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Subject: Vartanian and Casey break Wofford baseball records in DH split with UNC Greensboro

Date: May 1, 2004 at 7:27 PM

To:



Charles Vartanian tossed four innings of no-hit relief while David Long's two-run homer provided the decisive runs in Wofford's 3-2 victory at UNC Greensboro in the second game of a doubleheader this afternoon in Greensboro, N.C. The Spartans took a 10-1 win in game one.

Vartanian picked up his fourth save, setting a Wofford single-season freshman record. His five victories this spring are the most since Chad McLain won six in 1988. Vartanian struck out three and did not walk a batter today. In his last seven appearances dating back to April 10, the Charlotte, N.C., native has a 3-1 record with two saves and a 0.96 ERA. In 18 2/3 innings during that stretch, he has allowed just 10 hits while striking out 18 and walking three. Opponents have a .167 batting average against him.

Long's two-run homer in the sixth, his 13th of the year, gave the Terriers a 3-0 lead. It followed Steve Casey's record-breaking 40th career double. The previous Wofford all-time mark for two-baggers was 39 (Strat Stavrou, 1999-02).

The Terriers (16-22, 8-15) improved to 7-2 in one-run games with their sixth win in the last 10 contests. UNC Greensboro, which had been ranked in the Top 30 nationally for much of the season, is 28-12-1, 12-8.

Long drove in Wofford's lone run in the first game with a run-scoring single. He now has a team-best 46 RBI on the year.

Jesse Cole (5-4) earned the game-two win for the Terriers, surrendering two earned runs on five hits in five innings. He struck out two and walked one.

The Terriers took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on an RBI single by Anthony Dinardo.

Tony Carbone had two hits for Wofford.

In the first game, senior lefthander Nick Hewitt tossed three innings of scoreless relief for the Terriers. He gave up three hits while fanning two and walking two. Hewitt has not allowed a run in five innings, covering five appearances, this season.

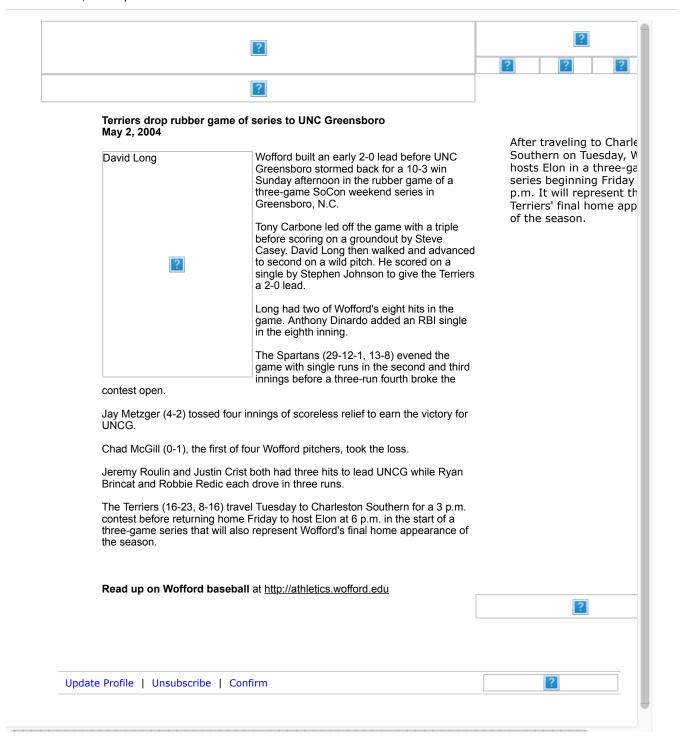
Scooter Michael (9-1) held the Terriers to just three hits in his route-going performance.

Wofford and UNCG will meet at 1 p.m. tomorrow in the rubber game of the series.

