing and 282 in offense. **Anthony Jones** had three sacks for Wofford.

Wofford	9	7	3	7	26
ASU	0	8	3	8	19

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 36 field goal, 9:09

W - McCoy 6 run (Rhoden kick failed), 3:12

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 67 run (Rhoden kick), 12:21

A - Bettis 5 pass from Burchette (Bettis pass from Burchette), 4:00

Third Quarter

W - Rhoden 21 field goal, 4:33

A - Wright 28 field goal, 1:15

Fourth Quarter

A - Little 7 pass from Burchette (LeMay pass from Burchette), 2:32

W - Jackson 61 run (Rhoden kick), 1:36

	Wofford	ASU
First Downs	27	16
Rushes - Yards	81 - 472	23 - 52
Passing Yards	35	230
Total Offense	507	282
Passes	3 - 2 - 1	37 - 22 - 3
Punts - Avg.	3 - 30.7	4 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 23	5 - 44
Time of Possession	37:33	22:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 22-145, Zolman 12-90, Jackson 2-72, Jones 17-64, McNair 14-54, Johnson 3-19, Fogle 3-14, Mungin 1-9, Goodpaster 1-8, Gaillard 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Team 4-(7)

Passing

Zolman 3-2-1, 35 yards

Receiving

Mungin 1-20, Gilmore 1-15

Game 9

**Wofford 27, The Citadel 14
Nov. 2, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 184 yards while **Melvin Jones** had three short touchdown runs to lead a Wofford attack that gained 459 yards on the ground in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel at Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford built a 27-0 lead, breaking the game open in the second half with back-to-back scoring drives of 98 and 90 yards. The Citadel scored twice in the final 7:45 to provide the final margin.

McCoy had a career-best rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 145 yards the previous week at Appalachian State.

With Wofford leading 7-0, a **Roland Harris** interception at the Terrier two-yard line set up a 12-play, 98-yard scoring drive as Wofford extended its margin to 14-0 with 6:12 left in the third quarter. McCoy had a 33-yard run on a 2nd-and-7 from the Terrier five-yard line.

The Terriers then drove 90 yards in nine plays on their next possession to take a 21-0 lead. **J.R. McNair**, who had 75 yards rushing on 14 carries, scored on a four-yard run.

A **Nate Mahoney** fumble, forced by **Matt Nelson** and recovered by **Nathan Fuqua**, on The Citadel's ensuing series set up a five-yard Jones run for Wofford's final score. Jones had 85 yards on 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs were held to 89 yards rushing and just 232 in total offense, with 75 of those yards coming on the final series after Wofford cleared its bench.

The Citadel	0	0	0	14	14
Wofford	0	7	7	13	27

Second Quarter

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 14:31

Third Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Rhoden kick), 6:12

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 4 run (Rhoden kick), 13:51

W - Jones 5 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 9:17

C - Ballentine 24 fumble return (Zobel kick), 7:45

C - Pough 7 pass from Klein (Zobel kick), :53

	Wofford	The Citadel
First Downs	27	12
Rushes - Yards	82 - 459	25 - 89
Passing Yards	16	143
Total Offense	475	232
Passes	7 - 2 - 0	25 - 15 - 1
Punts - Avg.	3 - 34.0	7 - 36.7
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 50	5 - 46
Time of Possession	39:08	20:52

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing

Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving

Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

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Subject: Wofford Football Routs ETSU; One Win Away from First SoCon Title
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The Wofford football team moved a step closer to its first Southern Conference championship while giving Head Coach Mike Ayers his 100th career coaching victory in a 39-10 rout of East Tennessee State tonight in Johnson City, Tenn.

The No. 15 Terriers (8-2, 6-1), picked to finish seventh in preseason polls by the league coaches and media, can win the SoCon title and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs with a victory over No. 4 Furman (6-3, 4-2) in next week's 1:30 p.m. game at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

J.R. McNair rushed for a career-high 143 yards to lead a Wofford attack that totaled a season-high 488 yards on the ground. The Terriers are now averaging 454.0 yards rushing in their four-game winning streak and 356.5 on the season.

The Terriers outgained the Buccaneers (4-7, 2-5) by a 520-to-117 margin. Wofford limited ETSU to just 43 yards of offense over the final three quarters and just 16 yards on 17 snaps in the second half. The Buccaneers were also 0-for-12 on third-down conversions with defensive tackle Anthony Jones recording three of Wofford's four sacks on the night. The Terriers' career leader with 27.5 sacks, Jones also had three sacks in the 26-19 win at Appalachian State (Oct. 26) and now has 12.5 on the season.

Ayers, already Wofford's all-time winningest coach with 89 victories, earned his 100th win in the same building he picked up his first win. He had 11 victories during a three-year run as ETSU's head coach (1985-87) prior to coming to Wofford in 1988. In the locker room following the game, senior fullback Melvin Jones presented Ayers with the game ball on behalf of the Terrier players.

Wofford's eight victories represent its highest total in eight years on the Division I-AA level and its most wins overall since 1991, the last time the Terriers reached the NCAA playoffs (Division II). The Terriers' six SoCon wins also represent their best total in six seasons of league play.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead on its second series of the game when McNair capped an eight-play, 81-yard drive with a 30-yard scoring run up the middle.

On their next possession, the Terriers extended their margin to 13-0 when Jeff Zolman connected with tight end Tommy Chandler on a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was one of just two pass attempts in the game for Wofford and the first career scoring toss for Zolman, who was 2-of-2 in the air for 32 yards while adding 85 yards and two touchdowns on the ground in 12 attempts.

The Buccaneers closed to 13-7 with 10:20 left in the first half when Gerald Sensabaugh returned a Wofford fumble 20 yards for a touchdown. The Terriers have allowed just three touchdowns in their last two games, with two of those coming when the opponent returned a fumble for a score. The other touchdown came after Wofford cleared its bench on The

Citadel's final series in a 27-14 Terrier win (Nov. 2).

The Terriers answered the ETSU score and took a 19-7 lead on a 31-yard Zolman run that capped a five-play, 66-yard drive.

A Jesse McCoy 15-yard touchdown run with 3:45 to play in the second quarter extended the Wofford margin to 26-7 at the half. McCoy rushed for 60 yards on 12 carries as he moved past Bobby Jordan (2,486, 1968-71) and Travis Wilson (2,488, 1998-01) into fifth place on the Terriers' career rushing list with 2,497 yards.

A Terrier fumble on the first play of the second half led to a 42-yard Braye Walters field goal as the Bucs closed to within 26-10.


Fourth quarter scoring runs of nine yards by Zolman and 32 by Gabriel Jackson provided the final margin.

"The credit goes to our kids," Ayers said. "They came out focused and knew what was at stake. We treated it like a SoCon semifinal game. We have now given ourselves the opportunity to win a championship. We also know that we will have to play better next week than we did tonight.

"Our strength is taking it right at people. We were able to establish the inside effectively. Our defense gave us chances even when our offense messed up. The 10 points were allowed by the offense."

Jones added 84 yards rushing on 11 carries as part of a 230-yard night from the Wofford fullback position. Jackson had 68 yards on eight attempts. His 32-yard scoring run came with the Terriers' second-team offensive unit producing an eight-play, 77-yard drive for the game's final points with 2:52 to play.

"I give a lot of credit to Wofford," ETSU Head Coach Paul Hamilton said. "They are a great football team and they executed well tonight. They have developed into a strong football team this season and I commend them for coming in here and winning."

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Subject: Wofford Football Notes for Saturday's Furman game
Date: November 11, 2002 at 2:12 PM
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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game with Furman. A Terrier victory would give Wofford its first Southern Conference championship and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs.

If you have any trouble with this file or prefer to receive the notes in a different manner, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
Wofford College



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Game 11
Furman at Wofford
November 16, 2002; 1:30 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week

The Wofford College football team, ranked No. 8 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 10 by The Sports Network, will look to capture its first Southern Conference championship when it hosts Furman at Gibbs Stadium. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m.

With a victory, the Terriers would have their first league title and the SoCon's automatic bid to the playoffs. It would be Wofford's first trip to the Division I-AA postseason. The Terriers were picked to finish seventh in this year's preseason polls by the SoCon coaches and media.

Wofford's eight victories represent its highest win total in eight seasons on the I-AA level and its most overall since 1991, the last year the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II). The six SoCon wins are also the most for Wofford in its six years in the league.

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, Wofford has a 1-4 record against Furman. The Terriers posted a 40-20 victory in a 1998 game at Gibbs Stadium and, dating back to 1968, are 6-2-1 in their last nine home contests against the Paladins.

In 1889, Wofford and Furman played the first college football game in the state of South Carolina. The Terriers took a 5-1 decision in Spartanburg before going on to post the season sweep with a 2-1 win in Greenville. Overall, the Paladins hold a 45-23-7 series advantage.

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Wofford (8-2, 6-1)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	14-7
Sept. 28	at Maryland	8-37
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA* (OT)	27-21
Oct. 12	at VMI*	16-27
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	31-24
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	26-19
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	27-14
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	39-10
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Furman (6-3, 4-2)

Sept. 7	at Vanderbilt	18-49
Sept. 14	ELON	57-7
Sept. 21	at Richmond	17-7
Sept. 28	at VMI*	55-28
Oct. 5	WESTERN CAROLINA*	24-23
Oct. 12	at Appalachian State*	15-16
Oct. 19	THE CITADEL*	37-10
Oct. 26	at East Tennessee State*	25-0
Nov. 9	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	21-42
Nov. 16	at Wofford*	1:30
Nov. 23	CHATTANOOGA*	2:00

*SoCon game

Worth Noting

- Wofford is looking to become just the third SoCon team (Marshall and ETSU, 1996) to defeat Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and Furman in the same season.

- SoCon Offensive Player of the Year candidate **Jesse McCoy** has rushed for 814 yards (8.1 per carry) and nine touchdowns. He has four 100-yard efforts in SoCon action this season and places second in the league in all-purpose yards (119.3 per game).

- The Terriers rank second nationally in rushing offense (356.5 yards per game) with that mark increasing to 454.0 during their four-game winning streak.

- Wofford tops the SoCon in total defense (281.0 yards per game) and has allowed just one offensive touchdown in the last eight quarters, with that score coming when the bench was cleared late against The Citadel.

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 will also be seen this week in over three million homes across nine states on Friday at 1:30 p.m. on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).



**Wofford Football Illustrated
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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.

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.

Six Wofford starters (DT **Lee Basinger**, OT **Jesse Blackburn**, C **Prosser Carnegie**, OLB **Chase Corn**, SS **Brandon Ladd**, QB **Jeff Zolman**) and second-team fullback **J.R. McNair** have been nominated for honors this fall.

The Terriers provided the backfield on last year's team as McNair and halfback **Ben Foster** were chosen along with Corn and offensive guard **Eric Nash**.

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

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 head 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 has 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

Among the National Leaders

Listed below are key SoCon and NCAA rankings for Wofford and its players:

<u>Name/Category</u>	<u>Average Per Game</u>	<u>SoCon/NCAARanking</u>
Jesse McCoy (HB)	119.3 yards all-purpose	2nd/41st
Jesse McCoy (HB)	90.4 yards rushing	3rd/32nd
Jimmy Miner (P)	42.8 yards	5th/10th
Melvin Jones (FB)	67.4 yards rushing	6th/69th
J.R. McNair (FB)	55.6 yards rushing	9th/99th
Total Defense	281.0 yards	1st/23rd
Team Rushing	356.5 yards	2nd/2nd
Net Punting	39.6 yards	2nd/4th
Scoring Defense	16.5 points	2nd/15th
Run Defense	128.4 yards	2nd/43rd
Total Offense	406.6 yards	3rd/19th
Pass Defense	152.6 yards	3rd/23rd
Pass Eff. Defense	112.2 rating	4th/54th

Historic Wins with a Stingy Defense

In becoming the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996, Wofford held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

Wofford football can be found on the web at:
www.wofford.edu/athletics

W O F F O R D V S . F U R M A N

When Last In Action

The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 39-10 win at East Tennessee State last week:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	28	8
Rushes - Yards	70 - 488	27 - 41
Passing Yards	32	76
Total Offense	520	117
Passes	2 - 2 - 0	22 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	2 - 39.5	9 - 48.6
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 45	4 - 30
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 17-143, Zolman 12-85, Melvin Jones 11-84, Jackson 8-68, McCoy 12-60, Fogle 4-27, Dunn 3-12, Rodgers 2-6, Mike Jones 1-3

Passing

Zolman 2-2-0, 32 yards

Receiving

Chandler 1-20, Nash 1-12

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 45-14 loss at Furman last year:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
First Downs	17	21
Rushes - Yards	54 - 216	44 - 260
Passing Yards	48	174
Total Offense	264	434
Passes	18 - 8 - 1	16 - 14 - 2
Punts - Avg.	6 - 41.5	3 - 40.3
Fumbles - Lost	1 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 25	3 - 28
Time of Possession	31:33	28:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 21-72, Wilson 11-50, Rodgers 3-33, McNair 10-31, McCoy 7-17, Fogle 1-7, Foster 1-6

Passing

Wilson 18-8-1, 48 yards

Receiving

Goodpaster 3-21, Gilmore 2-2, Gaillard 1-12, Regenthal 1-10, McCoy 1-3

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 280	6-4, 279
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	6-0, 217
Wide Receivers	6-1, 190	6-0, 190
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-2, 263
Linebackers	6-1, 226	6-1, 225
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-0, 188

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Furman Offense: Multiple

Furman Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Furman Defense -

3 seniors, 3 juniors, 4 sophomores, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -

7 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

Furman Offense

5 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 89-74-1. Overall Record: 100-95-2.

Bobby Lamb

Alma Mater: Furman '86

1st season at Furman, 1st as a head coach

Record at Furman: 6-3. Overall Record: 6-3.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (at Presbyterian, 14-58 vs. Mars Hill)	1-9
S.C. State (vs. Morgan State, 9-23 vs. Howard)	6-4
Ga. Southern (vs. Jacksonville State, 42-21 at Furman)	8-2
Maryland (at Clemson, 24-21 vs. N.C. State)	8-2
Chattanooga (vs. ETSU, 34-31 at The Citadel)	1-9
VMI (vs. The Citadel, 13-54 at Appalachian State)	5-6
Western Carolina (vs. Appalachian State, Open)	5-5
Appalachian State (at Western Carolina, 54-13 vs. VMI)	7-3
The Citadel (vs. VMI, 31-34 vs. Chattanooga)	2-8
ETSU (at Chattanooga, 10-39 vs. Wofford)	4-7
Furman (at Wofford, 21-42 vs. Georgia Southern)	6-3
Elon (at Charleston Southern, 56-35 vs. Liberty)	3-6
Aggregate Record	56-64

W O F F O R D V S . F U R M A N

The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 89 victories, is in his 15th year on the Terrier sideline.

Ayers recorded his 100th career win in last week's 39-10 rout of East Tennessee State. He was previously the Bucs' head coach from 1985-87.

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 is teaching a course on the American Revolution this fall.

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 receiving 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, 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 included 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.
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	8	2	.800
Wofford	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Appalachian State	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Furman	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Western Carolina	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
VMI	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
East Tennessee State	2	5	.286	4	7	.364
Chattanooga	1	5	.167	1	9	.100
The Citadel	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

This Week:

Jacksonville State at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.

***Furman at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.**

*The Citadel vs. VMI (Charlotte, N.C.), 1:30 p.m.

*East Tennessee State at Chattanooga, 1:30 p.m.

*Appalachian State at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.

*SoCon Game

Last Week:

***Wofford 39, East Tennessee State 10**

*Georgia Southern 42, Furman 21

*Appalachian State 54, VMI 13

*Chattanooga 34, The Citadel 31

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 Rate Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	<u>Student-Athlete Graduation Rate</u>
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 with an average SAT score of 1236.

	<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

1236 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1236) 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"

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Zolman Makes Mark at Quarterback

Sophomore **Jeff Zolman** has been a model of consistency at quarterback for the Wofford football team.

As a freshman last year, Zolman was limited to a mop-up role in two games. He is the younger brother of **Greg Zolman**, Vanderbilt's starting quarterback the last two seasons.

The Dean's List student and southpaw from Dayton, Ohio, is the Terriers' fourth-leading rusher with 487 yards (6.2 per carry) while completing 55.6 percent of his passes with just one interception in 54 attempts.

He directed Wofford to road wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State with near flawless play in both games:

	Rushing				Passing					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Att.	Com.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
vs. Georgia Southern	11	74	6.7	0	6	4	66.7	40	0	0
vs. Appalachian State	12	90	7.5	0	3	2	66.7	35	0	1
GSU and ASU Combined	23	164	7.1	0	9	6	66.7	75	0	1
Season Totals	78	487	6.2	4	54	30	55.6	312	1	1

On Wofford's fourth quarter game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive at Georgia Southern, Zolman had a 20-yard pass to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16. He then added a 54-yard carry to the Eagle three-yard line to set up **Jesse McCoy's** go-ahead score.

Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry when he rushed for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run. He also completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards.

Spreading the Wealth

Wofford places second in the nation in team rushing (356.5 yards per game) on a 5.6 per carry average. The Terriers' top nine rushers are averaging at least 4.1 yards per attempt with eight of those players at a 4.8 clip or higher. Four Terriers have rushed for at least 487 yards this season (48.7 per game):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Jesse McCoy , HB	100	814	8.1	9	67	90.4
Melvin Jones , FB	138	674	4.9	6	31	67.4
J.R. McNair , FB	115	556	4.8	6	30	55.6
Jeff Zolman , QB	78	487	6.2	4	82	48.7

What the SoCon Players Say about McCoy

"He's such a great athlete," said Chattanooga linebacker Josh Cain, the SoCon's leading tackler. "He's very shifty and makes you miss. I admire him a lot."

"He was a man amongst boys," The Citadel's Kevin Olecki said. "He's just an immaculate athlete. He's got moves that most people have never seen before."

The Best of McCoy

Jesse McCoy has four 100-yard rushing performances this season and eight in his collegiate career. Seven of those eight contests have seen him average at least 9.2 yards per carry:

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
The Citadel (Nov. 2, 2002)	20	184	9.2	0
Appalachian State (Oct. 26, 2002)	22	145	6.6	2
Western Carolina* (Oct. 16, 1999)	11	136	12.4	2
Chattanooga (Oct. 2, 1999)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (Oct. 7, 2000)	9	133	14.8	3
Chattanooga# (Oct. 5, 2002)	13	121	9.3	2
Western Carolina^ (Oct. 14, 2000)	9	114	12.7	0
Georgia Southern (Sept. 21, 2002)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

#McCoy added a 45-yard TD reception

^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns

The Real McCoy

Halfback **Jesse McCoy**, a three-time SoCon Player of the Week, is a candidate for SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

McCoy has topped the 100-yard mark in rushing in four of his six SoCon games this season with career-high rushing totals in two of the last three weeks.

The Acworth, Ga., native had a personal-best 184 yards, also a SoCon single-game high this season, in the 27-14 win over The Citadel. It came on the heels of a 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State. He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern.

McCoy totaled 166 yards of offense and three touchdowns, including a 12-yard run in overtime for the winning score, in the 27-21 win against Chattanooga.

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year and the league's active leading career rusher (2,497 yards) places second in all-purpose yards (119.3 per game) and third in rushing (90.4 yards). He averages 8.9 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career.

McCoy's 7.4 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.0 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92). Graves is college football's all-time, all-division rushing quarterback with 5,128 yards and 72 touchdowns.

McCoy has rushed for a career-high 814 yards this season (8.1 per carry), surpassing his previous best of 630 yards his freshman year. He also has nine rushing touchdowns after totaling 11 in his first three seasons.

He is averaging 21.1 yards on 39 career receptions for 843 yards.

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.

He is also an accomplished sketch artist whose caricatures of his teammates and coaches have become legendary in the locker room.

Wofford Career Rushing

- 5,128 - Shawn Graves, 1989-92
- 3,686 - Ricky Satterfield, 1972-75
- 3,282 - Ted Phelps, 1965-68
- 3,201 - Clifford Boyd, 1968-71
- 2,497 - Jesse McCoy, 1999-present**

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Vintage Wofford Football

In its last four games, Wofford is averaging 454.0 yards rushing while holding the opponent to a 65.3 mark on the ground.

In just the last three contests, the Terriers have gone for at least 459 yards and are averaging 473.0. Wofford rushed for more yards in the first half at East Tennessee State (273) than its opponents have totaled in the last four games combined (261).

The Terriers' 472 yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.

The 459 yards against The Citadel was the most against the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

Listed below is a comparison between Wofford and its opposition during the Terriers' current four-game winning streak:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Rushing Yards per Game	454.0	65.3
Yards per Rushing Attempt	5.9	2.6
Average Time of Possession	36:37	23:23
Number of Plays from Scrimmage	327	225
Avg. Number of Snaps per Game	81.8	56.3

•In that stretch, Wofford has run the ball 307 out of 327 snaps (93.9 percent). For the season, the Terriers have run on 87.8 percent (632-of-720) of their offensive plays at an average of 5.6 yards per carry.

•The Terriers have thrown the ball effectively, completing 48.9 percent (43-of-88) of their pass attempts for 501 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions, including one on a fake field goal.

Wingbone Workings

The following shows a breakdown of Wofford's rushing over the last four contests in comparison to its opposition:

<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	74	397	5.4	4	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	81	472	5.8	3	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	82	459	5.6	4	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	70	488	7.0	5	
Totals	307	1,816	5.9	16	454.0

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	27	79	2.9	3	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	23	52	2.3	0	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	25	89	3.6	0	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	27	41	1.5	0	
Totals	102	261	2.6	3	65.3

It's Not All Offense

Wofford has taken over the SoCon lead in total defense (281.0 yards per game) by allowing an average of just 210.3 yards over the last three contests.

The Terriers' first-team defense has not allowed an offensive touchdown over the last eight quarters. Two of the three opponent touchdowns the last two games have come on fumble returns.

Listed below is Wofford's defensive effort in its last three games:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rushing Yds.</u>	<u>Passing Yds.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	52	230	282
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	89	143	232*
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	41	76	117^

*The Terriers held The Citadel to 157 yards of offense before clearing their bench on the game's final series when the Bulldogs went 75 yards for a score.

^ETSU had just 47 yards of offense in the final three quarters and just 16 second-half yards on 17 plays.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones** rank first and third, respectively, among active career rushers in the Southern Conference:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	2,497
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,467
Melvin Jones , Wofford	2,376

Seeing the Ball

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

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.

A native of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has three receptions for 31 yards this season. He had a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard fourth quarter drive in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Honorary I-A Members

The Maryland contest represented 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
2002	Maryland	8-37

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 53-2-1 record in the 56 games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers** in which the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has allowed a total of just 134 points in its last 13 wins (10.3 per game).

•Wofford has won 33 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.

•The two previous times they opened 3-0 or at least 8-2 to start a season (1990, 1991), the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

Good Genes

Starting outside linebacker and medical school bound **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.

The youngest Corn is also the lead vocalist and guitarist for The Senators, a rock band that recently cut its first demo album.

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Terriers Making National News

The Wofford football team has received unprecedented national attention this season:

- The Terriers were featured in the Sept. 25 edition of the *New York Times*. The article centered on the uniqueness of the Wofford program, including having the smallest enrollment of any Division I-AA or I-AA member, to a former college president (**Joe Lesesne**) on the coaching staff, and a legally blind wide receiver (**Isaac Goodpaster**).

- CBS Sports was on campus for two days (Oct. 5-6), including the Chattanooga game, for a similar piece on Wofford that is scheduled to run on *College Football Today* over the Thanksgiving weekend.

- Goodpaster was featured Oct. 14 on CBS' *The Early Show*. A different CBS crew from New York was on campus for that piece.

- Goodpaster also appeared Nov. 9 on ESPN's *College Game Day* program.

The Two-Headed Monster at Fullback

Melvin Jones and **J.R. McNair** have combined to give the Terriers 1,230 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns on a 4.9 per carry average from the fullback position this season.

Jones and McNair rank sixth and ninth, respectively, in the SoCon in rushing:

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Melvin Jones	138	674	4.9	6	31	67.4
J.R. McNair	115	556	4.8	6	30	55.6
Totals	253	1,230	4.9	12	31	123.0

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-AA and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked 13th among I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 103 overall and place higher than 27 schools competing in I-AA:

104. Northwestern	114. Middle Tenn.	139. Navy
105. Western Michigan	117. Baylor	147. Kent State
106. Utah State	118. Rice	150. SMU
107. Memphis	121. La.-Lafayette	158. Eastern Michigan
108. Central Michigan	124. Kansas	160. Tulsa
109. Ohio	125. Troy State	162. UTEP
110. Wyoming	129. Akron	163. Rutgers
111. UAB	130. La.-Monroe	175. Buffalo
113. Idaho	136. Arkansas State	190. Army

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers have shown consistent defensive improvement in each of the last two seasons:

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Total Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	128.4	152.6	281.0

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in its eighth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was an NAIA member.

Familiar Names

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.

Think about This...

Wofford won three road games this season against teams that were ranked in the Division I-AA Top 25 (Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and South Carolina State).

Over the last two seasons, the Terriers have played at Clemson, South Carolina, and Maryland, in addition to posting road wins at those three Top 25 teams.

What the Fridge Had to Say...

Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** spoke highly of the Wofford football team following the Sept. 28 game in College Park, Md.

"They never quit, that team," Friedgen said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team. I thought our defense played exceptionally, especially in the first half."

Battling Maryland Hard

Wofford gave Maryland a much better game than many of the Terrapins' more heralded Division I-AA foes. Listed below are Maryland's eight wins and its margin of victory:

Opponent	Score	Margin
North Carolina	59-7	52 points
Eastern Michigan	45-3	42 points
Duke	45-12	33 points
West Virginia	48-17	31 points
Akron	44-14	30 points
Wofford	37-8	29 points
Georgia Tech*	34-10	24 points
N.C. State	24-21	3 points

*Trailing 34-3, Georgia Tech scored with 1:31 to play

Against Maryland's first-team defense, the Terriers put together an 18-play, 92-yard scoring drive that consumed 8:02 off the clock.

Wofford Defense Steals Show at Georgia Southern

The following are notables from the Terriers' 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern:

- Wofford's first-ever win at Paulson Stadium snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for Georgia Southern, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

- The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

- Jesse McCoy's** 114 rushing yards were the most by an Eagle opponent since Furman's **Louis Ivory** gained 122 on Nov. 3, 2001.

- Jeff Zolman's** 54-yard run and McCoy's 47-yard carry were the longest rushing plays against Georgia Southern since Ivory went 73 yards against the Eagles on Nov. 4, 2000.

- The Terriers' combined rushing effort of 269 yards ran past the Eagles' 234, making it the first time in 75 games that GSU's offense had been outtrushed by an opponent other than Furman.

- The scoreless first half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since the East Tennessee State contest in 1996.

Terriers Post First Overtime Win

The 27-21 win over Chattanooga (Oct. 5) represented Wofford's first overtime victory and the first overtime game played at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers had dropped their two previous overtime contests, on the road at Samford (14-20, 1996) and Louisiana-Lafayette (34-37, 1999).

W O F F O R D V S . F U R M A N

He's Old School

It's not uncommon for Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** to drive the team's equipment truck when it travels, or to personally powerwash the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

Avoiding the Flag

Wofford has been penalized just 20 times for 148 yards in its last five games and is the SoCon's second-least penalized team (52 for 383 yards).

Turnovers, It's No Cliche...

Wofford is a plus-four in the turnover department in its eight wins and a minus-five in its two losses.

Close Calls

Five of Wofford's eight wins have been by seven points or less, including two victories in the final 3:55 of regulation and one in overtime.

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

Steady Improvements

With the exception of last year, when it was beset by injuries and faced Division I-AA's toughest schedule with road games at Clemson and South Carolina, Wofford has consistently improved its year-by-year record since beginning SoCon play in 1997:

Year	Record	Place
1997	3-7, 2-6	8th
1998	4-7, 3-5	7th
1999	6-5, 5-3	4th
2000	7-4, 5-3	4th
2001	4-7, 3-5	6th
2002	8-2, 6-1	2nd

Terriers Go Over .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's 6-1 SoCon record this season has moved its all-time league mark to 24-23, an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

Quick Progress

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league play: Georgia Southern (43), Appalachian State (36), Furman (32), Wofford (24), East Tennessee State (22), Western Carolina (21), Chattanooga (16), The Citadel (13), and VMI (4).

SoCon Honors

Listed below are SoCon weekly honors received by Wofford players this season:

Opponent	Player	Honor
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Offensive
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Chattanooga	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Appalachian State	Roland Harris , CB	Defensive
	Gabriel Jackson , HB	Freshman
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' third-leading rusher with 556 yards, McNair had a career-high 143 yards in last week's 39-10 rout of East Tennessee State. He is one of just five I-AA players to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for community involvement.

McNair was also selected to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District team.

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 Office: 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)

McCoy and Thurman: A SoCon POTW Tandem

In two of Wofford's SoCon wins this season, halfback **Jesse McCoy** was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week with linebacker **Jim Thurman** receiving Freshman of the Week honors.

The duo received their awards after victories over Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

Prior to this season, Wofford had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection. The Terriers have since garnered the award four times this year, including three by McCoy

Quarterback **Jeff Zolman** made history for Wofford when he was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week following his 106-yard rushing performance in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

In between Thurman's standout efforts against Georgia Southern and Chattanooga was arguably his best performance of the year. The true freshman totaled 13 stops, including no missed tackles, while making his first collegiate start in the Maryland game (Sept. 28).

Fourth Down: No Problem

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for Wofford, who is 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth-down conversions this year compared to just 11 attempts for the opposition.

In two of the last four games, Wofford has been successful on a 4th-and-1 inside its own 30 in the opening quarter.

Against The Citadel, **Melvin Jones** carried for five yards on a 4th-and-1 on the game's opening series in the Terriers' 27-14 victory.

In the 31-24 win over Western Carolina, the Terriers converted a 4th-and-1 at their own 24 on their second possession of the game. **J.R. McNair** went up the middle for four yards on a drive that ultimately resulted in a field goal.

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.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Roomies Battle for Title

Defensive linemen, Kentucky natives, and roommates **Nathan Fuqua** and **Anthony Jones** are locked in a battle for the Wofford career record in tackles for loss.

Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America at nose tackle, entered the 2002 campaign as the Terrier career leader with a 39-38 edge over Jones. Both marks, accomplished in just three seasons, erased the previous record of 38 held by consensus All-America **Brian Bodor** (1998-00).

Jones, a defensive tackle, has since overtaken Fuqua by a 59-to-48 margin. Jones also places second among active SoCon players with 28 sacks, another Wofford career mark.

Fuqua displayed his ability with dominant performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina. He had the upperhand on former Tiger All-America center **Kyle Young** as well as drawing postgame praise from **Lou Holtz** for his effort against the Gamecocks.

Statistical Oddities

The seven points scored in the win over South Carolina State represented the lowest point total in a Wofford victory since a 7-6 decision over Gardner-Webb in 1977.

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner**, a two-time All-SoCon selection, has made his case for All-America honors this fall:

- For the season, while kicking in wet weather in two games, Miner ranks 10th nationally with a 42.8 average on 37 attempts.
 - Eleven of Miner's punts (29.7 percent) have been for at least 50 yards.
 - Eleven punts have gone inside the 20-yard line with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five-yard line.
 - In the 7-6 win at South Carolina State, Miner had three of his five kicks downed inside the nine-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the one-yard line. Another kick resulted in field position at the Bulldog 14-yard line. S.C. State began two of its final three possessions at its own one-yard line.
 - The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the nine-yard line on four second-half possessions.
 - Miner's first punt in the 14-7 victory over Georgia Southern was downed at the four-yard line. The average starting position for the Eagles in the game was their own 26.
 - Miner had a 44.7 average on seven kicks at Maryland after recording a 43.5 mark on six attempts in last year's season opener at Clemson, his other game against ACC competition.
 - He topped the SoCon and ranked eighth in Division I-AA last year with his average of 42.0 yards.
 - The two longest punts of his career came in last year's 13-0 win at The Citadel, when he had 67 and 68-yard efforts on the way to a 47.9 average on seven attempts.
- Former South Carolina Head Coach **Jim Carlen** was in attendance and commented that he had never seen a punter impact a game like Miner did that afternoon in Charleston.

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory at South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**, who was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden**.

A native of Barnwell, S.C., Harvey was a late addition to the Terrier roster and is not listed in the team's media guide. He is handling Wofford's kickoff duties.

Harvey is the first junior college transfer to play for **Mike Ayers** in his 15-year tenure at Wofford. However, there is an asterisk attached to that status.

Harvey was a soccer player when he attended Spartanburg Methodist College the last two years. SMC does not have a football team.

Harvey did enjoy a successful placekicking career at Barnwell High School. He was 114-of-120 on extra-point attempts and 20-of-24 on field goals with a long of 47. Harvey was a three-time All-Region placekicker and an All-State selection as a senior. He was also named to the 1999 North-South All-Star Game.

A Collective Receiving Effort

Thirteen different players have combined for Wofford's 43 pass receptions this season, with senior wide receiver **Marcus Gilmore** topping the team with nine catches for 98 yards. Halfback **Ben Mungin** (five) and wide receiver **Curtis Nash** (five) are the only other Terriers with more than four receptions.

Ayers Joins Wofford Broadcast Booth

With Wofford color analyst **Thom Henson** unable to make the Sept. 28 Maryland game due to a previous commitment, an Ayers debuted in the Terrier broadcast booth.

Travis Ayers, the 18-year-old son of Head Coach **Mike Ayers**, drew positive reviews in his debut behind the mike. The younger Ayers is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

There is no word yet on whether Coach Ayers threatened his son with a loss of spending money for any second guessing or critical comments on the air.

Sacking the QB

Led by league sack leader **Anthony Jones** (13), Wofford tops the SoCon with 24 sacks on the year.

The Terriers have 12 sacks in their last four games, which includes two of the top three SoCon teams (Western Carolina, The Citadel) in fewest sacks allowed on the year.

Jones has had three-sack games at Appalachian State and East Tennessee State and is the Terriers' career leader with 28, which also ranks second among active SoCon players.

Wofford posted four sacks against Western Carolina after the Catamounts entered the game having allowed a SoCon-low four sacks in a league-high 225 pass attempts.

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Terriers Serve as Ball Hogs

Twenty-five of Wofford's last 28 scoring drives (in regulation play) have gone at least 59 yards, including a 77-yard drive against Western Carolina that consumed a season-best 9:40 off the clock.

In their last three games, the Terriers have had three scoring drives of at least 90 yards. For the season, Wofford has 12 scoring drives of 80 yards or more.

Not counting the final series at Appalachian State when they were running out the clock, the Terriers moved the ball at least 61 yards on seven of their 10 possessions against the Mountaineers.

Against Maryland's first-team defense, Wofford went 92 yards in 18 plays and 8:02.

The Terriers have 15 scoring drives of at least 10 plays, including six that are 15 or more. Listed below are Wofford's scoring drives:

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP
Newberry	3	72	1:25
Newberry	10	60	3:46
Newberry	3	39	:55
Newberry	1	82	:19
Newberry	8	51	1:54
Newberry	3	30	1:17
Newberry	5	25	2:23
S.C. State	8	32	3:23
Ga. Southern	6	44	1:49
Ga. Southern	10	81	3:55
Maryland	18	92	8:02
Chattanooga	15	80	5:43
Chattanooga	2	76	:18
Chattanooga	8	72	3:09
Chattanooga*	4	25	:00 (OT)
VMI	17	76	6:35
VMI	8	80	3:05
VMI	10	83	2:34
Western Carolina	18	75	7:04
Western Carolina	5	80	2:15
Western Carolina	12	74	4:46
Western Carolina	19	77	9:40
Western Carolina	3	36	1:10
Appalachian State	13	61	5:51
Appalachian State	14	75	5:19
Appalachian State	7	90	2:59
Appalachian State	16	72	7:31
Appalachian State	2	69	:56
The Citadel	8	59	3:04
The Citadel	12	98	5:01
The Citadel	9	90	4:11
The Citadel	9	45	3:50
ETSU	8	81	3:21
ETSU	10	80	3:25
ETSU	5	66	2:08
ETSU	5	41	1:53
ETSU	11	68	5:22
ETSU	8	77	4:06

A Look at the Future

Three of Wofford's top nine rushers are true freshmen in halfbacks **Gabriel Jackson, Aaron Johnson, and Corey Dunn.**

Jackson's 61-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to play provided the winning points in the 26-19 win at Appalachian State. The trio has combined for 594 yards on 79 carries (7.5 avg.):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Gabriel Jackson	34	291	8.6	3
Aaron Johnson	23	189	8.2	1
Corey Dunn	22	114	5.2	0
Totals	79	594	7.5	4

Four Terriers Reach 100-Yard Mark

Wofford has had four different 100-yard rushers this season with six different players gaining at least 80 yards in a game:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	The Citadel	184
Jesse McCoy	Appalachian State	145
J.R. McNair	ETSU	143
Melvin Jones	Chattanooga	135
Jesse McCoy	Chattanooga	121
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Melvin Jones	VMI	95
J.R. McNair	Western Carolina	93
Jeff Zolman	Appalachian State	90
Jeff Zolman	ETSU	85
Melvin Jones	The Citadel	85
Melvin Jones	ETSU	84
Aaron Johnson	Western Carolina	81
Gabriel Jackson	Western Carolina	80

Long Distance Terriers

The following are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this season:

Yards	Play
82	Jeff Zolman TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
67	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
64	Aaron Johnson run vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 19
61	Gabriel Jackson TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
54	Jeff Zolman run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
53	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
47	Jesse McCoy run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
45	Trey Rodgers TD pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 5

Wofford POTW

The following are Wofford's Players of the Week from each game:

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Anthony Jones , DT
S.C. State	Jimmy Miner* , P	Steve Hoover* , OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	LaRay Benton , ILB
Maryland	Jesse Blackburn , OT	Matt Nelson , FS
Chattanooga	Eric Deutsch , OG	Hondre McNeil , OLB
VMI	Melvin Jones , FB	Hondre McNeil , OLB
Western Carolina	J.R. McNair , FB	Lee Basinger , DT
Appalachian State	Eric Deutsch , OG	Roland Harris , CB
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy , HB	Anthony Jones , DT
ETSU	Tommy Chandler , TE	Brandon Ladd , SS

*Selected for special teams play

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)

Honor Roll

Nathan Fuqua, NT

- Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, *Lindy's National College Football*, and the *National Football Gazette*
- 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* and the *National Football Gazette*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- An All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons
- 2001 honorable-mention All-America

Matt Nelson, FS

- Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*
- 2001 second-team All-SoCon

Melvin Jones, FB

- Third-team preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*

South Carolina's Team

South Carolina State represented the seventh in-state opponent that Wofford has faced in the last two years.

During that time, the Terriers have played Clemson, Charleston Southern, The Citadel, South Carolina, Furman, and Newberry.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Giving Opponents a Melvin

The career-high 168 yards rushing by **Melvin Jones** against Appalachian State last year was 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>T.D.</u>
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

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 21-11 home record (.656) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford Coaching Legend Brakefield Dies

Former Wofford head football coach **Jim Brakefield** died Oct. 14 in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 83.

Inducted in 1982 to the Wofford Athletic Hall of Fame, Brakefield served 14 years as a Terrier assistant under **Conley Snidow** (1953-66) before assuming the head coaching duties in 1967 when Snidow became Wofford's full-time athletic director.

During his four-year run as Wofford's head coach (1967-70), Brakefield posted a 28-16 record while leading the Terriers to a No. 1 ranking and the NAIA National Championship Bowl in 1970. Dating back to the 1969 campaign, the Terriers won a school record 20 consecutive games before falling to Texas A&I in the title game.

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) named Brakefield the District Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970. He was also named South Carolina Coach of the Year in each of those seasons.

While an assistant at Wofford, Brakefield coached **Jerry Richardson**, owner/founder of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, as well as **Fisher DeBerry**, currently in his 19th year as head football coach at the Air Force Academy.

"Obviously, this is a big personal loss to me because Jim was not only my college coach, but my boss and mentor," DeBerry said. "He's been a great role model for my life and career.

"I owe everything in my career to the confidence that he demonstrated in me and the opportunity that he gave me.

"In many ways he was like a father to me. Those who knew him and were privileged enough to play or work with him are better people for having been touched by this great man."

A native of Quinton, Ala., Brakefield built college football programs at Wofford and Appalachian State based around what became his trademark wishbone offense. In addition to football, Brakefield enjoyed a great deal of success as a baseball coach. He spent 15 years as head coach of the Terriers (1953-67).

In 1971, Brakefield began an impressive nine-year tenure at Appalachian State. He oversaw the transition of an NAIA program to NCAA Division I. The zenith of Brakefield's wishbone attack at ASU came in 1975 with road victories at Wake Forest and South Carolina, in addition to a home win over East Carolina. He was inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 1945, Brakefield married the former **Eloise Wallace**. He served four years in the Navy during World War II. Brakefield won two distinguished flying crosses while flying 49 combat missions as a torpedo plane pilot. It was not until 1967 that Brakefield retired from the Naval Reserve Flight Program with the rank of captain.

Brakefield, who remained in Boone, N.C., following his coaching career, had recently moved to Louisville, Ky. He is survived by daughter **Brenda Ammon**, granddaughter **Lisa Smith** and great-grandson **Kyle Andrew Smith**.

Scheduling Quirks

•Wofford is playing the first 12-game regular season in its football history.

•The Terriers' opening four contests were night games. Wofford had just one other contest (last week at East Tennessee State) under the lights, albeit domed lights.

•With an open date and three straight road games, Wofford did not have a home game in the month of September.

**WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP**

(updated Nov. 10, 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.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

CENTER

70 Prosser Carnegie (6-1, 275, Sr.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT GUARD

77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Jr.)
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.)
89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

80 Marcus Gilmore (6-1, 190, Sr.)
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 180, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK

15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, So.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, So.)

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.)
7 Shaun Fogle (5-11, 195, Jr.)

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.)
92 Katon Bethay (6-2, 265, Fr.)

TACKLE

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

10 Teddie Whitaker (6-2, 230, Jr.)
54 Jimmy Freland (5-11, 215, So.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)
45 LaRay Benton (5-11, 225, Sr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

49 Robert Mathis (6-2, 242, Sr.)
44 Timmy Thrift (6-0, 215, So.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

37 Chase Corn (5-11, 205, Sr.)
58 Matt Allison (6-2, 225, So.)

LEFT CORNERBACK

25 Fred Washington (5-10, 190, Sr.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 185, So.)

FREESAFETY

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

STRONG SAFETY

24 Brandon Ladd (5-10, 185, Sr.)
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Jr.)

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.)
99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)

PUNT RETURNS

81 Drew Hill (5-8, 160, Fr.)
3 Mike Jones (5-10, 195, So.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 170, Fr.)

HOLDER

14 Nick Haughey (5-11, 190, Sr.)
32 Jimmy Miner (6-3, 195, Jr.)

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)

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Game 1

Wofford 48, Newberry 0
Aug. 31, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jeff Zolman came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford opened its season with a 48-0 victory over Newberry.

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.

Wofford extended its lead to 8-0 at the conclusion of Newberry's opening series when **Shaun Bennett** blocked an Indian 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. 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 intermission.

Fourteen different Wofford rushers totaled 476 yards on the ground.

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

Newberry	0	0	0	0	0
Wofford	15	20	6	7	48

First Quarter

W - McCoy 53 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 13:35
 W - Bennett blocks punt out of end zone for safety, 10:13

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 2:20

Second Quarter

W - McNair 6 run (Rhoden kick), 12:00
 W - Zolman 82 run (Rhoden kick failed), 5:03
 W - McCoy 11 run (Rhoden kick), :44

Third Quarter

W - Carey 6 run (Rhoden kick blocked), :10

Fourth Quarter

W - Johnson 10 run (Harvey kick), 8:37

	Wofford	Newberry
First Downs	26	7
Rushes - Yards	61-476	34-84
Passing Yards	82	48
Total Offense	558	132
Passes	13-6-0	29-11-2
Punts - Avg.	3-43.0	11-32.2
Fumbles - Lost	4-3	5-1
Penalties - Yards	6-35	5-35
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Zolman 6-106, McCoy 5-74, Dunn 9-72, Johnson 3-42, Carey 10-35, Jackson 3-26, Rodgers 3-22, McNair 5-22, Melvin Jones 6-21, Fogle 2-16, Sullivan 3-13, Mungin 2-12, Mike Jones 3-12, Gaillard 1-3

Passing

Zolman 6-4-0, 49 yards; Rodgers 6-2-0, 33 yards; Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Chandler 1-28, McCoy 1-26, Gilmore 1-10, Goodpaster 1-8, Nash 1-5, Gaillard 1-5

Game 2

Wofford 7, South Carolina State 6
Sept. 14, 2002; Orangeburg, S.C.

Trey Rodgers scored on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter for Wofford's game-winning touchdown in a hardfought 7-6 victory at South Carolina State.

Rodgers' touchdown, the only second-half points allowed by the Bulldogs this season, capped an eight-play, 32-yard drive that was set up by a 13-yard **Jesse McCoy** punt return. **Jay Harvey's** successful extra-point attempt gave Wofford the 7-6 lead.

The Terrier defense and special teams were the story in the first meeting between Wofford and S.C. State since 1977.

Jimmy Miner, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons and a preseason All-America, averaged 47.8 yards on five punts. Two of those kicks were downed by **Steve Hoover** at the Bulldog one-yard line, forcing S.C. State to start two of its final three series in the shadow of its own goal line. Two other punts were downed inside the 13-yard line.

The Bulldogs' average starting field position for the game was their own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

S.C. State took a 6-0 lead with 13:57 to play in the first half on a five-yard **Derek Watson** scoring run, the only points the Terriers have allowed in their opening two games.

McCoy was Wofford's top ground gainer with 77 yards on eight carries, including a 37-yard run on a 2nd-and-9 at the Terrier 30 to help Wofford run out the clock on the game's final possession. **J.R. McNair** added 76 yards on 15 carries.

Wofford	0	0	7	0	7
S.C. State	0	6	0	0	6

Second Quarter

S - Watson 5 run (DePalo kick blocked), 13:57

Third Quarter

W - Rodgers 3 run (Harvey kick), 2:42

	Wofford	S.C. State
First Downs	14	16
Rushes - Yards	55 - 227	41 - 172
Passing Yards	4	154
Total Offense	231	326
Passes	3 - 1 - 0	19 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	5 - 47.8	6 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	4 - 21	7 - 57
Time of Possession	30:14	29:46

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 8-77, McNair 15-76, Jones 14-48, Fogle 8-33, Zolman 5-7, Rodgers 5-(14)

Passing

Rodgers 2-1-0, 4 yards; Zolman 1-0-0

Receiving

Jones 1-4

Game 3

Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7
Sept. 21, 2002; Statesboro, Ga.

Jesse McCoy rushed for a game-high 114 yards and scored both Terrier touchdowns, the last on a 4th-and-goal carry from the 1-yard line, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern.

The Terriers' first-ever win at Paulson Stadium also snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for the Eagles, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

The Wofford defense limited the Eagles to 234 yards rushing and 257 total.

McCoy's 30-yard touchdown run with 4:08 left in the first quarter gave Wofford a 6-0 lead that stood until the fourth quarter.

Zolman added 74 yards on the ground, 54 coming on a pivotal 3rd-and-3 play from the Wofford 43-yard line midway through the fourth quarter to highlight the Terriers' game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive.

Zolman had a 20-yard completion to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16 earlier on that series. He later added his keeper to set up McCoy's go-ahead score. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' lead to 14-7.

Georgia Southern took a 7-6 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter when **Zzream Walden** scored from two yards out on a 4th-and-goal play with 14:20 remaining.

Wofford	6	0	0	8	14
Ga. Southern	0	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

W - McCoy 30 run (Harvey kick blocked), 4:08

Fourth Quarter

G - Walden 2 run (Shelton kick), 14:20
 W - McCoy 1 run (Zolman rush), 3:55

	Wofford	GSU
First Downs	12	17
Rushes - Yards	52 - 269	62 - 234
Passing Yards	40	23
Total Offense	309	257
Passes	9 - 6 - 1	12 - 2 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 47.8	6 - 34.3
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	5 - 1
Penalties - Yards	10 - 70	5 - 31
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 10-114, Zolman 11-74, Melvin Jones 15-51, McNair 8-27, Fogle 5-13, Jackson 1-8, Dorham 1-1, Team 1-(19)

Passing

Zolman 8-6-0, 40 yards; Wood 1-0-1

Receiving

Goodpaster 1-20, Gaillard 1-6, Mike Jones 1-5, Melvin Jones 1-4, Mungin 1-3, McCoy 1-2

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Game 4

Maryland 37, Wofford 8
Sept. 28, 2002; College Park, Md.

Chris Downs ran for 147 yards and a touchdown to lead defending ACC champion Maryland to a 37-8 victory over Wofford before a crowd of 44,098 in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins won for the 10th time in 11 games at Byrd Stadium while the Terriers were playing their third consecutive road game.

"They never quit," Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team."

A pair of **Nick Novak** field goals gave Maryland a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Terriers threatened on their opening drive when they reached the Terrapin 25-yard line before a costly fumble.

The Terriers got on the board when **Trey Rodgers** directed an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02 on the clock. **Melvin Jones** capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run to cut the Maryland lead to 30-6 with 11:44 to play.

Wofford scored again 32 seconds later when **Anthony Jones** sacked **Scott McBrien** in the end zone for a safety.

Wofford	0	0	0	8	8
Maryland	6	14	10	7	37

First Quarter

M - Novak 39 field goal, 11:50

M - Novak 43 field goal, :10

Second Quarter

M - Downs 6 run (Nowak kick), 9:57

M - Allen 1 run (Nowak kick), :14

Third Quarter

M - Novak 50 field goal, 9:46

M - Suter 10 pass from McBrien (Nowak kick), 4:46

Fourth Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Harvey kick failed), 11:44

W - Jones sacks McBrien in end zone for safety, 11:12

M - Allen 10 run (Novak kick), 6:55

	Wofford	Maryland
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	48 - 156	50 - 250
Passing Yards	54	140
Total Offense	210	390
Passes	10 - 7 - 0	20 - 12 - 0
Punts - Avg.	7 - 44.7	2 - 56.5
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 38	6 - 55
Time of Possession	29:11	30:49

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Mungin 7-43, Melvin Jones 10-37, Rodgers 5-19, McCoy 6-17, Carey 3-16, McNair 7-14, Gaillard 2-10, Dorham 1-6, Sullivan 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Zolman 5-(15)

Passing

Zolman 7-5-0, 44 yards; Rodgers 2-2-0, 10 yards, Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 1-17, Nash 1-11, Regenthal 1-9, Mungin 1-7, Wood 1-4, Mike Jones 1-3, Johnson 1-3

Game 5

Wofford 27, Chattanooga 21 (OT)
Oct. 5, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jesse McCoy scored on a 12-yard run in overtime, his third touchdown of the day, to lead Wofford to a 27-21 victory over Chattanooga.

