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The No. 14-ranked Furman men's soccer team held off a valiant Wofford effort to post a 2-1 Southern Conference victory Wednesday night in Spartanburg.

The Paladins improve to 11-2-0 overall and 5-0-0 in the SoCon, while the Terriers fall to 3-8-2, 0-3-1.

Sergie Raad opened the scoring for the Paladins when he found the net just 11 seconds after entering the match. His score, assisted by Carl Junot, came at the 21:41 mark and gave Furman a 1-0 halftime lead.

The Paladins extended the margin to 2-0 on a Matt Goldsmith header at 68:52. Anthony Esquivel provided the assist.

Wofford refused to quit as the Terriers pulled within 2-1 at 88:36 when Sean Whelan scored off a corner kick from Michael Gonzales.

Wofford has now suffered consecutive 2-1 defeats to SoCon powers. Davidson defeated the Terriers by that score Thursday night. Wofford, continuing to show marked improvement this fall, lost 7-1 at Furman last year.

Furman returns to action Sunday at South Carolina, while Wofford is off until next Wednesday when it travels to UNC Asheville.
After fighting to a scoreless tie in the first half, Wofford exploded for four goals in the second half to cruise to a 4-0 victory over Virginia Tech Friday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, SC.

“This was a real good win for us,” said Wofford (1-1-0) Head Coach John Blair. “Virginia Tech is a solid team and we did a good job of capitalizing on our opportunities. In the past, we haven’t made the most of our chances, but today we did. We need to continue to improve and build on this win.”

Miles Drake notched two assists on the day, including on the match-winner. His shot bounced off the post and to the feet of Chris Kandl who fired a shot into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead in the 65th-minute.

After Hokie Eres Silva was given a red card for rough play, Michael Gonzalez took a pass from Drake on the left side of the box and slid a shot past the Hokie defender to give the Terriers a 2-0 lead in the 85th-minute.

From there, the bottom fell out for Virginia Tech (1-2-0) as Chris O’Neill (87th-minute) and Joel Gomez (88th-minute) added goals for Wofford. Kandl assisted on O’Neill’s goal.

Michael Rostin and Eric Williams, who again split time in the goal, recorded a combined shutout for the Terriers.

Wofford hosts Elon Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at Snyder Field.
Sam Moore scored with 5:04 remaining in the match to give the Wofford College men’s soccer team a 1-0 victory over High Point this afternoon on Snyder Field in Spartanburg.

Moore, a freshman from Sullivan’s Island, S.C. (Porter-Gaud School), scored the match-winner off assists from Michael Gonzalez and Mike Johnson. Michael Rostin (four saves) and Eric Williams (two saves) combined for the shutout in goal.

Wofford (3-3) won its second match in the last 72 hours. The Terriers defeated Campbell, 2-1, on Friday. High Point falls to 1-4.

The Terriers return to action Friday when they travel to Navy. Wofford will also face Army on Sunday in Annapolis, MD.
Junior Paul Hayward scored in the 66th-minute to lead Winthrop to a 5-3 victory over Wofford Wednesday evening at Rock Hill, SC.

After Eagles sweeper Graeme Little was sent off with a red card for an intentional hand ball, Wofford tied the game at 3-3 on a penalty kick by Chris O’Neill. Just under five minutes later Brian Barrett sent Hayward one-on-one with the goalkeeper and he slipped the ball just over the keepers head for a 4-3 lead.

Winthrop (3-1) took an early 3-0 lead on goals by Will Hays, Tim Kaine and Donald MacGregor, but Wofford continued its pressure, fought back and scored three goals in just over a two-minute span to tie the game 3-3. Gabe Garcia got things going for the Terriers as he found the net in the 59th minute. Just 23 seconds later, Michael Gonzalez ripped a shot from about 35 yards to the far corner to make it 3-2. Then Wofford (1-3) was awarded a penalty kick after Little’s hand ball.

MacGregor put the game away as he chipped the goalkeeper from 30 yards in the 83rd minute.

Hays opened the scoring with a blast from 25-yards that beat the keeper in the fourth minute of the match. With under two minutes before halftime, Yancey Tisdale found Kaine behind the defense and he was able to slot the ball past the keeper for a 2-0 lead. Hays’ hard work paid off on the third goal. After losing the ball, Hays stayed with it and was able to hit a cross in front of the goal and MacGregor placed the ball into the upper right corner for the goal.
The Wofford College men's soccer team opens its 2000 season against 5th-ranked Clemson at Snyder Field in Spartanburg Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m., marking the first time a Clemson soccer team has visited the campus.