Subject: Terriers drop rubber game of series to UNC Greensboro

Date: May 2, 2004 at 4:56 PM





Subject: Wofford baseball rolls past Charleston Southern

Date: May 4, 2004 at 6:20 PM

To:



Freshman Eric Sturkie had four hits and two RBI while Anthony Dinardo added three hits to key Wofford's 12-4 victory at Charleston Southern this afternoon in Charleston, S.C.

After taking a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a David Long RBI single, the Terriers (17-23) extended their margin to 4-0 with a three-run second inning that featured another Long run-scoring hit as well as a Sturkie RBI double. Long extended his team-high RBI total to 48.

Long and Tony Carbone both had two hits in the 14-hit Terrier attack.

The Terriers broke the game open with a three-run fifth, keyed by three Charleston Southern errors, to take a 7-1 lead.

After the Buccaneers (20-25) scored three times in the bottom of the sixth to pull within 7-4, Sturkie and Carbone had back-to-back doubles to open the seventh and extend the Wofford advantage to 8-4.

A two-run single by Stephen Johnson and a pinch-hit two-run double by Jesse Cole brought home four runs in the ninth for Wofford in providing the final margin.

Chris Clark (2-3) went five innings to record the victory, allowing three runs on six hits. He struck out three and walked three.

Nick Hewitt pitched hitless ball over the final four innings for his first career save. The senior southpaw from Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman High School), surrendered just one run while striking out one and walking two. It was the first earned run given up by Hewitt in 10 innings, covering six appearances, this spring.

Wofford's 17 wins equal the second-best single-season victory total for the Terriers since they began Division I play in the 1996 campaign.

The Terriers return to SoCon play Friday when they host Elon at 6 p.m. in the opener of a three-game series that marks the final home dates in the 2004 campaign.

Subject: Wofford's Dufour named SoCon Baseball Player of the Month

Date: May 5, 2004 at 3:39 PM

To:



Wofford designated hitter David Dufour has been named the Southern Conference Baseball Student-Athlete of the Month for April.

Dufour batted .455 with four home runs, six doubles and 13 RBI in 12 April SoCon games. He had .864 slugging and .500 on-base percentages during those league contests. Dufour scored 11 runs and was 2-of-2 on stolen bases.

The senior from Morrow, Ohio, homered twice in a 10-1 win at Furman. In leading the Terriers to victories in two of three games versus the Paladins, he was 7-of-13 (.538) at the plate with nine RBI.

Dufour also homered in 10-2 and 7-6 wins over Davidson and Georgia Southern, respectively. He went 3-for-8 (.375) with two RBI as the Terriers took two of three from the Eagles. He was 7-of-11 (.636) with two RBI in the series versus the Wildcats.

He posted a .393 overall average in April with a .732 slugging mark and .433 on-base percentage.

Dufour also carries a 3.6 grade-point average while majoring in business economics.

Subject: Wofford baseball announces four signings

Date: May 6, 2004 at 1:01 PM

To:



The Wofford baseball program has announced the signing of four student-athletes to National Letters-of-Intent.

*Keith Munns is a catcher from Cheraw High School in Cheraw, S.C., the same hometown as 1960 Wofford graduate and current Air Force football coach Fisher DeBerry. DeBerry was the Terriers' head baseball coach in 1970.

Munns tops Cheraw with a .391 average this spring to go with four home runs and 35 RBI. A three-time All-Region selection, he has thrown out 85 percent of opposing base stealers. He batted .386 as a junior and .331 his sophomore year when Cheraw captured the Lower State championship.

Munns was also a two-time All-Region pick as a punter in football.

*An outfielder/pitcher, Brent Pearce was batting .450 with five home runs and 13 RBI through 14 games for Chattahoochee (Ga.) High School. The Duluth, Ga., native topped last year's team in wins with four. He's a three-year letterwinner and four-year Scholar-Athlete.

*Dawson Smith is a righthanded pitcher from Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. In six starts, he had a 5-0 record with a 2.07 ERA. He struck out 56 batters while walking 11 with a .157 opponent batting average.