McCoy had 121 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 13 carries in addition to catching a 45-yard touchdown pass from **Trey Rodgers**.

On Chattanooga's opening possession of the overtime, Wofford inside linebacker **LaRay Benton's** hit forced a **Mario Hain** fumble on second down from the 22-yard line. Terrier freshman **Jim Thurman** fell on the loose ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

McCoy's game-winning touchdown came on the fourth play of Wofford's overtime possession.

Trailing 21-7, Chattanooga scored twice in a 3:23 span of the fourth quarter to even the game at 21-21.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead with 7:56 left in the first half when McCoy's three-yard scoring run capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive.

The Terriers went 76 yards in two plays to take a 13-0 lead when Rodgers hit a streaking McCoy down the left sideline with the 45-yard scoring pass. **Melvin Jones**, who rushed for 135 yards, had a 31-yard gain on the previous play.

Chattanooga	0	0	7	14	0	21
Wofford	0	13	8	0	6	27

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 3 run (Harvey kick), 7:56

W - McCoy 45 pass from Rodgers (Harvey kick failed), 1:11

Third Quarter

C - Jones 8 pass from McCann (Shutters kick), 12:55

W - Jones 1 run (Jones rush), 9:46

Fourth Quarter

C - Hain 3 run (Shutters kick), 9:37

C - Grier 30 pass from McCann, 6:14

Overtime

W - McCoy 12 run, 0:00

	Wofford	UTC
First Downs	21	16
Rushes - Yards	65 - 328	37 - 129
Passing Yards	97	200
Total Offense	425	329
Passes	11 - 6 - 0	27 - 15 - 2
Punts - Avg.	5 - 42.4	7 - 48.9
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 71	7 - 49
Time of Possession	31:12	28:48

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 22-135, McCoy 13-121, Zolman 6-20, McNair 9-17, Fogle 5-11, Johnson 1-8, Dorham 1-7, Mungin 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Miner 1-2, Rodgers 4-1

Passing

Zolman 6-3-0, 23 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 74 yards, McCoy 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 3-21, McCoy 1-45, Nash 1-18, Wood 1-13

Game 6

VMI 27, Wofford 16
Oct. 12, 2002; Lexington, Va.

Three turnovers, including two on kickoff returns, were too much for Wofford to overcome as the Terriers dropped a 27-16 decision to VMI in Lexington, Va.

Wofford drove 76 yards in 17 plays on its opening possession of the game to take a 3-0 lead on a 22-yard **Jay Harvey** field goal.

After a VMI field goal evened the game late in the first quarter, Wofford fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Five plays later, **Joey Gibson** hit **Gary Price** with a four-yard scoring pass to give the Keydets a 10-3 lead.

Melvin Jones had three carries for 48 yards to key an eight-play, 80-yard Wofford drive, capped by a one-yard **J.R. McNair** scoring run, to even the game at 10-10 with 7:54 to play in the first half.

After VMI took the lead for good at 17-10 with 4:41 left in the second quarter, another fumbled kickoff return by Wofford enabled the Keydets to take a 20-10 halftime advantage.

The Keydets extended their lead to 27-10 early in the fourth quarter. Wofford then answered with a 10-play, 83-yard drive. Facing a 4th-and-9, Rodgers connected with Jones on a 29-yard scoring pass to bring the Terriers within 27-16 with 10:15 left.

Wofford	3	7	0	6	16
VMI	3	17	0	7	27

First Quarter

W - Harvey 22 field goal, 6:57

V - Sharpe 29 field goal, :19

Second Quarter

V - Price 4 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 13:34

W - McNair 1 run (Harvey kick), 7:54

V - Snelling 30 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 4:41

V - Sharpe 24 field goal, :29

Fourth Quarter

V - Solomon 3 run (Sharpe kick), 12:49

W - Jones 29 pass from Rodgers (kick failed), 10:15

	Wofford	VMI
First Downs	22	21
Rushes - Yards	44 - 293	48 - 154
Passing Yards	93	210
Total Offense	386	364
Passes	22 - 7 - 1	28 - 19 - 0
Punts - Avg.	1 - 41.0	4 - 55.5
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	2 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 15	5 - 40
Time of Possession	24:26	35:34

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 11-95, Zolman 7-52, Rodgers 4-33, McNair 6-27, Mungin 2-22, McCoy 4-22, Dunn 4-19, Johnson 5-19, Fogle 1-4

Passing

Zolman 7-2-0, 25 yards; Rodgers 15-5-1, 68 yards

Receiving

Gilmore 3-35, Hill 2-25, Jones 1-29, Wood 1-4

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Game 7

**Wofford 31, Western Carolina 24
Oct. 19, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

J.R. McNair rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 397 yards on the ground in a 31-24 victory over Western Carolina.

Freshmen **Aaron Johnson** and **Gabriel Jackson**, filling in for an injured **Jesse McCoy**, rushed for 81 and 80 yards, respectively.

Four of Wofford's five scoring drives were at least 74 yards in length, including a 19-play, 77-yard drive that covered 9:40. The Terriers held a 36:28-to-23:32 edge in time of possession and were 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions.

A **Todd Rhoden** 27-yard field goal capped an 18-play, 75-yard drive to give the Terriers an early 3-0 lead. On the fourth play of the possession, Wofford converted a 4th-and-1 at its own 24-yard line when McNair carried up the middle for four yards.

After falling behind 7-3, the Terriers responded with a five-play, 80-yard drive, keyed by a 64-yard Johnson run, to take a 10-7 lead on an eight-yard keeper by **Jeff Zolman**.

Leading 17-10 midway through the third quarter, Wofford began its 9:40 scoring drive that culminated with a one-yard McNair touchdown run to extend its lead to 24-10 with 11:27 to play.

WCU	7	0	3	14	24
Wofford	10	7	0	14	31

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 27 field goal, 5:19

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 2:18

W - Zolman 8 run (Rhoden kick), :03

Second Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 2:39

Third Quarter

WCU - Vought 24 field goal, 6:07

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 1 run (Rhoden kick), 11:27

W - Jackson 5 run (Rhoden kick), 7:20

WCU - Bush 1 run (Vought kick), 3:08

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 1:16

	Wofford	WCU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes - Yards	74 - 397	27 - 79
Passing Yards	48	302
Total Offense	445	381
Passes	8 - 4 - 0	39 - 31 - 1
Punts - Avg.	2 - 44.5	5 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	2 - 15	4 - 40
Time of Possession	36:28	23:32

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-93, Johnson 7-81, Jackson 14-80, Jones 13-62, Zolman 6-27, Mungin 7-25, Fogle 5-19, Dunn 3-10

Passing

Zolman 8-4-0, 48 yards

Receiving

Mungin 2-30, Regenthal 1-15, Goodpaster 1-3

Game 8

**Wofford 26, Appalachian State 19
Oct. 26, 2002; Boone, N.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 145 yards and two touchdowns, but it was freshman halfback **Gabriel Jackson's** 61-yard scoring run with 1:36 to play that gave Wofford a 26-19 win at Appalachian State before a Homecoming crowd of 17,297.

On the second play of the Mountaineers' ensuing series, **Roland Harris** recorded his second interception of the game with 1:19 left to seal the Terrier victory. His first pick came at the Wofford nine-yard line with 5:14 to play.

Wofford's 472 yards rushing set a single-game record for an ASU opponent. Wofford added 35 yards passing for 507 yards of total offense in controlling the line of scrimmage with 84 offensive plays, including 81 runs. The Terriers held a 37:33-to-22:27 edge in time of possession.

McCoy's seventh career 100-yard game included a career-long 67-yard scoring run with 12:27 to play in the second quarter as Wofford built a 16-0 lead. He also added a six-yard touchdown carry.

The Mountaineers evened the game with 2:32 to play before Jackson's game-winning run.

The Terriers limited ASU to just 52 yards rushing and 282 in offense. **Anthony Jones** had three sacks for Wofford.

Wofford	9	7	3	7	26
ASU	0	8	3	8	19

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 36 field goal, 9:09

W - McCoy 6 run (Rhoden kick failed), 3:12

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 67 run (Rhoden kick), 12:21

A - Bettis 5 pass from Burchette (Bettis pass from Burchette), 4:00

Third Quarter

W - Rhoden 21 field goal, 4:33

A - Wright 28 field goal, 1:15

Fourth Quarter

A - Little 7 pass from Burchette (LeMay pass from Burchette), 2:32

W - Jackson 61 run (Rhoden kick), 1:36

	Wofford	ASU
First Downs	27	16
Rushes - Yards	81 - 472	23 - 52
Passing Yards	35	230
Total Offense	507	282
Passes	3 - 2 - 1	37 - 22 - 3
Punts - Avg.	3 - 30.7	4 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 23	5 - 44
Time of Possession	37:33	22:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 22-145, Zolman 12-90, Jackson 2-72, Jones 17-64, McNair 14-54, Johnson 3-19, Fogle 3-14, Mungin 1-9, Goodpaster 1-8, Gaillard 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Team 4-(7)

Passing

Zolman 3-2-1, 35 yards

Receiving

Mungin 1-20, Gilmore 1-15

Game 9

**Wofford 27, The Citadel 14
Nov. 2, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 184 yards while **Melvin Jones** had three short touchdown runs to lead a Wofford attack that gained 459 yards on the ground in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel at Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford built a 27-0 lead, breaking the game open in the second half with back-to-back scoring drives of 98 and 90 yards. The Citadel scored twice in the final 7:45 to provide the final margin.

McCoy had a career-best rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 145 yards the previous week at Appalachian State.

With Wofford leading 7-0, a **Roland Harris** interception at the Terrier two-yard line set up a 12-play, 98-yard scoring drive as Wofford extended its margin to 14-0 with 6:12 left in the third quarter. McCoy had a 33-yard run on a 2nd-and-7 from the Terrier five-yard line.

The Terriers then drove 90 yards in nine plays on their next possession to take a 21-0 lead. **J.R. McNair**, who had 75 yards rushing on 14 carries, scored on a four-yard run.

A **Nate Mahoney** fumble, forced by **Matt Nelson** and recovered by **Nathan Fuqua**, on The Citadel's ensuing series set up a five-yard Jones run for Wofford's final score. Jones had 85 yards on 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs were held to 89 yards rushing and just 232 in total offense, with 75 of those yards coming on the final series after Wofford cleared its bench.

The Citadel	0	0	0	14	14
Wofford	0	7	7	13	27

Second Quarter

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 14:31

Third Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Rhoden kick), 6:12

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 4 run (Rhoden kick), 13:51

W - Jones 5 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 9:17

C - Ballentine 24 fumble return (Zobel kick), 7:45

C - Pough 7 pass from Klein (Zobel kick), :53

	Wofford	The Citadel
First Downs	27	12
Rushes - Yards	82 - 459	25 - 89
Passing Yards	16	143
Total Offense	475	232
Passes	7 - 2 - 0	25 - 15 - 1
Punts - Avg.	3 - 34.0	7 - 36.7
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 50	5 - 46
Time of Possession	39:08	20:52

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing

Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving

Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

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Game 10

Wofford 39, ETSU 10

Nov. 9, 2002; Johnson City, Tenn.

J.R. McNair rushed for a career-high 143 yards to lead a Wofford attack that totaled a season-high 488 yards on the ground as Head Coach **Mike Ayers** earned his 100th career victory in a 39-10 rout of ETSU.

The Terriers outgained the Bucs by a 520-to-117 margin. Wofford limited ETSU to just 43 yards of offense over the final three quarters and just 16 yards on 17 snaps in the second half. The Buccaneers were also 0-for-12 on third-down conversions with defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** recording three of Wofford's four sacks.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead on its second series of the game when McNair went up the middle for a 30-yard scoring run.

On their next possession, the Terriers extended their margin to 13-0 when **Jeff Zolman** connected with tight end **Tommy Chandler** on a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was one of just two pass attempts in the game for Wofford and the first career scoring toss for Zolman, who was 2-of-2 in the air for 32 yards while adding 85 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

After the Bucs closed to within 13-7 on a fumble return for a touchdown, the Terriers went 66 yards in five plays to regain a 19-7 lead on a 31-yard Zolman scoring run.

Wofford	7	19	0	13	39
ETSU	0	7	3	0	10

First Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 6:08

Second Quarter

W - Chandler 20 pass from Zolman (Rhoden rush failed), 13:00

E - Sensabaugh 20 fumble return (Godfrey kick), 10:20

W - Zolman 31 run (McCoy run failed), 8:12

W - McCoy 15 run (Rhoden kick), 3:45

Third Quarter

E - Walters 42 field goal, 13:15

Fourth Quarter

W - Zolman 9 run (Haughey pass failed), 9:24

W - Jackson 32 run (Rhoden kick), 2:52

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	28	8
Rushes - Yards	70 - 488	27 - 41
Passing Yards	32	76
Total Offense	520	117
Passes	2 - 2 - 0	22 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	2 - 39.5	9 - 48.6
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 45	4 - 30
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

Wofford Individuals

Rushing


McNair 17-143, Zolman 12-85, Melvin Jones 11-84, Jackson 8-68, McCoy 12-60, Fogle 4-27, Dunn 3-12, Rodgers 2-6, Mike Jones 1-3

Passing

Zolman 2-2-0, 32 yards

Receiving

Chandler 1-20, Nash 1-12

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Attached are revised Wofford football notes for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game with Furman. There was an error in the initial release of this week's ESPN/*USA Today* Division I-AA Top 25 poll. The Terriers' correct ranking in that poll is now reflected in this .pdf attachment.

Thanks.

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Game 11
Furman at Wofford
November 16, 2002; 1:30 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week

The Wofford College football team, ranked No. 9 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 10 by The Sports Network, will look to capture its first Southern Conference championship when it hosts Furman at Gibbs Stadium. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m.

With a victory, the Terriers would have their first league title and the SoCon's automatic bid to the playoffs. It would be Wofford's first trip to the Division I-AA postseason. The Terriers were picked to finish seventh in this year's preseason polls by the SoCon coaches and media.

Wofford's eight victories represent its highest win total in eight seasons on the I-AA level and its most overall since 1991, the last year the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II). The six SoCon wins are also the most for Wofford in its six years in the league.

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, Wofford has a 1-4 record against Furman. The Terriers posted a 40-20 victory in a 1998 game at Gibbs Stadium and, dating back to 1968, are 6-2-1 in their last nine home contests against the Paladins.

In 1889, Wofford and Furman played the first college football game in the state of South Carolina. The Terriers took a 5-1 decision in Spartanburg before going on to post the season sweep with a 2-1 win in Greenville. Overall, the Paladins hold a 45-23-7 series advantage.

A Look Back

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Wofford took a 7-0 lead on its second series of the game when McNair capped an eight-play, 81-yard drive with a 30-yard scoring run up the middle.

On their next possession, the Terriers extended their margin to 13-0 when **Jeff Zolman** connected with **Tommy Chandler** on a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was one of just two pass attempts in the game for Wofford and the first career scoring toss for Zolman, who was 2-of-2 in the air for 32 yards while adding 85 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

The Buccaneers closed to 13-7 with 10:20 left in the first half when **Gerald Sensabaugh** returned a Wofford fumble 20 yards for a touchdown. However, the Terriers answered that score just five plays later, covering 66 yards, as a 31-yard Zolman scoring run extended the Wofford lead to 19-7. Zolman later added a nine-yard touchdown carry in the fourth quarter.

Jesse McCoy's 15-yard touchdown run with 3:45 to play in the second quarter extended the Wofford margin to 26-7 at the half. McCoy rushed for 60 yards on 12 carries as he moved into fifth place on the Terriers' career rushing list with 2,497 yards.

Melvin Jones had 84 yards rushing on 11 carries as part of a 230-yard night from the Wofford fullbacks. **Gabriel Jackson** had 68 yards on eight attempts, including a 32-yard scoring run.

Wofford (8-2, 6-1)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	14-7
Sept. 28	at Maryland	8-37
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA* (OT)	27-21
Oct. 12	at VMI*	16-27
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	31-24
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	26-19
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	27-14
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	39-10
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Furman (6-3, 4-2)

Sept. 7	at Vanderbilt	18-49
Sept. 14	ELON	57-7
Sept. 21	at Richmond	17-7
Sept. 28	at VMI*	55-28
Oct. 5	WESTERN CAROLINA*	24-23
Oct. 12	at Appalachian State*	15-16
Oct. 19	THE CITADEL*	37-10
Oct. 26	at East Tennessee State*	25-0
Nov. 9	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	21-42
Nov. 16	at Wofford*	1:30
Nov. 23	CHATTANOOGA*	2:00

*SoCon game

Worth Noting

- Wofford is looking to become just the third SoCon team (Marshall and ETSU, 1996) to defeat Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and Furman in the same season.

- SoCon Offensive Player of the Year candidate **Jesse McCoy** has rushed for 814 yards (8.1 per carry) and nine touchdowns. He has four 100-yard efforts in SoCon action this season and places second in the league in all-purpose yards (119.3 per game).

- The Terriers rank second nationally in rushing offense (356.5 yards per game) with that mark increasing to 454.0 during their four-game winning streak.

- Wofford tops the SoCon in total defense (281.0 yards per game) and has allowed just one offensive touchdown in the last eight quarters, with that score coming when the bench was cleared late against The Citadel.

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 will also be seen this week in over three million homes across nine states on Friday at 1:30 p.m. on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).



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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.

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.

Six Wofford starters (DT **Lee Basinger**, OT **Jesse Blackburn**, C **Prosser Carnegie**, OLB **Chase Corn**, SS **Brandon Ladd**, QB **Jeff Zolman**) and second-team fullback **J.R. McNair** have been nominated for honors this fall.

The Terriers provided the backfield on last year's team as McNair and halfback **Ben Foster** were chosen along with Corn and offensive guard **Eric Nash**.

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

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 head 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 has 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

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Among the National Leaders

Listed below are key SoCon and NCAA rankings for Wofford and its players:

<u>Name/Category</u>	<u>Average Per Game</u>	<u>SoCon/NCAARanking</u>
Jesse McCoy (HB)	119.3 yards all-purpose	2nd/41st
Jesse McCoy (HB)	90.4 yards rushing	3rd/32nd
Jimmy Miner (P)	42.8 yards	5th/10th
Melvin Jones (FB)	67.4 yards rushing	6th/69th
J.R. McNair (FB)	55.6 yards rushing	9th/99th
Total Defense	281.0 yards	1st/23rd
Team Rushing	356.5 yards	2nd/2nd
Net Punting	39.6 yards	2nd/4th
Scoring Defense	16.5 points	2nd/15th
Run Defense	128.4 yards	2nd/43rd
Total Offense	406.6 yards	3rd/19th
Pass Defense	152.6 yards	3rd/23rd
Pass Eff. Defense	112.2 rating	4th/54th

Historic Wins with a Stingy Defense

In becoming the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996, Wofford held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

Wofford football can be found on the web at:
www.wofford.edu/athletics

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When Last In Action

The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 39-10 win at East Tennessee State last week:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	28	8
Rushes - Yards	70 - 488	27 - 41
Passing Yards	32	76
Total Offense	520	117
Passes	2 - 2 - 0	22 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	2 - 39.5	9 - 48.6
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 45	4 - 30
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 17-143, Zolman 12-85, Melvin Jones 11-84, Jackson 8-68, McCoy 12-60, Fogle 4-27, Dunn 3-12, Rodgers 2-6, Mike Jones 1-3

Passing

Zolman 2-2-0, 32 yards

Receiving

Chandler 1-20, Nash 1-12

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 45-14 loss at Furman last year:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
First Downs	17	21
Rushes - Yards	54 - 216	44 - 260
Passing Yards	48	174
Total Offense	264	434
Passes	18 - 8 - 1	16 - 14 - 2
Punts - Avg.	6 - 41.5	3 - 40.3
Fumbles - Lost	1 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 25	3 - 28
Time of Possession	31:33	28:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 21-72, Wilson 11-50, Rodgers 3-33, McNair 10-31, McCoy 7-17, Fogle 1-7, Foster 1-6

Passing

Wilson 18-8-1, 48 yards

Receiving

Goodpaster 3-21, Gilmore 2-2, Gaillard 1-12, Regenthal 1-10, McCoy 1-3

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 280	6-4, 279
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	6-0, 217
Wide Receivers	6-1, 190	6-0, 190
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-2, 263
Linebackers	6-1, 226	6-1, 225
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-0, 188

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Furman Offense: Multiple

Furman Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Furman Defense -

3 seniors, 3 juniors, 4 sophomores, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -

7 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

Furman Offense

5 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 89-74-1. Overall Record: 100-95-2.

Bobby Lamb

Alma Mater: Furman '86

1st season at Furman, 1st as a head coach

Record at Furman: 6-3. Overall Record: 6-3.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (at Presbyterian, 14-58 vs. Mars Hill)	1-9
S.C. State (vs. Morgan State, 9-23 vs. Howard)	6-4
Ga. Southern (vs. Jacksonville State, 42-21 at Furman)	8-2
Maryland (at Clemson, 24-21 vs. N.C. State)	8-2
Chattanooga (vs. ETSU, 34-31 at The Citadel)	1-9
VMI (vs. The Citadel, 13-54 at Appalachian State)	5-6
Western Carolina (vs. Appalachian State, Open)	5-5
Appalachian State (at Western Carolina, 54-13 vs. VMI)	7-3
The Citadel (vs. VMI, 31-34 vs. Chattanooga)	2-8
ETSU (at Chattanooga, 10-39 vs. Wofford)	4-7
Furman (at Wofford, 21-42 vs. Georgia Southern)	6-3
Elon (at Charleston Southern, 56-35 vs. Liberty)	3-6
Aggregate Record	56-64

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The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 89 victories, is in his 15th year on the Terrier sideline.

Ayers recorded his 100th career win in last week's 39-10 rout of East Tennessee State. He was previously the Bucs' head coach from 1985-87.

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 is teaching a course on the American Revolution this fall.

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 receiving 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, 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 included 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.
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	8	2	.800
Wofford	6	1	.857	8	2	.800
Appalachian State	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
Furman	4	2	.667	6	3	.667
Western Carolina	3	4	.429	5	5	.500
VMI	2	5	.286	5	6	.455
East Tennessee State	2	5	.286	4	7	.364
Chattanooga	1	5	.167	1	9	.100
The Citadel	1	6	.143	2	8	.200

This Week:

Jacksonville State at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.

***Furman at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.**

*The Citadel vs. VMI (Charlotte, N.C.), 1:30 p.m.

*East Tennessee State at Chattanooga, 1:30 p.m.

*Appalachian State at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.

*SoCon Game

Last Week:

***Wofford 39, East Tennessee State 10**

*Georgia Southern 42, Furman 21

*Appalachian State 54, VMI 13

*Chattanooga 34, The Citadel 31

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 Rate Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	<u>Student-Athlete Graduation Rate</u>
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 with an average SAT score of 1236.

	<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

1236 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1236) 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"

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Zolman Makes Mark at Quarterback

Sophomore **Jeff Zolman** has been a model of consistency at quarterback for the Wofford football team.

As a freshman last year, Zolman was limited to a mop-up role in two games. He is the younger brother of **Greg Zolman**, Vanderbilt's starting quarterback the last two seasons.

The Dean's List student and southpaw from Dayton, Ohio, is the Terriers' fourth-leading rusher with 487 yards (6.2 per carry) while completing 55.6 percent of his passes with just one interception in 54 attempts.

He directed Wofford to road wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State with near flawless play in both games:

	Rushing				Passing					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Att.	Com.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
vs. Georgia Southern	11	74	6.7	0	6	4	66.7	40	0	0
vs. Appalachian State	12	90	7.5	0	3	2	66.7	35	0	1
GSU and ASU Combined	23	164	7.1	0	9	6	66.7	75	0	1
Season Totals	78	487	6.2	4	54	30	55.6	312	1	1

On Wofford's fourth quarter game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive at Georgia Southern, Zolman had a 20-yard pass to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16. He then added a 54-yard carry to the Eagle three-yard line to set up **Jesse McCoy's** go-ahead score.

Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry when he rushed for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run. He also completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards.

Spreading the Wealth

Wofford places second in the nation in team rushing (356.5 yards per game) on a 5.6 per carry average. The Terriers' top nine rushers are averaging at least 4.1 yards per attempt with eight of those players at a 4.8 clip or higher. Four Terriers have rushed for at least 487 yards this season (48.7 per game):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Jesse McCoy , HB	100	814	8.1	9	67	90.4
Melvin Jones , FB	138	674	4.9	6	31	67.4
J.R. McNair , FB	115	556	4.8	6	30	55.6
Jeff Zolman , QB	78	487	6.2	4	82	48.7

What the SoCon Players Say about McCoy

"He's such a great athlete," said Chattanooga linebacker Josh Cain, the SoCon's leading tackler. "He's very shifty and makes you miss. I admire him a lot."

