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From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Zolman Named SoCon Offensive Player of the Week
Date: September 2, 2002 at 1:04 PM
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Wofford College quarterback Jeff Zolman has been named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

Zolman becomes the first Terrier in Wofford's six seasons of league play to receive that weekly honor. The college has previously had just defensive player and freshman of the week selections.

The sophomore from Dayton, Ohio, came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run for Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since an 87-yard Lamond Smith scoring run at Newberry in 1994.

Zolman completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yard strike to Jesse McCoy to set up a six-yard J.R. McNair scoring run on the next play. Zolman led the Terriers to three first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

Western Carolina middle linebacker Rod Dunlap was selected as the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week while VMI tight end Donnie Johnston was the Freshman of the Week.

Dunlap helped Western Carolina open its season with a 23-3 win at Liberty. He had 10 tackles, a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, and an interception. His forced fumble led to a Catamount field goal and a 3-0 lead early in the game. Dunlap's interception came on Liberty's first drive of the second half and also set up a field goal. He picked up a sack and a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter.

Johnston had a touchdown reception and a crucial two-point conversion reception in the Keydets' 27-24 win at Charleston Southern. An offensive tackle throughout preseason camp, Johnston was switched to tight end just a week before the season opener. Johnson had a 12-yard reception for a score midway through the second quarter.

Also receiving consideration for Freshman of the Week honors was Wofford halfback Corey Dunn, who rushed for 72 yards on nine carries against Newberry.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Spartanburg TD Club Tabs Zolman and Jones for Weekly Honors
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At its Friday luncheon, the Spartanburg Touchdown Club will honor quarterback Jeff Zolman and defensive tackle Anthony Jones as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

Zolman, also named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week, came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards on six carries. Included in that total was an 82-yard touchdown run for Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since an 87-yard Lamond Smith scoring run at Newberry in 1994.

Zolman completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yard strike to Jesse McCoy to set up a six-yard J.R. McNair scoring run on the next play. Zolman, a sophomore from Dayton, Ohio, led the Terriers to three first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

Jones totaled five tackles, including two for a loss with one sack. He also had a quarterback hurry and pass breakup. The senior from Lexington, Ky., was instrumental in Wofford limiting Newberry to just seven first downs and 132 yards of offense, including three first downs and 39 yards in the first half.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM 
Subject: Wofford Football Release -- South Carolina State game
Date: September 9, 2002 at 10:31 AM
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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 6 p.m. game at South Carolina State. The Terriers (1-0) had an open date this past weekend after defeating Newberry, 48-0, in the Aug. 31 season opener.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
Wofford College



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Game 2
Wofford at South Carolina State
September 14, 2002; 6 p.m.
Dawson Stadium (22,000); Orangeburg, S.C.

This Week

•Following an open date, the Wofford College football team returns to action when it travels to Orangeburg, S.C., to face South Carolina State for the first time since 1977.

The Terriers and Bulldogs split four games between 1974-77, representing their only four meetings:

Year	Result	Score	Site
1974	W	20-0	Spartanburg
1975	L	9-23	Orangeburg
1976	L	6-14	Spartanburg
1977	W	39-21	Orangeburg

•Wofford is looking to start a season with a 2-0 record for just the third time since 1983. The previous two occasions (1990, 1991) resulted in the Terriers advancing to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

•South Carolina State Head Coach **Buddy Pough** faced Wofford last season when he was an assistant coach at South Carolina in the Gamecocks' 38-14 win over the Terriers.

•The South Carolina State contest begins a stretch of three consecutive road games for Wofford. The Terriers will next be at Georgia Southern (Sept. 21) and Maryland (Sept. 28) before returning home to face Chattanooga (Oct. 5). With the open date last week, Wofford does not have a home game the entire month of September.

A Look Back

Sophomore quarterback **Jeff Zolman** came off the bench to rush for 106 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run, as Wofford defeated Newberry, 48-0, in the season opener for both teams at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wofford (1-0, 0-0)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	6:00
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	7:00
Sept. 28	at Maryland	6:00
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA*	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

South Carolina State (2-0, 0-0)

Aug. 31	TENNESSEE STATE	26-20
Sept. 7	at Benedict	52-7
Sept. 14	WOFFORD	6:00
Sept. 21	at Savannah State	1:30
Oct. 5	at Florida A&M*	7:00
Oct. 12	at Norfolk State*	4:00
Oct. 19	BETHUNE-COOKMAN*	1:30
Oct. 26	HAMPTON*	1:30
Nov. 2	at Delaware State*	1:00
Nov. 9	HOWARD*	1:30
Nov. 16	MORGAN STATE*	1:30
Nov. 23	vs. North Carolina A&T*^	2:00

*MEAC game

^at Atlanta, Ga.

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.

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

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

•Sophomore quarterback **Jeff Zolman** earned SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors after rushing for 106 yards on six carries, including an 82-yard touchdown run, in the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry.

Terriers on the Tube



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

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

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



**Wofford Football Illustrated
Local Cable Affiliates**

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

Dining with The Coach

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

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

Football Anyone?

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

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

Academic Dominance

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

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

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

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

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

Homecomings

Wofford senior defensive tackle **Sean Patterson**, the Terriers' designated pass rusher, is a graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School while freshman tight end **David Williams** is an Orangeburg native who prepped at Woodberry Forest (Va.).

First-team halfback **Shaun Fogle** hails from nearby Santee, S.C., while starting inside linebacker **Robert Mathis** and cornerback **Fred Washington** are natives of Cross, S.C.

Versus the MEAC

Wofford has not faced a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference since last playing South Carolina State in 1977.

Wofford football can be found on the web at:

www.wofford.edu/athletics

WOFFORD VS. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

When Last In Action

The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 48-0 win over Newberry:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Newberry</u>
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

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)

Wofford POTW

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

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
Newberry	Jeff Zolman	Anthony Jones

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>S.C. State</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 280	6-2, 287
Offensive Backs	5-11, 198	5-11, 195
Wide Receivers	6-0, 175	6-2, 185
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-3, 251
Linebackers	6-1, 223	6-2, 228
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-1, 190

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

South Carolina State Offense: Multiple

South Carolina State Defense: Multiple

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

6 seniors, 2 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

South Carolina State Defense -

5 seniors, 5 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Wofford Defense -

9 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

South Carolina State Offense

5 seniors, 3 juniors, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 82-72-1. Overall Record: 93-93-2.

Buddy Pough

Alma Mater: S.C. State '75

1st season at S.C. State, 1st as a head coach

Record at S.C. State: 2-0. Overall Record: 2-0.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (at North Greenville, Open)	0-1
S.C. State (vs. Wofford, 52-7 at Benedict)	2-0
Georgia Southern (Open, 56-0 vs. Gardner-Webb)	1-1
Maryland (vs. Florida State, 44-14 vs. Akron)	1-1
Chattanooga (at Tennessee Tech, 23-41 vs. Alabama State)	0-2
VMI (at William & Mary, 41-16 vs. Davidson)	2-0
Western Carolina (vs. West Virginia Tech, 0-56 at Auburn)	1-1
Appalachian State (vs. Eastern Kentucky, Open)	0-1
The Citadel (vs. Delaware, 10-35 at LSU)	0-1
ETSU (at Gardner-Webb, 20-10 vs. Mars Hill)	1-1
Furman (vs. Elon, 18-49 at Vanderbilt)	0-1
Elon (at Furman, 23-22 vs. Florida International)	1-0
Aggregate Record	9-10

WOFFORD VS. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

The Head Coach

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

Now with 82 victories, Ayers broke the previous school mark of 77 wins (**Conley Snidow**, 1953-66) with last year's 35-10 win over Charleston Southern.

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

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

Hello Neighbor

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

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

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

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

A Presidential Flavor to the Wofford Staff

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

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

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

Lesesne 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 is highlighted by a Sept. 28 game at defending ACC champion Maryland.

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

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

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

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

2002 Southern Conference Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
VMI	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Wofford	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
East Tennessee State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Georgia Southern	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Western Carolina	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
The Citadel	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
Furman	0	0	.000	0	1	.000
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

This Week:

VMI at William & Mary, 1 p.m.
 Delaware at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
 Eastern Kentucky at Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.
Wofford at South Carolina State, 6 p.m.
 West Virginia Tech at Western Carolina, 6 p.m.
 East Tennessee State at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
 Elon at Furman, 7 p.m.
 Chattanooga at Tennessee Tech, 8 p.m.

Last Week:

LSU 35, The Citadel 10
 East Tennessee State 20, Mars Hill 10
 Vanderbilt 49, Furman 18
 Georgia Southern 56, Gardner-Webb 0
 VMI 41, Davidson 16
 Auburn 56, Western Carolina 0
 Alabama State 41, Chattanooga 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 Rates Report, published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

	Student-Athlete Graduation Rate
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.

	Football Players 4-year average	Student-Athlete 4-year average
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. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

The Triplets

All three of Wofford's sophomore quarterbacks (**Trey Rodgers**, **Jeff Zolman**, **Jonathan Carey**) saw first-half action in the season opener against Newberry.

Zolman, the final Terrier quarterback to enter the game, went on to earn SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors as he rushed for 106 yards on six carries. Included in that total was an 82-yard touchdown run for Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since **Lamond Smith** scored on an 87-yard carry at Newberry in 1994.

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Att.	Com.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Jeff Zolman	6	106	17.7	1	6	4	66.7	49	0	0
Trey Rodgers	3	22	7.3	0	6	2	33.3	33	0	0
Jonathan Carey	10	35	3.5	1	1	0	00.0	0	0	0
Totals	19	163	8.6	2	13	6	46.2	82	0	0

Freshman Backs Shine

Wofford's third, fourth, and sixth-leading rushers in the Newberry game were freshman halfbacks **Corey Dunn**, **Aaron Johnson**, and **Gabriel Jackson**.

The trio combined for 140 yards on 15 carries (9.3 avg.).

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Corey Dunn	9	72	8.0	0
Aaron Johnson	3	42	14.0	1
Gabriel Jackson	3	26	8.7	0
Totals	15	140	9.3	1

Giving Opponents a Melvin

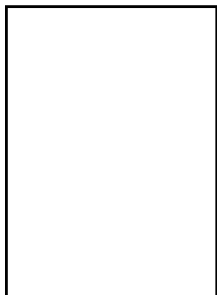
The career-high 168 yards rushing by **Melvin Jones** against Appalachian State last year is even more impressive when considering how the Mountaineers earlier that season contained a pair of recipients of the Walter Payton Award (the Division I-AA equivalent of the Heisman Trophy). Listed below were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

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

*1999 Payton Award winner

^2000 Payton Award winner

Just Call Him Joe College...



J.R. McNair

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

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

Service Groups/Organizations

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

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

QB Did You Knows?

•As a freshman last year, quarterback **Jonathan Carey** was the most valuable player on Wofford's indoor track team.

•Fellow signal caller **Jeff Zolman's** older brother, Greg, was the starting quarterback the last two seasons at Vanderbilt.

Wofford's Zolman is also the lone south-paw among the quarterback trio.

•**Trey Rodgers** is a local performer who earned South Carolina Player of the Year honors when he led Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C., to the 2000 state title.

The Real McCoy

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

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year averages 9.1 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career.

McCoy had five carries for 74 yards (14.8 avg.), including scoring runs of 53 and 11 yards, in the season opener against Newberry. He also added a 26-yard reception to set up another Terrier score.

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

McCoy's 7.23 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.03 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92).

The Best of McCoy

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

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

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

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

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

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.

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*

Dominating the Trenches

Nose tackle and preseason All-America **Nathan Fuqua**, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first three years, is already Wofford's career leader in tackles for loss (40).

Fuqua (6-foot-2, 285 pounds) displayed his ability to play at any level with dominating performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina.

A senior from Danville, Ky., Fuqua had the upperhand on former Clemson All-America center **Kyle Young**. Fuqua also drew postgame praise from USC Head Coach **Lou Holtz** for his performance against the Gamecocks.

Going for It

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

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

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a game a few seasons ago.