Ranked as the No. 2 second baseman in the state by the High School Sports Report, Smith has a .357 average with one home run and 26 RBI. He is the Team Captain for Wando and a three-year varsity letterman.

*Adam Wood is a pitcher/first baseman/third baseman for nationally-ranked Riverside High School in Greer, S.C.

Wood is batting .370 with a 1.000 fielding percentage. He has also posted a 0.91 ERA on the mound.

A three-year letterman, he received Riverside's Most Outstanding Defensive Player award as a junior last year. He has also been named to a pair of All-Tournament teams.

In addition to pitching this spring, Wood has played first, second and third for Riverside.

Subject: Elon defeats Wofford in baseball series opener

Date: May 7, 2004 at 9:48 PM

To:



Drew Davis had three hits, including a home run, and five RBI to back the strong pitching of Matt Garner in leading Elon to a 14-4 victory over Wofford tonight at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

Garner (5-6) held the Terriers to two hits and three runs, two earned, in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out three and walked three.

Scott Holloway had both of the Wofford hits off Garner and a total of three hits in the game. Holloway also drew a seventh-inning walk to reach base in all four plate appearances. The Terriers had just five hits on the night. Steve Casey delivered a two-run single in the seventh to give him 32 RBI on the year and 98 in his career.

The Phoenix (25-24, 14-11) took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. A one-out, three-run double by Davis on a 3-2 pitch gave Elon a 3-0 lead it would not relinquish. One out later, Tyler Stevens delivered a single to right to plate Davis and extend the Phoenix margin to 4-0.

The Terriers (17-24, 8-17) got a run back in the bottom of the second on an Eric Sturkie sacrifice fly.

A solo home run by Davis, his fifth of the year, hit the top of the wall in left and bounced over to give the Phoenix a 5-1 lead in the top of the third. A Paul Bennett sacrifice fly later in the inning made it a 6-1 game.

A two-run homer by Gary Morris, his fifth, gave Elon an 8-1 advantage in the fifth. Stevens and Chris Price both had three hits in the 16-hit Phoenix attack.

The Terriers loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the seventh. After Holloway walked, Zach Pittman and Sturkie were both hit by pitches. Kevin Regan then relieved Garner. After getting Tony Carbone on a pop to second on his first pitch, Regan's 2-2 offering to Casey was drilled to rightcenter for a two-run single which cut the Wofford deficit to 8-3.

Elon broke the game open with a six-run ninth inning that was keyed by a two-run single from Evan Tartaglia and a two-run double by Price.

Wofford starter Jarrod Rampey (4-6) allowed five earned runs on eight hits in three innings to take the loss.

The Terriers and Phoenix continue the series tomorrow and Sunday with 1:30 p.m. contests. The eight seniors on the Wofford roster will be honored in a pregame ceremony tomorrow.

Subject: Terrier baseball falls to Elon on Senior Day

Date: May 8, 2004 at 5:09 PM

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Paul Bennett had five RBI, including a three-run homer, while Chris Price also had a three-run shot to lead Elon to a 12-3 victory over Wofford this afternoon at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

It was a matchup of starting pitchers with the last name Cole. Elon's Lance Cole (5-2) held Wofford to one run on four hits in six innings. He walked five and struck out two. Wofford's Jesse Cole (5-5) took the loss.

David Dufour, who had two of Wofford's seven hits, homered in the bottom of the sixth. All eight of his home runs this season have come in SoCon play. The senior from Morrow, Ohio, had just one career roundtripper entering the campaign.

Wofford seniors D.J. Rhodes and Matt Davis had RBI doubles in the eighth inning to account for the Terriers' other runs. The eight seniors on the Wofford roster were honored in a pregame ceremony. Senior pitchers Chad McGill and Nick Hewitt made pinch-hit appearances in the bottom of the ninth with both striking out.