"He was a man amongst boys," The Citadel's Kevin Olecki said. "He's just an immaculate athlete. He's got moves that most people have never seen before."

The Best of McCoy

Jesse McCoy has four 100-yard rushing performances this season and eight in his collegiate career. Seven of those eight contests have seen him average at least 9.2 yards per carry:

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
The Citadel (Nov. 2, 2002)	20	184	9.2	0
Appalachian State (Oct. 26, 2002)	22	145	6.6	2
Western Carolina* (Oct. 16, 1999)	11	136	12.4	2
Chattanooga (Oct. 2, 1999)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (Oct. 7, 2000)	9	133	14.8	3
Chattanooga# (Oct. 5, 2002)	13	121	9.3	2
Western Carolina^ (Oct. 14, 2000)	9	114	12.7	0
Georgia Southern (Sept. 21, 2002)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

#McCoy added a 45-yard TD reception

^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns

The Real McCoy

Halfback **Jesse McCoy**, a three-time SoCon Player of the Week, is a candidate for SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

McCoy has topped the 100-yard mark in rushing in four of his six SoCon games this season with career-high rushing totals in two of the last three weeks.

The Acworth, Ga., native had a personal-best 184 yards, also a SoCon single-game high this season, in the 27-14 win over The Citadel. It came on the heels of a 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State. He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern.

McCoy totaled 166 yards of offense and three touchdowns, including a 12-yard run in overtime for the winning score, in the 27-21 win against Chattanooga.

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year and the league's active leading career rusher (2,497 yards) places second in all-purpose yards (119.3 per game) and third in rushing (90.4 yards). He averages 8.9 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career.

McCoy's 7.4 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.0 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92). Graves is college football's all-time, all-division rushing quarterback with 5,128 yards and 72 touchdowns.

McCoy has rushed for a career-high 814 yards this season (8.1 per carry), surpassing his previous best of 630 yards his freshman year. He also has nine rushing touchdowns after totaling 11 in his first three seasons.

He is averaging 21.1 yards on 39 career receptions for 843 yards.

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.

He is also an accomplished sketch artist whose caricatures of his teammates and coaches have become legendary in the locker room.

Wofford Career Rushing

- 5,128 - Shawn Graves, 1989-92
- 3,686 - Ricky Satterfield, 1972-75
- 3,282 - Ted Phelps, 1965-68
- 3,201 - Clifford Boyd, 1968-71
- 2,497 - Jesse McCoy, 1999-present**

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Vintage Wofford Football

In its last four games, Wofford is averaging 454.0 yards rushing while holding the opponent to a 65.3 mark on the ground.

In just the last three contests, the Terriers have gone for at least 459 yards and are averaging 473.0. Wofford rushed for more yards in the first half at East Tennessee State (273) than its opponents have totaled in the last four games combined (261).

The Terriers' 472 yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.

The 459 yards against The Citadel was the most against the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

Listed below is a comparison between Wofford and its opposition during the Terriers' current four-game winning streak:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
Rushing Yards per Game	454.0	65.3
Yards per Rushing Attempt	5.9	2.6
Average Time of Possession	36:37	23:23
Number of Plays from Scrimmage	327	225
Avg. Number of Snaps per Game	81.8	56.3

•In that stretch, Wofford has run the ball 307 out of 327 snaps (93.9 percent). For the season, the Terriers have run on 87.8 percent (632-of-720) of their offensive plays at an average of 5.6 yards per carry.

•The Terriers have thrown the ball effectively, completing 48.9 percent (43-of-88) of their pass attempts for 501 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions, including one on a fake field goal.

Wingbone Workings

The following shows a breakdown of Wofford's rushing over the last four contests in comparison to its opposition:

<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	74	397	5.4	4	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	81	472	5.8	3	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	82	459	5.6	4	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	70	488	7.0	5	
Totals	307	1,816	5.9	16	454.0

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	27	79	2.9	3	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	23	52	2.3	0	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	25	89	3.6	0	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	27	41	1.5	0	
Totals	102	261	2.6	3	65.3

It's Not All Offense

Wofford has taken over the SoCon lead in total defense (281.0 yards per game) by allowing an average of just 210.3 yards over the last three contests.

The Terriers' first-team defense has not allowed an offensive touchdown over the last eight quarters. Two of the three opponent touchdowns the last two games have come on fumble returns.

Listed below is Wofford's defensive effort in its last three games:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rushing Yds.</u>	<u>Passing Yds.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	52	230	282
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	89	143	232*
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	41	76	117^

*The Terriers held The Citadel to 157 yards of offense before clearing their bench on the game's final series when the Bulldogs went 75 yards for a score.

^ETSU had just 47 yards of offense in the final three quarters and just 16 second-half yards on 17 plays.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones** rank first and third, respectively, among active career rushers in the Southern Conference:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	2,497
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,467
Melvin Jones , Wofford	2,376

Seeing the Ball

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

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.

A native of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has three receptions for 31 yards this season. He had a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard fourth quarter drive in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Honorary I-A Members

The Maryland contest represented 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
2002	Maryland	8-37

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 53-2-1 record in the 56 games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers** in which the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has allowed a total of just 134 points in its last 13 wins (10.3 per game).

•Wofford has won 33 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.

•The two previous times they opened 3-0 or at least 8-2 to start a season (1990, 1991), the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

Good Genes

Starting outside linebacker and medical school bound **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.

The youngest Corn is also the lead vocalist and guitarist for The Senators, a rock band that recently cut its first demo album.

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Terriers Making National News

The Wofford football team has received unprecedented national attention this season:

- The Terriers were featured in the Sept. 25 edition of the *New York Times*. The article centered on the uniqueness of the Wofford program, including having the smallest enrollment of any Division I-AA or I-AA member, to a former college president (**Joe Lesesne**) on the coaching staff, and a legally blind wide receiver (**Isaac Goodpaster**).

- CBS Sports was on campus for two days (Oct. 5-6), including the Chattanooga game, for a similar piece on Wofford that is scheduled to run on *College Football Today* over the Thanksgiving weekend.

- Goodpaster was featured Oct. 14 on CBS' *The Early Show*. A different CBS crew from New York was on campus for that piece.

- Goodpaster also appeared Nov. 9 on ESPN's *College Game Day* program.

The Two-Headed Monster at Fullback

Melvin Jones and **J.R. McNair** have combined to give the Terriers 1,230 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns on a 4.9 per carry average from the fullback position this season.

Jones and McNair rank sixth and ninth, respectively, in the SoCon in rushing:

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Melvin Jones	138	674	4.9	6	31	67.4
J.R. McNair	115	556	4.8	6	30	55.6
Totals	253	1,230	4.9	12	31	123.0

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-AA and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked 13th among I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 103 overall and place higher than 27 schools competing in I-AA:

104. Northwestern	114. Middle Tenn.	139. Navy
105. Western Michigan	117. Baylor	147. Kent State
106. Utah State	118. Rice	150. SMU
107. Memphis	121. La.-Lafayette	158. Eastern Michigan
108. Central Michigan	124. Kansas	160. Tulsa
109. Ohio	125. Troy State	162. UTEP
110. Wyoming	129. Akron	163. Rutgers
111. UAB	130. La.-Monroe	175. Buffalo
113. Idaho	136. Arkansas State	190. Army

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers have shown consistent defensive improvement in each of the last two seasons:

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Total Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	128.4	152.6	281.0

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in its eighth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was an NAIA member.

Familiar Names

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.

Think about This...

Wofford won three road games this season against teams that were ranked in the Division I-AA Top 25 (Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and South Carolina State).

Over the last two seasons, the Terriers have played at Clemson, South Carolina, and Maryland, in addition to posting road wins at those three Top 25 teams.

What the Fridge Had to Say...

Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** spoke highly of the Wofford football team following the Sept. 28 game in College Park, Md.

"They never quit, that team," Friedgen said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team. I thought our defense played exceptionally, especially in the first half."

Battling Maryland Hard

Wofford gave Maryland a much better game than many of the Terrapins' more heralded Division I-AA foes. Listed below are Maryland's eight wins and its margin of victory:

Opponent	Score	Margin
North Carolina	59-7	52 points
Eastern Michigan	45-3	42 points
Duke	45-12	33 points
West Virginia	48-17	31 points
Akron	44-14	30 points
Wofford	37-8	29 points
Georgia Tech*	34-10	24 points
N.C. State	24-21	3 points

*Trailing 34-3, Georgia Tech scored with 1:31 to play

Against Maryland's first-team defense, the Terriers put together an 18-play, 92-yard scoring drive that consumed 8:02 off the clock.

Wofford Defense Steals Show at Georgia Southern

The following are notables from the Terriers' 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern:

- Wofford's first-ever win at Paulson Stadium snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for Georgia Southern, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

- The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

- Jesse McCoy's** 114 rushing yards were the most by an Eagle opponent since Furman's **Louis Ivory** gained 122 on Nov. 3, 2001.

- Jeff Zolman's** 54-yard run and McCoy's 47-yard carry were the longest rushing plays against Georgia Southern since Ivory went 73 yards against the Eagles on Nov. 4, 2000.

- The Terriers' combined rushing effort of 269 yards ran past the Eagles' 234, making it the first time in 75 games that GSU's offense had been outtrushed by an opponent other than Furman.

- The scoreless first half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since the East Tennessee State contest in 1996.

Terriers Post First Overtime Win

The 27-21 win over Chattanooga (Oct. 5) represented Wofford's first overtime victory and the first overtime game played at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers had dropped their two previous overtime contests, on the road at Samford (14-20, 1996) and Louisiana-Lafayette (34-37, 1999).

WOFFORD VS. FURMAN

He's Old School

It's not uncommon for Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** to drive the team's equipment truck when it travels, or to personally powerwash the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

Avoiding the Flag

Wofford has been penalized just 20 times for 148 yards in its last five games and is the SoCon's second-least penalized team (52 for 383 yards).

Turnovers, It's No Cliche...

Wofford is a plus-four in the turnover department in its eight wins and a minus-five in its two losses.

Close Calls

Five of Wofford's eight wins have been by seven points or less, including two victories in the final 3:55 of regulation and one in overtime.

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

Steady Improvements

With the exception of last year, when it was beset by injuries and faced Division I-AA's toughest schedule with road games at Clemson and South Carolina, Wofford has consistently improved its year-by-year record since beginning SoCon play in 1997:

Year	Record	Place
1997	3-7, 2-6	8th
1998	4-7, 3-5	7th
1999	6-5, 5-3	4th
2000	7-4, 5-3	4th
2001	4-7, 3-5	6th
2002	8-2, 6-1	2nd

Terriers Go Over .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's 6-1 SoCon record this season has moved its all-time league mark to 24-23, an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

Quick Progress

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league play: Georgia Southern (43), Appalachian State (36), Furman (32), Wofford (24), East Tennessee State (22), Western Carolina (21), Chattanooga (16), The Citadel (13), and VMI (4).

SoCon Honors

Listed below are SoCon weekly honors received by Wofford players this season:

Opponent	Player	Honor
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Offensive
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Chattanooga	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Appalachian State	Roland Harris , CB	Defensive
	Gabriel Jackson , HB	Freshman
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' third-leading rusher with 556 yards, McNair had a career-high 143 yards in last week's 39-10 rout of East Tennessee State. He is one of just five I-AA players to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for community involvement.

McNair was also selected to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District team.

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 Office: 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)

McCoy and Thurman: A SoCon POTW Tandem

In two of Wofford's SoCon wins this season, halfback **Jesse McCoy** was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week with linebacker **Jim Thurman** receiving Freshman of the Week honors.

The duo received their awards after victories over Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

Prior to this season, Wofford had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection. The Terriers have since garnered the award four times this year, including three by McCoy

Quarterback **Jeff Zolman** made history for Wofford when he was named the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week following his 106-yard rushing performance in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

In between Thurman's standout efforts against Georgia Southern and Chattanooga was arguably his best performance of the year. The true freshman totaled 13 stops, including no missed tackles, while making his first collegiate start in the Maryland game (Sept. 28).

Fourth Down: No Problem

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for Wofford, who is 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth-down conversions this year compared to just 11 attempts for the opposition.

In two of the last four games, Wofford has been successful on a 4th-and-1 inside its own 30 in the opening quarter.

Against The Citadel, **Melvin Jones** carried for five yards on a 4th-and-1 on the game's opening series in the Terriers' 27-14 victory.

In the 31-24 win over Western Carolina, the Terriers converted a 4th-and-1 at their own 24 on their second possession of the game. **J.R. McNair** went up the middle for four yards on a drive that ultimately resulted in a field goal.

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.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Roomies Battle for Title

Defensive linemen, Kentucky natives, and roommates **Nathan Fuqua** and **Anthony Jones** are locked in a battle for the Wofford career record in tackles for loss.

Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America at nose tackle, entered the 2002 campaign as the Terrier career leader with a 39-38 edge over Jones. Both marks, accomplished in just three seasons, erased the previous record of 38 held by consensus All-America **Brian Bodor** (1998-00).

Jones, a defensive tackle, has since overtaken Fuqua by a 59-to-48 margin. Jones also places second among active SoCon players with 28 sacks, another Wofford career mark.

Fuqua displayed his ability with dominant performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina. He had the upperhand on former Tiger All-America center **Kyle Young** as well as drawing postgame praise from **Lou Holtz** for his effort against the Gamecocks.

Statistical Oddities

The seven points scored in the win over South Carolina State represented the lowest point total in a Wofford victory since a 7-6 decision over Gardner-Webb in 1977.

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner**, a two-time All-SoCon selection, has made his case for All-America honors this fall:

- For the season, while kicking in wet weather in two games, Miner ranks 10th nationally with a 42.8 average on 37 attempts.
 - Eleven of Miner's punts (29.7 percent) have been for at least 50 yards.
 - Eleven punts have gone inside the 20-yard line with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five-yard line.
 - In the 7-6 win at South Carolina State, Miner had three of his five kicks downed inside the nine-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the one-yard line. Another kick resulted in field position at the Bulldog 14-yard line. S.C. State began two of its final three possessions at its own one-yard line.
 - The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the nine-yard line on four second-half possessions.
 - Miner's first punt in the 14-7 victory over Georgia Southern was downed at the four-yard line. The average starting position for the Eagles in the game was their own 26.
 - Miner had a 44.7 average on seven kicks at Maryland after recording a 43.5 mark on six attempts in last year's season opener at Clemson, his other game against ACC competition.
 - He topped the SoCon and ranked eighth in Division I-AA last year with his average of 42.0 yards.
 - The two longest punts of his career came in last year's 13-0 win at The Citadel, when he had 67 and 68-yard efforts on the way to a 47.9 average on seven attempts.
- Former South Carolina Head Coach **Jim Carlen** was in attendance and commented that he had never seen a punter impact a game like Miner did that afternoon in Charleston.

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory at South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**, who was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden**.

A native of Barnwell, S.C., Harvey was a late addition to the Terrier roster and is not listed in the team's media guide. He is handling Wofford's kickoff duties.

Harvey is the first junior college transfer to play for **Mike Ayers** in his 15-year tenure at Wofford. However, there is an asterisk attached to that status.

Harvey was a soccer player when he attended Spartanburg Methodist College the last two years. SMC does not have a football team.

Harvey did enjoy a successful placekicking career at Barnwell High School. He was 114-of-120 on extra-point attempts and 20-of-24 on field goals with a long of 47. Harvey was a three-time All-Region placekicker and an All-State selection as a senior. He was also named to the 1999 North-South All-Star Game.

A Collective Receiving Effort

Thirteen different players have combined for Wofford's 43 pass receptions this season, with senior wide receiver **Marcus Gilmore** topping the team with nine catches for 98 yards. Halfback **Ben Mungin** (five) and wide receiver **Curtis Nash** (five) are the only other Terriers with more than four receptions.

Ayers Joins Wofford Broadcast Booth

With Wofford color analyst **Thom Henson** unable to make the Sept. 28 Maryland game due to a previous commitment, an Ayers debuted in the Terrier broadcast booth.

Travis Ayers, the 18-year-old son of Head Coach **Mike Ayers**, drew positive reviews in his debut behind the mike. The younger Ayers is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

There is no word yet on whether Coach Ayers threatened his son with a loss of spending money for any second guessing or critical comments on the air.

Sacking the QB

Led by league sack leader **Anthony Jones** (13), Wofford tops the SoCon with 24 sacks on the year.

The Terriers have 12 sacks in their last four games, which includes two of the top three SoCon teams (Western Carolina, The Citadel) in fewest sacks allowed on the year.

Jones has had three-sack games at Appalachian State and East Tennessee State and is the Terriers' career leader with 28, which also ranks second among active SoCon players.

Wofford posted four sacks against Western Carolina after the Catamounts entered the game having allowed a SoCon-low four sacks in a league-high 225 pass attempts.

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Terriers Serve as Ball Hogs

Twenty-five of Wofford's last 28 scoring drives (in regulation play) have gone at least 59 yards, including a 77-yard drive against Western Carolina that consumed a season-best 9:40 off the clock.

In their last three games, the Terriers have had three scoring drives of at least 90 yards. For the season, Wofford has 12 scoring drives of 80 yards or more.

Not counting the final series at Appalachian State when they were running out the clock, the Terriers moved the ball at least 61 yards on seven of their 10 possessions against the Mountaineers.

Against Maryland's first-team defense, Wofford went 92 yards in 18 plays and 8:02.

The Terriers have 15 scoring drives of at least 10 plays, including six that are 15 or more. Listed below are Wofford's scoring drives:

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP
Newberry	3	72	1:25
Newberry	10	60	3:46
Newberry	3	39	:55
Newberry	1	82	:19
Newberry	8	51	1:54
Newberry	3	30	1:17
Newberry	5	25	2:23
S.C. State	8	32	3:23
Ga. Southern	6	44	1:49
Ga. Southern	10	81	3:55
Maryland	18	92	8:02
Chattanooga	15	80	5:43
Chattanooga	2	76	:18
Chattanooga	8	72	3:09
Chattanooga*	4	25	:00 (OT)
VMI	17	76	6:35
VMI	8	80	3:05
VMI	10	83	2:34
Western Carolina	18	75	7:04
Western Carolina	5	80	2:15
Western Carolina	12	74	4:46
Western Carolina	19	77	9:40
Western Carolina	3	36	1:10
Appalachian State	13	61	5:51
Appalachian State	14	75	5:19
Appalachian State	7	90	2:59
Appalachian State	16	72	7:31
Appalachian State	2	69	:56
The Citadel	8	59	3:04
The Citadel	12	98	5:01
The Citadel	9	90	4:11
The Citadel	9	45	3:50
ETSU	8	81	3:21
ETSU	10	80	3:25
ETSU	5	66	2:08
ETSU	5	41	1:53
ETSU	11	68	5:22
ETSU	8	77	4:06

A Look at the Future

Three of Wofford's top nine rushers are true freshmen in halfbacks **Gabriel Jackson, Aaron Johnson, and Corey Dunn.**

Jackson's 61-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to play provided the winning points in the 26-19 win at Appalachian State. The trio has combined for 594 yards on 79 carries (7.5 avg.):

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Gabriel Jackson	34	291	8.6	3
Aaron Johnson	23	189	8.2	1
Corey Dunn	22	114	5.2	0
Totals	79	594	7.5	4

Four Terriers Reach 100-Yard Mark

Wofford has had four different 100-yard rushers this season with six different players gaining at least 80 yards in a game:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	The Citadel	184
Jesse McCoy	Appalachian State	145
J.R. McNair	ETSU	143
Melvin Jones	Chattanooga	135
Jesse McCoy	Chattanooga	121
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Melvin Jones	VMI	95
J.R. McNair	Western Carolina	93
Jeff Zolman	Appalachian State	90
Jeff Zolman	ETSU	85
Melvin Jones	The Citadel	85
Melvin Jones	ETSU	84
Aaron Johnson	Western Carolina	81
Gabriel Jackson	Western Carolina	80

Long Distance Terriers

The following are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this season:

Yards	Play
82	Jeff Zolman TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
67	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
64	Aaron Johnson run vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 19
61	Gabriel Jackson TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
54	Jeff Zolman run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
53	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
47	Jesse McCoy run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
45	Trey Rodgers TD pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 5

Wofford POTW

The following are Wofford's Players of the Week from each game:

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Anthony Jones , DT
S.C. State	Jimmy Miner* , P	Steve Hoover* , OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	LaRay Benton , ILB
Maryland	Jesse Blackburn , OT	Matt Nelson , FS
Chattanooga	Eric Deutsch , OG	Hondre McNeil , OLB
VMI	Melvin Jones , FB	Hondre McNeil , OLB
Western Carolina	J.R. McNair , FB	Lee Basinger , DT
Appalachian State	Eric Deutsch , OG	Roland Harris , CB
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy , HB	Anthony Jones , DT
ETSU	Tommy Chandler , TE	Brandon Ladd , SS
ETSU	Tommy Chandler , TE	Anthony Jones , DT

*Selected for special teams play

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)

Honor Roll

Nathan Fuqua, NT

- Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, *Lindy's National College Football*, and the *National Football Gazette*
- 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* and the *National Football Gazette*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- An All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons
- 2001 honorable-mention All-America

Matt Nelson, FS

- Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*
- 2001 second-team All-SoCon

Melvin Jones, FB

- Third-team preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*

South Carolina's Team

South Carolina State represented the seventh in-state opponent that Wofford has faced in the last two years.

During that time, the Terriers have played Clemson, Charleston Southern, The Citadel, South Carolina, Furman, and Newberry.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Giving Opponents a Melvin

The career-high 168 yards rushing by **Melvin Jones** against Appalachian State last year was 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>T.D.</u>
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

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 21-11 home record (.656) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford Coaching Legend Brakefield Dies

Former Wofford head football coach **Jim Brakefield** died Oct. 14 in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 83.

Inducted in 1982 to the Wofford Athletic Hall of Fame, Brakefield served 14 years as a Terrier assistant under **Conley Snidow** (1953-66) before assuming the head coaching duties in 1967 when Snidow became Wofford's full-time athletic director.

During his four-year run as Wofford's head coach (1967-70), Brakefield posted a 28-16 record while leading the Terriers to a No. 1 ranking and the NAIA National Championship Bowl in 1970. Dating back to the 1969 campaign, the Terriers won a school record 20 consecutive games before falling to Texas A&I in the title game.

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) named Brakefield the District Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970. He was also named South Carolina Coach of the Year in each of those seasons.

While an assistant at Wofford, Brakefield coached **Jerry Richardson**, owner/founder of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, as well as **Fisher DeBerry**, currently in his 19th year as head football coach at the Air Force Academy.

"Obviously, this is a big personal loss to me because Jim was not only my college coach, but my boss and mentor," DeBerry said. "He's been a great role model for my life and career.

"I owe everything in my career to the confidence that he demonstrated in me and the opportunity that he gave me.

"In many ways he was like a father to me. Those who knew him and were privileged enough to play or work with him are better people for having been touched by this great man."

A native of Quinton, Ala., Brakefield built college football programs at Wofford and Appalachian State based around what became his trademark wishbone offense. In addition to football, Brakefield enjoyed a great deal of success as a baseball coach. He spent 15 years as head coach of the Terriers (1953-67).

In 1971, Brakefield began an impressive nine-year tenure at Appalachian State. He oversaw the transition of an NAIA program to NCAA Division I. The zenith of Brakefield's wishbone attack at ASU came in 1975 with road victories at Wake Forest and South Carolina, in addition to a home win over East Carolina. He was inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 1945, Brakefield married the former **Eloise Wallace**. He served four years in the Navy during World War II. Brakefield won two distinguished flying crosses while flying 49 combat missions as a torpedo plane pilot. It was not until 1967 that Brakefield retired from the Naval Reserve Flight Program with the rank of captain.

Brakefield, who remained in Boone, N.C., following his coaching career, had recently moved to Louisville, Ky. He is survived by daughter **Brenda Ammon**, granddaughter **Lisa Smith** and great-grandson **Kyle Andrew Smith**.

Scheduling Quirks

•Wofford is playing the first 12-game regular season in its football history.

•The Terriers' opening four contests were night games. Wofford had just one other contest (last week at East Tennessee State) under the lights, albeit domed lights.

•With an open date and three straight road games, Wofford did not have a home game in the month of September.

**WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP**

(updated Nov. 10, 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.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

CENTER

70 Prosser Carnegie (6-1, 275, Sr.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT GUARD

77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Jr.)
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.)
89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

80 Marcus Gilmore (6-1, 190, Sr.)
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 180, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK

15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, So.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, So.)

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.)
7 Shaun Fogle (5-11, 195, Jr.)

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.)
92 Katon Bethay (6-2, 265, Fr.)