Good Genes

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

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

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.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best; Chasing 2,000 Career Yards

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones**, both closing in on the 2,000-yard mark in career rushing, rank second and third, respectively, among active rushers in the SoCon:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yards</u>
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,137
Jesse McCoy, Wofford	1,757
Melvin Jones, Wofford	1,723

Seeing the Ball

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

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

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

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 49-2-1 record in the 52 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 33 points in its last six wins (5.5 per game).

•Wofford has won 27 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.

Honorary I-A Members

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

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

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

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

The Marshall Plan

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

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

Gibbs Stadium

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

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

The Terriers have a 17-10 home record (.630) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

Zolman Makes History

Wofford quarterback **Jeff Zolman** made history 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.

Now in their sixth season of SoCon play, the Terriers had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection.

Wofford had previously received six Defensive Player of the Week awards and seven Freshman of the Week honors.

First Picks

Outside linebacker **Teddie Whitaker** and free safety **Tony Jefferson** recorded their first collegiate interceptions in the win over Newberry.

Jefferson, a sophomore backup to All-SoCon performer **Matt Nelson**, was playing his first game on defense after being at halfback his freshman season.

Team Efforts

Fourteen different Terriers had at least one carry as Wofford rushed for 476 yards in its 48-0 victory over Newberry.

The Terriers rushed for 272 yards and had 354 in total offense in building their 35-0 halftime lead.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford College 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.

Scheduling Quirks

- Wofford is playing its first-ever 12-game regular season.

- The Terriers' opening four contests are night games.

The Terriers will then have just one contest (Nov. 9, at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.) in the remaining eight under the lights, albeit domed lights.

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

South Carolina's Team

South Carolina State will represent the seventh in-state opponent that Wofford will have faced in the last two years.

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

The SoCon's Big Foot

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

After topping the SoCon and ranking eighth nationally in Division I-AA last year with his average of 42.0 yards, Miner had a 43.0 mark on three boots in the season-opening victory over Newberry.

The two longest punts of Miner's 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.

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

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's final extra point in the Newberry game was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**. 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.

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.

Recapping a Night of Defense

Wofford's season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry was highlighted by a stellar performance from its defensive unit:

- The Terriers limited the Indians to just three first downs and 39 yards of offense in building a 35-0 halftime lead.

- For the game, Newberry had just seven first downs, 84 yards rushing, and 132 yards of offense. Wofford also forced three turnovers.

- Newberry's longest possession lasted six plays and 3:12 on the clock.

- The Indians' longest drive of the game was 24 yards on their final series of the game. The possession stalled at the Wofford 39-yard line with two seconds to play. It represented the only time Newberry crossed midfield. The Indians had previously not advanced past their own 49-yard line, with that series being a three-and-out.

- Wofford forced Newberry into a three-and-out on nine of 15 possessions, not including a one-play series when time expired in the first half.

What to Call?

Wofford had 26 running plays and 12 passes in the first half of the season opener against Newberry.

After building a 35-0 lead at the intermission, the Terriers ran the ball on 35 of their 36 snaps in the second half. The lone attempt in the air was a fourth-quarter shovel pass from **Jonathan Carey** to **Mike Jones** that fell incomplete.

Quick Strikes

Five of Wofford's seven scoring drives against Newberry were accomplished in five plays or less, with an eight-play drive taking just 1:54 and a 10-play drive lasting only 3:46:

Plays	Yards	TOP
3	72	1:25
10	60	3:46
3	39	:55
1	82	:19
8	51	1:54
3	30	1:17
5	25	2:23

WOFFORD VS. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

A Statistical Comparison

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

	<u>S.C. State</u>	<u>Wofford</u>
Points per game - allowed	39.0 - 13.5	48.0 - 0.0
Rushing yards per game - allowed	309.5 - 64.5	476.0 - 84.0
Passing yards per game - allowed	168.5 - 195.5	82.0 - 48.0
Total net yards per game - allowed	478.0 - 260.0	558.0 - 132.0
Punts - average	9 - 40.1	3 - 43.0
Penalties - yards	19 - 140	6 - 35
Turnover Margin (takeaways/giveaways)	+7 (13/6)	E (3/3)
Fumbles - Lost	5 - 4	4 - 3
Third-Down Conversions - allowed	58.6% - 25.0%	53.8% - 21.1%
Time of Possession - allowed	34:49 - 25:11	29:54 - 30:06

Did You Know?

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

Wofford and the NFL

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

The Last Time...

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

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

Wofford Starting Lineup

Newberry

Offense

LT	Bentley
LG	Gibbs
C	Carnegie
RG	Deutsch
RT	Blackburn
TE	Regenthal
WR	Nash
QB	Rodgers
FB	Jones
HB	Mungin
HB	Gaillard

Defense

DT	Jones
NT	Fuqua
DT	Basinger
OLB	McNeil
ILB	Mathis
ILB	Thrift
OLB	Corn
CB	Washington
SS	Ladd
FS	Nelson
CB	Harris

WOFFORD COLLEGE TWO-DEEP

(updated Sept. 8, 2002)

OFFENSE

LETTACKLE

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

LEFT GUARD

65 Bobby Gibbs (6-3, 290, So.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, 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.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

20 Isaac Goodpaster (6-0, 175, Sr.)
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 180, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK

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

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
26 Ben Mungin (5-9, 180, So.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

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

DEFENSE

TACKLE

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

NOSE TACKLE

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

TACKLE

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

INSIDE LINEBACKER

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

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

LEFT CORNERBACK

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

STRONG SAFETY

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

FREESAFETY

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

RIGHT CORNERBACK

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

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

PLACEKICKER

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

PUNT RETURNS

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

KICKOFF RETURNS

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

HOLDER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

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

WOFFORD VS. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Game 1

Wofford 48, Newberry 0

Aug. 31, 2002; Spartanburg, S.C.

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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

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Newberry</u>
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

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Ayers to Join Wofford Football Broadcast Booth
Date: September 13, 2002 at 9:56 AM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Travis Ayers, son of Wofford Head Football Coach Mike Ayers, will serve as the color commentator on the Terriers' radio broadcast of the Sept. 28 game at Maryland.

After graduating this spring from Dorman High School in Spartanburg, S.C., the younger Ayers is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. He will be filling in for regular analyst Thom Henson, who will miss the game due to a previous commitment.

"Travis will do a great job," Mike Ayers said. "He's been around football a long time. Hopefully, he won't be too critical. It's a great opportunity for him and a way for us to get together since he's away at college. I'm glad he's doing it."

Wofford's radio broadcasts are heard on AM 910 WSPA in Spartanburg. The broadcasts are also available over the Internet at www.sportsjuice.com.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
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Jeff Zolman, the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week following his performance in Wofford's season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry, will be the Terriers' starting quarterback for tomorrow night's game at South Carolina State.

The sophomore from Dayton, Ohio, came off-the-bench to rush for 106 yards on six carries against Newberry, including an 82-yard touchdown run that represented Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since an 87-yard Lamond Smith scoring run at Newberry in 1994.

Zolman completed 4-of-6 passes for 49 yards, including a 26-yard strike to Jesse McCoy to set up a six-yard J.R. McNair scoring run on the next play. Zolman led the Terriers to three first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

"If we make a change at quarterback, it's because someone did something better rather than someone doing something worse," Offensive Coordinator Wade Lang said. "Jeff has done a great job and will start. "Trey (Rodgers) will come in and then we'll go with Jonathan (Carey) some. We'll play the one who has things going from there."

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Holds Off S.C. State, 7-6
Date: September 15, 2002 at 1:15 AM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Sophomore quarterback 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 tonight in Orangeburg, S.C.

The Terriers improve to 2-0 for the first time since 1991 and only the third time since 1983. Wofford has allowed a total of just six points in its opening two games. S.C. State drops to 2-1.

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 47.4 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 deep in its own territory. The Bulldogs average starting field position for the game was their own 15-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

"We played a very good team tonight," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "The kicking game was really big.


"The defense was outstanding. We knew before preseason camp started that the defense would be able to step up and carry us. Our conditioning is better than it's ever been and it paid off tonight.

"This win gives us a lot of confidence facing a tough challenge in Statesboro (Wofford opens the SoCon season next week at Georgia Southern)."

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 South Carolina transfer had a 40-yard carry on his first rushing attempt before the Terrier defense held him to just nine yards on his next seven attempts. He also had two receptions for eight yards.

The Bulldogs outgained the Terriers by a 332-to-225 margin. McCoy was Wofford's top ground gainer with 79 yards on eight carries. His 37-yard run on a 2nd-and-9 at the Terrier 30 helped Wofford run out the clock on the game's final possession. J.R. McNair added 74 yards on 16 attempts.

S.C. State quarterback Reese McCampbell rushed for 118 yards on 24 carries while completing 15-of-20 passes for 157 yards.

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Attached as a .pdf document is Wofford's football release for Saturday's game at Georgia Southern. Kickoff is 7 p.m. in Statesboro, Ga.

Following Saturday's 7-6 win at South Carolina State, the Terriers have opened the season with a 2-0 record for the first time since 1991 and just the third time since 1983.

If you have any trouble with the attachment, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
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Wofford College



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WOFFORD VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Game 3

Wofford at Georgia Southern

September 21, 2002; 7 p.m.

Allen E. Paulson Stadium (18,000); Statesboro, Ga.

This Week

•The Wofford College football team opens its sixth season of SoCon play when it travels to Statesboro, Ga., to face Georgia Southern.

After closing league play against each other last season, the Terriers and Eagles meet again in their annual SoCon opener. Last year's Sept. 15 contest in Spartanburg was played on Nov. 24 due to the postponement resulting from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Wofford and Georgia Southern are scheduled to meet each year in their opening league game.

•Wofford has opened a season with a 2-0 record for the first time since 1991 and just the third time since 1983. The two previous occasions (1990, 1991) resulted in the Terriers advancing to the NCAA playoffs (Division II). Wofford has not been 3-0 since winning its opening five games in 1991.

•Georgia Southern has won all five meetings with Wofford since the Terriers began SoCon play in 1997. Previously, the teams split a pair of games in the early 1980s. The Eagles hold a six-game winning streak in the series and a 6-1 overall lead.

•Following an open date on Sept. 7, Wofford is in the midst of three consecutive road games. The Terriers were at South Carolina State last week and head to Maryland next Saturday before returning home to face Chattanooga on Oct. 5. Wofford does not have a home game the entire month of September.

A Look Back

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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.

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Wofford (2-0, 0-0)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	7:00
Sept. 28	at Maryland	6:00
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA*	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Georgia Southern (1-1, 0-0)

Aug. 29	at Delaware	19-22
Sept. 7	GARDNER-WEBB	56-0
Sept. 21	WOFFORD*	7:00
Sept. 28	at Chattanooga*	6:00
Oct. 5	VMI*	1:00
Oct. 12	at Western Carolina*	2:00
Oct. 19	APPALACHIAN STATE*	3:30
Oct. 26	at The Citadel*	2:00
Nov. 2	ETSU*	3:00
Nov. 9	at Furman*	3:30
Nov. 16	JACKSONVILLE STATE	1:00

*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.

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

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

•Georgia Southern and Wofford feature the top two rushing offenses in Division I-AA at 435.0 and 351.5 yards per game, respectively.

•The Terriers rank second nationally in Division I-AA scoring defense, allowing just 3.0 points per game.

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Terriers on the Tube



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

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

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



Wofford Football Illustrated Local Cable Affiliates

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

Dining with The Coach

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

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

Football Anyone?

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

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

Academic Dominance

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

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

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

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

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.

