Terrier baseball and women's basketball to be broadcast
Jan. 12, 2005

A minimum of 16 Wofford baseball and two women's basketball games will be broadcast over the Internet through TEAMLINE.

TEAMLINE is available at www.teamline.com as well as through a link on the Terriers' athletic web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics).

Lenny Mathis, Wofford assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions, will share the broadcasting duties with Wofford students Steve Olejnik and Emmett Sheridan.

Included below is the schedule of broadcasts:

Baseball
March 16 - vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.
March 25 - vs. College of Charleston, 6 p.m.
March 26 - vs. College of Charleston, 1 p.m. (DH)
April 8 - vs. Davidson, 6 p.m.
April 9 - vs. Davidson, 1 p.m.
April 10 - vs. Davidson, 1 p.m.
April 22 - vs. Furman, 6 p.m.
April 23 - vs. Furman, 1 p.m.
April 24 - vs. Furman, 1 p.m.
May 6 - vs. UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
May 7 - vs. UNC Greensboro, 1 p.m.
May 8 - vs. UNC Greensboro, 1 p.m.
May 20 - vs. Western Carolina, 7 p.m.
May 21 - vs. Western Carolina, noon (DH)
May 25-28 - at SoCon Tournament (Charleston, S.C.)

Women's Basketball
Feb. 19 - at Davidson, 3 p.m.
March 2-5 - at SoCon Tournament (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

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The following is a preseason Q&A with Wofford baseball coach Steve Traylor, set to begin his sixth year with the Terriers. Wofford begins practice Monday in preparation for the 2005 campaign. The season opener is Feb. 4 at Elon.

Q: How would you describe the positive impact the opening of Russell C. King Field has had on the Wofford baseball program?

A: It’s possibly the most important thing that’s ever happened to our baseball program. Facilities are a vital part of recruiting at all levels. It’s an aspect of your program that has to be strong. We’ve leapfrogged a lot of people with Russell C. King Field. It’s as nice a college baseball facility as you’ll find anywhere.

Q: The game-day atmosphere at Russell C. King Field has been praised by several opposing coaches, including South Carolina’s Ray Tanner. Describe what makes a Wofford home baseball game unique.

A: The first thing is the number of students, faculty and staff that come to the games since we’ve moved back on campus. Our attendance has gone from about 100 people a game to close to 800. Lenny Mathis, our marketing and promotions director, does a great job in creating a festive environment and doing some on-field promotions. With the music to the overall look of the facility and the competition on the field, it’s an enjoyable place to watch a game.

Q: What makes Wofford special?

A: What makes Wofford special more than anything is the people. We have outstanding faculty and staff, a great coaching staff and administrators. Plus, the caliber of education that you receive here is second to none. The people are caring individuals who will go that extra mile to help anyone who needs assistance with their academic pursuits. We have the same thing in our athletic department, where the coaches have a commitment to the success of our student-athletes. That is a tough combination to beat when you look at the academics and the athletics.

Q: What’s the most important thing you stress to a recruit about coming to Wofford?

A: The most important thing is that you are going to receive a quality education and the opportunity to play at a Division I program that is on the rise. You are going to have a faculty that cares about your success and will give you the help you need. You also have coaches who are willing to help as well. In the way we schedule our games and practices, I believe the coaches put our student-athletes in the best possible situation to be successful in the classroom and on the field.
Q: How would you describe your coaching style?

A: I believe it’s probably flexible more than anything. We try to bring in quality people with high character that put the team first and the individual second. We are going to be flexible in that if we have the personnel to play a certain way, we will adjust. We hope to become a top flight pitching and defensive program. That is how you win games.

Q: Scott Holloway is the lone senior who’s been at Wofford all four years. What has he meant to the program?

A: He’s obviously been a cornerstone for us in playing a position that’s extremely important in terms of leadership ability. He’s like a rock, catching virtually every inning. He’s been a leader and a run producer. He also has a great mind behind the plate. We’ve turned over the pitch calling to him almost 100 percent of the time. He’ll call his own game again this year. He’s a huge part of our program on the field and one of our true leaders. We’re counting on him having a big year. He’s as good as any catcher in the SoCon.