TACKLE

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

10 Teddie Whitaker (6-2, 230, Jr.)
54 Jimmy Freland (5-11, 215, So.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)
45 LaRay Benton (5-11, 225, Sr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

49 Robert Mathis (6-2, 242, Sr.)
44 Timmy Thrift (6-0, 215, So.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

37 Chase Corn (5-11, 205, Sr.)
58 Matt Allison (6-2, 225, So.)

LEFT CORNERBACK

25 Fred Washington (5-10, 190, Sr.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 185, So.)

FREESAFETY

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

STRONG SAFETY

24 Brandon Ladd (5-10, 185, Sr.)
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Jr.)

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.)
99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)

PUNT RETURNS

81 Drew Hill (5-8, 160, Fr.)
3 Mike Jones (5-10, 195, So.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 170, Fr.)

HOLDER

14 Nick Haughey (5-11, 190, Sr.)
32 Jimmy Miner (6-3, 195, Jr.)

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)

W O F F O R D V S . F U R M A N

Game 1

Wofford 48, Newberry 0
Aug. 31, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jeff Zolman came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford opened its season with a 48-0 victory over Newberry.

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.

Wofford extended its lead to 8-0 at the conclusion of Newberry's opening series when **Shaun Bennett** blocked an Indian 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. 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 intermission.

Fourteen different Wofford rushers totaled 476 yards on the ground.

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

Newberry	0	0	0	0	0
Wofford	15	20	6	7	48

First Quarter

W - McCoy 53 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 13:35
 W - Bennett blocks punt out of end zone for safety, 10:13

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 2:20

Second Quarter

W - McNair 6 run (Rhoden kick), 12:00
 W - Zolman 82 run (Rhoden kick failed), 5:03
 W - McCoy 11 run (Rhoden kick), :44

Third Quarter

W - Carey 6 run (Rhoden kick blocked), :10

Fourth Quarter

W - Johnson 10 run (Harvey kick), 8:37

	Wofford	Newberry
First Downs	26	7
Rushes - Yards	61-476	34-84
Passing Yards	82	48
Total Offense	558	132
Passes	13-6-0	29-11-2
Punts - Avg.	3-43.0	11-32.2
Fumbles - Lost	4-3	5-1
Penalties - Yards	6-35	5-35
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Zolman 6-106, McCoy 5-74, Dunn 9-72, Johnson 3-42, Carey 10-35, Jackson 3-26, Rodgers 3-22, McNair 5-22, Melvin Jones 6-21, Fogle 2-16, Sullivan 3-13, Mungin 2-12, Mike Jones 3-12, Gaillard 1-3

Passing

Zolman 6-4-0, 49 yards; Rodgers 6-2-0, 33 yards; Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Chandler 1-28, McCoy 1-26, Gilmore 1-10, Goodpaster 1-8, Nash 1-5, Gaillard 1-5

Game 2

Wofford 7, South Carolina State 6
Sept. 14, 2002; Orangeburg, S.C.

Trey Rodgers scored on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter for Wofford's game-winning touchdown in a hardfought 7-6 victory at South Carolina State.

Rodgers' touchdown, the only second-half points allowed by the Bulldogs this season, capped an eight-play, 32-yard drive that was set up by a 13-yard **Jesse McCoy** punt return. **Jay Harvey's** successful extra-point attempt gave Wofford the 7-6 lead.

The Terrier defense and special teams were the story in the first meeting between Wofford and S.C. State since 1977.

Jimmy Miner, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons and a preseason All-America, averaged 47.8 yards on five punts. Two of those kicks were downed by **Steve Hoover** at the Bulldog one-yard line, forcing S.C. State to start two of its final three series in the shadow of its own goal line. Two other punts were downed inside the 13-yard line.

The Bulldogs' average starting field position for the game was their own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

S.C. State took a 6-0 lead with 13:57 to play in the first half on a five-yard **Derek Watson** scoring run, the only points the Terriers have allowed in their opening two games.

McCoy was Wofford's top ground gainer with 77 yards on eight carries, including a 37-yard run on a 2nd-and-9 at the Terrier 30 to help Wofford run out the clock on the game's final possession. **J.R. McNair** added 76 yards on 15 carries.

Wofford	0	0	7	0	7
S.C. State	0	6	0	0	6

Second Quarter

S - Watson 5 run (DePalo kick blocked), 13:57

Third Quarter

W - Rodgers 3 run (Harvey kick), 2:42

	Wofford	S.C. State
First Downs	14	16
Rushes - Yards	55 - 227	41 - 172
Passing Yards	4	154
Total Offense	231	326
Passes	3 - 1 - 0	19 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	5 - 47.8	6 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	4 - 21	7 - 57
Time of Possession	30:14	29:46

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 8-77, McNair 15-76, Jones 14-48, Fogle 8-33, Zolman 5-7, Rodgers 5-(14)

Passing

Rodgers 2-1-0, 4 yards; Zolman 1-0-0

Receiving

Jones 1-4

Game 3

Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7
Sept. 21, 2002; Statesboro, Ga.

Jesse McCoy rushed for a game-high 114 yards and scored both Terrier touchdowns, the last on a 4th-and-goal carry from the 1-yard line, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern.

The Terriers' first-ever win at Paulson Stadium also snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for the Eagles, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

The Wofford defense limited the Eagles to 234 yards rushing and 257 total.

McCoy's 30-yard touchdown run with 4:08 left in the first quarter gave Wofford a 6-0 lead that stood until the fourth quarter.

Zolman added 74 yards on the ground, 54 coming on a pivotal 3rd-and-3 play from the Wofford 43-yard line midway through the fourth quarter to highlight the Terriers' game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive.

Zolman had a 20-yard completion to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16 earlier on that series. He later added his keeper to set up McCoy's go-ahead score. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' lead to 14-7.

Georgia Southern took a 7-6 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter when **Zzream Walden** scored from two yards out on a 4th-and-goal play with 14:20 remaining.

Wofford	6	0	0	8	14
Ga. Southern	0	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

W - McCoy 30 run (Harvey kick blocked), 4:08

Fourth Quarter

G - Walden 2 run (Shelton kick), 14:20
 W - McCoy 1 run (Zolman rush), 3:55

	Wofford	GSU
First Downs	12	17
Rushes - Yards	52 - 269	62 - 234
Passing Yards	40	23
Total Offense	309	257
Passes	9 - 6 - 1	12 - 2 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 47.8	6 - 34.3
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	5 - 1
Penalties - Yards	10 - 70	5 - 31
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 10-114, Zolman 11-74, Melvin Jones 15-51, McNair 8-27, Fogle 5-13, Jackson 1-8, Dorham 1-1, Team 1-(19)

Passing

Zolman 8-6-0, 40 yards; Wood 1-0-1

Receiving

Goodpaster 1-20, Gaillard 1-6, Mike Jones 1-5, Melvin Jones 1-4, Mungin 1-3, McCoy 1-2

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Game 4

Maryland 37, Wofford 8
Sept. 28, 2002; College Park, Md.

Chris Downs ran for 147 yards and a touchdown to lead defending ACC champion Maryland to a 37-8 victory over Wofford before a crowd of 44,098 in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins won for the 10th time in 11 games at Byrd Stadium while the Terriers were playing their third consecutive road game.

"They never quit," Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team."

A pair of **Nick Novak** field goals gave Maryland a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Terriers threatened on their opening drive when they reached the Terrapin 25-yard line before a costly fumble.

The Terriers got on the board when **Trey Rodgers** directed an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02 on the clock. **Melvin Jones** capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run to cut the Maryland lead to 30-6 with 11:44 to play.

Wofford scored again 32 seconds later when **Anthony Jones** sacked **Scott McBrien** in the end zone for a safety.

Wofford	0	0	0	8	8
Maryland	6	14	10	7	37

First Quarter

M - Novak 39 field goal, 11:50

M - Novak 43 field goal, :10

Second Quarter

M - Downs 6 run (Nowak kick), 9:57

M - Allen 1 run (Nowak kick), :14

Third Quarter

M - Novak 50 field goal, 9:46

M - Suter 10 pass from McBrien (Nowak kick), 4:46

Fourth Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Harvey kick failed), 11:44

W - Jones sacks McBrien in end zone for safety, 11:12

M - Allen 10 run (Novak kick), 6:55

	Wofford	Maryland
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	48 - 156	50 - 250
Passing Yards	54	140
Total Offense	210	390
Passes	10 - 7 - 0	20 - 12 - 0
Punts - Avg.	7 - 44.7	2 - 56.5
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 38	6 - 55
Time of Possession	29:11	30:49

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Mungin 7-43, Melvin Jones 10-37, Rodgers 5-19, McCoy 6-17, Carey 3-16, McNair 7-14, Gaillard 2-10, Dorham 1-6, Sullivan 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Zolman 5-(15)

Passing

Zolman 7-5-0, 44 yards; Rodgers 2-2-0, 10 yards, Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 1-17, Nash 1-11, Regenthal 1-9, Mungin 1-7, Wood 1-4, Mike Jones 1-3, Johnson 1-3

Game 5

Wofford 27, Chattanooga 21 (OT)
Oct. 5, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jesse McCoy scored on a 12-yard run in overtime, his third touchdown of the day, to lead Wofford to a 27-21 victory over Chattanooga.

McCoy had 121 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 13 carries in addition to catching a 45-yard touchdown pass from **Trey Rodgers**.

On Chattanooga's opening possession of the overtime, Wofford inside linebacker **LaRay Benton's** hit forced a **Mario Hain** fumble on second down from the 22-yard line. Terrier freshman **Jim Thurman** fell on the loose ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

McCoy's game-winning touchdown came on the fourth play of Wofford's overtime possession.

Trailing 21-7, Chattanooga scored twice in a 3:23 span of the fourth quarter to even the game at 21-21.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead with 7:56 left in the first half when McCoy's three-yard scoring run capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive.

The Terriers went 76 yards in two plays to take a 13-0 lead when Rodgers hit a streaking McCoy down the left sideline with the 45-yard scoring pass. **Melvin Jones**, who rushed for 135 yards, had a 31-yard gain on the previous play.

Chattanooga	0	0	7	14	0	21
Wofford	0	13	8	0	6	27

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 3 run (Harvey kick), 7:56

W - McCoy 45 pass from Rodgers (Harvey kick failed), 1:11

Third Quarter

C - Jones 8 pass from McCann (Shutters kick), 12:55

W - Jones 1 run (Jones rush), 9:46

Fourth Quarter

C - Hain 3 run (Shutters kick), 9:37

C - Grier 30 pass from McCann, 6:14

Overtime

W - McCoy 12 run, 0:00

	Wofford	UTC
First Downs	21	16
Rushes - Yards	65 - 328	37 - 129
Passing Yards	97	200
Total Offense	425	329
Passes	11 - 6 - 0	27 - 15 - 2
Punts - Avg.	5 - 42.4	7 - 48.9
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 71	7 - 49
Time of Possession	31:12	28:48

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 22-135, McCoy 13-121, Zolman 6-20, McNair 9-17, Fogle 5-11, Johnson 1-8, Dorham 1-7, Mungin 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Miner 1-2, Rodgers 4-1

Passing

Zolman 6-3-0, 23 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 74 yards, McCoy 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 3-21, McCoy 1-45, Nash 1-18, Wood 1-13

Game 6

VMI 27, Wofford 16
Oct. 12, 2002; Lexington, Va.

Three turnovers, including two on kickoff returns, were too much for Wofford to overcome as the Terriers dropped a 27-16 decision to VMI in Lexington, Va.

Wofford drove 76 yards in 17 plays on its opening possession of the game to take a 3-0 lead on a 22-yard **Jay Harvey** field goal.

After a VMI field goal evened the game late in the first quarter, Wofford fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Five plays later, **Joey Gibson** hit **Gary Price** with a four-yard scoring pass to give the Keydets a 10-3 lead.

Melvin Jones had three carries for 48 yards to key an eight-play, 80-yard Wofford drive, capped by a one-yard **J.R. McNair** scoring run, to even the game at 10-10 with 7:54 to play in the first half.

After VMI took the lead for good at 17-10 with 4:41 left in the second quarter, another fumbled kickoff return by Wofford enabled the Keydets to take a 20-10 halftime advantage.

The Keydets extended their lead to 27-10 early in the fourth quarter. Wofford then answered with a 10-play, 83-yard drive. Facing a 4th-and-9, Rodgers connected with Jones on a 29-yard scoring pass to bring the Terriers within 27-16 with 10:15 left.

Wofford	3	7	0	6	16
VMI	3	17	0	7	27

First Quarter

W - Harvey 22 field goal, 6:57

V - Sharpe 29 field goal, :19

Second Quarter

V - Price 4 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 13:34

W - McNair 1 run (Harvey kick), 7:54

V - Snelling 30 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 4:41

V - Sharpe 24 field goal, :29

Fourth Quarter

V - Solomon 3 run (Sharpe kick), 12:49

W - Jones 29 pass from Rodgers (kick failed), 10:15

	Wofford	VMI
First Downs	22	21
Rushes - Yards	44 - 293	48 - 154
Passing Yards	93	210
Total Offense	386	364
Passes	22 - 7 - 1	28 - 19 - 0
Punts - Avg.	1 - 41.0	4 - 55.5
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	2 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 15	5 - 40
Time of Possession	24:26	35:34

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 11-95, Zolman 7-52, Rodgers 4-33, McNair 6-27, Mungin 2-22, McCoy 4-22, Dunn 4-19, Johnson 5-19, Fogle 1-4

Passing

Zolman 7-2-0, 25 yards; Rodgers 15-5-1, 68 yards

Receiving

Gilmore 3-35, Hill 2-25, Jones 1-29, Wood 1-4

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Game 7

**Wofford 31, Western Carolina 24
Oct. 19, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

J.R. McNair rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 397 yards on the ground in a 31-24 victory over Western Carolina.

Freshmen **Aaron Johnson** and **Gabriel Jackson**, filling in for an injured **Jesse McCoy**, rushed for 81 and 80 yards, respectively.

Four of Wofford's five scoring drives were at least 74 yards in length, including a 19-play, 77-yard drive that covered 9:40. The Terriers held a 36:28-to-23:32 edge in time of possession and were 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions.

A **Todd Rhoden** 27-yard field goal capped an 18-play, 75-yard drive to give the Terriers an early 3-0 lead. On the fourth play of the possession, Wofford converted a 4th-and-1 at its own 24-yard line when McNair carried up the middle for four yards.

After falling behind 7-3, the Terriers responded with a five-play, 80-yard drive, keyed by a 64-yard Johnson run, to take a 10-7 lead on an eight-yard keeper by **Jeff Zolman**.

Leading 17-10 midway through the third quarter, Wofford began its 9:40 scoring drive that culminated with a one-yard McNair touchdown run to extend its lead to 24-10 with 11:27 to play.

WCU	7	0	3	14	24
Wofford	10	7	0	14	31

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 27 field goal, 5:19

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 2:18

W - Zolman 8 run (Rhoden kick), :03

Second Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 2:39

Third Quarter

WCU - Vought 24 field goal, 6:07

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 1 run (Rhoden kick), 11:27

W - Jackson 5 run (Rhoden kick), 7:20

WCU - Bush 1 run (Vought kick), 3:08

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 1:16

	Wofford	WCU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes - Yards	74 - 397	27 - 79
Passing Yards	48	302
Total Offense	445	381
Passes	8 - 4 - 0	39 - 31 - 1
Punts - Avg.	2 - 44.5	5 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	2 - 15	4 - 40
Time of Possession	36:28	23:32

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-93, Johnson 7-81, Jackson 14-80, Jones 13-62, Zolman 6-27, Mungin 7-25, Fogle 5-19, Dunn 3-10

Passing

Zolman 8-4-0, 48 yards

Receiving

Mungin 2-30, Regenthal 1-15, Goodpaster 1-3

Game 8

**Wofford 26, Appalachian State 19
Oct. 26, 2002; Boone, N.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 145 yards and two touchdowns, but it was freshman halfback **Gabriel Jackson's** 61-yard scoring run with 1:36 to play that gave Wofford a 26-19 win at Appalachian State before a Homecoming crowd of 17,297.

On the second play of the Mountaineers' ensuing series, **Roland Harris** recorded his second interception of the game with 1:19 left to seal the Terrier victory. His first pick came at the Wofford nine-yard line with 5:14 to play.

Wofford's 472 yards rushing set a single-game record for an ASU opponent. Wofford added 35 yards passing for 507 yards of total offense in controlling the line of scrimmage with 84 offensive plays, including 81 runs. The Terriers held a 37:33-to-22:27 edge in time of possession.

McCoy's seventh career 100-yard game included a career-long 67-yard scoring run with 12:27 to play in the second quarter as Wofford built a 16-0 lead. He also added a six-yard touchdown carry.

The Mountaineers evened the game with 2:32 to play before Jackson's game-winning run.

The Terriers limited ASU to just 52 yards rushing and 282 in offense. **Anthony Jones** had three sacks for Wofford.

Wofford	9	7	3	7	26
ASU	0	8	3	8	19

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 36 field goal, 9:09

W - McCoy 6 run (Rhoden kick failed), 3:12

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 67 run (Rhoden kick), 12:21

A - Bettis 5 pass from Burchette (Bettis pass from Burchette), 4:00

Third Quarter

W - Rhoden 21 field goal, 4:33

A - Wright 28 field goal, 1:15

Fourth Quarter

A - Little 7 pass from Burchette (LeMay pass from Burchette), 2:32

W - Jackson 61 run (Rhoden kick), 1:36

	Wofford	ASU
First Downs	27	16
Rushes - Yards	81 - 472	23 - 52
Passing Yards	35	230
Total Offense	507	282
Passes	3 - 2 - 1	37 - 22 - 3
Punts - Avg.	3 - 30.7	4 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 23	5 - 44
Time of Possession	37:33	22:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 22-145, Zolman 12-90, Jackson 2-72, Jones 17-64, McNair 14-54, Johnson 3-19, Fogle 3-14, Mungin 1-9, Goodpaster 1-8, Gaillard 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Team 4-(7)

Passing

Zolman 3-2-1, 35 yards

Receiving

Mungin 1-20, Gilmore 1-15

Game 9

**Wofford 27, The Citadel 14
Nov. 2, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 184 yards while **Melvin Jones** had three short touchdown runs to lead a Wofford attack that gained 459 yards on the ground in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel at Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford built a 27-0 lead, breaking the game open in the second half with back-to-back scoring drives of 98 and 90 yards. The Citadel scored twice in the final 7:45 to provide the final margin.

McCoy had a career-best rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 145 yards the previous week at Appalachian State.

With Wofford leading 7-0, a **Roland Harris** interception at the Terrier two-yard line set up a 12-play, 98-yard scoring drive as Wofford extended its margin to 14-0 with 6:12 left in the third quarter. McCoy had a 33-yard run on a 2nd-and-7 from the Terrier five-yard line.

The Terriers then drove 90 yards in nine plays on their next possession to take a 21-0 lead. **J.R. McNair**, who had 75 yards rushing on 14 carries, scored on a four-yard run.

A **Nate Mahoney** fumble, forced by **Matt Nelson** and recovered by **Nathan Fuqua**, on The Citadel's ensuing series set up a five-yard Jones run for Wofford's final score. Jones had 85 yards on 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs were held to 89 yards rushing and just 232 in total offense, with 75 of those yards coming on the final series after Wofford cleared its bench.

The Citadel	0	0	0	14	14
Wofford	0	7	7	13	27

Second Quarter

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 14:31

Third Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Rhoden kick), 6:12

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 4 run (Rhoden kick), 13:51

W - Jones 5 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 9:17

C - Ballentine 24 fumble return (Zobel kick), 7:45

C - Pough 7 pass from Klein (Zobel kick), :53

	Wofford	The Citadel
First Downs	27	12
Rushes - Yards	82 - 459	25 - 89
Passing Yards	16	143
Total Offense	475	232
Passes	7 - 2 - 0	25 - 15 - 1
Punts - Avg.	3 - 34.0	7 - 36.7
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 50	5 - 46
Time of Possession	39:08	20:52

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing

Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving

Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

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Game 10

Wofford 39, ETSU 10

Nov. 9, 2002; Johnson City, Tenn.

J.R. McNair rushed for a career-high 143 yards to lead a Wofford attack that totaled a season-high 488 yards on the ground as Head Coach **Mike Ayers** earned his 100th career victory in a 39-10 rout of ETSU.

The Terriers outgained the Bucs by a 520-to-117 margin. Wofford limited ETSU to just 43 yards of offense over the final three quarters and just 16 yards on 17 snaps in the second half. The Buccaneers were also 0-for-12 on third-down conversions with defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** recording three of Wofford's four sacks.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead on its second series of the game when McNair went up the middle for a 30-yard scoring run.

On their next possession, the Terriers extended their margin to 13-0 when **Jeff Zolman** connected with tight end **Tommy Chandler** on a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was one of just two pass attempts in the game for Wofford and the first career scoring toss for Zolman, who was 2-of-2 in the air for 32 yards while adding 85 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

After the Bucs closed to within 13-7 on a fumble return for a touchdown, the Terriers went 66 yards in five plays to regain a 19-7 lead on a 31-yard Zolman scoring run.

Wofford	7	19	0	13	39
ETSU	0	7	3	0	10

First Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 6:08

Second Quarter

W - Chandler 20 pass from Zolman (Rhoden rush failed), 13:00

E - Sensabaugh 20 fumble return (Godfrey kick), 10:20

W - Zolman 31 run (McCoy run failed), 8:12

W - McCoy 15 run (Rhoden kick), 3:45

Third Quarter

E - Walters 42 field goal, 13:15

Fourth Quarter

W - Zolman 9 run (Haughey pass failed), 9:24

W - Jackson 32 run (Rhoden kick), 2:52

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	28	8
Rushes - Yards	70 - 488	27 - 41
Passing Yards	32	76
Total Offense	520	117
Passes	2 - 2 - 0	22 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	2 - 39.5	9 - 48.6
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 45	4 - 30
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 17-143, Zolman 12-85, Melvin Jones 11-84, Jackson 8-68, McCoy 12-60, Fogle 4-27, Dunn 3-12, Rodgers 2-6, Mike Jones 1-3

Passing

Zolman 2-2-0, 32 yards

Receiving

Chandler 1-20, Nash 1-12

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Chandler and Jones Receive Wofford POTW Honors
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Tight end Tommy Chandler and defensive tackle Anthony Jones will be honored Friday by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 39-10 win at East Tennessee State.

Chandler had a 20-yard touchdown reception from Jeff Zolman to give the Terriers a 13-0 second-quarter lead. The junior from Greenwood, S.C., also had four knockdown blocks while grading out at over 90 percent as Wofford rushed for a season-high 488 yards and totaled 520 in offense.

Jones tied single-game Wofford records with five tackles for a loss and three sacks among his 10 stops in the game. The senior from Lexington, Ky., was instrumental in the Terriers limiting the Buccaneers to just 117 yards of offense, including 47 over the final three quarters. Wofford also held ETSU to 16 yards on 17 plays in the second half.

Jones, the SoCon sack leader with 13, is the Terriers' career leader in tackles for loss (59) and sacks (28). He also had three sacks earlier this season in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State.

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Wofford College defensive tackle Anthony Jones has been named the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

Jones tied single-game Wofford records with five tackles for a loss and three sacks among his 10 stops (seven solo) in the game. The three sacks resulted in a loss of 24 yards. The senior from Lexington, Ky., was instrumental in the Terriers limiting the Buccaneers to just 117 yards of offense, including 47 over the final three quarters. Wofford also held ETSU to 16 yards on 17 plays in the second half.

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The Wofford football team has received its first-ever Top 10 Division I-AA ranking with appearances at No. 9 and No. 10 in polls released today by ESPN/*USA Today* and The Sports Network, respectively.

The Terriers moved up six places in the ESPN/*USA Today* rankings and five spots in The Sports Network poll after Saturday's 39-10 win at East Tennessee State.

Wofford (8-2, 6-1) can win its first Southern Conference championship and receive the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs with a victory on Saturday over Furman (6-3, 4-2), ranked No. 8 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 9 by The Sports Network. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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The Wofford College football team topped all Division I-A and I-AA members in the five-state district with six players receiving 2002 Verizon Academic All-District honors. No other school had more than four selections.

Outside linebacker Chase Corn and strong safety Brandon Ladd were first-team choices with defensive tackle Lee Basinger, offensive tackle Jesse Blackburn, center Prosser Carnegie, and fullback J.R. McNair being named to the second team.

To be eligible, a player must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 while being a starter or key reserve on the field. The players selected to the first team are now eligible for the Academic All-America team, which will be announced on Dec. 2.

Corn (Spartanburg, S.C.) was named to the first team for the third straight year while Ladd (Athens, Tenn.) also made the squad in 2000. McNair (Jonesboro, Ga.) was a first-team selection last year.

Corn has 51 tackles this season, including seven for a loss. A biology major headed to medical school next year, he also has an interception while starting all 10 games.

Ladd, a business economics and sociology major, is second on the Terriers with 87 tackles. He received Wofford Defensive Player of the Week honors after a career-high 14 stops in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel.

Basinger, the team Defensive Player of the Week in the 31-24 win versus Western Carolina, has 13.5 tackles for a loss with eight sacks. The Kannapolis, N.C., native also has six quarterback hurries.

Blackburn (Marysville, Ohio) and Carnegie (Davidson, N.C.) are anchors of the Wofford offensive line that paves the way for the nation's second-best rushing offense (356.5 yards per game), including a 454.0 mark during the Terriers' current four-game winning streak.

McNair is the Terriers' third-leading rusher with 556 yards (4.8 per carry) and six touchdowns. He totaled a career-high 143 yards on 17 carries in last weekend's 39-10 win at East Tennessee State.