Time (Eastern)	Coach, School
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

Homecomings

The 2002 Wofford football team has 12 Georgia natives on its roster:

Name	Pos.	Hometown (High School)
LaRay Benton*	ILB	Savannah (Savannah)
Jonathan Carey	QB	Jonesboro (Forest Park)
Sylvester Carstarphen	CB	Columbus (Kendrick)
Erik Hutchinson	ILB	Woodbine (Camden County)
Gabriel Jackson	HB	Dahlonega (Lumpkin County)
Alex Love	CB	Decatur (Cedar Grove)
Jesse McCoy*	HB	Acworth (Harrison)
J.R. McNair^	FB	Jonesboro (Mount Zion)
Jimmy Miner**	P	Kennesaw (Harrison)
Ben Mungin^	HB	Lithonia (Dunwoody)
Dedrick Stuckey	CB	Lyons (Toombs County)
Craig Thomas^	CB	Savannah (Calvary Baptist)

*Starter

^Second-team on depth chart

#All-SoCon

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 7-6 win at South Carolina State:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>S.C. State</u>
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

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 48-10 loss to Georgia Southern last year:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>GSU</u>
First Downs	20	25
Rushes - Yards	50 - 199	55 - 328
Passing Yards	124	142
Total Offense	323	470
Passes	21 - 14 - 2	13 - 8 - 0
Punts - Avg.	3 - 38.0	1 - 42.0
Fumbles - Lost	1 - 0	5 - 0
Penalties - Yards	7 - 63	7 - 65
Time of Possession	32:02	27:58

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

McCoy 9-76, McNair 17-38, Jones 12-36, Wilson 6-25, Foster 4-16, Haughey 1-5, Fogle 1-3

Passing

Wilson 17-11-2, 107 yards; Haughey 4-3-0, 17 yards

Receiving

Jones 4-53, Goodpaster 4-29, Wood 2-17, McCoy 1-8, Mungin 1-8, Gilmore 1-6, Foster 1-3

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>GSU</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 275	6-2, 278
Offensive Backs	5-11, 198	5-8, 189
Wide Receivers	5-10, 185	6-1, 201
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-2, 242
Linebackers	6-1, 223	5-11, 218
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-0, 184

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Georgia Southern Offense: Spread

Georgia Southern Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

5 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Georgia Southern Defense -

5 seniors, 5 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Wofford Defense -

9 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Georgia Southern Offense

5 seniors, 3 juniors, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 83-72-1. Overall Record: 94-93-2.

Mike Sewak

Alma Mater: Virginia '81

1st season at Georgia Southern, 1st as a head coach

Record at Georgia Southern: 1-1. Overall Record: 1-1.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (vs. Davidson, 35-7 at North Greenville)	1-1
S.C. State (at Savannah State, 6-7 vs. Wofford)	2-1
Georgia Southern (vs. Wofford, Open)	1-1
Maryland (vs. Eastern Michigan, 10-37 vs. Florida State)	1-2
Chattanooga (vs. Gardner-Webb, 3-13 at Tennessee Tech)	0-3
VMI (at ETSU, 31-62 at William & Mary)	2-1
Western Carolina (at The Citadel, 47-3 vs. W. Virginia Tech)	2-1
Appalachian State (at Liberty, 36-28 vs. Eastern Kentucky)	1-1
The Citadel (vs. Western Carolina, 24-20 vs. Delaware)	1-1
ETSU (vs. VMI, 10-13 at Gardner-Webb)	1-2
Furman (at Richmond, 57-7 vs. Elon)	1-1
Elon (vs. Johnson C. Smith, 7-57 at Furman)	1-1
Aggregate Record	14-16

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The Head Coach

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

Now with 83 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 is highlighted by a Sept. 28 game at defending ACC champion Maryland.

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

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

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

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

2002 Southern Conference Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wofford	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
VMI	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Western Carolina	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Georgia Southern	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
The Citadel	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Furman	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
East Tennessee State	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	0	3	.000

This Week:

- *Western Carolina at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
- *Appalachian State at Liberty, 3:30 p.m.
- *VMI at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.
- Furman at Richmond, 6 p.m.
- Gardner-Webb at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
- ***Wofford at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.**

Last Week:

- Wofford 7, South Carolina State 6**
- The Citadel 24, Delaware 20
- Appalachian State 36, Eastern Kentucky 28
- Western Carolina 47, West Virginia Tech 3
- Gardner-Webb 13, East Tennessee State 10
- Furman 57, Elon 7
- Tennessee Tech 13, Chattanooga 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"

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The Three-Headed Monster at Quarterback

All three of Wofford's sophomore quarterbacks (**Trey Rodgers**, **Jeff Zolman**, **Jonathan Carey**) could see action. The Terrier coaches simply go with the hot hand.

In each of the opening two games, the quarterback standout that night came off-the-bench:

- After Rodgers started the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry, Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors 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 first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

Zolman's 82-yard touchdown run represented Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since **Lamond Smith** scored on an 87-yard carry at Newberry in 1994.

- Playing in relief of Zolman in the 7-6 win at South Carolina State (Sept. 14), Rodgers scored the Terriers' game-winning touchdown on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 left in the third quarter.

Giving Opponents a Melvin

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

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
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

Statistical Oddities

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

- The six points allowed by the Terriers this season is their lowest point total surrendered after the opening two games of a campaign since 1948, when Wofford began the year with 6-6 and 0-0 ties against Hampden-Sydney and Northwestern State, respectively. The Terriers set a national record that year by opening the season with five consecutive ties.

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

Wofford fullback and Dean's List student

J.R. McNair is extremely active on campus.

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

Service Groups/Organizations

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

QB Did You Knows?

- As a freshman last year, quarterback **Jonathan Carey** was the Most Valuable Player on Wofford's indoor track team.

- Fellow signal caller **Jeff Zolman's** older brother, Greg, was the starting quarterback the last two seasons at Vanderbilt.

Wofford's Zolman is also the lone south-paw among the quarterback trio.

- Trey Rodgers** is a local performer who earned South Carolina Player of the Year honors when he led Dorman High School in Spartanburg to the 2000 state title.

The Real McCoy

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

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year averages 9.1 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career.

McCoy's 7.31 career per carry average is a Wofford record, surpassing the previous mark of 7.03 held by former quarterback great **Shawn Graves** (1989-92).

In two games this season, McCoy has a team-high 151 yards rushing on just 13 carries (11.6 avg.) to go with a reception for 26 yards.

A senior from Acworth, Ga., McCoy is also being utilized on punt and kick returns.

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.

The Best of McCoy

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

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

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

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

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

The Artful One

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

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*

Dominating the Trenches

Nose tackle and preseason All-America **Nathan Fuqua**, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first three years, is already Wofford's career leader in tackles for loss (42).

Fuqua (6-foot-2, 285 pounds) displayed his ability to play at any level with dominating performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina.

A senior from Danville, Ky., Fuqua had the upperhand on former Clemson All-America center **Kyle Young**. Fuqua also drew postgame praise from USC Head Coach **Lou Holtz** for his performance against the Gamecocks.

Going for It

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers, who are 2-of-4 on fourth-down conversions this year.

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 game a few seasons ago.

Good Genes

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

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

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.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best; Chasing 2,000 Career Yards

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones**, both closing in on the 2,000-yard mark in career rushing, rank second and third, respectively, among active rushers in the SoCon:

Name	Yards
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,170
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	1,834
Melvin Jones , Wofford	1,771

Seeing the Ball

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

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

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

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 50-2-1 record in the 53 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 39 points in its last seven wins (5.6 per game).

•Wofford has won 27 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.

Honorary I-A Members

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

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

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

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

The Marshall Plan

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

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

Gibbs Stadium

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

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

The Terriers have a 17-10 home record (.630) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

What to Call?

After attempting 12 passes with 26 rushing plays in the first half of the Aug. 31 season opener against Newberry, the Terriers have run the ball on 90 of 94 snaps over the last six quarters.

Zolman Makes History

Wofford quarterback **Jeff Zolman** made history 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.

Now in their sixth season of SoCon play, the Terriers had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection.

Wofford had previously received six Defensive Player of the Week awards and seven Freshman of the Week honors.

First Picks

Outside linebacker **Teddie Whitaker** and free safety **Tony Jefferson** recorded their first collegiate interceptions in the win over Newberry. Those are also Wofford's only two picks this season.

Jefferson, a sophomore backup to All-SoCon performer **Matt Nelson**, was playing his first game on defense after being at halfback his freshman season.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford College 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.

Scheduling Quirks

- Wofford is playing its first-ever 12-game regular season.

- The Terriers' opening four contests are night games.

The Terriers will then have just one contest (Nov. 9, at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.) in the remaining eight under the lights, albeit domed lights.

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

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.

The SoCon's Big Foot

Wofford punter **Jimmy Miner** made his case for All-America honors this fall after a dominant performance in the 7-6 win over South Carolina State:

- A 47.8 average on five attempts with four of his kicks downed inside the 9-yard line
- His last two punts were downed at the 1-yard line and came prior to two of S.C. State's final three possessions
- Two other punts went 55 and 58 yards
- The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions
- For the season, while kicking in wet weather in both games, he has a 46.0 average on eight attempts

Miner 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.

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

Harrison High Connection

Terrier punter **Jimmy Miner** and halfback **Jesse McCoy** were prep teammates at Harrison High School in Kennesaw, Ga.

Ben Foster, a three-year starter at halfback and former Wofford student body president, is also an alumnus of Harrison. Foster graduated from Wofford this past year.

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory over South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**.

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 was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden** (hip flexor). Harvey also converted the Terriers' final PAT in the season-opening 48-0 win over Newberry.

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.

Recapping a Night of Defense

Wofford's season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry was highlighted by a stellar performance from its defensive unit:

- The Terriers limited the Indians to just three first downs and 39 yards of offense in building a 35-0 halftime lead.
- For the game, Newberry had just seven first downs, 84 yards rushing, and 132 yards of offense. Wofford also forced three turnovers.
- Newberry's longest possession lasted six plays and 3:12 on the clock.
- The Indians' longest drive of the game was 24 yards on their final series of the game. The possession stalled at the Wofford 39-yard line with two seconds to play. It represented the only time Newberry crossed midfield. The Indians had previously not advanced past their own 49-yard line, with that series being a three-and-out.
- Wofford forced Newberry into a three-and-out on nine of 15 possessions, not including a one-play series when time expired in the first half.

WOFFORD VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

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)

Wofford POTW

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

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Anthony Jones , DT
South Carolina State	Jimmy Miner , P	Steve Hoover , OLB

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.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Quick Strikes

Long known for its ball-control attack, Wofford has had just one scoring drive longer than eight plays this season with the most time-consuming drive being just 3:46.

Five of Wofford's seven scoring drives in the season opener against Newberry (Aug. 31) were accomplished in five plays or less, with an eight-play drive taking just 1:54 and a 10-play drive lasting only 3:46.

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives this season:

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

Young Knows Wofford

Georgia Southern All-SoCon safety **David Young** is the younger brother of former Wofford defensive end **Hank Young** (1988-91).

The older Young, nicknamed "Hammer," received honorable-mention All-America honors as a senior when he led the Terriers to the Division II playoffs. He then joined the Wofford staff as an assistant coach for the 1992 campaign.

Top Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's top rushing performances this season:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Jesse McCoy	S.C. State	77
J.R. McNair	S.C. State	76
Jesse McCoy	Newberry	74
Corey Dunn	Newberry	72

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
53	Jesse McCoy TD run vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
37	Jesse McCoy run vs. S.C. State, Sept. 14
28	Trey Rodgers pass to Tommy Chandler vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
26	Jeff Zolman pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Newberry, Aug. 31

Uniform Watch

The following is Wofford's record with each uniform combination this season:

Black Jersey with Gold Pants:	1-0
White Jersey with Gold Pants:	1-0
Black Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0
White Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0

Among the National Leaders

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

Name/Category	Average Per Game	SoCon/NCAARanking
Team Rushing	351.5 yards	2nd/2nd
Scoring Defense	3.0 points	1st/1st
Jimmy Miner (P)	46.0 yards	1st/6th
Total Defense	229.0 yards	1st/8th
Pass Defense	101.0 yards	1st/9th
Net Punting	45.63 yards	1st/2nd
Pass Eff. Defense	79.12 yards	2nd/14th

Defensive Improvements

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

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Tot. Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	128.0	101.0	229.0

A Look at the Future

Wofford's third, fourth, and sixth-leading rushers in the Newberry game were freshman halfbacks **Corey Dunn**, **Aaron Johnson**, and **Gabriel Jackson**.

The trio combined for 140 yards on 15 carries (9.3 avg.).