For the second straight game in the series, Elon (26-24, 15-11) scored first. Following a pair of walks that loaded the bases with one out, Bennett gave the Phoenix a 1-0 lead with a fielder's choice groundout. It put runners on first and third. As Bennett later broke from first, Cole caught Evan Erickson in a rundown between third and home. Erickson scored to extend the Elon lead to 2-0 as he slid under a high throw to the plate.

The Terriers (17-25, 8-18) put runners at first and third with no outs in the bottom of the second but were unable to score. Scott Holloway led off with a double down the rightfield line for his fourth hit in the series. He was 3-for-3 last night. Following a strikeout, Cole worked out of the jam as Zach Pittman flew out with Elon rightfielder Grant Rembert throwing to first to double off the Terrier runner to end the inning.

Wofford loaded the bases with two outs in the third and Holloway at the plate. However, Elon catcher Drew Davis picked off the Terrier runner at first to end the inning.

Three bunt singles and a sacrifice bunt led to a pair of Elon runs in the fourth before Price capped the five-run inning with a three-run homer, his seventh of the year. It gave the Phoenix a 7-0 lead.

Gary Morris led off the Elon sixth with a homer to right. It was his second of the series and sixth of the season to give the Phoenix an 8-0 advantage.

A three-run homer by Bennett in the seventh made it an 11-1 game.

The Terriers and Phoenix conclude the series at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. It will be Wofford's final home game in its inaugural season at Russell C. King Field.

Subject: Elon baseball defeats Wofford in Terriers' home finale

Date: May 9, 2004 at 5:16 PM

To:



Grant Rembert had three doubles and four RBI while Matt Stocco drove in three runs to lead Elon to a 15-5 victory over Wofford today and a three-game sweep at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Phoenix (27-24, 16-11) never trailed in the series in outscoring the Terriers (17-26, 8-19) by a 41-12 margin.

Elon had a three-run first inning as it scored first for the third straight game, including twice in the opening at bat. Rembert had a two-run double while Drew Davis contributed a runscoring single to give the Phoenix a 3-0 lead.

An RBI single by Evan Tartaglia in the second increased Elon's margin to 4-0.

Jesse Cole doubled to open the Wofford second. It was his fourth hit, including three doubles, in his last four at bats. He came around to score on a Stephen Johnson single to cut the Wofford deficit to 4-1.

Elon answered with three runs in the top of the third after the first two batters in the inning were retired. A walk and hit-by-pitch preceded a two-run double from Stocco and a runscoring single by Paul Bennett.

Stocco, Gary Morris and Tartaglia had two hits. Rembert's three doubles gave him 21 on the year.

A two-run homer by David Long in the bottom of the third brought the Terriers within 7-3. Long now has 14 home runs, the most by a Terrier since Scott Yaniszewski slugged 14 in 1999. It also equals the top mark by a Wofford player in the Terriers' nine years of Division I play. Long's 50 RBI is the third-most for Wofford in its Division I era. Yaniszewski had 55 in 1999 and Matt Lein totaled 52 in 2002.

Three Wofford errors in the top of the fifth led to three unearned runs for Elon as its lead was built back to 10-3.

A single by Steve Casey in the fifth scored Zach Pittman from third to bring Wofford within 10-4 in the bottom of the fifth. It was the 99th career RBI for Casey, who had two hits in the game. Pittman also had two hits.

Nick Hewitt surrendered two runs in the top of the sixth on a single by Tyler Stevens. It made the score 12-4 and was the first earned runs against Hewitt in 12 innings this spring for the senior lefthander.

Rembert added a two-run double in the ninth to provide the final margin.

Brian Hensen (6-1) allowed four runs on seven hits in five innings to pick up the win. He

struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Wofford starter Chris Clark (2-4) took the loss.

Wofford will focus on final exams this week before returning to action Friday at 7 p.m. at Western Carolina. Elon hosts Wake Forest on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Subject: Wofford baseball players Dufour and Carbone named to Academic All-District team

Date: May 13, 2004 at 11:08 AM

To:



Wofford designated hitter David Dufour and shortstop Tony Carbone have received Academic All-District honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Dufour is a first-team selection and is now eligible for Academic All-America consideration. Carbone was named to the second-team.

