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Wofford Tennis Head Coach Rod Ray today announced the signings of three student-athletes to the 2001-02 men’s and women’s tennis teams.

Katie Coleman of Charleston, South Carolina (Bishop England High School), has signed with the women’s team. She was a member of a high school team that won four consecutive state titles, and was named “All-American in High School Play”. Coleman won six singles and doubles South Carolina State titles. In USTA play, she recently broke an all-time doubles record with eight titles at the Palmetto State Qualifier. She was five times a finalist in singles play at that same event. In 16’s play, she has ranked as high as 45th nationally in singles and 12th in doubles. Her play in the South has seen her rank as high as #2 in singles and #1 in doubles. Coleman has won sportsmanship awards on the national, regional, district, state, and local levels.

“Katie not only makes our team stronger, she makes our conference better,” Ray said. “Few players play doubles as well as so early as Katie does.”

Coleman will be joined on the women’s team by Lauren Stephens. A 5’7” player from Columbia, South Carolina (Irmo High School), Stephens was named captain and MVP for her varsity tennis team. She went 68-8 overall during her high school career with two state championships, in 1998 and 2000. She was All-Area for five years, All-Region for four, and All-State for two. Stephens and Coleman join fall signee Delaine Hare to complete the 2001-02 freshman class.

“Lauren does everything well,” Ray commented. “She’s a hard worker who makes our team stronger immediately.”

The sole spring signee for the men’s team is Brett M. Johnson from Darnestown, Maryland (Northwest High School). He played at #1 singles for his high school team for all four years, earning a record as high as 24-3 in his sophomore year. Johnson was named team MVP, and won scholar-athlete, All-County, and Honorable mention All-Met awards for his high school play. He will be joining fall signees Alec Wilson and Jonathan Walker to complete the 2001-02 freshman class.

“Brett’s competitive nature brings many tangibles and intangibles to our program,” Ray said. “Brett is a projected freshman starter.”

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The Terriers dropped a 7-0 decision to the College of Charleston in men's Southern Conference tennis action at the Reeves Tennis Center on the Wofford campus.

Singles
#1 Henrico du Plessis (C) def. Brad Brendle; 7-5, 6-0
#2 Sagi Zakim (C) def. Lee Porter; 6-4, 6-3
#3 Eyal Omid (C) def. Brandon Smith; 6-3, 6-1
#4 Sandon Barth (C) def. Jason Mengel; 6-1, 6-0
#5 Bill Brehmer (C) def. Dial Burwell; 6-4, 3-6, 7-6
#6 Milos Lazic (C) def. Will Johnson; 6-3, 6-1

Doubles
#1 DuPressis/Zakim (C) def. Brendle/Porter; 8-6
#2 Omid/Barth (C) def. Burwell/Johnson; 8-5
#3 Lazic/Matt Beckham (C) def. Smith/Mengel; 8-1

Records: CofC 9-3, 3-1; Wofford 1-8, 1-4
The Wofford College women’s tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision to College of Charleston at the John E. Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C., this afternoon.

Singles
#1 Vinny Seiverling (C) def. Wendy Rohr; 6-4, 6-4
#2 Marcella Valkenhoff (C) def. Lauren Marie Whisenhunt; 6-0, 6-1
#3 Liorah Levin (C) def. Anna Martin; 8-6, 6-3
#4 Renata Camargo (C) def. Candy Gore; 6-3, 6-4
#5 Whitney Malina (C) def. Kristine Banks; 6-0, 6-0
#6 Emily Scatuorcio (C) def. Erin Hantske; 6-3, 6-3

Doubles
#1 Whisenhunt/Martin (W) def. Seiverling/Levin; 8-3
#2 Rohr/Gore (W) def. Valkenhoff/Scatuorcio; 8-2
#3 Camargo/Malina (C) def. Banks/Hantske; 8-3

Records: College of Charleston 9-4, 3-0; Wofford 5-6, 1-4.
A mentally drained Wofford College basketball team dropped an 80-56 decision at UNC Greensboro Monday night.

"We never had it tonight," Terrier Head Coach Richard Johnson said. "We just weren't ourselves. This was not the same team that I've grown to love coaching.

"I think Charleston (a 64-62 winner over Wofford on Saturday) had as much to do with this as anything. That was such an emotional game and we were still drained. We almost beat Charleston for the second time in 12 days, so we came in here and thought this should be no big deal. It was a big deal. This league is too good to think you can come out in here and thought this should be no big deal. It was a big deal. This league is too good to think you can come out

UNCG (11-7, 5-2), the preseason pick to win the SoCon North Division, had six players in double figures. Wofford (7-11, 2-5) was led by Kenny Hastie, who recorded his second double-double in the last three contests with 13 points and 10 rebounds to go with four blocked shots. Hastie had 14 points and 11 boards in a 79-58 win over The Citadel on Jan. 15.

The Terriers trailed just 34-31 at the intermission and closed to within 36-35 when Hastie opened the second half with two short jump shots. However, the Spartans then went on a 29-7 run over a 9:13 span to take a 65-42 lead with 8:59 to play. Ian Chadwick and Jon Pryor hit consecutive 3-pointers to pull the Terriers within 65-50 with 6:42 remaining, but that would be as close as Wofford would get the remainder of the night.

Ten different Terriers scored but Wofford shot just 29.7 percent for the game, including a 7-of-33 mark (21.2 percent) in the second half. The Spartans hit 18-of-32 shots (56.3 percent) in the final 20 minutes to finish at 50.0 percent (31-of-62) for the contest.

Wofford continues a stretch of three consecutive road games and four out of five contests away from home when it travels to Furman on Saturday. Five of the Terriers' opening eight
SoCon games are on the road.