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Corey Dunn	9	72	8.0	0
Aaron Johnson	3	42	14.0	1
Gabriel Jackson	3	26	8.7	0
Totals	15	140	9.3	1

WOFFORD VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

A Statistical Comparison

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

	<u>Georgia Southern</u>	<u>Wofford</u>
Points per game - allowed	37.5 - 11.0	27.5 - 3.0
Rushing yards per game - allowed	435.0 - 129.0	351.5 - 128.0
Passing yards per game - allowed	68.0 - 124.5	43.0 - 101.0
Total net yards per game - allowed	503.0 - 253.5	394.5 - 229.0
Punts - average	9 - 35.4	8 - 46.0
Penalties - yards	11 - 114	10 - 56
Turnover Margin (takeaways/giveaways)	-1 (2/3)	E (3/3)
Fumbles - Lost	9 - 3	4 - 3
Third-Down Conversions - allowed	29.6% - 27.3%	40.0% - 31.3%
Time of Possession - allowed	32:25 - 27:35	30:04 - 29:56

Did You Know?

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

Wofford and the NFL

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

The Last Time...

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

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

Wofford Starting Lineup

Newberry SCSU

Offense

LT	Bentley	Bentley
LG	Gibbs	Gibbs
C	Carnegie	Carnegie
RG	Deutsch	Deutsch
RT	Blackburn	Blackburn
TE	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)
WR	Nash	Nash
QB	Rodgers	Zolman
FB	Jones	Jones
HB	Mungin	Mungin
HB	Gaillard	McCoy

Defense

DT	Jones	Jones
NT	Fuqua	Fuqua
DT	Basinger	Patterson
OLB	McNeil	McNeil
ILB	Mathis	Mathis
ILB	Thrift	Benton
OLB	Corn	Corn
CB	Washington	Washington
SS	Ladd	Ladd
FS	Nelson	Nelson
CB	Harris	Harris

**WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP**

(updated Sept. 15, 2002)

OFFENSE

LETTACKLE

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.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHTEND

89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)
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.)
42 D.J. Gaillard (5-10, 200, Sr.)

RUNNING BACK

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

HALFBACK

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

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

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

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.)
55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

LEFT CORNERBACK

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

STRONG SAFETY

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

FREESAFETY

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

RIGHT CORNERBACK

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

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

PLACEKICKER

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

PUNT RETURNS

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

KICKOFF RETURNS

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

HOLDER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

W O F F O R D V S . G E O R G I A S O U T H E R 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

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Newberry</u>
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

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>S.C. State</u>
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

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The Spartanburg Touchdown Club will honor Wofford punter Jimmy Miner and special teams standout Steve Hoover at its Friday luncheon as the Terrier Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 7-6 victory at South Carolina State.

Miner, a two-time All-SoCon selection and a preseason All-America, averaged 47.8 yards on five punts with four of his kicks going inside the 14-yard line. His final two punts were downed at the 1-yard line and came prior to two of S.C. State's final three possessions.

Miner was instrumental in the average starting field position for S.C. State in the game being its own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

For the season, while kicking in wet weather in both games, Miner has a 46.0 average on eight punts to rank sixth in Division I-AA. Last year, the junior from Kennesaw, Ga., topped the SoCon and placed eighth nationally with a 42.0 mark.

Hoover, a sophomore from Austin, Texas, downed both of Miner's punts at the 1-yard line in addition to downing another punt at the 9-yard line. Hoover also recorded a tackle at the Bulldog 13-yard line on the opening kickoff of the second half.

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The Wofford College football team moved closer to cracking the Top 25 in Division I-AA polls released today by *ESPN/USA Today* and The Sports Network.

Based on number of votes received, the Terriers (2-0) are No. 28 in the *ESPN/USA Today* poll and No. 33 by The Sports Network.

Georgia Southern, Wofford's opponent in the SoCon opener Saturday in Statesboro, Ga., is ranked eighth by *ESPN/USA Today* and ninth by The Sports Network.

Wofford has opened the season with a 2-0 record for the first time since 1991 and just the third time since 1983.

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Wofford College fullback J.R. McNair is one of just five Division I-AA student-athletes to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.

The Good Works Team honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. From 1992-96, the Good Works Team was selected by the College Football Association. When the CFA disbanded in 1997, the AFCA began selecting the teams.

McNair is the second straight Wofford football player to be named to the squad. Graduated halfback Ben Foster received the honor last year.

A Dean's List student, McNair ranks third on the Terriers in rushing with 98 yards (4.9 per carry), including a touchdown, in the opening two games. Last season, his 563 yards were second on the team while his nine touchdowns placed among the SoCon leaders. He was selected to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District Team.

Among his myriad of campus and community organizations, McNair is a member of the Wofford Campus Union as an at-large delegate while also serving as its chaplain. The junior from Jonesboro, Ga., takes inner-city youth to lunch once a week. He created a web site for the Girl Scouts/Piedmont Area and took part in the Feed the Children project, in which 450 meals were provided. McNair also serves as president of Wofford's Gospel Choir.

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Senior halfback Jesse McCoy rushed for a game-high 114 yards and scored both Terrier touchdowns, the last on a fourth down, 1-yard pitch from quarterback Jeff Zolman with 3:55 to play, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 Southern Conference victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern Saturday night at Paulson Stadium in Statesboro, Ga.

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 Georgia Southern (1-2, 0-1), who last dropped a league contest Nov. 2, 1996 to East Tennessee State. Wofford (3-0, 1-0), picked to finish seventh in the preseason by the league coaches and media, is off to its best start since 1991.

McCoy's 114 rushing yards, his fifth career 100-yard game, was the most by an Eagle opponent since Furman's Louis Ivory gained 122 on Nov. 3, 2001. 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 drive.

Zolman also added a 20-yard completion to Isaac Goodpaster on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16-yard line earlier on that series. A sophomore from Dayton, Ohio, Zolman was 6-of-9 in the air for 40 yards as he played the entire game.

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.

Wofford has allowed a total of just 13 points in three games this season (4.3 per contest).

McCoy opened the scoring with 4:08 left in the first quarter on a 30-yard touchdown run, giving the Terriers a 6-0 lead which would last the remainder of the half. The scoreless half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since the East Tennessee State contest in 1996 - a span of 78 games.

Georgia Southern's offense tried to jump-start its efforts in the second half, relying on freshman fullback Jermaine Austin, who finished with a team-best 97 yards on 20 carries. Sophomore quarterback Trey Hunter scrambled for 91 yards on 24 attempts.


The Eagle offense finally found the endzone to grab a short-lived lead at the beginning of the fourth quarter when Zzream Walden took a pitch for a 2-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-goal play to give Georgia Southern a 7-6 lead.

After forcing Georgia Southern's next drive to end at the Terrier 39-yard line with 8:28 to play, Wofford used a 10-play, 81-yard drive to punch across the game-winner.

Zolman connected with Goodpaster for the 20-yard completion before his 54-yard keeper on a 3rd-and-3 at the Terrier 43 put the ball at the GSU 3-yard line. After the Eagle defense held the Terriers on three consecutive goal-line plays, McCoy took a Zolman pitch around the right side and walked into the Eagle endzone untouched for a 12-7 Wofford lead. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' cushion to 14-7.

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.

Wofford will venture outside the SoCon next week when it travels to Maryland to face the defending ACC-champion Terrapins. Kickoff is 6 p.m. in College Park, Md.

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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's game at Maryland. Kickoff is 6 p.m. at Byrd Stadium in College Park, Md.

The Terriers are ranked No. 19 in I-AA polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/*USA Today*. Following Saturday's 14-7 win at Georgia Southern, Wofford is 3-0 for the first time since 1991. The Terriers are also second in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 4.3 points per game.

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Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
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WOFFORD VS. MARYLAND

Game 4

Wofford at Maryland

September 28, 2002; 6 p.m.

Byrd Stadium (48,055); College Park, Md.

This Week

•The Wofford College football team, fresh off the momentum of one of its biggest wins in school history, will face a Division I-A opponent for the seventh time in the last five years when it travels to College Park, Md., for its first-ever meeting with the University of Maryland. The contest will also represent the second straight season the Terriers have faced an ACC foe.

In this week's Division I-AA Top 25 polls, Wofford is ranked No. 19 by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today. Both rankings represent the Terriers' highest position in a I-AA poll since joining those ranks in 1995, and its first appearance in the Top 25 since holding the No. 25 position in the 2001 preseason poll.

The Terriers opened last year at Clemson and took a pair of leads, including a 14-7 margin at the close of the first quarter. Wofford still trailed just 24-14 late in the third quarter before the Tigers pulled away for a 38-14 victory.

Wofford also hung tough with South Carolina last season before falling by an identical 38-14 score to the Gamecocks.

•At 3-0, Wofford has posted its best start to a season since 1991. The last two times the Terriers won their opening three games (1990, 1991) they advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

•The Maryland game will close a stretch of three consecutive road contests for Wofford. Including a Sept. 7 open date, the Terriers do not have a home game in the month of September. Wofford returns home for the first time since Aug. 31 when it hosts Chattanooga next Saturday.

A Look Back

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 with 3:55 to play, to lift Wofford to a 14-7 Southern Conference victory over No. 8 Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga.

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.

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. Georgia Southern entered the game leading the nation in rushing offense at 435.0 yards per game.

McCoy's 114 yards on 10 carries represented his fifth career 100-yard game. His 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, who was 6-of-9 in the air for 40 yards, had a 20-yard completion to **Isaac Goodpaster** on a 3rd-and-13 from the Terrier 16-yard line earlier on that series. His keeper set up McCoy's go-ahead score. Zolman then ran for the two-point conversion to extend the Terriers' lead to 14-7.

Wofford (3-0, 1-0)

Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	48-0
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	7-6
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	14-7
Sept. 28	at Maryland	6:00
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA*	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Maryland (2-2, 0-1)

Aug. 31	vs. Notre Dame#	0-22
Sept. 7	AKRON	44-14
Sept. 14	FLORIDA STATE*	10-37
Sept. 21	EASTERN MICHIGAN	45-3
Sept. 28	WOFFORD	6:00
Oct. 5	at West Virginia	12:00
Oct. 17	GEORGIA TECH*	7:45
Oct. 26	at Duke*	TBA
Nov. 2	at North Carolina*	TBA
Nov. 9	NC STATE*	TBA
Nov. 16	at Clemson*	TBA
Nov. 23	at Virginia*	TBA
Nov. 30	WAKE FOREST*	TBA

*ACC game

#East Rutherford, N.J.

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.

•After serving 28 years as Wofford's president (1972-00), **Dr. Joe Lesesne** is in his second year as the Terriers' tight end coach.

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

•Wofford ranks second in the nation in Division I-AA in scoring defense by allowing just 4.3 points per game. The Terriers have surrendered a total of 13 points in three contests.

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Terriers on the Tube



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

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

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



Wofford Football Illustrated Local Cable Affiliates

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

Dining with The Coach

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

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

Football Anyone?

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

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

Academic Dominance

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

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

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

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

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>
Scoring Defense	4.3 points	1st/2nd
Team Rushing	324.0 yards	2nd/3rd
Pass Defense	75.0 yards	1st/3rd
Net Punting	43.9 yards	1st/3rd
Pass Eff. Defense	66.5 yards	1st/6th
Total Defense	238.3 yards	1st/T11th
Jimmy Miner (P)	46.8 yards	1st/5th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	88.3 yards rushing	2nd/T39th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	130.0 yards all-purpose	1st/34th

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 14-7 win at Georgia Southern:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>GSU</u>
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

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Maryland's 45-3 victory over Eastern Michigan last week:

	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>EMU</u>
First Downs	27	14
Rushes - Yards	46 - 238	31 - 105
Passing Yards	329	173
Total Offense	567	278
Passes	23 - 17 - 0	32 - 16 - 2
Punts - Avg.	1 - 32.0	5 - 38.2
Fumbles - Lost	3 - 2	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	5 - 44	6 - 38
Time of Possession	28:36	31:24

Maryland Individuals

Rushing

Allen 10-86, Downs 15-66, Merrills 6-26, McBrien 8-19, Evans 2-15, Killian 2-12, Kelley 2-11, Walker 1-3

Passing

McBrien 19-14-0, 300 yards; Kelley 3-3-0, 29 yards; Evans 1-0-0

Receiving

Monroe 3-62, Merrills 3-50, Williams 3-36, Suter 2-97, Harrison 2-32, Melendez 2-15, Downs 1-22, Dugan 1-15

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 275	6-5, 299
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	5-11, 213
Wide Receivers	5-10, 185	6-3, 207
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-3, 280
Linebackers	6-1, 223	6-1, 236
Secondary	5-11, 190	6-0, 188

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Maryland Offense: Multiple

Maryland Defense: Multiple

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

5 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Maryland Defense -

2 seniors, 6 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Wofford Defense -

9 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Maryland Offense

5 seniors, 5 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 84-72-1. Overall Record: 95-93-2.