Q: What is the key for Wofford to be successful this year?

A: Pitching, as it usually is. We’ve tried to develop some quality as well as depth. It was only a few years ago that we had just four pitchers on the staff. You have to do it class-by-class to get where you want. You can’t bring in eight pitchers in one year and think you can get it done that way. We’ve worked hard to bring in pitching with the last few recruiting classes. Some of the guys who have thrown a lot of innings for us are young, but they’re also experienced. They’ll be even better the next couple of years and we’re excited about that.

Q: What are your thoughts on this year’s team?

A: I’m very excited. We have a lot of retuning players, both pitchers and position players, in whom we have invested a lot of innings with the hope that they would come into their own this year. We’ve had a lot of freshman pitchers the last two seasons who have faced some stiff competition and grown from that, as well as through their summer ball and working diligently in our conditioning and throwing program. I’m very confident they’ll keep us in virtually every game. We’re still young, though. Our likely starting rotation is a senior, junior and two sophomores with a sophomore closer. We also have some quality depth in middle relief.

Q: The Terriers had a lot of innings pitched by freshmen last season. How will that experience help them this spring?

A: It has a similar to the work of a stud. It is for which he will be a top starting pitcher.
A: It’s very similar to the year before when Jesse Cole, who’s still in our rotation, pitched a lot as a freshman. We’re going to be fortunate this spring in that we’re not going to have to rely too heavily on guys who haven’t pitched in college before. We have some freshmen who will help us, but they won’t be in situations like past years when he had guys pitch who weren’t ready or went too long. We’ll be able to blend in our young arms much better this spring instead of throwing them into the fire.

Q: What type of contribution do you expect from this year’s 10 freshmen?

A: We expect a significant contribution from one of the best recruiting classes we’ve ever had. Our program is at the point where we are no long relying on them to start immediately. We do have guys who are capable of being productive, especially in the infield. We’re looking at freshman Adam Wood starting at third base with another freshman, Scott Russell, in a back-up role. We’ll be young there, but solid. Brandon Waring is a great prospect at shortstop. He’s in competition with Eric Sturkie, so we have a freshman and sophomore at that key spot. Shane Kirkley is another outstanding prospect. He’s battling for a job at second base. We have four freshmen starting or on the verge of it. They’ll be quality starters or backups depending on how everything plays out. We also have some pitchers like lefthander Chip Hunt who will give us some innings in middle or long relief. Adam Wood is a two-way guy who will also provide quality innings in relief. Dawson Smith is in the mix along with Ben Austin, who’s also a fourth outfielder and pushing for playing time. Brent Pearce is another two-way guy who will get some innings and play in the field. Our freshmen will provide good depth.
Baseball America has tabbed Wofford's Scott Holloway as the "Best Defensive Catcher" in the Southern Conference.

A senior from Marietta, Ga., Holloway has started all but one game over the last three seasons. He threw out 33 percent of opposing base stealers last year while committing just three errors in 301 chances in the field. He batted .270 with two home runs and 23 RBI. Holloway also stole five bases and is 15-of-19 in his career.

As a sophomore, Holloway was behind the plate for all but five innings on the year. He batted .326 with four homers and 14 RBI. He topped the Terriers with eight stolen bases as a freshman.

Holloway tied a single-season school record with his 11 hit-by-pitches last year. He has 19 in his career, just four shy of Wofford's all-time mark of 23 (Aaron Price, 1996-00).
Four Wofford baseball players will play in the Coastal Plain League this summer.

Pitchers Andrew Hewitt and Austin Redwine along with shortstop Brandon Waring will suit up for the Spartanburg Stingers, while Charles Vartanian will pitch for the Gastonia Grizzlies.

The Coastal Plain League is a summer wooden-bat college baseball league. In 1999, the CPL received official certification from the NCAA and Major League Baseball.