"Having Clemson here in Spartanburg is tremendous for our program," said Wofford Head Coach John Blair. "They are a tough team and the program is one of the best in the country. This match, along with the upcoming Virginia Tech and Elon matches, will help us improve as a team and prepare us for a demanding Southern Conference schedule."

Wofford is coming off a 4-13-0 season, but has high expectations with the returning talent and a recruiting class tabbed as the best ever at the college. Clemson had a 9-8-0 record last season and stands 1-0 on the year after blanking Hartford 4-0.

"This is an opportunity for us to see how good we are at this point in the season," said Blair. "We may be a little rusty and a little nervous because it is our first match of the year, but we are excited to get the season underway. We have a lot of freshmen who have not seen the speed of a college match and it will be interesting to see how they perform. I am confident they will do well, especially because we have a solid group of upperclassmen who can guide them along."
Coming off an impressive victory over Virginia Tech Friday, Wofford looked to build on that confidence against Elon Sunday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, SC. However, Elon scored two goals in a span of less than two minutes to take a 2-1 victory over the Terriers.

"This was a tough loss," said Wofford Head Coach John Blair. "I thought we had them where we wanted them. We knew they would attack after we scored a goal. The penalty kick hurt us and we just didn't recover. We have to be able to put those kind of things behind us."

Wofford (1-2-0) scored the match's first goal as Chris Kandl's shot was deflected by Elon (3-1-0) goalkeeper Scot Wahl. Jeremy Oswald took the deflection and pounded the ball into the net for a 1-0 lead in the 65th-minute.

Elon came right back and pressured Wofford. Robert Latimer took the ball into the box and collided with Wofford keeper Michael Rostin as both were going for the ball. The ball squirted away and Latimer and Rostin again fought for the ball. Latimer went down and was awarded a penalty kick, which he converted in the 69th-minute.

Shell-shocked, Wofford allowed Elon deep in its territory again and committed a foul near the box. Stuart Reid's direct kick hit the cross bar and fell at Marley Hagerstrom's feet. Hagerstrom fired a shot in the goal for the 2-1 lead in the 71st-minute.

Wofford had a few solid scoring efforts late in the match, but Wahl kept the ball out of the net to preserve the win.

Wofford travels to Winthrop Wednesday night for a 7:00 p.m. showdown with the Eagles in Rock Hill.
The Wofford College men's soccer team hosted No. 4 Clemson for the first time ever in Spartanburg, and the Tigers came away with a 4-0 win over an impressive Wofford club Wednesday night at Snyder Field.

Wofford (0-1-0), playing in its first match of the season, stayed with Clemson (2-0-0) for much of the first part of the first half. With the Tigers pressuring the Terrier defense, Ross Goodacre was taken down just inside the box and received a penalty kick. His shot found the back of the net in the 18th-minute as Clemson took a 1-0 lead.

"I thought our guys played pretty well," said Wofford Head Coach John Blair. "Clemson is a very good team, and we hung in there. If not for a couple of freak plays, we would have been scoreless at the half. Still, Clemson makes the most of their opportunities."

The Tigers took control of the match when Goodacre assisted on Steven Rhyne's goal in the 24th-minute to give Clemson a 2-0 lead. Goodacre had taken a shot that bounded off a Wofford defender. Rhyne took control of the ball and pounded it into the net.

Clemson came out aggressive after the half and increased the score to 3-0 in the 49th minute on a goal by Oskar Bringsved. Ian Fuller assisted on the play.

"I am really encouraged by what I saw out there tonight," said Blair. "Clemson is a nationally-ranked team and our kids were not intimidated. I hope we can build on a solid performance against a good squad."

Wofford settled down and played solid ball for the rest of the half. The Terriers missed on two good chances to score goals. Midway through the second half, Miles Drake and Charlie Cenac had decent shots on goal, but Clemson keeper Doug Warren saved the shots to keep preserve the shutout.

Clemson faces North Carolina Sunday afternoon in Clemson, while Wofford battles Virginia Tech Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Snyder Field.