Ralph Friedgen

Alma Mater: Maryland '70

2nd season at Maryland, 2nd as a head coach

Record at Maryland: 12-4. Overall Record: 12-4.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (vs. Stillman, 7-34 vs. Davidson)	1-2
S.C. State (Open, 50-12 at Savannah State)	3-1
Georgia Southern (at Chattanooga, 7-14 vs. Wofford)	1-2
Maryland (vs. Wofford, 45-3 vs. Eastern Michigan)	2-2
Chattanooga (vs. Georgia Southern, 24-26 vs. Gardner-Webb)	0-4
VMI (vs. Furman, 21-35 at ETSU)	2-2
Western Carolina (vs. ETSU, 37-34 at The Citadel)	3-1
Appalachian State (vs. The Citadel, 29-22 at Liberty)	2-1
The Citadel (at Appalachian St., 34-37 vs. Western Carolina)	1-2
ETSU (at Western Carolina, 35-21 vs. VMI)	2-2
Furman (at VMI, 17-7 at Richmond)	2-1
Elon (at North Carolina A&T, 38-14 vs. Johnson C. Smith)	2-1
Aggregate Record	21-21

WOFFORD VS. MARYLAND

The Head Coach

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

Now with 84 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 is highlighted by Saturday's game at defending ACC champion Maryland.

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

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

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

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

2002 Southern Conference Standings

Team	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wofford	1	0	1.000	3	0	1.000
Western Carolina	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
East Tennessee State	1	0	1.000	2	2	.500
Appalachian State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Furman	0	0	.000	2	1	.667
Chattanooga	0	0	.000	0	4	.000
VMI	0	1	.000	2	2	.500
The Citadel	0	1	.000	1	2	.333
Georgia Southern	0	1	.000	1	2	.333

This Week:

*Furman at VMI, 1 p.m.

*The Citadel at Appalachian State, 2 p.m.

Wofford at Maryland, 6 p.m.

*East Tennessee State at Western Carolina, 6 p.m.

*Georgia Southern at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.

Last Week:

***Wofford 14, Georgia Southern 7**

*Western Carolina 37, The Citadel 34

*East Tennessee State 35, VMI 21

Furman 17, Richmond 7

Appalachian State 29, Liberty 22

Gardner-Webb 26, Chattanooga 24

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. MARYLAND

Zolman Goes the Distance in Terrier Victory

After seeing a platoon at quarterback in its opening two contests, Wofford received its first complete game of the season in its 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Jeff Zolman went the distance in leading the Terriers to victory. The sophomore southpaw rushed for 74 yards on 11 carries while completing 6-of-8 passes for 40 yards.

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

Wofford's other sophomore quarterbacks, **Trey Rodgers** and **Jonathan Carey**, could very likely see game action at Maryland. The Terrier coaches simply go with the hot hand.

In each of the opening two games, the quarterback standout that night came off-the-bench:

- After Rodgers started the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry, Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors 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 first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

Zolman's 82-yard touchdown run represented Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since **Lamond Smith** scored on an 87-yard carry at Newberry in 1994.

- Playing in relief of Zolman in the 7-6 win at South Carolina State (Sept. 14), Rodgers scored the Terriers' game-winning touchdown on a 4th-and-goal carry from the 2-yard line with 2:42 left in the third quarter.

Giving Opponents a Melvin

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

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

*1999 Payton Award winner

^2000 Payton Award winner

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' third-leading rusher with 125 yards (4.5 avg.), McNair was one of just five I-AA players to be named last week to the American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for his 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 Department: Provide campus tours/

Wofford history to prospective students and their families

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

QB Did You Knows?

- Jeff Zolman's** older brother, Greg, was the starting quarterback the last two seasons at Vanderbilt.

Wofford's Zolman is also the lone southpaw among the quarterback trio.

- As a freshman last year, fellow signal caller **Jonathan Carey** was the Most Valuable Player on Wofford's indoor track team.

- Trey Rodgers** is a local performer who earned South Carolina Player of the Year honors when he led Dorman High School in Spartanburg to the 2000 state title.

The Real McCoy

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

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year averages 9.1 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career. He has 2,726 combined rushing and receiving yards on 299 touches. He has 1,948 career yards rushing and needs 52 to reach the 2,000 mark.

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 a team-high 265 yards rushing on just 23 carries (11.5 avg.) to go with two receptions for 28 yards.

A senior from Acworth, Ga., McCoy is also being utilized on punt and kick returns.

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.

The Best of McCoy

The top five rushing performances of **Jesse McCoy's** collegiate career have seen him average at least 11.4 yards per carry in those contests.

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

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
WCU* (10/16/99)	11	136	12.4	2
UTC (10/2/99)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (10/7/00)	9	133	14.8	3
WCU^ (10/14/00)	9	114	12.7	0
GSU (9/21/02)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception

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

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*

Dominating the Trenches

Nose tackle and preseason All-America **Nathan Fuqua**, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first three years, is already Wofford's career leader in tackles for loss (43).

Fuqua (6-foot-2, 285 pounds) displayed his ability to play at any level with dominating performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina.

A senior from Danville, Ky., Fuqua had the upperhand on former Clemson All-America center **Kyle Young**. Fuqua also drew postgame praise from USC Head Coach **Lou Holtz** for his performance against the Gamecocks.

Going for It

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers, who are 3-of-6 on fourth-down conversions this year.

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.

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.

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.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best; Chasing 2,000 Career Yards

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones**, both closing in on the 2,000-yard mark in career rushing, rank second and third, respectively, among active rushers in the SoCon:

Name	Yards
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,184
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	1,948
Melvin Jones , Wofford	1,822

Seeing the Ball

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

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

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

A native of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has two receptions for 28 yards this season, including a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard drive in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Honorary I-A Members

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

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

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

Year	Opponent	Score
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

Magic Numbers

•Wofford has a 51-2-1 record in the 54 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 46 points in its last eight wins (5.8 per game).

•Wofford has won 28 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 last two times the Terriers opened 3-0 to start a season (1990, 1991) resulted in a trip to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

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 19 victories in its opening five years and one game of SoCon membership, Wofford is well ahead of schedule on "The Marshall Plan."

Terriers Versus The ACC

The Wofford football team distinguished itself very well in last year's season opener with Clemson:

- Wofford's 276 yards rushing against Clemson represented the second-highest total surrendered in the three-year tenure of Tiger Head Coach **Tommy Bowden**. It was surpassed only by the 286 yards posted by Virginia Tech in 1999.

- Buoyed by a 204-yard rushing performance, Wofford outgained Clemson by a 219-to-211 margin in the first half. The Terriers also held an 18:27-to-11:33 edge in time of possession.

- The Terriers built first-half leads of 7-0 and 14-7. Wofford still trailed just 24-14 with 10 seconds left in the third quarter.

- Wofford posted four sacks and an interception against Heisman Trophy candidate **Woodrow Dantzler**. The Terriers had three of their sacks in a five-play sequence of the third quarter. Dantzler was also held to 55 yards rushing on 13 carries.

- The Terriers forced a total of three Tiger turnovers.

- Wofford's performance produced the first boos in Death Valley during the Bowden era.

What The Tigers Were Saying...

"Wofford was a good team. We knew we would have to come out ready to play to beat them. A lot of people thought that because they were a I-AA school that we would run all over them, but we knew better than that. We knew it would be a 60-minute game. Wofford is as good as half the teams in the ACC."

Woodrow Dantzler
Clemson Quarterback

"Wofford whipped us in the first half. We got our fannies kicked by them. Wofford simply took it to us. I'd rather play the Green Bay Packers."

Reggie Herring
Clemson Defensive Coordinator

"I tip my hat to the Wofford Terriers. They came out flying around and playing hard. We knew they would. That's a really good football team."

Will Merritt
Clemson Offensive Guard

"Wofford had great execution. They ran hard and they're very good."

Chad Carson
Clemson Linebacker

The Friendly Skies

Wofford's charter flight to College Park, Md., will represent just the fourth time in the Terriers' 113-year football history that they have flown to a game.

The only previous flights for the Wofford football team were a 1990 trip to Clinton, Miss., to face Mississippi College in a Division II playoff game, and trips to Lehigh and Louisiana-Lafayette in the 1998 and 1999 seasons, respectively.

Remember Us?

- Maryland Offensive Coordinator **Charlie Taaffe** saw plenty of Wofford and Head Coach **Mike Ayers** during his head coaching stint at The Citadel (1987-95).

Competing in Division II at the time, the Terriers upset the Taaffe-led I-AA Bulldogs by scores of 15-12 and 20-6 in the 1991 and 1993 seasons, respectively.

Overall, Taaffe had a 6-2 record as a head coach versus Wofford. Seven of those eight meetings were with Ayers on the opposing sideline.

- Wofford Athletic Director **Richard Johnson** and Maryland Head Football Coach **Ralph Friedgen** are also connected as they were together at The Citadel during the 1970s.

Friedgen was an assistant coach under **Bobby Ross** and **Art Baker** from 1973-79. During that time, Johnson was a basketball player for the Bulldogs (1972-76) prior to beginning a nine-year tenure as an assistant under then head basketball coach and now Athletic Director **Les Robinson**.

Johnson is in his first full year as athletic director after a 17-year run as Wofford's head men's basketball coach (1985-02).

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-A and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked second among SoCon teams and eighth overall for I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 103 and place higher than 22 schools competing in I-A:

103. Wofford	132 Akron
104. Troy State	134. Ohio
110. Utah State	138. UTEP
111. Kansas	139. Arkansas State
113. Kent State	143. Buffalo
114. Louisiana-Lafayette	145. SMU
116. Ball State	150. Tulsa
117. UAB	161. Eastern Michigan
120. Wyoming	162. Rutgers
121. Navy	170. Louisiana-Monroe
126. Rice	188. Army
128. Baylor	

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.

Zolman and McCoy Make History

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

Jeff Zolman made history 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.

Jesse McCoy captured the honor after his 114 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the 14-7 win over Georgia Southern.

Thurman Receives Freshman Honor

Inside linebacker **Jim Thurman** received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors following his 13-tackle performance in Saturday's 14-7 win over Georgia Southern.

With leading tackler **Robert Mathis** sidelined by injury, Thurman played the final 59 snaps in the game.

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 the 1977 season finale.

- The 13 points allowed by the Terriers this season is their lowest point total surrendered after the opening three games of a campaign since 1948, when Wofford also allowed 13 points in a rather memorable campaign.

The Terriers set a national record that year by opening the season with five consecutive ties.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford College 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.

Scheduling Quirks

- Wofford is playing its first-ever 12-game regular season.

- The Terriers' opening four contests are night games.

The Terriers will then have just one contest (Nov. 9, at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.) under the lights in the remaining eight, albeit domed lights.

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:

- In the 7-6 win at South Carolina State, Miner had three of his five kicks downed inside the 9-yard line with his last two punts being placed at the 1-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 1-yard line.

- The average starting field position for S.C. State in the game was its own 14-yard line, including the 9-yard line on four second-half possessions.

- Miner's first punt in the 14-7 victory over Georgia Southern was downed at the 4-yard line. The average starting position for the Eagles in the game was their own 26.

- Miner has averaged 47.8 yards in each of the last two games. He had five punts at South Carolina State and six versus Georgia Southern.

For the season, while kicking in wet weather in two of his three games, he has a 46.8 average to place first in the SoCon and fifth nationally.

Miner 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.

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

Who is This Guy?

Wofford's game-winning extra point in the 7-6 victory over South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**.

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 was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden** (hip flexor). Harvey also converted the Terriers' final PAT in the season-opening 48-0 win over Newberry.

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.

Terriers Allow Season-High in Points

The seven points allowed by Wofford in its 14-7 win over Georgia Southern represented a season-high total surrendered by the Terrier defense.

Wofford ranks second in Division I-AA scoring defense, allowing just 4.3 points per game. Opponents have totaled 13 points in the opening three contests.