The district includes all Division I members in the states of South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. To be eligible for consideration, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or key reserve.

A senior from Morrow, Ohio, Dufour tops the Terriers with a .324 batting average, including a .421 mark in SoCon play. He has eight home runs, nine doubles and 20 RBI.

Dufour was the April SoCon Baseball Student-Athlete of the Month when he batted .455 with four home runs, six doubles and 13 RBI in 12 league games. Earlier this spring, he received TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week honors when he posted a .538 average (7-of-13) with nine RBI as Wofford won two of three games at Furman.

Dufour tops the SoCon for league games only in slugging percentage (.868) while placing second in home runs (8, .31 per game), fourth in on-base percentage (.522) and fifth in batting average (.421) and total bases (66, 2.54 per game).

Carbone is batting .305 with one home run and 19 RBI. Having already earned a degree in business economics from Wofford, he is now completing work on a Spanish degree.

Carbone has excelled defensively for the Terriers, committing just 10 errors in 239 chances at shortstop. He has started all but one game he's played over the last four years.

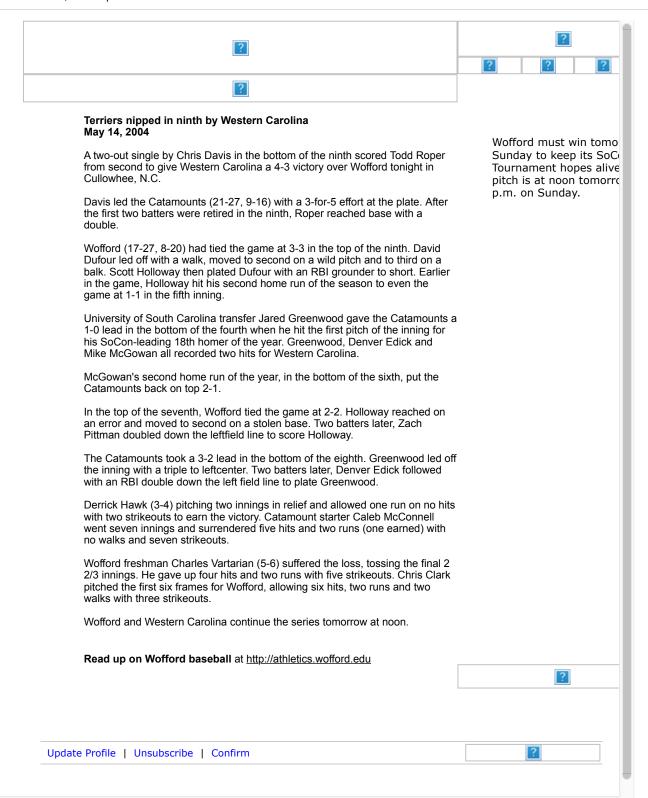
The senior from Columbia, S.C., shared 2004 Wofford team Most Valuable Player honors with first baseman David Long. Carbone tops the Terriers in doubles (11), stolen bases (10) and sacrifice bunts (five). He's the Wofford career leader in sacrifices with 24.

Carbone had four hits in a 7-6 win over Georgia Southern last month and has had a pair of 11-game hitting streaks this spring.

Subject: Terriers nipped in ninth by Western Carolina

Date: May 14, 2004 at 10:59 PM





Subject: Wofford baseball's SoCon Tourney hopes end with loss to Western Carolina

Date: May 15, 2004 at 3:22 PM

To:



Brian Sigmon had three hits and three RBI as Western Carolina built a 6-1 lead after two innings en route to a 6-4 victory over Wofford this afternoon in Cullowhee, N.C.

With the loss, the Terriers (17-28, 8-21) are eliminated from SoCon Tournament consideration.

Sigmon's three RBI came in the opening two innings.