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible to play. The game schedule runs from late May to August.

Hewitt, a native of Spartanburg, posted a 3-2 record in 32 innings for the Stingers in 2004. He's entering his junior season with the Terriers.

Redwine (Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.) tossed 53 innings in 14 appearances, five starts, as a freshman for the Terriers last year.

Waring is a freshman from West Columbia, S.C. He's in contention to start at short for Wofford.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Vartanian had an impressive freshman campaign in 2004 as he tied for the Terrier lead in victories (five) while topping the staff in saves (four). He made a team-best 23 appearances and held opposing batters to a .234 average in 58 innings.

The Terriers began practice yesterday. The 2005 season opener is Feb. 4 at Elon.
The 2005 Wofford baseball team carries high optimism, centered around a strong pitching staff and the excitement of playing its second season at Russell C. King Field.

With a strong core of returning players, an outstanding recruiting class, depth and competition for jobs, the Terriers eagerly look forward to the upcoming campaign. The mix of returnees and newcomers has provided Wofford with an outstanding work ethic and team chemistry.

Wofford’s pitching was dominant in the fall. The staff is a strength of the team and arguably the best in the Terriers’ 10 seasons on the Division I level.

The Terriers return five starters and 11 of 15 lettermen from last year’s club which equaled the second-most victories in the school’s Division I history (1996-present). The mark was made even more impressive when considering that Wofford played its fewest games in a season since 1998.

Wofford has just four seniors on its 27-player roster. Included among that veteran group is Scott Holloway, who’s been recognized by Baseball America as the “Best Defensive Catcher” in the Southern Conference.

The Terriers entered a new era last spring when they began play at Russell C. King Field. Wofford’s new on-campus home drew positive reviews and instantly became one of the premier baseball facilities in the nation. The Terriers averaged nearly 800 fans per game and drew over 2,000 when nationally-ranked South Carolina and Clemson both came to Wofford. The Terriers have 35 home dates on this year’s slate.

Just like last season, when nearly 30 percent of the schedule came against postseason teams, this year’s Wofford schedule is again formidable. The Terriers have 19 games against teams that advanced to the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

Steve Traylor, whose 709 victories rank 37th among active collegiate coaches, is in his sixth season as the Terriers’ skipper. He received ACC Coach of the Year honors in 1992 when he led Duke to a single-season school record for wins and a national ranking.

**PITCHER**

Pitching is the strength of this year’s Wofford squad.

Jesse Cole (5-6, 6.65 ERA), in his third year as a starter, is the anchor of the staff.

The junior from Scituate, Mass., received Most Valuable Player honors from the Cranberry Summer League. He posted a 6-2 record with a 1.19 ERA for the Brockton (Mass.) Tigers, striking out 48 and walking eight in 53 innings. Cole also limited opposing batters to just 35 hits and a .179 average. He was the starting pitcher in the Cranberry League All-Star game played at Fenway Park.

The Terriers make their Russell C. King Field debut Feb. 12-13 when they host Dayton in a three-game series.
Charles Vartanian (5-7, 4.66 ERA) will again fill the Terriers’ closer role. A 6-foot-7, 250-pound native of Charlotte, N.C., Vartanian was one of the top freshmen in the SoCon last spring. He posted four saves while making a team-high 23 appearances. He limited opposing hitters to a .234 average at the plate.

Vartanian will often enter a game as early as the sixth inning. He throws in the low 90s and has a closer mentality.

The depth of the staff gives Traylor a comfortable feeling about his long and middle relievers. A combination of experienced hurlers and newcomers will fill the very important role of bridging the starters and Vartanian.

Sophomore Jim Zimmer (0-0, 6.46 ERA) and freshman Chip Hunt are two quality left-handers who will fill important relief roles.

Zimmer had a solid freshman season as he made 12 appearances. The experience he gained should provide improvement this spring as he’s projected to toss significant innings.