Avoiding the Turnovers

Wofford has committed just one turnover in its last two games. The lone miscue in that stretch was an interception on a desperation pass off a fake field goal attempt on the final play of the first half in Saturday's 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

Terrier Tidbits

- Nine different players have combined for Wofford's 13 pass receptions.

- Starting quarterback **Jeff Zolman** is the Terriers' second-leading rusher with 187 yards on an 8.5 per carry average. He's also completed 66.7 percent of his passes (10-of-15) for 89 yards.

- Jesse McCoy** tops Wofford in rushing with 265 yards on an 11.5 per carry average. He has also scored four of the Terriers' 10 touchdowns, equaling a single-season high. The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year had four touchdowns in both his rookie and sophomore campaigns, while reaching the end zone just three times last year.

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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)

Wofford POTW

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

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Anthony Jones , DT
South Carolina State	Jimmy Miner* , P	Steve Hoover* , OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	LaRay Benton , ILB

*Selected for special teams play

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.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Quick Strikes

Long known for its ball-control attack, Wofford has had just two scoring drive longer than eight plays this season with the most time-consuming drive being just 3:55.

The Terriers' game-winning 10-play, 81-yard drive versus Georgia Southern equaled its longest of the year in terms of plays and was the longest in time of possession. The 81 yards trailed only the "drive" that resulted from a one-play **Jeff Zolman** 82-yard touchdown run against Newberry.

Five of Wofford's seven scoring drives in the season opener against Newberry were accomplished in five plays or less, with an eight-play drive taking just 1:54 and a 10-play drive lasting only 3:46.

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives this season:

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

Top Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's top rushing performances this year:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Jesse McCoy	S.C. State	77
J.R. McNair	S.C. State	76
Jeff Zolman	Georgia Southern	74
Jesse McCoy	Newberry	74
Corey Dunn	Newberry	72

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
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
37	Jesse McCoy run vs. S.C. State, Sept. 14
28	Trey Rodgers pass to Tommy Chandler vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
26	Jeff Zolman pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Newberry, Aug. 31

Uniform Watch

The following is Wofford's record with each uniform combination this season:

White Jersey with Gold Pants:	2-0
Black Jersey with Gold Pants:	1-0
Black Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0
White Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0

Defensive Improvements

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

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Tot. Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	163.3	75.0	238.3

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 17-10 home record (.630) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

A Look at the Future

Wofford's third, fourth, and sixth-leading rushers in the Newberry game were freshman halfbacks **Corey Dunn**, **Aaron Johnson**, and **Gabriel Jackson**.

The trio combined for 140 yards on 15 carries (9.3 avg.).

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Corey Dunn	9	72	8.0	0
Aaron Johnson	3	42	14.0	1
Gabriel Jackson	3	26	8.7	0
Totals	15	140	9.3	1

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A Statistical Comparison

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

	<u>Maryland</u>	<u>Wofford</u>
Points per game - allowed	24.8 - 19.0	23.0 - 4.3
Rushing yards per game - allowed	130.0 - 121.5	324.0 - 163.3
Passing yards per game - allowed	201.2 - 225.5	42.0 - 75.0
Total net yards per game - allowed	331.2 - 347.0	366.0 - 238.3
Punts - average	15 - 41.3	14 - 46.8
Penalties - yards	11 - 114	20 - 126
Turnover Margin (takeaways/giveaways)	-3 (8/11)	+1 (5/4)
Fumbles - Lost	6 - 4	4 - 3
Third-Down Conversions - allowed	38.3% - 40.0%	40.0% - 34.7%
Time of Possession - allowed	26:28 - 33:32	29:55 - 30:05

Did You Know?

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

Wofford and the NFL

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

The Last Time...

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

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

Wofford Starting Lineup

	Newberry	SCSU	GSU
<u>Offense</u>			
LT	Bentley	Bentley	Bentley
LG	Gibbs	Gibbs	Gibbs
C	Carnegie	Carnegie	Carnegie
RG	Deutsch	Deutsch	Deutsch
RT	Blackburn	Blackburn	Blackburn
TE	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)
WR	Nash	Nash	Nash
QB	Rodgers	Zolman	Zolman
FB	Jones	Jones	Jones
HB	Mungin	Mungin	Mungin
HB	Gaillard	McCoy	McCoy
 <u>Defense</u>			
DT	Jones	Jones	Whitney
NT	Fuqua	Fuqua	Fuqua
DT	Basinger	Patterson	Basinger
OLB	McNeil	McNeil	McNeil
ILB	Mathis	Mathis	Mathis
ILB	Thrift	Benton	Benton
OLB	Corn	Corn	Corn
CB	Washington	Washington	Washington
SS	Ladd	Ladd	Ladd
FS	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson
CB	Harris	Harris	Harris

**WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP**

(updated Sept. 22, 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.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHTEND

89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)
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.)
42 D.J. Gaillard (5-10, 200, Sr.)

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

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

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.)
55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, Fr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

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

LEFT CORNERBACK

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

STRONG SAFETY

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

FREESAFETY

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

RIGHT CORNERBACK

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

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

PLACEKICKER

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

PUNT RETURNS

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

KICKOFF RETURNS

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

HOLDER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFFS

99 Jay Harvey (6-0, 175, Jr.)
83 Nelson Poe (6-0, 175, Fr.)

W O F F O R D V S . M A R Y L A N D

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

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: McCoy and Thurman Receive SoCon Honors Following Win at Georgia Southern
Date: September 23, 2002 at 3:46 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Wofford College halfback Jesse McCoy has been named the Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Week while inside linebacker Jim Thurman is the Freshman of the Week following their performance in Saturday's 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

McCoy rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. His one-yard run on a 4th-and-goal play with 3:55 remaining gave the Terriers a 12-7 lead. Quarterback Jeff Zolman then followed with a two-point rush to provide the final margin.

A senior from Acworth, Ga., McCoy had a 30-yard touchdown run in the first quarter to give Wofford a 6-0 lead that stood until the fourth quarter. McCoy also had a 47-yard carry in the second quarter for the longest run against Georgia Southern since Nov. 4, 2000. He added a pass reception for two yards in addition to returning two kickoffs for 32 yards and a punt for nine yards.

For the season, McCoy tops the Terriers and places second in the SoCon with 265 yards on an 11.5 per carry average. He is Wofford's career leader in average yards per attempt at 7.5. The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year also needs just 52 yards to reach 2,000 in his career.

Prior to this season, Wofford had not received a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection in its five years of league play. With Zolman garnering the award following the season-opening 48-0 win over Newberry, a Terrier has now been selected for the honor twice in the opening three games.

Thurman totaled 13 tackles while filling in for an injured Robert Mathis. The Hixson, Tenn., native played the final 59 snaps in the game and was instrumental in helping Wofford hold Georgia Southern to its lowest point total in a home game since 1992.

The Terrier defense also limited the Eagles, the nation's top rushing team entering the game at 435.0 yards per contest, to just 234 yards on the ground and 257 in total offense.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Cracks the Division I-AA Top 25 at No. 19
Date: September 23, 2002 at 4:20 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Wofford College football team is ranked No. 19 in this week's Division I-AA polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/*USA Today*.

Both rankings represent the Terriers' highest position in a I-AA poll since joining those ranks in 1995, and its first appearance in the Top 25 since holding the No. 25 position in the 2001 preseason poll.

Wofford's previous best ranking was at No. 23 in the final 2000 poll after the Terriers posted a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe to conclude the campaign with a 7-4 overall record.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: McCoy and Benton Receive Wofford POTW Honors
Date: September 25, 2002 at 3:28 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Spartanburg Touchdown Club will honor halfback Jesse McCoy and inside linebacker LaRay Benton at its Friday luncheon as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

McCoy, also selected as the SoCon Offensive Player of the Week, rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. His one-yard run on a 4th-and-goal play with 3:55 remaining gave the Terriers a 12-7 lead. Quarterback Jeff Zolman then followed with a two-point rush to provide the final margin.

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Benton was on the field for all but one of Georgia Southern's 74 offensive snaps. Playing just outside his hometown, the senior from Savannah, Ga., totaled a career-best 16 tackles. Included in that total were two stops for a loss with one sack. Benton now tops the Terriers with 29 tackles on the year.

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 scoreless first half for Georgia Southern was its first at Paulson Stadium since 1996.

The Terrier defense also limited the Eagles, the nation's top rushing team entering the game at 435.0 yards per contest, to just 234 yards on the ground and 257 in total offense.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Wofford Football Hangs Tough Before Falling to Defending ACC Champion Maryland
Date: September 29, 2002 at 5:30 AM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Chris Downs ran for 147 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries to lead defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Maryland to a 37-8 victory over Wofford before a crowd of 44,098 in College Park, Md.

The Terrapins (3-2) have won 10 of 11 at Byrd Stadium while the Terriers, ranked No. 19 in Division I-AA, drop to 3-1. Wofford was also playing its third consecutive road game.

Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen and his players spoke all week about how much they thought of the Wofford program, and those feelings intensified during the game.

"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."

Maryland took a 3-0 lead on its opening series of the game as Nick Novak converted the first of his three field goals on the night, a 39-yard effort just 3:10 into the contest.

The Terriers then drove 55 yards in seven plays on their first possession before a fumble gave the Terrapins the ball back at their own 25-yard line.

"It (the fumble) was huge," Wofford head coach Mike Ayers said. "If we knock that in, the complexion of the game is completely different.

"The thing we were looking for offensively was confidence," Ayers said. "We were moving it and executing, and we dropped a pitch. You can't do that against a good team like Maryland.

"I'm still very proud of the effort, especially on defense. We played with a lot of heart tonight."

Jeff Zolman hit Marcus Gilmore with a 17-yard completion on Wofford's opening snap. Zolman also had an 11-yard pass to Curtis Nash on the drive. Zolman completed 5-of-7 passes for 44 yards on the night.

After a Novak 43-yard goal with 10 seconds left in the first quarter gave Maryland a 6-0 lead, the Terrapins reached the end zone for the first time on a Downs six-yard run with 9:57 to play in the first half to take a 13-0 lead. Maryland eventually took a 20-0 halftime edge on a Josh Allen one-yard run with 14 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

The Terriers got on the board when Trey Rodgers came off-the-bench to direct an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02 on the clock. Ben Mungin had three carries for 25 yards on the possession. part of his team-best 43 yards on the ground. He also added a seven-yard pass

reception.

Melvin Jones capped the drive with a two-yard scoring run to cut the Maryland lead to 30-6 with 11:44 remaining. The extra-point attempt was missed.

The Terriers scored again just 32 seconds later when Anthony Jones sacked Maryland quarterback Scott McBrien in the end zone for a safety and Wofford's final points on the night.

Maryland outgained Wofford by a 390-to-210 edge in total offense.

Wofford returns to SoCon action next Saturday when it hosts Chattanooga at 3 p.m. in a regionally-televised contest (CSS) from Gibbs Stadium.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Blackburn and Nelson Receive Wofford POTW Honors
Date: September 30, 2002 at 1:42 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



The Spartanburg Touchdown Club will honor offensive tackle Jesse Blackburn and free safety Matt Nelson as the Wofford College Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's game at Maryland.

Blackburn, a senior from Marysville, Ohio, graded out at 89 percent and had four knockdown blocks. The Terriers reached the end zone at Maryland with an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02.

Nelson totaled a team-high 18 tackles, including 12 solo stops. For the season, the junior from Grove City, Ohio, tops Wofford with 44 tackles. He received All-SoCon honors last season when his 114 tackles represented the highest total by a Wofford player since 1987.

Nelson has been instrumental in the Terriers topping the SoCon in total defense (276.2 yards per game). Wofford also tops the league while ranking fifth nationally in pass defense, allowing just 91.2 yards per game. The Terriers are also 12th in Division I-AA in scoring defense, surrendering an average of 12.5 points each contest.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM
Subject: Goodpaster to be Featured on CBS
Date: September 30, 2002 at 2:16 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu




A television crew from CBS' *The Early Show* will be on campus tomorrow for a feature on Wofford College wide receiver **Isaac Goodpaster**.

The Goodpaster segment will run at a date to be determined. A senior from Mt. Sterling, Ky., Goodpaster has succeeded on the gridiron despite being legally blind with 20/200 vision. He suffers from Stargardt's disease.

