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Wofford designated hitter David Dufour has received first-team Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The only SoCon player to be a first-team Academic All-America selection this season, Dufour is also the first Terrier baseball player in nine years on the Division I level to garner the accolade. The last Wofford baseball player to receive Academic All-America honors was Justin Laughlin during the 1993 and 1994 campaigns, when the Terriers competed in Division II.

Dufour batted a team-high .395 with eight home runs and 20 RBI in his 28 SoCon games this spring. For the season, he led the Terriers with a .307 mark at the plate.

The senior and Morrow, Ohio, native placed second behind teammate David Long in home runs per game in SoCon action. Dufour was the SoCon leader in slugging percentage (.815) for league contests only.

Dufour received SoCon Player of the Month honors in April when he batted .455 with four home runs, six doubles and 13 RBI in 12 SoCon games. He had .864 slugging and .500 on-base percentages during those league contests.

Dufour was also named the TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week when he hit .538 (7-of-13) with two home runs and nine RBI as the Terriers won two of three games at Furman (April 16-18).
Nearly 30 percent of Wofford's 2004 baseball schedule came against teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

The Terriers faced six teams (Youngstown State, Clemson, College of Charleston, South Carolina, The Citadel and Tennessee) that advanced to postseason play. Fourteen of Wofford's 47 games (29.8 percent) came against those squads.

During a 12-day stretch from March 20-31, Wofford played eight consecutive games against NCAA Tournament teams. The Terriers had three-game Southern Conference series versus College of Charleston and The Citadel sandwiched around non-league contests versus South Carolina and Tennessee.

Wofford won two of three games versus Youngstown State (March 6-7), the Horizon League tournament champion. The Terriers also had six losses by three runs or less against NCAA Tournament teams with a seventh defeat coming by four runs (8-4) in 10 innings to The Citadel.

The 2004 Terriers won 17 games to equal their second-highest victory total in nine years of DIvision I play. It was accomplished while playing their fewest games since 1998.
The Wofford baseball program has announced the signing of shortstop/third baseman Shane Kirkley from Lugoff, S.C.

Kirkley topped Lugoff-Elgin High School in nearly all offensive categories this season. He batted .419 with 10 doubles, two triples, nine home runs and 33 RBI. He also had seven stolen bases in earning All-Region honors for the third consecutive year.

Selected to play in the 2004 North/South All-Star Game, Kirkley was Lugoff-Elgin's Most Valuable Offensive Player after his sophomore, junior and senior years. He hit .429 as a junior with seven doubles, two triples, two home runs, 13 stolen bases and 26 RBI.

Kirkley led his Diamond Travelers 17-and-under squad to a national championship in July 2003, batting .467 with four RBI and five stolen bases in eight tournament games.

An Honor Roll student, Kirkley ranked fifth in his graduating class and had 12 years of perfect attendance in the Kershaw County School District.

Kirkley comes from an athletic family. His father Scott Kirkley, played baseball at The Citadel, while his great uncle, Grady Ray, is in the Newberry College Athletic Hall of Fame as a former football standout. Ray is also a member of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, in addition to serving as its past president.
Brandon McKillop

Wofford assistant baseball coach Brandon McKillop married Lora Grigg on July 24 at Spiegel Farm just outside Spartanburg.

Mrs. Lora McKillop, a native of Chesnee, S.C., is a teacher at Boiling Springs Junior High School.

Brandon McKillop, a 1995 Wofford graduate, just completed his sixth year as an assistant coach at his alma mater. A former standout player for the Terriers, McKillop was a Team Captain and co-Most Valuable Player as a senior when hit .357 and stole 26 bases as Wofford’s leadoff hitter.

Following a honeymoon in Cozumel, the McKillops will make their home in Boiling Springs.

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