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Billy Napier's seven-yard touchdown pass to Brian Bratton with 29 seconds to play gave Furman a 23-21 victory over Wofford on a rain-soaked muddy field this afternoon at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Terriers (8-3, 6-2), ranked No. 9 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 10 by The Sports Network, scored 21 fourth-quarter points to take a 21-17 lead on a career-long 41 touchdown run by J.R. McNair with 4:41 to play. McNair topped Wofford with 107 yards on 19 carries, his second straight 100-yard game and the second-best performance of his career.

Furman (7-3, 5-2), No. 8 by ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 10 in The Sports Network poll, closes its regular season next week with a 2 p.m. home game against Chattanooga.

The Paladin victory gives Georgia Southern the Southern Conference championship and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. SoCon members Wofford, Furman, and Appalachian State remain in the hunt for at-large bids which will be announced Nov. 24. The Terriers, who travel to Elon next week, have made their case with road wins earlier this season at Georgia Southern (14-7) and Appalachian State (26-19).

Napier completed all five of his pass attempts for 63 yards on Furman's game-winning 11-play, 74-yard drive that culminated with his scoring toss to a diving Bratton in the end zone.

A pair of Wofford fumbles in Terrier territory set up Furman's 10 first-half points. On the first play following a fumbled punt return, Napier hit Isaac West with a 31-yard touchdown pass to give Furman a 7-0 lead just 21 seconds into the second quarter. Another fumble at the Wofford 32, returned 21 yards by Eddie Overdyke to the Terrier 11-yard line, set up a 28-yard Danny Marshall field goal and a 10-0 Paladin lead with 3:50 to play in the first half.

Wofford got on the board with a 17-play, 86-yard drive that resulted in a one-yard McNair scoring run to pull the Terriers within 10-7 with 12:12 to play. Furman regained a 10-point margin just five plays later when Hindley Brigham broke several tackles and then darted up the middle for a 45-yard touchdown run on a 3rd-and-3 play.

A 50-yard run by Jesse McCoy to the Paladin one-yard line on the Terriers' ensuing series set up a one-yard Jeff Zolman sneak on the next play as Wofford closed to within 17-14 with 6:21 remaining. McCoy had 89 yards rushing to go with two receptions for 49 yards.

Following a 21-yard Bo Moore punt on Furman's next series, Wofford regained possession at the Paladin 46. On the second play, McNair went up the middle for 41 yards to give Wofford a 21-17 lead with 4:41 left.

"We dug ourselves a 10-point hole with turnovers," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers. "I'm still very proud of the way we battled back and the character showed by our kids in the fourth quarter.

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"It was a tough football game between two very good teams. They've got a lot of players with big-game experience and they made the plays down the stretch. I have no doubt our kids will be ready to bounce back next week at Elon with a shot at the playoffs on the line."

Wofford outgained Furman by a 375-to-263 margin with the Terriers totaling 200 yards of offense in the fourth quarter. Wofford had 259 yards rushing in the game while Zolman was 7-of-13 passing for 116 yards. Napier was 14-of-17 in the air for 145 yards. His lone interception was the fourth pick in four games by Terrier cornerback Roland Harris. Brigham had 80 yards on 16 carries.

"We were challenged today in a very big football game, but we rose to the occasion," Furman Head Coach Bobby Lamb said. "Our backs were against the wall.

"Our seniors gave us great leadership all week and on our game-winning drive. I thought we controlled the game for about two and a half quarters, but Wofford came back like the veteran team they are. We made the plays to win the game."


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Subject: Carnegie and Basinger Receive Wofford Football POTW Honors
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Center Prosser Carnegie and defensive tackle Lee Basinger will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club on Friday as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's Furman game.

Carnegie had 12 knockdown blocks while grading out at 89 percent. The senior from Davidson, N.C., was instrumental in Wofford scoring 21 fourth-quarter points on 200 yards of offense in rallying from a 10-point deficit to take a 21-17 lead with 4:41 to play.

Basinger tied a single-game school record with five tackles for loss, totaling 17 yards, among his nine stops (eight solo) in the game. A sophomore from Kannapolis, N.C., he helped the Terrier defense limit the Paladins to just 263 yards of offense after they entered the game averaging 434.4.

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Subject: Wofford Football Notes -- Saturday's Elon Game
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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 2 p.m. game at Elon. If you have any trouble in opening this document or prefer to receive the notes in a different manner, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
Wofford College



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Game 12
Wofford at Elon
November 23, 2002; 2 p.m.
Rhodes Stadium (11,250); Elon, N.C.

This Week

The Wofford College football team, ranked No. 14 by The Sports Network, will look to solidify its first-ever Division I-AA playoff bid when it travels to Elon in the regular-season finale.

With road wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State, the Terriers have made a compelling case to be included in the 16-team field, which includes eight automatic berths and eight at-large bids. The Division I-AA playoff announcement is Sunday at 1 p.m. on ESPN News.

Elon will replace VMI in the SoCon next season. The Phoenix took part in the inaugural Big South Conference football season this fall with fellow league members Charleston Southern, Gardner-Webb, and Liberty.

Wofford is facing Elon for the first time since 1995, when the Phoenix (known then as the Fightin' Christians) took a 20-16 decision in Spartanburg, S.C. The game was played at Snyder Field, the Terriers' old stadium, and Wofford was in its first season on the Division I-AA level. That game also marks the last time the Terriers lost a game when leading at the half. Wofford has since won 33 consecutive games when ahead at the intermission. The Terriers were leading 9-3 at the half that night.

Wofford holds a 16-9 edge in the overall series which began in 1921. The Terriers and Phoenix met for six consecutive years (1990-95) before the series went on hiatus until this season.

A Look Back

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Terrier defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** had two fourth-quarter sacks to give him a SoCon-leading 14.5 on the year and a new single-season school record (13, **Chuck Mozingo**, 1990).

Wofford (8-3, 6-2)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	14-7
Sept. 28	at Maryland	8-37
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA* (OT)	27-21
Oct. 12	at VMI*	16-27
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	31-24
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	26-19
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	27-14
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	39-10
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	21-23
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Elon (4-6, 2-1)

Sept. 7	FLA. INTERNATIONAL	23-22
Sept. 14	at Furman	7-57
Sept. 21	JOHNSON C. SMITH	38-14
Sept. 28	at North Carolina A&T	20-34
Oct. 5	at Northwestern State	20-47
Oct. 12	at Gardner-Webb*	27-38
Oct. 19	at East Tennessee State	15-31
Nov. 2	HOFSTRA	13-27
Nov. 9	LIBERTY*	56-35
Nov. 16	at Charleston Southern*	21-13
Nov. 23	WOFFORD	2:00

*Big South game

Worth Noting

•SoCon Offensive Player of the Year candidate **Jesse McCoy** has rushed for 903 yards (8.0 per carry) and nine touchdowns. He needs 97 yards to become the first non-quarterback at Wofford to reach 1,000 yards since 1979 (**Lenny Best**, 1,120). McCoy has four 100-yard efforts in SoCon action this season and places second in the league in all-purpose yards (122.1 per game).

•The Terriers rank second nationally in rushing offense (347.6 yards per game). Over the last five contests, they are averaging 415.0 yards on the ground while allowing just 75.8. Wofford tops the SoCon while placing 22nd nationally in total defense (279.4 yards).

•Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football with an enrollment of 1,100 students. The SAT average (1236) 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 will also be seen this week in over three million homes across nine states on Thursday 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.

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 three 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 had six players receive honors this fall with no other school having more than four selections. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

Outside linebacker **Chase Corn** and strong safety **Brandon Ladd** were first-team choices with defensive tackle **Lee Basinger**, offensive tackle **Jesse Blackburn**, center **Prosser Carnegie**, and fullback **J.R. McNair** receiving second-team accolades. Corn has been named to the first team for the third consecutive year.

Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections last season with four. In the 2000 campaign, Wofford had six players on the team while no other school had more than three.

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 head 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 has 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

Historic Wins with a Stingy Defense

In becoming the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996, Wofford held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

**Wofford football can be found on the web at:
www.wofford.edu/athletics**

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When Last In Action

The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 23-21 loss to Furman last week:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
First Downs	17	12
Rushes - Yards	53 - 259	39 - 118
Passing Yards	116	145
Total Offense	375	263
Passes	13 - 7 - 0	17 - 14 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 37.5	8 - 36.9
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	1 - 5	3 - 20
Time of Possession	30:22	29:38

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-107, McCoy 13-89, Zolman 10-24, Jones 6-21, Jackson 2-8, Mungin 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Fogle 1-1

Passing

Zolman 13-7-0, 116 yards

Receiving

McCoy 2-49, Wood 2-29, Chandler 1-19, Goodpaster 1-17, Jackson 1-2

Among the National Leaders

Listed below are key SoCon and NCAA rankings for Wofford and its players:

<u>Name/Category</u>	<u>Average Per Game</u>	<u>SoCon/NCAARanking</u>
Jesse McCoy (HB)	122.1 yards all-purpose	2nd/39th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	90.3 yards rushing	3rd/34th
Jimmy Miner (P)	42.0 yards	5th/14th
Melvin Jones (FB)	63.2 yards rushing	6th/79th
J.R. McNair (FB)	60.3 yards rushing	8th/90th
Total Defense	279.4 yards	1st/22nd
Run Defense	127.5 yards	1st/41st
Team Rushing	347.6 yards	2nd/2nd
Net Punting	39.0 yards	2nd/4th
Scoring Defense	17.1 points	2nd/17th
Pass Defense	151.9 yards	2nd/23rd
Total Offense	403.7 yards	3rd/21st
Pass Eff. Defense	116.5 rating	5th/59th

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Elon</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 280	6-2, 258
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	6-0, 195
Wide Receivers	6-1, 190	5-10, 180
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-2, 261
Linebackers	6-1, 226	6-1, 217
Secondary	5-11, 190	5-10, 166

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Elon Offense: Triple Option

Elon Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Elon Defense -

1 senior, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores, 2 freshmen

Wofford Defense -

8 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Elon Offense

6 seniors, 2 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 89-75-1. Overall Record: 100-96-2.

Al Seagraves

Alma Mater: Shippensburg '75

7th season at Elon, 7th as a head coach

Record at Elon: 38-38. Overall Record: 38-38.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent (this week, last week)</u>	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (Open, 10-14 at Presbyterian)	1-10
S.C. State (vs. North Carolina A&T, 12-23 vs. Morgan State)	6-5
Ga. Southern (Open, 41-3 vs. Jacksonville State)	9-2
Maryland (at Virginia, 30-12 at Clemson)	9-2
Chattanooga (at Furman, 27-10 vs. ETSU)	2-9
VMI (Open, 23-21 vs. The Citadel)	6-6
Western Carolina (Open, 14-24 vs. Appalachian State)	5-6
Appalachian State (Open, 24-14 at Western Carolina)	8-3
The Citadel (vs. Charleston Southern, 21-23 vs. VMI)	2-9
ETSU (Open, 10-27 at Chattanooga)	4-8
Furman (vs. Chattanooga, 23-21 at Wofford)	7-3
Elon (vs. Wofford, 21-13 at Charleston Southern)	4-6
Aggregate Record	63-69

The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 89 victories, is in his 15th year on the Terrier sideline.

Ayers recorded his 100th career win in the 39-10 victory at East Tennessee State (Nov. 9). He was previously the Bucs' head coach from 1985-87.

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 is teaching a course on the American Revolution this fall.

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 receiving 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, 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 included 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.
Georgia Southern	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Wofford	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Appalachian State	6	2	.750	8	3	.727
Furman	5	2	.714	7	3	.700
VMI	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Western Carolina	3	5	.375	5	6	.455
Chattanooga	2	5	.286	2	9	.182
East Tennessee State	2	6	.250	4	8	.333
The Citadel	1	7	.125	2	9	.182

This Week:

Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 7 p.m. (Thurs.)

Wofford at Elon, 2 p.m.

*Chattanooga at Furman, 2 p.m.

*SoCon Game

Last Week:

***Furman 23, Wofford 21**

*Appalachian State 24, Western Carolina 14

*VMI 23, The Citadel 21

*Chattanooga 27, East Tennessee State 10

Georgia Southern 41, Jacksonville State 3

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 Rate Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	<u>Student-Athlete Graduation Rate</u>
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 with an average SAT score of 1236.

	<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

1236 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1236) 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"

Zolman Makes Mark at Quarterback

Sophomore **Jeff Zolman** has been a model of consistency at quarterback for the Wofford football team.

As a freshman last year, Zolman was limited to a mop-up role in two games. He is the younger brother of **Greg Zolman**, Vanderbilt's starting quarterback in the 2000 and 2001 campaigns.

The Dean's List student and southpaw from Dayton, Ohio, is the Terriers' fourth-leading rusher with 511 yards (5.8 per carry) while completing 55.2 percent of his passes with just one interception in 67 attempts.

He directed Wofford to road wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State with near flawless play in both games:

	Rushing				Passing						
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Att.	Com.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.	
vs. Georgia Southern	11	74	6.7	0	6	4	66.7	40	0	0	
vs. Appalachian State	12	90	7.5	0	3	2	66.7	35	0	1	
GSU and ASU Combined	23	164	7.1	0	9	6	66.7	75	0	1	
Season Totals	88	511	5.8	5	67	37	55.2	428	1	1	

On Wofford's fourth quarter game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive at Georgia Southern, Zolman had a 20-yard pass to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16. He then added a 54-yard carry to the Eagle three-yard line to set up **Jesse McCoy's** go-ahead score.

Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry when he rushed for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run. He also completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards.

Spreading the Wealth

Wofford places second in the nation in team rushing (347.6 yards per game) on a 5.6 per carry average. The Terriers' top nine rushers are averaging at least 4.0 yards per attempt with eight of those players at a 4.8 clip or higher. Four Terriers have rushed for at least 511 yards this season (46.5 per game):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>LG</u>	<u>YPG</u>
Jesse McCoy , HB	113	903	8.0	9	67	90.3
Melvin Jones , FB	144	695	4.8	6	31	63.2
J.R. McNair , FB	134	663	4.9	8	41	60.3
Jeff Zolman , QB	88	511	5.8	5	82	46.5

What the SoCon Players Say about McCoy

"He's such a great athlete," said Chattanooga linebacker Josh Cain, the SoCon's leading tackler. "He's very shifty and makes you miss. I admire him a lot."

"He was a man amongst boys," The Citadel's Kevin Olecki said. "He's just an immaculate athlete. He's got moves that most people have never seen before."

The Best of McCoy

Jesse McCoy has four 100-yard rushing performances this season and eight in his collegiate career. Seven of those eight contests have seen him average at least 9.2 yards per carry:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
The Citadel (Nov. 2, 2002)	20	184	9.2	0
Appalachian State (Oct. 26, 2002)	22	145	6.6	2
Western Carolina* (Oct. 16, 1999)	11	136	12.4	2
Chattanooga (Oct. 2, 1999)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (Oct. 7, 2000)	9	133	14.8	3
Chattanooga# (Oct. 5, 2002)	13	121	9.3	2
Western Carolina^ (Oct. 14, 2000)	9	114	12.7	0
Georgia Southern (Sept. 21, 2002)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

#McCoy added a 45-yard TD reception

^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns

The Real McCoy

Halfback **Jesse McCoy**, a three-time SoCon Player of the Week, is a candidate for SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

McCoy has topped the 100-yard mark in rushing in four SoCon games and needs 97 yards to become the first non-quarterback at Wofford to rush for 1,000 yards since **Lenny Best** totaled 1,120 in 1979.

The Acworth, Ga., native had a personal-best 184 yards, also the high game for a SoCon player this season, in the 27-14 win over The Citadel. It came one week after a then career-high 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State.

He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern.

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year and the league's active leading career rusher (2,586 yards) places second in all-purpose yards (122.1 per game) and third in rushing (90.3 yards). He averages 8.8 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career and has been involved in five plays of at least 45 yards this season.

McCoy's 7.4 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.0 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92). Graves is college football's all-time, all-division rushing quarterback with 5,128 yards and 72 touchdowns.

McCoy has rushed for a career-high 903 yards this season (8.0 per carry), surpassing his previous best of 630 yards as a freshman. He also has nine rushing touchdowns after totaling 11 in his first three seasons.

He is averaging 21.3 yards on 41 career receptions for 872 yards.

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.

Like Head Coach **Mike Ayers**, McCoy is an accomplished sketch artist whose caricatures of his teammates and coaches have become legendary in the locker room.

Wofford Career Rushing

- 5,128 - Shawn Graves, 1989-92
- 3,686 - Ricky Satterfield, 1972-75
- 3,282 - Ted Phelps, 1965-68
- 3,201 - Clifford Boyd, 1968-71
- 2,586 - Jesse McCoy, 1999-present**

Vintage Wofford Football

•In its last five games, Wofford is averaging 415.0 yards rushing while holding the opponent to a 75.8 mark on the ground.

The Terriers have gone for at least 459 yards in three of the last four games and are averaging an impressive 5.6 yards per carry on the season. Wofford has run for at least 397 yards in four of its last five contests, while its opponents have totaled just 379 combined rushing yards during that stretch.

The Terriers' 472 yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.

The 459 yards in the 27-14 victory against The Citadel was the most allowed by the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

•Over the last five games, Wofford has run the ball 360 out of 393 snaps (91.6 percent). For the season, the Terriers have run on 87.2 percent (685-of-786) of their offensive plays at an average of 5.6 yards per carry.

The Terriers have thrown the ball effectively, completing 49.5 percent (50-of-101) of their attempts for 617 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions, including one on a fake field goal.

Wingbone Workings

The following shows a breakdown of Wofford's rushing over the last five contests in comparison to its opposition:

<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	74	397	5.4	4	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	81	472	5.8	3	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	82	459	5.6	4	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	70	488	7.0	5	
Furman (Nov. 16)	53	259	4.9	3	
Totals	360	2,075	5.8	19	415.0

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PGM</u>
Western Carolina (Oct. 19)	27	79	2.9	3	
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	23	52	2.3	0	
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	25	89	3.6	0	
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	27	41	1.5	0	
Furman (Nov. 16)	39	118	3.0	1	
Totals	141	379	2.7	4	75.8

It's Not All Offense

Wofford tops the SoCon in total defense while placing 22nd nationally by allowing just 279.4 yards per game, including a 223.5 mark over the last four contests.

The Terriers' first-team defense has allowed just four offensive touchdowns over the last 12 quarters, with just three of those drives being longer than 31 yards. Two of the six opponent touchdowns the last three games have come on fumble returns.

Listed below is Wofford's defensive effort in its last four games:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Rushing Yds.</u>	<u>Passing Yds.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Appalachian State (Oct. 26)	52	230	282
The Citadel (Nov. 2)	89	143	232*
East Tennessee State (Nov. 9)	41	76	117^
Furman (Nov. 16)	118	145	263\$
Totals/Average	300/75.0	594/148.5	894/223.5

*The Terriers held The Citadel to 157 yards of offense before clearing their bench on the game's final series when the Bulldogs went 75 yards for a score. ^ETSU had just 47 yards of offense in the final three quarters and just 16 second-half yards on 17 plays. \$Furman had only 189 yards of offense prior to its game-winning 74-yard drive on its final series.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones** rank first and third, respectively, among active career rushers in the Southern Conference:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	2,586
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,467
Melvin Jones , Wofford	2,397

Seeing the Ball

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

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.

A native of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has four receptions for 48 yards this season. He had a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard fourth quarter drive in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Honorary I-A Members

The Maryland contest represented 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
2002	Maryland	8-37

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 53-2-1 record in the 56 games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers** in which the Terriers have allowed 16 or fewer points.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has allowed a total of just 134 points in its last 13 wins (10.3 per game).

•Wofford has won 33 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.

•The two previous times they won at least eight games in a season (1990, 1991), the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

Good Genes

Starting outside linebacker and medical school bound **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.

The youngest Corn is also the lead vocalist and guitarist for J.J. Flake, a rock band that recently cut its first demo album.

Terriers Making National News

The Wofford football team has received unprecedented national attention this season:

- The Terriers were featured in the Sept. 25 edition of the *New York Times*. The article centered on the uniqueness of the Wofford program, including having the smallest enrollment of any Division I-A or I-AA member, to a former college president (**Joe Lesesne**) on the coaching staff, and a legally blind wide receiver (**Isaac Goodpaster**).

- CBS Sports was on campus for two days (Oct. 5-6), including the Chattanooga game, for a similar piece on Wofford that is scheduled to run on *College Football Today* over the Thanksgiving weekend.

- Goodpaster was featured Oct. 14 on CBS' *The Early Show*. A different CBS crew from New York was at Wofford for that piece.

- Goodpaster also appeared Nov. 9 on ESPN's *College Game Day* program and later that week on *SportsCenter* (Nov. 14).

The Two-Headed Monster at Fullback

Melvin Jones and **J.R. McNair** have combined to give the Terriers 1,328 yards rushing (123.5 per game) and 14 touchdowns on a 4.8 per carry average from the fullback position this season.

Jones and McNair rank sixth and eighth, respectively, in the SoCon in rushing:

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	YPG
Melvin Jones	144	695	4.8	6	31	63.2
J.R. McNair	134	633	4.9	8	41	60.3
Totals	278	1,328	4.8	14	41	123.5

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-A and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked 15th among I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 113 overall and place higher than 19 schools competing in I-A:

114. Wyoming	142. La.-Monroe	173. Buffalo
115. La.-Lafayette	149. Rutgers	
116. Baylor	150. SMU	
122. Rice	151. Kent State	
123. Idaho	156. Navy	
125. Arkansas State	158. Eastern Michigan	
126. Akron	165. Tulsa	
129. Kansas	167. Army	
131. Troy State	169. UTEP	

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers have shown consistent defensive improvement in each of the last two seasons:

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Total Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	127.5	151.9	279.4

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in its eighth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was an NAIA member.

Familiar Names

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 (1972-75) and a former assistant coach at Catawba.

Think about This...

Wofford has road wins over a pair of Top 10-ranked teams (Georgia Southern and Appalachian State) in addition to a South Carolina State squad that appeared for several weeks in the Top 25.

Over the last two seasons, while playing in the rigorous Southern Conference, the Terriers have also had non-conference games at Clemson, South Carolina, and Maryland.

What the Fridge Had to Say...

Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** spoke highly of the Wofford football team following the Sept. 28 game in College Park, Md.

"They never quit, that team," Friedgen said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team. I thought our defense played exceptionally, especially in the first half."

Battling Maryland Hard

Wofford gave Maryland a much better game than many of the Terrapins' more heralded Division I-A foes. Listed below are Maryland's nine wins and its margin of victory:

Opponent	Score	Margin
North Carolina	59-7	52 points
Eastern Michigan	45-3	42 points
Duke	45-12	33 points
West Virginia	48-17	31 points
Akron	44-14	30 points
Wofford	37-8	29 points
Georgia Tech*	34-10	24 points
Clemson	30-12	18 points
N.C. State	24-21	3 points

*Trailing 34-3, Georgia Tech scored with 1:31 to play

Against Maryland's first-team defense, the Terriers put together an 18-play, 92-yard scoring drive that consumed 8:02 off the clock.

Wofford Defense Steals Show at Georgia Southern

The following are notables from the Terriers' 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern:

- Wofford's first-ever win at Paulson Stadium snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for Georgia Southern, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

- The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

- Jesse McCoy's** 114 rushing yards were the most by an Eagle opponent since Furman's **Louis Ivory** gained 122 on Nov. 3, 2001.

- Jeff Zolman's** 54-yard run and McCoy's 47-yard carry were the longest rushing plays against Georgia Southern since Ivory went 73 yards against the Eagles on Nov. 4, 2000.

- The Terriers' combined rushing effort of 269 yards ran past the Eagles' 234, making it the first time in 75 games that GSU's offense had been outrushed by an opponent other than Furman.

- The scoreless first half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since the East Tennessee State contest in 1996.

Terriers Post First Overtime Win

The 27-21 win over Chattanooga (Oct. 5) represented Wofford's first overtime victory and the first overtime game played at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers had dropped their two previous overtime contests, at Samford (20-14, 1996) and Louisiana-Lafayette (37-34, 1999).

He's Old School

It's not uncommon for Wofford Head Coach **Mike Ayers** to drive the team's equipment truck when it travels, or to personally powerwash the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

Avoiding the Flag

Wofford is the SoCon's second-least penalized team (53 for 388 yards) and has been flagged just 21 times for 153 yards in its last six games, including one penalty for five yards against Furman.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche...

Wofford is a plus-four in the turnover department in its eight wins and a minus-six in the three losses.

Close Calls

Wofford has won the close games this season with five of its eight wins coming by seven points or less, including two victories in the final 3:55 of regulation and one in overtime.

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

Steady Improvements

With the exception of last year, when it was beset by injuries and faced Division I-AA's toughest schedule with road games at Clemson and South Carolina, Wofford has consistently improved its year-by-year record since beginning SoCon play in 1997:

Year	Record	Place
1997	3-7, 2-6	8th
1998	4-7, 3-5	7th
1999	6-5, 5-3	4th
2000	7-4, 5-3	4th
2001	4-7, 3-5	6th
2002	8-3, 6-2	2nd

Terriers at .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's 6-2 SoCon record this season has moved its all-time league mark to 24-24, an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

Quick Progress

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league action: Georgia Southern (43), Appalachian State (37), Furman (33), Wofford (24), East Tennessee State (22), Western Carolina (21), Chattanooga (17), The Citadel (13), and VMI (5).