Goodpaster topped the Terriers with 25 receptions for 422 yards last season (16.9 avg.), including a 15-yard touchdown catch at Clemson to give Wofford a 14-7 lead in last year's season opener. He also had a single-game high five receptions at South Carolina.

Goodpaster has two receptions for 28 yards this season, including a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on Wofford's game-winning fourth quarter touchdown drive in the 14-7 victory at Georgia Southern.

From: Cohen, Mark /O=WOFFORD COLLEGE/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COHENM 
Subject: Wofford Football Release -- Chattanooga game
Date: September 30, 2002 at 2:41 PM
To: Cohen, Mark CohenM@Wofford.Edu



Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's home game with Chattanooga. With the contest being picked up for regional television by CSS, kickoff is at 3 p.m. instead of the 1:30 p.m. start time on earlier schedules.

If you have any trouble with the attachment, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/SID
Wofford College



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Game 5
Chattanooga at Wofford
October 5, 2002; 3 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week

•The Wofford College football team, ranked No. 20 by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today, returns home for the first time in over a month when it hosts Chattanooga in the Terriers' regionally-televised (CSS) Homecoming contest. Kickoff was moved from the original 1:30 p.m. start time to 3 p.m.

Since opening the season with an Aug. 31 home game versus Newberry, the Terriers had an open date followed by consecutive road contests at South Carolina State, Georgia Southern, and Maryland. Wofford did not have a home game in the month of September.

Wofford will be looking to avenge a 29-26 loss to the Mocs last year in Chattanooga. Trailing 22-11, the Terriers scored a pair of touchdowns in a 5:43 span of the fourth quarter to take a 26-22 lead with 1:14 remaining. However, Chattanooga responded with a six-play, 83-yard drive to score the winning touchdown on a 21-yard **Chuck Spearman** scoring pass to **Jason Jones** with just 20 seconds to play.

•Chattanooga's victory last year broke a two-game Wofford winning streak in the series. The Mocs still hold a 6-2 overall lead. Since the Terriers began SoCon play in the 1997 campaign, Chattanooga has won three of five meetings.

•At 3-1, Wofford has posted its best start to a season since opening the 1990 and 1991 campaigns with 4-0 records. Those two seasons also represent the last time the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II). In five previous years of SoCon play, Wofford has never opened with a 2-0 mark.

A Look Back

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

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"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."

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.

Wofford got on the board when **Trey Rodgers** came off-the-bench to direct 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 remaining.

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

Wofford (3-1, 1-0)

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*	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00

*SoCon game

Chattanooga (0-5, 0-1)

Aug. 31	at West Virginia	7-56
Sept. 7	ALABAMA STATE	23-41
Sept. 14	at Tennessee Tech	3-13
Sept. 21	GARDNER-WEBB	24-26
Sept. 28	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	10-38
Oct. 5	at Wofford*	3:00
Oct. 19	VMI*	6:00
Oct. 26	at Western Carolina*	2:00
Nov. 2	APPALACHIAN STATE*	1:30
Nov. 9	at The Citadel*	2:00
Nov. 16	ETSU*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Furman*	2:00

*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.

•After serving 28 years as Wofford's president (1972-00), **Dr. Joe Lesesne** is in his second year as the Terriers' tight end coach.

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

•Hixson, Tenn., native **Jim Thurman** received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors after his 13-tackle performance in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern. Fellow Chattanooga-area product **Brandon Ladd** (Athens, Tenn.) had an interception and fumble recovery in that 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 Friday at 9:30 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.

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

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

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>
Jimmy Miner (P)	46.1 yards	1st/3rd
Net Punting	41.0 yards	1st/3rd
Pass Defense	91.2 yards	1st/5th
Pass Eff. Defense	83.8 rating	1st/10th
Total Defense	276.2 yards	1st/23rd
Team Rushing	282.0 yards	2nd/5th
Scoring Defense	12.5 points	2nd/T12th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	70.5 yards rushing	3rd/65th
Jesse McCoy (HB)	112.3 yards all-purpose	3rd/68th

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 37-8 loss at Maryland:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
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

A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 29-26 loss at Chattanooga last year:

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Chattanooga</u>
First Downs	18	16
Rushes - Yards	62 - 177	39 - 114
Passing Yards	155	167
Total Offense	332	281
Passes	15 - 8 - 1	20 - 12 - 0
Punts - Avg.	4 - 37.5	4 - 47.3
Fumbles - Lost	2 - 1	0 - 0
Penalties - Yards	6 - 59	10 - 100
Time of Possession	34:11	25:49

Wofford Individuals

Rushing

Wilson 25-68, Jones 20-45, McNair 9-33, Foster 5-23, McCoy 3-8

Passing

Wilson 14-8-0, 155 yards; Haughey 1-0-1

Receiving

Nash 3-61, Goodpaster 2-56, Gilmore 1-26, McCoy 1-7, Jones 1-5

Average Size of Starting Lineups

	<u>Wofford</u>	<u>Chattanooga</u>
Offensive Line*	6-2, 275	6-4, 279
Offensive Backs	5-11, 195	6-0, 200
Wide Receivers	5-10, 185	6-1, 189
Defensive Front	6-0, 265	6-3, 232
Linebackers	6-1, 223	6-0, 229
Secondary	5-11, 190	5-11, 185

*Includes tight end

Basic Formations

Wofford Offense: Wingbone

Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

Chattanooga Offense: Multiple

Chattanooga Defense: 4-3 Multiple

Class Breakdown

Wofford Offense -

5 seniors, 2 juniors, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Chattanooga Defense -

7 seniors, 3 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Wofford Defense -

9 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

Chattanooga Offense

5 seniors, 5 juniors, 1 sophomore, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches

Mike Ayers

Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74

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

Record at Wofford: 84-73-1. Overall Record: 95-94-2.

Donnie Kirkpatrick

Alma Mater: Lenoir-Rhyne '82

3rd season at Chattanooga, 3rd as a head coach

Record at Chattanooga: 8-19. Overall Record: 8-19.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

<u>Opponent</u> (this week, last week)	<u>Record</u>
Newberry (at Lenoir-Rhyne, 7-30 vs. Stillman)	1-3
S.C. State (at Florida A&M, Open)	3-1
Georgia Southern (vs. VMI, 38-10 at Chattanooga)	2-2
Maryland (at West Virginia, 37-8 vs. Wofford)	3-2
Chattanooga (at Wofford, 10-38 vs. Georgia Southern)	0-5
VMI (at Georgia Southern, 28-55 vs. Furman)	2-3
Western Carolina (at Furman, 7-27 vs. ETSU)	3-2
Appalachian State (at ETSU, 37-28 vs. The Citadel)	3-1
The Citadel (at Wyoming, 28-37 at Appalachian State)	1-3
ETSU (vs. Appalachian State, 27-7 at Western Carolina)	3-2
Furman (vs. Western Carolina, 55-28 at VMI)	3-1
Elon (at Northwestern State, 20-34 at North Carolina A&T)	2-2
Aggregate Record	26-27

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The Head Coach

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

Now with 84 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 is highlighted by last week's 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.
East Tennessee State	2	0	1.000	3	2	.600
Wofford	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Appalachian State	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Furman	1	0	1.000	3	1	.750
Georgia Southern	1	1	.500	2	2	.500
Western Carolina	1	1	.500	3	2	.600
Chattanooga	0	1	.000	0	5	.000
VMI	0	2	.000	2	3	.400
The Citadel	0	2	.000	1	3	.250

This Week:

*VMI at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.

*Western Carolina at Furman, 2 p.m.

***Chattanooga at Wofford, 3 p.m.**

The Citadel at Wyoming, 3 p.m.

*Appalachian State at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.

*SoCon Game

Last Week:

Maryland 37, Wofford 8

*Georgia Southern 38, Chattanooga 10

*Furman 55, VMI 28

*Appalachian State 37, The Citadel 28

*East Tennessee State 27, Western Carolina 7

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"

A Tale of Three Quarterbacks

•The Wofford quarterback position is represented by three sophomores (**Jeff Zolman**, **Trey Rodgers**, and **Jonathan Carey**) who battle each week for the starting job. All three could very likely see action in a game with the Terrier coaches simply riding the hot hand.

•Zolman is the lone signal caller to turn in a complete-game performance, as his route-going effort led Wofford to its 14-7 win at Georgia Southern. The southpaw from Dayton, Ohio, rushed for 74 yards on 11 carries while completing 6-of-8 passes for 40 yards against the Eagles.

For the season, Zolman is 15-of-22 (68.2 percent) in the air for 133 yards. He is without an interception or touchdown pass. He is also the Terriers' second-leading rusher with 172 yards on 27 attempts (6.4 avg.).

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-yard line. He then added a 54-yard carry to the Eagle three-yard line to set up **Jesse McCoy's** go-ahead score.

•Rodgers came off-the-bench at Maryland and led the Terriers on an 18-play, 92-yard drive covering 8:02. On the previous series, he had a 20-yard run on his first snap of the game.

•In each of the opening two games, the quarterback standout that night came off-the-bench:

After Rodgers started the season-opening 48-0 victory over Newberry, Zolman received SoCon Offensive Player of the Week honors 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 first-half touchdown drives as Wofford built a 35-0 lead at the intermission.

Zolman's 82-yard touchdown run represented Wofford's longest play from scrimmage since **Lamond Smith** scored on an 87-yard carry at Newberry in 1994.

Playing in relief of Zolman in the 7-6 win at South Carolina State (Sept. 14), Rodgers scored the Terriers' game-winning touchdown on a 4th-and-goal carry from the two-yard line with 2:42 left in the third quarter.

•Wofford quarterbacks have completed 58.8 percent of their pass attempts (20-of-34) for 180 yards. The team's lone interception was thrown by holder **Shiel Wood** on a fake field-goal attempt.

The Terrier quarterback position has also combined for 250 yards rushing this season, an average of 62.5 yards per game.

Just Call Him Joe College...

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

The Terriers' fourth-leading rusher with 139 yards (4.0 avg.), McNair is one of just five I-AA players to be named to the 2002 American Football Coaches Association "Good Works" Team, recognizing him for his 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 Department: Provide campus tours/

Wofford history to prospective students and their families

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

QB Did You Knows?

•**Jeff Zolman's** older brother, Greg, was the starting quarterback the last two seasons at Vanderbilt.

Wofford's Zolman is also the lone southpaw among the quarterback trio.

•As a freshman last year, fellow signal caller **Jonathan Carey** was the Most Valuable Player on Wofford's indoor track team.

•**Trey Rodgers** is a local performer who earned South Carolina Player of the Year honors when he led Dorman High School in Spartanburg to the 2000 state title.

The Real McCoy

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

The 1999 SoCon Freshman of the Year averages 9.0 yards each time he touches the ball from the line of scrimmage in his career. He has 2,743 combined rushing and receiving yards on 305 touches. He has 1,965 career yards rushing and needs 35 to reach the 2,000 mark.

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 a team-high 282 yards rushing on just 29 carries (9.7 avg.) to go with two receptions for 28 yards.

A senior from Acworth, Ga., McCoy is also being utilized on punt and kick returns.

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.

The Best of McCoy

The top five rushing performances of **Jesse McCoy's** collegiate career have seen him average at least 11.4 yards per carry in those contests.

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

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
WCU* (10/16/99)	11	136	12.4	2
UTC (10/2/99)	9	134	14.9	0
VMI (10/7/00)	9	133	14.8	3
WCU^ (10/14/00)	9	114	12.7	0
GSU (9/21/02)	10	114	11.4	2

*McCoy also had a 59-yard TD reception
^McCoy added three receptions for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

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*

Dominating the Trenches

Nose tackle and preseason All-America **Nathan Fuqua**, an All-SoCon selection in each of his first three years, is already Wofford's career leader in tackles for loss (44).

Fuqua (6-foot-2, 285 pounds) displayed his ability to play at any level with dominating performances in last year's contests at Clemson and South Carolina.

A senior from Danville, Ky., Fuqua had the upperhand on former Clemson All-America center **Kyle Young**. Fuqua also drew postgame praise from USC Head Coach **Lou Holtz** for his performance against the Gamecocks.

Giving Opponents a Melvin

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

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
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

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.