Hunt, from Greenville, S.C., is similar to Zimmer in being very effective against lefthanded hitters.

Lance Player (0-0, 6.45 ERA) is a righthander who can pound the strike zone and has great off-speed stuff. The Lancaster, S.C., native also has a good temperament to pitch out of the bullpen.

Ryan Beaton (1-1, 6.35 ERA) provides another righthand arm for long and middle relief. He’s coming off surgery but is expected to provide quality innings once his rehabilitation is complete. In a spot start last year, he allowed just one run on three hits in 5 2/3 innings to earn a 5-1 win over North Carolina A&T.

Freshman righthander Dawson Smith will also compete for innings. He has an outstanding breaking ball and could be tough on righthanded hitters.

Fellow newcomers Adam Wood, Ben Austin and Brent Pearce are in the mix on the mound in addition to being position players.

Wood is the frontrunner for the third-base job. He provides the Terriers with a strong right arm in middle relief and is a product of the highly successful
Riverside High School program in nearby Greer, S.C.

Austin (Chapel Hill, N.C.) and Pearce (Duluth, Ga.) are also outfielders. Austin had an impressive fall on the mound, at the plate and in the field. He and Pearce will contribute as two-way players.

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| Scott Holloway (.270, 2 HR, 23 RBI) returns for his fourth season as the Terriers’ mainstay behind the plate. The Marietta, Ga., native has started all but one game over the last three campaigns. Baseball America tabbed Holloway as the “Best Defensive Catcher” in the SoCon. He was also cited by Collegiate Baseball as a “Player to Watch” this spring.

The Terriers are looking for Holloway’s best season yet. Despite all the innings he’s caught, he has outstanding speed with 15 stolen bases in 19 attempts over his career.

Holloway provides outstanding leadership. The Terrier coaches have entrusted him with the pitch-calling responsibility.

Sophomore John Brandt (.174, 0 HR, 0 RBI) and freshman Keith Munns (Cheraw, S.C.) provide depth behind Holloway. Brandt could also see action at designated hitter.

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| First baseman David Long (.285, 15 HR, 51 RBI) returns as one of the premier sluggers in the SoCon. Long topped Wofford and ranked among the league leaders in all power categories last season. His 15 home runs were the most by a Terrier since Wofford began Division I play in 1996. He will be expected to once again be a major run producer while vying for All-SoCon honors.

Senior Anthony Dinardo (.242, 0 HR, 16 RBI) is in a three-way battle with sophomore Eric Sturkie (.207, 0 HR, 7 RBI) and freshman Shane Kirkley for the second-base job. Dinardo started all 47 games at second last year and worked hard over the summer to improve in each facet of the game.

The versatile Sturkie started 18 games at third base a year ago. Kirkley, a shortstop for Lugoff-Elgin High School last season, has been moved to second.

Sturkie is also in the mix at shortstop with freshman Brandon Waring (West Columbia, S.C.). The duo look to fill the void left by the graduation of two-time All-SoCon selection and defensive whiz Tony Carbone.

Waring is very strong with excellent power, arm strength and the ability to make plays. He’s an outstanding prospect.

Fellow rookie Scott Russell (Asheville, N.C.) will provide depth behind Wood.

Even though he’s the likely starter at third, Wood will also serve as the backup at first base.
OUTFIELD
Leftfielder Stephen Johnson (.282, 4 HR, 22 RBI) and centerfielder Zach Pittman (.270, 3 HR, 24 RBI) are returning starters in the outfield.

A converted second baseman, Johnson learned to play left last season. The junior from Toms River, N.J., came to Wofford after Drexel dropped its baseball program. Johnson battled injuries but was one of the Terriers' more productive players. He will bat in the middle of the lineup and is also capable of stealing a base.

Bradford Eaves (.100, 0 HR, 3 RBI) and walk-on Michael Regan (Columbia, S.C.) will backup Johnson. Eaves was able to get some at bats while making four starts last season.