After the Catamounts (22-27, 10-16) took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, Wofford got a run back in the second on a Zach Pittman RBI single.

However, a Sigmon two-run single in the bottom of the second capped a four-run inning that gave Western Carolina a 6-1 advantage.

Wofford starter Jarrod Rampey (4-7) allowed six earned runs on five hits in 1 2/3 innings. He walked three and struck out two.

Terrier freshman Austin Redwine took the mound in the second and tossed 5 1/3 scoreless innings, surrendering just four hits while striking out one and not walking a batter. In nine relief appearances this spring, covering 30.0 innings, Redwine has a 2.10 ERA.

The Terriers closed to within 6-3 in the top of the third. Steve Casey led off with a walk. Two outs later, he scored on a Scott Holloway triple. Stephen Johnson then followed with a double to plate Holloway. Johnson had two hits in the game.

Wofford attempted a rally in the ninth. After the first two batters were retired, pinch hitter D.J. Rhodes doubled down the leftfield line. Fellow pinch hitter Steven Fusaro then singled to left to score pinch runner Bradford Eaves. It made the score 6-4 and brought the tying run to the plate. However, Western Carolina starter Brad Josey finished off his complete-game performance by retiring Tony Carbone on a fielder's choice to end the game.

Josey (4-4) allowed three earned runs on nine hits while striking out four and walking one.

Nick Hewitt pitched a scoreless eighth inning for the Terriers, lowering his ERA to 1.38 in eight appearances this spring.

The eight Wofford seniors will go through commencement ceremonies tomorrow morning and then join their teammates in busing back to Cullowhee for a 7 p.m. contest to conclude the series. Wofford will close the 2004 season Wednesday at South Carolina.

Subject: Long sets Wofford Division I season home run record

Date: May 16, 2004 at 11:21 PM
To: Stone, R. Phillip StoneRP@Wofford.Edu



Subject: Wofford baseball announces signing of SMC standout Biggerstaff

Date: May 17, 2004 at 12:48 PM

To:



The Wofford baseball program has announced the signing of outfielder/designated hitter Cody Biggerstaff to a National Letter-of-Intent.

Biggerstaff batted .362 with six home runs and 33 RBI for Spartanburg Methodist College this year. His .606 slugging percentage was second on the team.

Biggerstaff's coach at Spartanburg Methodist was former Wofford standout Tim Wallace.

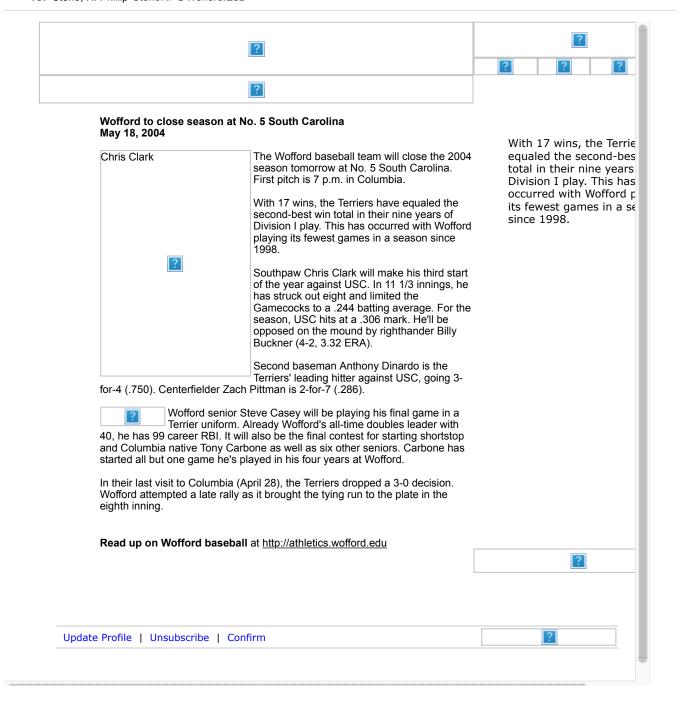
As a senior at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C., Biggerstaff earned All-State honors. He was also a two-time All-Region pick and a two-year Most Valuable Offensive Player for Northwestern.