SoCon Honors

Listed below are SoCon weekly honors received by Wofford players this season:

Opponent	Player	Honor
Newberry Georgia Southern	Jeff Zolman , QB	Offensive
	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Chattanooga	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Jim Thurman , ILB	Freshman
Appalachian State	Roland Harris , CB	Defensive
	Gabriel Jackson , HB	Freshman
The Citadel ETSU	Jesse McCoy , HB	Offensive
	Anthony Jones , DT	Defensive

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' third-leading rusher with 663 yards, McNair has had the top two rushing performances of his career in the last two games with 143 yards at East Tennessee State and 107 versus Furman.

The Jonesboro, Ga., native is also one of just five I-AA players to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for community involvement. He is also a two-time Verizon Academic All-District selection.

Listed below is part of 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 Office: 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)

Air Ayers

•Wofford had a season-high 116 yards passing versus Furman, nearly equaling the 131 yards total from the previous four weeks combined when the Terriers rattled off consecutive victories over Western Carolina, Appalachian State, The Citadel, and East Tennessee State.

The 116 yards in the air were more than the total from the previous three games combined (83).

•**Jeff Zolman** was 7-of-13 passing against Furman with his attempts surpassing his combined total from the previous three games (12).

•Wofford averages 7.0 passes in its eight wins compared to 15.0 attempts in the three losses. The Terriers have thrown a total of 56 passes in their eight victories and 45 in three defeats.

Strong Starts

Wofford has allowed just one touchdown and 16 total points in the opening quarter of its 11 games this season.

The Terriers have outscored their opponent by a total of 50-16 in that span.

Fourth Down: No Problem

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for Wofford, who is 18-of-31 (58.1 percent) on fourth-down conversions this year compared to just 11 attempts for the opposition.

In two of its last five games, Wofford has been successful on a 4th-and-1 inside its own 30 in the opening quarter.

Against The Citadel, **Melvin Jones** carried for five yards on a 4th-and-1 on the game's opening series in the Terriers' 27-14 victory.

In the 31-24 win over Western Carolina, the Terriers converted a 4th-and-1 at their own 24 on their second possession of the game. **J.R. McNair** went up the middle for four yards on a drive that ultimately resulted in a field goal.

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.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Roomies Battle for Title

Defensive linemen, Kentucky natives, and roommates **Nathan Fuqua** and **Anthony Jones** are locked in a battle for the Wofford career record in tackles for loss.

Fuqua, a three-time All-SoCon selection and preseason All-America at nose tackle, entered the 2002 campaign as the Terrier career leader with a 39-38 edge over Jones. Both marks, accomplished in just three seasons, erased the previous record of 38 held by consensus All-America **Brian Bodor** (1998-00).

Jones has since overtaken Fuqua by a 61.5-to-49 margin. Jones also places second among active SoCon players with 29.5 career sacks for another Wofford mark.

Fuqua displayed his ability with dominant performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina. He had the upperhand on former Tiger All-America center **Kyle Young** as well as drawing postgame praise from **Lou Holtz** for his effort against the Gamecocks.

Statistical Oddities

The seven points scored in the win over South Carolina State represented the lowest point total in a Wofford victory since a 7-6 decision over Gardner-Webb in 1977.

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner**, a two-time All-SoCon selection, has made his case for All-America honors this fall:

- For the season, while kicking in wet weather in three games, Miner ranks 14th nationally with a 42.0 average on 43 attempts.
 - Eleven of Miner's punts (25.6 percent) have been for at least 50 yards.
 - Twelve punts have gone inside the 20-yard line with seven inside the 10-yard line and three inside the five-yard line.
 - In the 7-6 win at South Carolina State, Miner had three of his five kicks downed inside the nine-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the one-yard line. Another kick resulted in field position at the Bulldog 14-yard line. S.C. State began two of its final three possessions at its own one-yard line.
 - The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the nine-yard line on four second-half possessions.
 - Miner's first punt in the 14-7 victory over Georgia Southern was downed at the four-yard line. The average starting position for the Eagles in the game was their own 26.
 - Miner had a 44.7 average on seven kicks at Maryland after recording a 43.5 mark on six attempts in last year's season opener at Clemson, his other game against ACC competition.
 - He topped the SoCon and ranked eighth in Division I-AA last year with his average of 42.0 yards.
 - The two longest punts of his career came in last year's 13-0 win at The Citadel, when he had 67 and 68-yard efforts on the way to a 47.9 average on seven attempts.
- Former South Carolina Head Coach **Jim Carlen** was in attendance and commented that he had never seen a punter impact a game like Miner did that afternoon in Charleston.

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory at South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**, who was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden**.

A native of Barnwell, S.C., Harvey was a late addition to the Terrier roster and is not listed in the team's media guide. He is handling Wofford's kickoff duties.

Harvey is the first junior college transfer to play for **Mike Ayers** in his 15-year tenure at Wofford. However, there is an asterisk attached to that status. Harvey was a soccer player when he attended Spartanburg Methodist College. SMC does not field a football team.

Harvey did enjoy a successful placekicking career at Barnwell High School. He was 114-of-120 on extra-point attempts and 20-of-24 on field goals with a long of 47. Harvey was a three-time All-Region placekicker and an All-State selection as a senior. He was also named to the 1999 North-South All-Star Game.

A Collective Receiving Effort

Fourteen different players have combined for Wofford's 50 pass receptions this season, with senior wide receiver **Marcus Gilmore** topping the team with nine catches for 98 yards. No other Terrier has more than five receptions.

Ayers Joins Wofford Broadcast Booth

With Wofford color analyst **Thom Henson** unable to make the Sept. 28 Maryland game due to a previous commitment, an Ayers debuted in the Terrier broadcast booth.

Travis Ayers, the 18-year-old son of Head Coach **Mike Ayers**, drew positive reviews in his debut behind the mike. The younger Ayers is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

There is no word yet on whether Coach Ayers threatened his son with a loss of spending money for any second guessing or critical comments on the air.

Sacking the QB

Led by league sack leader and Wofford record holder **Anthony Jones**, the Terriers place second in the SoCon with 26 sacks on the year.

Jones had two sacks against Furman to set a single-season school record with 14.5, breaking the previous mark of 13 (**Chuck Mozingo**, 1990). Jones also holds the Wofford career record with 29.5, which ranks second among active players in the SoCon. He has eight sacks in the last four games, including three-sack efforts against Appalachian State and East Tennessee State.

The Terriers have 14 sacks in their last five games, which includes two of the top three SoCon teams (Western Carolina, The Citadel) in fewest sacks allowed on the year. Wofford posted four sacks against Western Carolina after the Catamounts entered the game having allowed a SoCon-low four sacks in a league-high 225 pass attempts.

W O F F O R D V S . E L O N

Terriers Serve as Ball Hogs

Wofford has 14 scoring drives of at least 80 yards this season, including four of 90 yards or more.

Against Maryland's first-team defense, Wofford went 92 yards in 18 plays and 8:02.

The Terriers have 16 scoring drives of at least 10 plays, including seven that are 15 or more. Twenty-eight of Wofford's last 31 scoring drives (in regulation play) have gone at least 59 yards, including a 77-yard drive against Western Carolina that consumed a season-best 9:40 off the clock.

Not counting the final series at Appalachian State when they were running out the clock, the Terriers moved the ball at least 61 yards on seven of their 10 possessions against the Mountaineers.

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP
Newberry	3	72	1:25
Newberry	10	60	3:46
Newberry	3	39	:55
Newberry	1	82	:19
Newberry	8	51	1:54
Newberry	3	30	1:17
Newberry	5	25	2:23
S.C. State	8	32	3:23
Ga. Southern	6	44	1:49
Ga. Southern	10	81	3:55
Maryland	18	92	8:02
Chattanooga	15	80	5:43
Chattanooga	2	76	:18
Chattanooga	8	72	3:09
Chattanooga	4	25	:00 (OT)
VMI	17	76	6:35
VMI	8	80	3:05
VMI	10	83	2:34
Western Carolina	18	75	7:04
Western Carolina	5	80	2:15
Western Carolina	12	74	4:46
Western Carolina	19	77	9:40
Western Carolina	3	36	1:10
Appalachian State	13	61	5:51
Appalachian State	14	75	5:19
Appalachian State	7	90	2:59
Appalachian State	16	72	7:31
Appalachian State	2	69	:56
The Citadel	8	59	3:04
The Citadel	12	98	5:01
The Citadel	9	90	4:11
The Citadel	9	45	3:50
ETSU	8	81	3:21
ETSU	10	80	3:25
ETSU	5	66	2:08
ETSU	5	41	1:53
ETSU	11	68	5:22
ETSU	8	77	4:06
Furman	17	86	7:19
Furman	9	80	3:39
Furman	2	46	:13

A Look at the Future

Three of Wofford's top nine rushers are true freshmen in halfbacks

Gabriel Jackson, Aaron Johnson, and Corey Dunn.

Jackson's 61-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to play provided the winning points in the 26-19 win at Appalachian State.

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Gabriel Jackson	36	299	8.3	3
Aaron Johnson	24	193	8.0	1
Corey Dunn	22	114	5.2	0
Totals	82	606	7.4	4

Four Terriers Reach 100-Yard Mark

Wofford has had four different 100-yard rushers this season with six different players gaining at least 80 yards in a game:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	The Citadel	184
Jesse McCoy	Appalachian State	145
J.R. McNair	ETSU	143
Melvin Jones	Chattanooga	135
Jesse McCoy	Chattanooga	121
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
J.R. McNair	Furman	107
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Melvin Jones	VMI	95
J.R. McNair	Western Carolina	93
Jeff Zolman	Appalachian State	90
Jesse McCoy	Furman	89
Jeff Zolman	ETSU	85
Melvin Jones	The Citadel	85
Melvin Jones	ETSU	84
Aaron Johnson	Western Carolina	81
Gabriel Jackson	Western Carolina	80

Long Distance Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this year:

Yards	Play
82	Jeff Zolman TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
67	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Appalachian State, Oct. 26
64	Aaron Johnson run vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 19
61	Gabriel Jackson TD run vs. App. State, Oct. 26
54	Jeff Zolman run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
53	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
50	Jesse McCoy run vs. Furman, Nov. 16
47	Jesse McCoy run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 21
45	Trey Rodgers TD pass to McCoy vs. UTC, Oct. 5
41	J.R. McNair TD run vs. Furman, Nov. 16

Wofford POTW

The following are Wofford's Players of the Week from each game:

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman, QB	Anthony Jones, DT
S.C. State	Jimmy Miner*, P	Steve Hoover*, OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy, HB	LaRay Benton, ILB
Maryland	Jesse Blackburn, OT	Matt Nelson, FS
Chattanooga	Eric Deutsch, OG	Hondre McNeil, OLB
VMI	Melvin Jones, FB	Hondre McNeil, OLB
Western Carolina	J.R. McNair, FB	Lee Basinger, DT
Appalachian State	Eric Deutsch, OG	Roland Harris, CB
		Anthony Jones, DT
The Citadel	Jesse McCoy, HB	Brandon Ladd, SS
ETSU	Tommy Chandler, TE	Anthony Jones, DT
Furman	Prosser Carnegie, C	Lee Basinger, DT

*Selected for special teams play

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)

Honor Roll

Nathan Fuqua, NT

- Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, *Lindy's National College Football*, and the *National Football Gazette*
- 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* and the *National Football Gazette*
- First-team preseason All-SoCon by the league coaches
- An All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons
- 2001 honorable-mention All-America

Matt Nelson, FS

- Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*
- 2001 second-team All-SoCon

Melvin Jones, FB

- Third-team preseason All-America by the *National Football Gazette*

South Carolina's Team

South Carolina State represented the seventh in-state opponent that Wofford has faced in the last two years.

During that time, the Terriers have played Clemson, Charleston Southern, The Citadel, South Carolina, Furman, and Newberry.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Giving Opponents a Melvin

The career-high 168 yards rushing by **Melvin Jones** against Appalachian State last year was 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>
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

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 21-12 home record (.636) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

Nelson Continues Assault on Tackle Records

Free safety **Matt Nelson** had 15 stops (12 solo) against Furman to move into third place on Wofford's career tackles list with 272. He is also tied for second on the career solo tackles chart with 182.

Listed below is where he ranks in some of the Terriers' major defensive categories:

Wofford Career Total Tackles

1. 411 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. 287 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
3. **272 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present**
4. 269 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88
5. 250 - Eric Daniel, 1994-97

Wofford Career Solo Tackles

1. 210 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. **182 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present**
182 - Ben Dae, 1996-99
4. 172 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 170 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88

Wofford Single-Season Solo Tackles

1. 110 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 96 - Ben Dae, 1999
3. 79 - Bret Masters, 1986
4. **78 - Matt Nelson, 2001**
5. 77 - Rodney Payne, 1985
74 - Matt Nelson, 2002

Wofford Single-Season Assisted Tackles

1. 97 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 83 - Bret Masters, 1986
3. 71 - Rodney Payne, 1985
4. 67 - Pete Waldrop, 1986
5. 48 - Travis Yates, 1990
44 - Matt Nelson, 2002

Wofford Coaching Legend Brakefield Dies

Former Wofford head football coach **Jim Brakefield** died Oct. 14 in Louisville, Ky., at the age of 83.

Inducted in 1982 to the Wofford Athletic Hall of Fame, Brakefield served 14 years as a Terrier assistant under **Conley Snidow** (1953-66) before assuming the head coaching duties in 1967 when Snidow became Wofford's full-time athletic director.

During his four-year run as Wofford's head coach (1967-70), Brakefield posted a 28-16 record while leading the Terriers to a No. 1 ranking and the NAIA National Championship Bowl in 1970. Dating back to the 1969 campaign, the Terriers won a school record 20 consecutive games before falling to Texas A&I in the title game.

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) named Brakefield the District Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970. He was also named South Carolina Coach of the Year in each of those seasons.

While an assistant at Wofford, Brakefield coached **Jerry Richardson**, owner/founder of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, as well as **Fisher DeBerry**, currently in his 19th year as head football coach at the Air Force Academy.

Scheduling Quirks

•Wofford is playing the first 12-game regular season in its football history.

•With an open date and three straight road games, Wofford did not have a home game in the month of September.

WOFFORD COLLEGE TWO-DEEP

(updated Nov. 16, 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.)
76 Bryan Stanley (6-4, 310, So.)

CENTER

70 Prosser Carnegie (6-1, 275, Sr.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT GUARD

77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Jr.)
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.)
89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

80 Marcus Gilmore (6-1, 190, Sr.)
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 180, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK

15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, So.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, So.)

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.)
7 Shaun Fogle (5-11, 195, Jr.)

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.)
92 Katon Bethay (6-2, 265, Fr.)

TACKLE

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

INSIDE LINEBACKER

45 LaRay Benton (5-11, 225, Sr.)
55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER

49 Robert Mathis (6-2, 242, Sr.)
44 Timmy Thrift (6-0, 215, So.)

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.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 185, So.)

FREESAFETY

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

STRONG SAFETY

24 Brandon Ladd (5-10, 185, Sr.)
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Jr.)

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.)
99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)

PUNT RETURNS

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
3 Mike Jones (5-10, 195, So.)

KICKOFF RETURNS

22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, Fr.)
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 170, Fr.)

HOLDER

81 Drew Hill (5-8, 160, Fr.)
14 Nick Haughey (5-11, 190, Sr.)

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
17 Todd Rhoden (6-0, 180, Fr.)

W O F F O R D V S . E L O N

Game 1

Wofford 48, Newberry 0
Aug. 31, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jeff Zolman came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford opened its season with a 48-0 victory over Newberry.

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.

Wofford extended its lead to 8-0 at the conclusion of Newberry's opening series when **Shaun Bennett** blocked an Indian 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. 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 intermission.

Fourteen different Wofford rushers totaled 476 yards on the ground.

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

Newberry	0	0	0	0	0
Wofford	15	20	6	7	48

First Quarter

W - McCoy 53 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 13:35
 W - Bennett blocks punt out of end zone for safety, 10:13

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 2:20

Second Quarter

W - McNair 6 run (Rhoden kick), 12:00
 W - Zolman 82 run (Rhoden kick failed), 5:03
 W - McCoy 11 run (Rhoden kick), :44

Third Quarter

W - Carey 6 run (Rhoden kick blocked), :10

Fourth Quarter

W - Johnson 10 run (Harvey kick), 8:37

	Wofford	Newberry
First Downs	26	7
Rushes - Yards	61-476	34-84
Passing Yards	82	48
Total Offense	558	132
Passes	13-6-0	29-11-2
Punts - Avg.	3-43.0	11-32.2
Fumbles - Lost	4-3	5-1
Penalties - Yards	6-35	5-35
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Zolman 6-106, McCoy 5-74, Dunn 9-72, Johnson 3-42, Carey 10-35, Jackson 3-26, Rodgers 3-22, McNair 5-22, Melvin Jones 6-21, Fogle 2-16, Sullivan 3-13, Mungin 2-12, Mike Jones 3-12, Gaillard 1-3

Passing

Zolman 6-4-0, 49 yards; Rodgers 6-2-0, 33 yards; Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Chandler 1-28, McCoy 1-26, Gilmore 1-10, Goodpaster 1-8, Nash 1-5, Gaillard 1-5

Game 2

Wofford 7, South Carolina State 6
Sept. 14, 2002; Orangeburg, S.C.

Trey Rodgers scored on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 remaining in the third quarter for Wofford's game-winning touchdown in a hardfought 7-6 victory at South Carolina State.

Rodgers' touchdown, the only second-half points allowed by the Bulldogs this season, capped an eight-play, 32-yard drive that was set up by a 13-yard **Jesse McCoy** punt return. **Jay Harvey's** successful extra-point attempt gave Wofford the 7-6 lead.

The Terrier defense and special teams were the story in the first meeting between Wofford and S.C. State since 1977.

Jimmy Miner, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons and a preseason All-America, averaged 47.8 yards on five punts. Two of those kicks were downed by **Steve Hoover** at the Bulldog one-yard line, forcing S.C. State to start two of its final three series in the shadow of its own goal line. Two other punts were downed inside the 13-yard line.

The Bulldogs' average starting field position for the game was their own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

S.C. State took a 6-0 lead with 13:57 to play in the first half on a five-yard **Derek Watson** scoring run, the only points the Terriers have allowed in their opening two games.

McCoy was Wofford's top ground gainer with 77 yards on eight carries, including a 37-yard run on a 2nd-and-9 at the Terrier 30 to help Wofford run out the clock on the game's final possession. **J.R. McNair** added 76 yards on 15 carries.

Wofford	0	0	7	0	7
S.C. State	0	6	0	0	6

Second Quarter

S - Watson 5 run (DePalo kick blocked), 13:57

Third Quarter

W - Rodgers 3 run (Harvey kick), 2:42

	Wofford	S.C. State
First Downs	14	16
Rushes - Yards	55 - 227	41 - 172
Passing Yards	4	154
Total Offense	231	326
Passes	3 - 1 - 0	19 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	5 - 47.8	6 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	4 - 21	7 - 57
Time of Possession	30:14	29:46

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 8-77, McNair 15-76, Jones 14-48, Fogle 8-33, Zolman 5-7, Rodgers 5-(14)

Passing

Rodgers 2-1-0, 4 yards; Zolman 1-0-0

Receiving

Jones 1-4

Game 3

Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7
Sept. 21, 2002; Statesboro, Ga.

Jesse McCoy rushed for a game-high 114 yards and scored both Terrier touchdowns, the last on a 4th-and-goal carry from the 1-yard line, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern.

The Terriers' first-ever win at Paulson Stadium also snapped a string of 29 consecutive regular season home wins and 20 straight Southern Conference home victories for the Eagles, who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State.

The seven points was the lowest scoring total for a Georgia Southern team at Paulson Stadium since being shutout 21-0 by Troy State on Nov. 14, 1992 -- a span of 67 home contests.

The Wofford defense limited the Eagles to 234 yards rushing and 257 total.

McCoy's 30-yard touchdown run with 4:08 left in the first quarter gave Wofford a 6-0 lead that stood until the fourth quarter.

Zolman added 74 yards on the ground, 54 coming on a pivotal 3rd-and-3 play from the Wofford 43-yard line midway through the fourth quarter to highlight the Terriers' game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive.

Zolman had a 20-yard completion to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16 earlier on that series. He later added his keeper to set up McCoy's go-ahead score. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' lead to 14-7.

Georgia Southern took a 7-6 lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter when **Zzream Walden** scored from two yards out on a 4th-and-goal play with 14:20 remaining.

Wofford	6	0	0	8	14
Ga. Southern	0	0	0	7	7

First Quarter

W - McCoy 30 run (Harvey kick blocked), 4:08

Fourth Quarter

G - Walden 2 run (Shelton kick), 14:20
 W - McCoy 1 run (Zolman rush), 3:55

	Wofford	GSU
First Downs	12	17
Rushes - Yards	52 - 269	62 - 234
Passing Yards	40	23
Total Offense	309	257
Passes	9 - 6 - 1	12 - 2 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 47.8	6 - 34.3
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	5 - 1
Penalties - Yards	10 - 70	5 - 31
Time of Possession	29:37	30:23

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 10-114, Zolman 11-74, Melvin Jones 15-51, McNair 8-27, Fogle 5-13, Jackson 1-8, Dorham 1-1, Team 1-(19)

Passing

Zolman 8-6-0, 40 yards; Wood 1-0-1

Receiving

Goodpaster 1-20, Gaillard 1-6, Mike Jones 1-5, Melvin Jones 1-4, Mungin 1-3, McCoy 1-2

W O F F O R D V S . E L O N

Game 4

Maryland 37, Wofford 8
Sept. 28, 2002; College Park, Md.

Chris Downs ran for 147 yards and a touchdown to lead defending ACC champion Maryland to a 37-8 victory over Wofford before a crowd of 44,098 in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins won for the 10th time in 11 games at Byrd Stadium while the Terriers were playing their third consecutive road game.

"They never quit," Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** said. "They fought hard and, I tell you what, our guys have a lot of respect for them. Wofford is a very scrappy, tough team."

A pair of **Nick Novak** field goals gave Maryland a 6-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Terriers threatened on their opening drive when they reached the Terrapin 25-yard line before a costly fumble.

The Terriers got on the board when **Trey Rodgers** directed an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02 on the clock. **Melvin Jones** capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run to cut the Maryland lead to 30-6 with 11:44 to play.

Wofford scored again 32 seconds later when **Anthony Jones** sacked **Scott McBrien** in the end zone for a safety.

Wofford	0	0	0	8	8
Maryland	6	14	10	7	37

First Quarter

M - Novak 39 field goal, 11:50

M - Novak 43 field goal, :10

Second Quarter

M - Downs 6 run (Nowak kick), 9:57

M - Allen 1 run (Nowak kick), :14

Third Quarter

M - Novak 50 field goal, 9:46

M - Suter 10 pass from McBrien (Nowak kick), 4:46

Fourth Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Harvey kick failed), 11:44

W - Jones sacks McBrien in end zone for safety, 11:12

M - Allen 10 run (Novak kick), 6:55

	Wofford	Maryland
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	48 - 156	50 - 250
Passing Yards	54	140
Total Offense	210	390
Passes	10 - 7 - 0	20 - 12 - 0
Punts - Avg.	7 - 44.7	2 - 56.5
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 38	6 - 55
Time of Possession	29:11	30:49

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Mungin 7-43, Melvin Jones 10-37, Rodgers 5-19, McCoy 6-17, Carey 3-16, McNair 7-14, Gaillard 2-10, Dorham 1-6, Sullivan 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Zolman 5-(15)

Passing

Zolman 7-5-0, 44 yards; Rodgers 2-2-0, 10 yards, Carey 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 1-17, Nash 1-11, Regenthal 1-9, Mungin 1-7, Wood 1-4, Mike Jones 1-3, Johnson 1-3

Game 5

Wofford 27, Chattanooga 21 (OT)
Oct. 5, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Jesse McCoy scored on a 12-yard run in overtime, his third touchdown of the day, to lead Wofford to a 27-21 victory over Chattanooga.

McCoy had 121 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 13 carries in addition to catching a 45-yard touchdown pass from **Trey Rodgers**.

On Chattanooga's opening possession of the overtime, Wofford inside linebacker **LaRay Benton's** hit forced a **Mario Hain** fumble on second down from the 22-yard line. Terrier freshman **Jim Thurman** fell on the loose ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

McCoy's game-winning touchdown came on the fourth play of Wofford's overtime possession.

Trailing 21-7, Chattanooga scored twice in a 3:23 span of the fourth quarter to even the game at 21-21.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead with 7:56 left in the first half when McCoy's three-yard scoring run capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive.

The Terriers went 76 yards in two plays to take a 13-0 lead when Rodgers hit a streaking McCoy down the left sideline with the 45-yard scoring pass. **Melvin Jones**, who rushed for 135 yards, had a 31-yard gain on the previous play.