McCoy and Jones Among SoCon's Best; Chasing 2,000 Career Yards

Wofford halfback **Jesse McCoy** and fullback **Melvin Jones**, both closing in on the 2,000-yard mark in career rushing, rank second and third, respectively, among active rushers in the SoCon:

Name	Yards
Fred Boateng, WCU	2,197
Jesse McCoy , Wofford	1,965
Melvin Jones , Wofford	1,859

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 two receptions for 28 yards this season, including a key 20-yard grab on a 3rd-and-13 play from the Terrier 16-yard line on the game-winning 81-yard drive in the fourth quarter of 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:

Year	Opponent	Score
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 51-2-1 record in the 54 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 46 points in its last eight wins (5.8 per game).

•Wofford has won 28 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 to start a season (1990, 1991), the Terriers advanced to the NCAA playoffs (Division II).

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 19 victories in its opening five years and one game of SoCon membership, Wofford is well ahead of schedule on "The Marshall Plan."

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Homecoming Explosions

The Wofford football team has a 10-4 record while averaging 41.6 points in 14 Homecoming games under Head Coach **Mike Ayers**:

Year	Opponent	Result	Score
1988	Presbyterian	L	13-38
1989	Newberry	W	49-10
1990	Central Conn. St.	W	62-30
1991	West Georgia	L	42-49
1992	Lees-McRae	W	77-7
1993	Lees-McRae	W	46-13
1994	Wingate	W	37-22
1995	Newberry	L	15-17
1996	Morehead State	W	41-14
1997	ETSU	L	28-31
1998	Western Carolina	W	17-10
1999	VMI	W	55-10
2000	Chattanooga	W	41-33
2001	VMI	W	59-14
Totals			582-298

On the CSS Call

WSPA-TV Sports Director **Pete Yanity** will call the play-by-play action for the CSS broadcast of Saturday's game with Chattanooga with former Citadel Athletic Director **Walt Nadzak** on color commentary and ex-Bulldog quarterback **Jack Douglas** on sideline duties.

Yanity sees SoCon football on a regular basis as host of *Wofford Football Illustrated*, the Terriers' weekly television show. He is also the recipient of the school's 2002 Honorary Letterman Award for his contribution to Wofford athletics.

Nadzak served as head football coach at UConn from 1977-82. Douglas finished his playing career as Division I-AA's all-time rushing quarterback with 3,674 yards (1988-92).

What the Fridge Had to Say...

Maryland Head Coach **Ralph Friedgen** and his players spoke all week about how much they thought of the Wofford football team, and those feelings intensified during last week's game.

"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."

A Look at the Sagarins

This week's Sagarin Ratings, which combine Division I-A and I-AA members, show Wofford ranked second among SoCon teams and 11th overall for I-AA programs.

The Terriers are No. 109 and place higher than 19 schools competing in I-A. Wofford is also ranked just below I-A members Connecticut, Kansas, San Diego State, Tulane, and Troy State, who occupy the No. 104 to 108 positions, respectively.

109. Wofford	136. Middle Tennessee
112. Louisiana-Lafayette	142. UTEP
113. Utah State	148. Arkansas State
114. Kent State	149. Buffalo
122. Rice	150. SMU
124. Wyoming	152. Rutgers
129. Akron	163. Eastern Michigan
130. Baylor	164. Tulsa
131. Ohio	171. Louisiana-Monroe
135. Navy	191. Army

Hometown Heroes

A pair of Chattanooga-area natives have been making their mark on the Wofford defense.

Inside linebacker **Jim Thurman** (Hixson, Tenn.; Red Bank High School) received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors after totaling 13 tackles in the Terriers' 14-7 win at Georgia Southern. A true freshman, Thurman then made his first collegiate start in the Maryland game and once again combined for 13 stops. He also had no missed tackles.

McMinn County High School graduate and Athens, Tenn., native **Brandon Ladd** is the Terriers' starting strong safety. He had an interception and fumble recovery in the victory over Georgia Southern while also combining for nine stops in the game.

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 Making National News

- The Wofford football team was 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**).

- Goodpaster will be featured later this week on CBS' *The Early Show*. A CBS crew from New York will be on campus Tuesday to spend the day with Goodpaster as well as interviewing several teammates and Head Coach **Mike Ayers**.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche...

In back-to-back road wins over South Carolina State and Georgia Southern, the Terriers committed just one turnover -- an interception by holder **Shiel Wood** on a desperation pass off a fake field goal at the close of the first half in Statesboro, Ga.

Wofford committed two turnovers at Maryland and is now a minus-one in that category for the year.

The Artful One

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

Zolman and McCoy Make History

Prior to this season, Wofford had never had a SoCon Offensive Player of the Week selection. The Terriers have since garnered the award twice in their opening four games.

Jeff Zolman made history 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.

Jesse McCoy captured the honor after his 114 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the 14-7 win over Georgia Southern.

Thurman Receives Freshman Honor

Inside linebacker **Jim Thurman** received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors following a 13-tackle performance in the 14-7 win at Georgia Southern.

With leading tackler **Robert Mathis** sidelined by injury, Thurman played the final 59 snaps in the game.

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 the 1977 season finale.

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.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford College 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.

Scheduling Quirks

- Wofford is playing its first-ever 12-game regular season.

- The Terriers' opening four contests were night games.

Wofford has just one contest (Nov. 9, at East Tennessee State, 6 p.m.) under the lights in the remaining eight, albeit domed lights.

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 of his four games, Miner tops the SoCon while ranking third nationally with a 46.1 average on 21 attempts.

- Ten of Miner's 21 punts (47.6 percent) have gone at least 50 yards.

- Eight of 21 punts have gone inside the 20-yard line with five 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 over South Carolina State was converted by walk-on **Jay Harvey**.

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 was filling in for injured placekicker **Todd Rhoden** (hip flexor). Harvey also converted the Terriers' final PAT in the season-opening 48-0 win over Newberry.

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

Twelve different players have combined for Wofford's 20 pass receptions this season, with senior fullback **Melvin Jones** topping the team with three catches for 11 yards. Six other players are tied for second with two grabs.

Ayers Joins Wofford Broadcast Booth

With Wofford color analyst **Thom Henson** unable to make the 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.

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.

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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)

WoffordPOTW

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

Opponent	Offense	Defense
Newberry	Jeff Zolman , QB	Anthony Jones , DT
South Carolina State	Jimmy Miner* , P	Steve Hoover* , OLB
Georgia Southern	Jesse McCoy , HB	LaRay Benton , ILB
Maryland	Jesse Blackburn , OT	Matt Nelson , FS

*Selected for special teams play

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.

Traveling Terriers

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

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

Quick Strikes

Long known for its ball-control attack, Wofford has had just three scoring drives longer than eight plays this season and just one longer than 3:55.

Against Maryland, the Terriers had their longest drive of the season in terms of plays (18), yards (92), and time of possession (8:02).

Wofford went 81 yards in 10 plays for its game-winning fourth-quarter touchdown in the 14-7 win over Georgia Southern.

Five of Wofford's seven scoring drives in the season opener against Newberry were accomplished in five plays or less, with an eight-play drive taking just 1:54 and a 10-play drive lasting only 3:46.

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives this season:

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

Top Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's top rushing performances this year:

Name	Opponent	Yards
Jesse McCoy	Georgia Southern	114
Jeff Zolman	Newberry	106
Jesse McCoy	S.C. State	77
J.R. McNair	S.C. State	76
Jeff Zolman	Georgia Southern	74
Jesse McCoy	Newberry	74
Corey Dunn	Newberry	72

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
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
37	Jesse McCoy run vs. S.C. State, Sept. 14
28	Trey Rodgers pass to Tommy Chandler vs. Newberry, Aug. 31
26	Jeff Zolman pass to Jesse McCoy vs. Newberry, Aug. 31

Uniform Watch

The following is Wofford's record with each uniform combination this season:

White Jersey with Gold Pants:	2-1
Black Jersey with Gold Pants:	1-0
Black Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0
White Jersey with Black Pants:	0-0

Defensive Improvements

The Terriers have shown consistent defensive improvement in each of the last two seasons, particularly in their pass defense:

Year	Rush. Yds. Allowed	Pass. Yds. Allowed	Tot. Defense
2000	149.3	242.5	391.8
2001	155.7	197.9	353.6
2002	185.0	91.2	276.2

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 17-10 home record (.630) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

A Look at the Future

Wofford's third, fourth, and sixth-leading rushers in the Newberry game were freshman halfbacks **Corey Dunn**, **Aaron Johnson**, and **Gabriel Jackson**.

The trio combined for 140 yards on 15 carries (9.3 avg.).

Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Corey Dunn	9	72	8.0	0
Aaron Johnson	3	42	14.0	1
Gabriel Jackson	3	26	8.7	0
Totals	15	140	9.3	1

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A Statistical Comparison

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

	<u>Chattanooga</u>	<u>Wofford</u>
Points per game - allowed	16.8 - 43.5	19.2 - 12.5
Rushing yards per game - allowed	71.2 - 254.8	282.0 - 185.0
Passing yards per game - allowed	201.2 - 195.6	45.0 - 91.2
Total net yards per game - allowed	272.4 - 450.4	327.0 - 276.2
Punts - average	33 - 43.1	21 - 46.1
Penalties - yards	38 - 277	25 - 164
Turnover Margin (takeaways/giveaways)	-4 (8/12)	-1 (5/6)
Fumbles - Lost	9 - 4	8 - 5
Third-Down Conversions - allowed	25.0% - 50.0%	40.7% - 33.3%
Time of Possession - allowed	26:36 - 33:24	29:44 - 30:16

Did You Know?

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

Wofford and the NFL

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

The Last Time...

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

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

Wofford Starting Lineup

	Newberry	SCSU	GSU	UMD
<u>Offense</u>				
LT	Bentley	Bentley	Bentley	Bentley
LG	Gibbs	Gibbs	Gibbs	Gibbs
C	Carnegie	Carnegie	Carnegie	Carnegie
RG	Deutsch	Deutsch	Deutsch	Deutsch
RT	Blackburn	Blackburn	Blackburn	Blackburn
TE	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)	Wood (WR)
WR	Nash	Nash	Nash	Gilmore
QB	Rodgers	Zolman	Zolman	Zolman
FB	Jones	Jones	Jones	Jones
HB	Mungin	Mungin	Mungin	Mungin
HB	Gaillard	McCoy	McCoy	McCoy
<u>Defense</u>				
DT	Jones	Jones	Whitney	Jones
NT	Fuqua	Fuqua	Fuqua	Fuqua
DT	Basinger	Patterson	Basinger	Basinger
OLB	McNeil	McNeil	McNeil	McNeil
ILB	Mathis	Mathis	Mathis	Thurman
ILB	Thrift	Benton	Benton	Benton
OLB	Corn	Corn	Corn	Corn
CB	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
SS	Ladd	Ladd	Ladd	Ladd
FS	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson	Nelson
CB	Harris	Harris	Harris	Harris

WOFFORD COLLEGE TWO-DEEP

(updated Sept. 29, 2002)

OFFENSE

LETTACKLE

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.)
60 Colan Miles (6-0, 260, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE

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

TIGHTEND

89 Tommy Chandler (6-1, 210, Jr.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Jr.)

WIDE RECEIVER

84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, So.)
80 Marcus Gilmore (6-1, 190, Sr.)

QUARTERBACK

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

HALFBACK

29 Jesse McCoy (5-10, 195, Sr.)
42 D.J. Gaillard (5-10, 200, Sr.)

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

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

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.)
40 Shaun Bennett (6-0, 185, So.)

STRONG SAFETY

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

FREESAFETY

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

RIGHT CORNERBACK

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER

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

PLACEKICKER

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

PUNT RETURNS

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

KICKOFF RETURNS

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

HOLDER

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 touch-down 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

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The Wofford College football team is ranked No. 20 this week in Division I-AA polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/*USA Today*.

The Terriers (3-1, 1-0) dropped one spot in both polls following Saturday's loss at defending ACC champion Maryland. Wofford's debut at No. 19 last week represented its highest ranking in Division I-AA since joining those ranks in 1995.

Wofford hosts Chattanooga Saturday in a 3 p.m. regionally-televised contest on CSS.