In addition to being a three-year letterman in baseball, Biggerstaff also earned two letters in football for Northwestern.

Subject: Wofford baseball to close season at No. 5 South Carolina

Date: May 18, 2004 at 2:57 PM

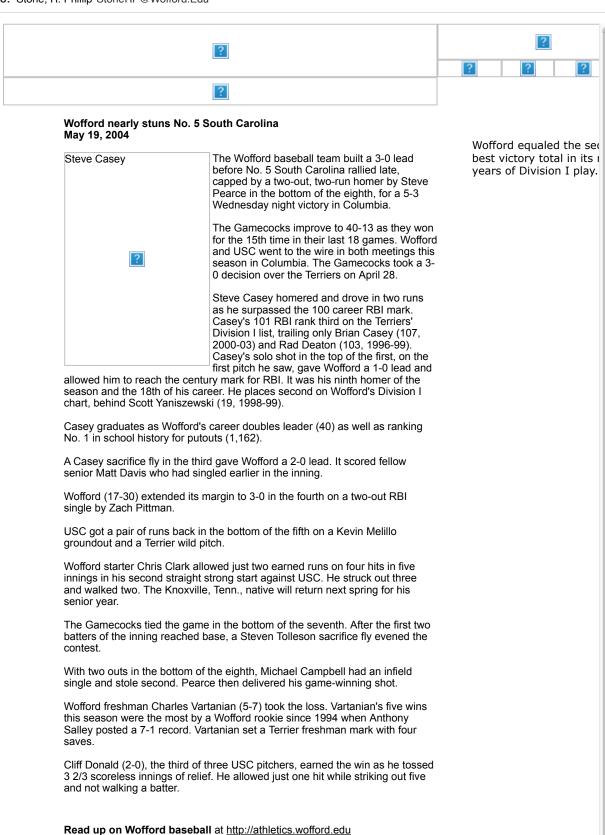




Subject: Wofford baseball nearly stuns No. 5 Gamecocks in season finale

Date: May 20, 2004 at 9:03 AM





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Subject: Wofford baseball players top SoCon home run chart

Date: May 24, 2004 at 9:52 AM

To:



Wofford first baseman David Long and designated hitter David Dufour were the SoCon's top home run hitters for league games only this season.

Long hit 12 homers in 30 SoCon games for an average of .40 per contest. Dufour was second with a per game mark of .29 (8 in 28 games).

A senior Academic All-District selection and Cincinnati, Ohio, native, Dufour was also the SoCon leader in slugging percentage (.815) for league contests only. For the season, he batted a team-high .307 with a .395 mark in SoCon action.

Long placed third in the SoCon for overall games with 15 home runs in 47 contests (.32 per game). The junior from Coeburn, Va., set a Wofford Division I single-season record with his 15 homers. He also drove in 51 runs.

Subject: Wofford baseball players Carbone and Dufour named All-SoCon

Date: May 26, 2004 at 5:46 PM

To:



Wofford shortstop Tony Carbone and designated hitter David Dufour are second-team All-SoCon selections by the league coaches.

A senior from Columbia, S.C., Carbone batted .298 with one home run and 19 RBI. He topped the Terriers with 12 doubles and 11 stolen bases in 12 attempts. He committed just 10 errors in 253 chances for a .960 fielding percentage.

Carbone was also an All-SoCon selection in 2002 in addition to being tabbed by Baseball America as the "Best Defensive Shortstop" in the SoCon.

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).

Subject: Wofford baseball faced six NCAA Tournament teams

Date: May 31, 2004 at 12:53 PM



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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 with a seventh defeat coming by four runs (8-4) in 10 games to equal their second-highest victory total in ay. It was accomplished while playing their fewest	against teams that qua the NCAA Tournament.
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