Chattanooga	0	0	7	14	0	21
Wofford	0	13	8	0	6	27

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 3 run (Harvey kick), 7:56

W - McCoy 45 pass from Rodgers (Harvey kick failed), 1:11

Third Quarter

C - Jones 8 pass from McCann (Shutters kick), 12:55

W - Jones 1 run (Jones rush), 9:46

Fourth Quarter

C - Hain 3 run (Shutters kick), 9:37

C - Grier 30 pass from McCann, 6:14

Overtime

W - McCoy 12 run, 0:00

	Wofford	UTC
First Downs	21	16
Rushes - Yards	65 - 328	37 - 129
Passing Yards	97	200
Total Offense	425	329
Passes	11 - 6 - 0	27 - 15 - 2
Punts - Avg.	5 - 42.4	7 - 48.9
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 71	7 - 49
Time of Possession	31:12	28:48

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 22-135, McCoy 13-121, Zolman 6-20, McNair 9-17, Fogle 5-11, Johnson 1-8, Dorham 1-7, Mungin 2-4, Jackson 1-2, Miner 1-2, Rodgers 4-1

Passing

Zolman 6-3-0, 23 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 74 yards, McCoy 1-0-0

Receiving

Gilmore 3-21, McCoy 1-45, Nash 1-18, Wood 1-13

Game 6

VMI 27, Wofford 16
Oct. 12, 2002; Lexington, Va.

Three turnovers, including two on kickoff returns, were too much for Wofford to overcome as the Terriers dropped a 27-16 decision to VMI in Lexington, Va.

Wofford drove 76 yards in 17 plays on its opening possession of the game to take a 3-0 lead on a 22-yard **Jay Harvey** field goal.

After a VMI field goal evened the game late in the first quarter, Wofford fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Five plays later, **Joey Gibson** hit **Gary Price** with a four-yard scoring pass to give the Keydets a 10-3 lead.

Melvin Jones had three carries for 48 yards to key an eight-play, 80-yard Wofford drive, capped by a one-yard **J.R. McNair** scoring run, to even the game at 10-10 with 7:54 to play in the first half.

After VMI took the lead for good at 17-10 with 4:41 left in the second quarter, another fumbled kickoff return by Wofford enabled the Keydets to take a 20-10 halftime advantage.

The Keydets extended their lead to 27-10 early in the fourth quarter. Wofford then answered with a 10-play, 83-yard drive. Facing a 4th-and-9, Rodgers connected with Jones on a 29-yard scoring pass to bring the Terriers within 27-16 with 10:15 left.

Wofford	3	7	0	6	16
VMI	3	17	0	7	27

First Quarter

W - Harvey 22 field goal, 6:57

V - Sharpe 29 field goal, :19

Second Quarter

V - Price 4 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 13:34

W - McNair 1 run (Harvey kick), 7:54

V - Snelling 30 pass from Gibson (Sharpe kick), 4:41

V - Sharpe 24 field goal, :29

Fourth Quarter

V - Solomon 3 run (Sharpe kick), 12:49

W - Jones 29 pass from Rodgers (kick failed), 10:15

	Wofford	VMI
First Downs	22	21
Rushes - Yards	44 - 293	48 - 154
Passing Yards	93	210
Total Offense	386	364
Passes	22 - 7 - 1	28 - 19 - 0
Punts - Avg.	1 - 41.0	4 - 55.5
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	2 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 15	5 - 40
Time of Possession	24:26	35:34

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Jones 11-95, Zolman 7-52, Rodgers 4-33, McNair 6-27, Mungin 2-22, McCoy 4-22, Dunn 4-19, Johnson 5-19, Fogle 1-4

Passing

Zolman 7-2-0, 25 yards; Rodgers 15-5-1, 68 yards

Receiving

Gilmore 3-35, Hill 2-25, Jones 1-29, Wood 1-4

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Game 7

**Wofford 31, Western Carolina 24
Oct. 19, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

J.R. McNair rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 397 yards on the ground in a 31-24 victory over Western Carolina.

Freshmen **Aaron Johnson** and **Gabriel Jackson**, filling in for an injured **Jesse McCoy**, rushed for 81 and 80 yards, respectively.

Four of Wofford's five scoring drives were at least 74 yards in length, including a 19-play, 77-yard drive that covered 9:40. The Terriers held a 36:28-to-23:32 edge in time of possession and were 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions.

A **Todd Rhoden** 27-yard field goal capped an 18-play, 75-yard drive to give the Terriers an early 3-0 lead. On the fourth play of the possession, Wofford converted a 4th-and-1 at its own 24-yard line when McNair carried up the middle for four yards.

After falling behind 7-3, the Terriers responded with a five-play, 80-yard drive, keyed by a 64-yard Johnson run, to take a 10-7 lead on an eight-yard keeper by **Jeff Zolman**.

Leading 17-10 midway through the third quarter, Wofford began its 9:40 scoring drive that culminated with a one-yard McNair touchdown run to extend its lead to 24-10 with 11:27 to play.

WCU	7	0	3	14	24
Wofford	10	7	0	14	31

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 27 field goal, 5:19

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 2:18

W - Zolman 8 run (Rhoden kick), :03

Second Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 2:39

Third Quarter

WCU - Vought 24 field goal, 6:07

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 1 run (Rhoden kick), 11:27

W - Jackson 5 run (Rhoden kick), 7:20

WCU - Bush 1 run (Vought kick), 3:08

WCU - Boateng 1 run (Vought kick), 1:16

	Wofford	WCU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes - Yards	74 - 397	27 - 79
Passing Yards	48	302
Total Offense	445	381
Passes	8 - 4 - 0	39 - 31 - 1
Punts - Avg.	2 - 44.5	5 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	2 - 15	4 - 40
Time of Possession	36:28	23:32

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-93, Johnson 7-81, Jackson 14-80, Jones 13-62, Zolman 6-27, Mungin 7-25, Fogle 5-19, Dunn 3-10

Passing

Zolman 8-4-0, 48 yards

Receiving

Mungin 2-30, Regenthal 1-15, Goodpaster 1-3

Game 8

**Wofford 26, Appalachian State 19
Oct. 26, 2002; Boone, N.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 145 yards and two touchdowns, but it was freshman halfback **Gabriel Jackson's** 61-yard scoring run with 1:36 to play that gave Wofford a 26-19 win at Appalachian State before a Homecoming crowd of 17,297.

On the second play of the Mountaineers' ensuing series, **Roland Harris** recorded his second interception of the game with 1:19 left to seal the Terrier victory. His first pick came at the Wofford nine-yard line with 5:14 to play.

Wofford's 472 yards rushing set a single-game record for an ASU opponent. Wofford added 35 yards passing for 507 yards of total offense in controlling the line of scrimmage with 84 offensive plays, including 81 runs. The Terriers held a 37:33-to-22:27 edge in time of possession.

McCoy's seventh career 100-yard game included a career-long 67-yard scoring run with 12:27 to play in the second quarter as Wofford built a 16-0 lead. He also added a six-yard touchdown carry.

The Mountaineers evened the game with 2:32 to play before Jackson's game-winning run.

The Terriers limited ASU to just 52 yards rushing and 282 in offense. **Anthony Jones** had three sacks for Wofford.

Wofford	9	7	3	7	26
ASU	0	8	3	8	19

First Quarter

W - Rhoden 36 field goal, 9:09

W - McCoy 6 run (Rhoden kick failed), 3:12

Second Quarter

W - McCoy 67 run (Rhoden kick), 12:21

A - Bettis 5 pass from Burchette (Bettis pass from Burchette), 4:00

Third Quarter

W - Rhoden 21 field goal, 4:33

A - Wright 28 field goal, 1:15

Fourth Quarter

A - Little 7 pass from Burchette (LeMay pass from Burchette), 2:32

W - Jackson 61 run (Rhoden kick), 1:36

	Wofford	ASU
First Downs	27	16
Rushes - Yards	81 - 472	23 - 52
Passing Yards	35	230
Total Offense	507	282
Passes	3 - 2 - 1	37 - 22 - 3
Punts - Avg.	3 - 30.7	4 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	0 - 0	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	3 - 23	5 - 44
Time of Possession	37:33	22:27

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 22-145, Zolman 12-90, Jackson 2-72, Jones 17-64, McNair 14-54, Johnson 3-19, Fogle 3-14, Mungin 1-9, Goodpaster 1-8, Gaillard 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Team 4-(7)

Passing

Zolman 3-2-1, 35 yards

Receiving

Mungin 1-20, Gilmore 1-15

Game 9

**Wofford 27, The Citadel 14
Nov. 2, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.**

Jesse McCoy rushed for a career-high 184 yards while **Melvin Jones** had three short touchdown runs to lead a Wofford attack that gained 459 yards on the ground in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel at Gibbs Stadium.

Wofford built a 27-0 lead, breaking the game open in the second half with back-to-back scoring drives of 98 and 90 yards. The Citadel scored twice in the final 7:45 to provide the final margin.

McCoy had a career-best rushing performance for the second straight game. He had 145 yards the previous week at Appalachian State.

With Wofford leading 7-0, a **Roland Harris** interception at the Terrier two-yard line set up a 12-play, 98-yard scoring drive as Wofford extended its margin to 14-0 with 6:12 left in the third quarter. McCoy had a 33-yard run on a 2nd-and-7 from the Terrier five-yard line.

The Terriers then drove 90 yards in nine plays on their next possession to take a 21-0 lead. **J.R. McNair**, who had 75 yards rushing on 14 carries, scored on a four-yard run.

A **Nate Mahoney** fumble, forced by **Matt Nelson** and recovered by **Nathan Fuqua**, on The Citadel's ensuing series set up a five-yard Jones run for Wofford's final score. Jones had 85 yards on 20 attempts.

The Bulldogs were held to 89 yards rushing and just 232 in total offense, with 75 of those yards coming on the final series after Wofford cleared its bench.

The Citadel	0	0	0	14	14
Wofford	0	7	7	13	27

Second Quarter

W - Jones 1 run (Rhoden kick), 14:31

Third Quarter

W - Jones 2 run (Rhoden kick), 6:12

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 4 run (Rhoden kick), 13:51

W - Jones 5 run (Rhoden kick blocked), 9:17

C - Ballentine 24 fumble return (Zobel kick), 7:45

C - Pough 7 pass from Klein (Zobel kick), :53

	Wofford	The Citadel
First Downs	27	12
Rushes - Yards	82 - 459	25 - 89
Passing Yards	16	143
Total Offense	475	232
Passes	7 - 2 - 0	25 - 15 - 1
Punts - Avg.	3 - 34.0	7 - 36.7
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 2	3 - 2
Penalties - Yards	7 - 50	5 - 46
Time of Possession	39:08	20:52

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing

Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving

Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

W O F F O R D V S . E L O N

Game 10

Wofford 39, ETSU 10

Nov. 9, 2002; Johnson City, Tenn.

J.R. McNair rushed for a career-high 143 yards to lead a Wofford attack that totaled a season-high 488 yards on the ground as Head Coach **Mike Ayers** earned his 100th career victory in a 39-10 rout of ETSU.

The Terriers outgained the Bucs by a 520-to-117 margin. Wofford limited ETSU to just 43 yards of offense over the final three quarters and just 16 yards on 17 snaps in the second half. The Buccaneers were also 0-for-12 on third-down conversions with defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** recording three of Wofford's four sacks.

Wofford took a 7-0 lead on its second series of the game when McNair went up the middle for a 30-yard scoring run.

On their next possession, the Terriers extended their margin to 13-0 when **Jeff Zolman** connected with tight end **Tommy Chandler** on a 20-yard touchdown pass. It was one of just two pass attempts in the game for Wofford and the first career scoring toss for Zolman, who was 2-of-2 in the air for 32 yards while adding 85 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

After the Bucs closed to within 13-7 on a fumble return for a touchdown, the Terriers went 66 yards in five plays to regain a 19-7 lead on a 31-yard Zolman scoring run.

Wofford	7	19	0	13	39
ETSU	0	7	3	0	10

First Quarter

W - McNair 30 run (Rhoden kick), 6:08

Second Quarter

W - Chandler 20 pass from Zolman (Rhoden rush failed), 13:00

E - Sensabaugh 20 fumble return (Godfrey kick), 10:20

W - Zolman 31 run (McCoy run failed), 8:12

W - McCoy 15 run (Rhoden kick), 3:45

Third Quarter

E - Walters 42 field goal, 13:15

Fourth Quarter

W - Zolman 9 run (Haughey pass failed), 9:24

W - Jackson 32 run (Rhoden kick), 2:52

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>ETSU</u>
First Downs	28	8
Rushes - Yards	70 - 488	27 - 41
Passing Yards	32	76
Total Offense	520	117
Passes	2 - 2 - 0	22 - 14 - 0
Punts - Avg.	2 - 39.5	9 - 48.6
Fumbles - Lost	4 - 2	3 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 45	4 - 30
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 17-143, Zolman 12-85, Melvin Jones 11-84, Jackson 8-68, McCoy 12-60, Fogle 4-27, Dunn 3-12, Rodgers 2-6, Mike Jones 1-3

Passing

Zolman 2-2-0, 32 yards

Receiving

Chandler 1-20, Nash 1-12

Game 11

Furman 23, Wofford 21

Nov. 16, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

Billy Napier's seven-yard touchdown pass to **Brian Bratton** with 29 seconds to play gave Furman a 23-21 victory over Wofford on a rain-soaked muddy field at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers scored 21 fourth-quarter points on 200 yards of offense to take a 21-17 lead on a career-long 41-yard touchdown run by **J.R. McNair** with 4:41 to play. McNair topped Wofford with 107 yards on 19 carries, his second straight 100-yard game and the second-best performance of his career.

A pair of Terrier fumbles in Wofford territory set up Furman's 10 first-half points. Wofford got on the board with a 17-play, 86-yard drive that resulted in a one-yard McNair scoring run to pull the Terriers within 10-7 with 12:12 to play. Furman regained a 10-point margin just five plays later on a **Hindley Brigham** 45-yard touchdown run.

A 50-yard run by **Jesse McCoy** to the Paladin one-yard line on the Terriers' ensuing series set up a one-yard **Jeff Zolman** sneak on the next play as Wofford closed to within 17-14 with 6:21 remaining.

Following a short Furman punt that was partially blocked by **Alex Love**, the Terriers regained possession at the Paladin 46. On the second play, McNair went up the middle for 41 yards to give Wofford a 21-17 lead with 4:41 left.

Defensive tackle **Anthony Jones** had two fourth-quarter sacks to give him a SoCon-leading 14.5 and a new single-season school record.

Furman	0	10	0	13	23
Wofford	0	0	0	21	21

Second Quarter

F - West 31 pass from Napier (Marshall kick), 14:39

F - Marshall 28 field goal, 3:50

Fourth Quarter

W - McNair 1 run (Rhoden kick), 12:12

F - Brigham 45 run (Marshall kick), 10:00

W - Zolman 1 run (Rhoden kick), 6:21

W - McNair 41 run (Rhoden kick), 4:41

F - Bratton 7 pass from Napier (team rush failed), :29

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Furman</u>
First Downs	17	12
Rushes - Yards	53 - 259	39 - 118
Passing Yards	116	145
Total Offense	375	263
Passes	13 - 7 - 0	17 - 14 - 1
Punts - Avg.	6 - 37.5	8 - 36.9
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 2	1 - 0
Penalties - Yards	1 - 5	3 - 20
Time of Possession	30:22	29:38

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McNair 19-107, McCoy 13-89, Zolman 10-24, Jones 6-21, Jackson 2-8, Mungin 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Fogle 1-1

Passing

Zolman 13-7-0, 116 yards

Receiving

McCoy 2-49, Wood 2-29, Chandler 1-19, Goodpaster 1-17, Jackson 1-2

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Ranked No. 14 by The Sports Network
Date: November 18, 2002 at 3:39 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Wofford College football team, the only school to have two wins over teams currently ranked in the top seven, is No. 14 in this week's Division I-AA Top 25 poll by The Sports Network and No. 15 in the ESPN/*USA Today* rankings.

The Terriers (8-3, 6-2), with road victories over No. 3 Georgia Southern and No. 7 Appalachian State, travel to Elon Saturday for their 2 p.m. regular-season finale. Wofford is in contention for its first Division I-AA playoff bid since joining those ranks in 1995. The 16-team field will be announced Sunday at 1 p.m. on ESPN News.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: McCoy Reaches Milestone in Wofford Football Rout of Elon
Date: November 23, 2002 at 10:39 PM
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Jesse McCoy rushed for 98 yards on 15 carries to become the first non-quarterback at Wofford since 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard mark as the Wofford football team made its final push for its first-ever Division I-AA playoff bid with a 34-9 rout of Elon this afternoon in Elon, N.C.

The Terriers (9-3, 6-2) will learn their playoff fate tomorrow when the 16-team field is announced at 1 p.m. on ESPN News. Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS) will also carry the ESPN News announcement.

Wofford, the lone school in the country to have two wins (Georgia Southern and Appalachian State) over teams currently ranked in the top seven of this week's poll by The Sports Network, has equaled its most victories in a season since 1991. That campaign also represents the Terriers' last appearance in the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

McCoy's 10th touchdown of the season, a 49-yard run on the second play of the second quarter, gave Wofford a 7-0 lead it would not relinquish. McCoy's next-to-last carry of the game, a five-yard run with just over eight minutes remaining, allowed him to become the first non-quarterback since Lenny Best (1,120 yards) in 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard mark. McCoy finished the regular season with 1,001 yards.

"I'm most proud of the total for my offensive line," McCoy said. "It's their 1,000 yards. I love those guys. The offensive line hasn't had the respect they deserve this season. Hopefully, this will earn some of them All-SoCon recognition."

Wofford outgained Elon by a 346-to-172 edge in total offense. The Terriers entered the game leading the SoCon and ranking 22nd nationally in defense, allowing just 279.4 yards per contest. The Phoenix, with Division I-AA's 13th-best rushing offense (234.5 yards), were held to 109 yards on the ground on 53 carries (2.1 avg.). Wofford also added four sacks.

"I'm glad we played great defense," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "Offensively, Elon presented us some problems."

"We knew today was going to be a tough challenge and I'm pleased with how the kids responded. They came out focused. Elon runs its wishbone offense very effectively and we did a good job in containing them."

The Terriers extended their margin to 14-0 with 9:02 left in the first half when wide receiver Curtis Nash scored from 18 yards on a reverse. It was the second career touchdown, and first on the ground, for the Spartanburg, S.C., native.

A 47-yard field goal by Elon's Anthony Turowski with 12 seconds left in the second quarter cut Wofford's margin to 14-3 at the half.

A defensive stand led to the Terriers extending their margin to 21-3 early in the third quarter. With Elon facing a 3rd-and-1 at its own 29 on the opening series of the second half, Timmy Thrift tackled Cecil Mitchell in the backfield for a one-yard loss to force a 4th-and-2. With the Phoenix in punt formation, Calvin Sutton took the short snap and attempted to run for the first down. However, Anthony Jones and Brandon Ladd combined to stop him for no gain at the line of scrimmage. Five plays later, Jeff Zolman scored on a nine-yard run to give Wofford a 21-3 lead. Zolman rushed for 53 yards on 10 carries while completing 4-of-6 passes for 48 yards.

Zolman had three straight pass completions, six yards to both Nash and Marcus Gilmore and 37 yards to Shiel Wood, to highlight a seven-play, 70-yard drive that was capped by a Melvin Jones four-yard touchdown run to give Wofford a 27-3 lead with 12:57 to play.

J.R. McNair provided the Terriers' final points and margin of victory on a three-yard touchdown carry with 21 seconds remaining.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Snubbed by Playoff Selection Committee
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Despite being the only team in Division I-AA to have two wins over playoff teams (Georgia Southern and Appalachian State), the Wofford football team (9-3, 6-2) was not one of 16 schools selected to the Division I-AA playoffs.

The field is comprised of eight automatic bids and eight at-large selections.

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Subject: Corrected Release -- Wofford Football Playoff Snub
Date: November 24, 2002 at 2:49 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers Among Finalists for National Coach of the Year Honors
Date: November 25, 2002 at 11:59 AM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Sports Network has announced that Wofford Head Football Coach Mike Ayers is one of 16 finalists for the 2002 Eddie Robinson Award, presented annually to the top coach in Division I-AA.

The winner is chosen by the division's sports information directors and selected sports writers who cover I-AA football.

Robinson is college football's all-time winningest coach with a record of 408-164-15. He surpassed the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant for most victories on Oct. 5, 1985 when Grambling State defeated Prairie View A&M. He won his unprecedented 400th game on Oct. 7, 1995 against Mississippi Valley State.

Ayers led Wofford to a 9-3 overall record and 6-2 league mark after the Terriers were picked to finish seventh in the SoCon in preseason polls by the league coaches and media.

Despite being the only team in Division I-AA to have two wins (Georgia Southern and Appalachian State) over teams ranked in the top seven of last week's Top 25 poll by The Sports Network, Wofford was not selected to the playoffs by the Division I-AA Football Committee.

Ayers is Wofford's all-time winningest coach with a 90-75-1 mark in 15 seasons. He recorded the 100th win of his head coaching career with a 39-10 victory earlier this month at East Tennessee State.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Ranked in Top 14 in Final I-AA Polls
Date: November 25, 2002 at 3:54 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Wofford College football team is ranked No. 13 and No. 14, respectively, in final regular season Division I-AA polls released today by ESPN/*USA Today* and The Sports Network.

With the exception of Grambling State, which will face Southern in the Heritage Bowl, the Terriers are the highest ranked team to not be selected to the Division I-AA playoffs.

Wofford (9-3, 6-2) is also the lone school in the country to have two wins over teams ranked in the top five (No. 2 Georgia Southern, No. 5 Appalachian State). The Terriers' lone loss in their last six games was a 23-21 decision to No. 6 Furman, when the Paladins scored in the final 29 seconds on a rain-soaked field at Gibbs Stadium.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: McCoy and Jones Receive Wofford Football POTW Honors
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Halfback Jesse McCoy and defensive tackle Anthony Jones will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 34-9 win over Elon.

McCoy rushed for 98 yards on 15 carries to become the first non-quarterback at Wofford since 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard mark. He finished the season with 1,001 yards and 10 touchdowns on a 7.8 per carry average. The senior from Acworth, Ga., provided the Terriers' first points of the game with a 49-yard touchdown run.

Jones continued to shatter the Terrier defensive record book as he keyed an effort that limited Elon to just 109 yards rushing and 172 in total offense. The Phoenix entered the game with the nation's 13th-ranked rushing attack (234.5 yards per game).

The Lexington, Ky., native equaled a single-game record for the second time in three weeks with his five tackles for a loss, setting a new Wofford single-season mark with 26.5. The previous record of 24 was held by Brian Bodor (2000).

Jones also had one sack to extend his SoCon-leading total to 15.5. He totaled 10 tackles in the game in addition to a hurry. He's the Terriers' record holder in career tackles for loss (64.5) and sacks (30.5).

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Five Wofford Football Players Receive All-SoCon Honors
Date: November 27, 2002 at 10:29 AM
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Five Wofford College football players have received All-Southern Conference honors from the league coaches.

Halfback Jesse McCoy and defensive tackle Anthony Jones were named to the first team. McCoy was one of just two players to be a unanimous first-team selection. Offensive tackle Chad Bentley, offensive guard Eric Deutsch, and nose tackle Nathan Fuqua received second-team honors.

McCoy rushed for 1,001 yards and 10 touchdowns on a 7.8 per carry average as he became the first non-quarterback at Wofford since 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard mark. The Acworth, Ga., native closed his career as the Terriers' fifth all-time leading rusher with 2,684 yards. He also holds the Wofford mark for career per carry average at 7.3 yards.

McCoy had four 100-yard rushing performances this season and was a three-time SoCon Player of the Week. He had a personal-best 184 yards, also the high game for a SoCon player this year, in the 27-14 win over The Citadel. It came one week after a then career-high 145-yard effort and two touchdowns in the 26-19 victory at Appalachian State. He also rushed for 114 yards and two scores, including the game-winner on a 4th-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter, in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern. McCoy placed third in the SoCon in rushing (91.0 yards per game) and second in all-purpose yards (119.9 per game).

Jones set single-season school records with his SoCon-leading totals of 15.5 sacks and 26.5 tackles for loss. The senior from Lexington, Ky., is also the Terriers' career leader in both categories with 30.5 sacks and 64.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Twice in the last three games, Jones equaled a single-game Wofford record with five tackles for a loss. He had three-sack performances in wins over Appalachian State, Chattanooga, and East Tennessee State.

Deutsch, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bentley, a senior from Pickens, S.C., helped anchor a Wofford offensive line that paved the way for the nation's second-ranked rushing offense (342.2 yards per game). The Terriers' 4,106 yards rushing was just five yards shy of a single-season school record (4,111, 1989).

Deutsch and Bentley were also key in allowing McCoy to become Wofford's first non-quarterback since 1979 to reach the 1,000-yard rushing plateau. Bentley will return next year for a fifth season of eligibility.

Fuqua has received All-SoCon honors for the fourth straight season. The Danville, Ky., native was instrumental in Wofford topping the SoCon and placing 16th nationally in total defense, allowing just 270.4 yards per game. The Terriers were first in the SoCon in run defense (125.9 yards per game) and second in pass defense (144.5 yards per game).

While facing constant double and triple-teaming on blocks. Fuqua had 11 tackles for loss

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among his 54 stops on the year. He closes his career with 50 tackles for loss to place second on Wofford's career list, behind only Jones.