Pittman will be in his third year in the starting lineup. Like Johnson, he's a converted second baseman. Pittman has been a steady player for the Terriers and has become a very good defensive outfielder. He has outstanding speed and is able to turn a lot of potential hits into outs.

Freshman Brent Pearce, who also possesses great speed, will play behind Pittman.

The frontrunner for the vacant rightfield position is sophomore Steven Fusaro (.257, 0 HR, 1 RBI). The Inman, S.C., native has been slowed by injuries throughout his time on campus. He just needs to stay healthy.

When not on the mound, Ben Austin will compete for playing time in right. He's excellent defensively with a strong arm. He also runs well.

DESIGNATED HITTER
Jesse Cole (.286, 0 HR, 5 RBI) is the frontrunner for the designated hitter duties.

Cole had just 49 at bats last season, but hit .300 with three home runs, six doubles and 17 RBI in 96 plate appearances as a freshman in 2003.

In being the Cranberry League MVP, Cole batted .359 with four home runs, eight doubles and 28 RBI. The Scituate, Mass., native had a team-best .615 slugging percentage. His torrid hitting continued into the fall.

John Brandt, who will backup Holloway at catcher, is a candidate to also fill the DH role. He started seven contests last spring and had base hits in both games of the season-opening doubleheader sweep of North Carolina A&T.

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Wofford benefits from Dinardo's decision
by Drew Timmons '08
Jan. 25, 2005

Anthony Dinardo is in his 19th season of playing organized baseball, but he still is able to pick out his favorite memory.

During his sophomore year at Brookwood High School in Snellville, Ga., the team defeated Valdosta en route to an appearance in the state championship.

Now a senior second baseman at Wofford, Dinardo is ready to set another memory as he reflects on his final year of baseball.

"I'm going to miss the competition," Dinardo said. "I'm going to miss the excitement you get after winning a close game."

Even though Dinardo will miss the competition, the end of his senior season will mark the end of a long, yet successful journey on the diamond.

Dinardo began playing baseball as a young child, beginning the same way as many others. He and his dad would regularly play catch in their yard. Because he enjoyed it, he pursued the sport.

Cheering for the Atlanta Braves and admiring New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, Dinardo began to mold his talent. He soon found himself enjoying a terrific stint for coach Doug Jones at Brookwood.

The team captain, Dinardo was an All-County selection and a member of the Georgia High School All-Star team. He also received Dugout Club Player of the Week and Player of the Month honors. Dinardo batted .302 with 28 runs scored and 18 RBI. Defensively, he took part in 34 double plays.

In addition to baseball, Dinardo also excelled in football. He had been playing that sport since he was five years old. A three-year letterman on the gridiron, Dinardo was an All-County selection as he rushed for 1,300 yards and scored 20 touchdowns. He also did not fumble in 263 carries.

While juggling football and baseball, Dinardo also managed an impressive feat outside athletics. He was a Scholar-Athlete all four years at Brookwood.

Dinardo graduated high school and entered Chattanooga State Community College in Tennessee to play baseball. However, he was forced to make a choice.

"I had an opportunity to play football at a couple of Division II schools, but I chose to play baseball at a junior college with the hopes of eventually playing Division I," Dinardo said.

At Chattanooga State, Dinardo was once again a team captain and Scholar-Athlete. He batted .292 with 14 stolen bases, 24 RBI and 34 runs scored.

The time spent at Chattanooga State allowed Dinardo the opportunity he sought. He was able to don the Wofford gold and black in 2004, starting all 47 games.

Dinardo, who will earn a degree in business economics, plans to attend graduate school. He has been able to reflect quite fondly on his time at Wofford.

"I'm going to miss the friends I have made, the uniqueness of the campus and the different people on it," Dinardo said.
He is also confident that lessons learned on the field will be a valuable asset in making his career a success.

“Organized sports have taught me how to be a leader,” he said. “They have taught me how to win and lose.”

Dinardo is a member of several groups in his spare time, most notably the First Baptist Church of Snellville and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Wofford.

As he approaches nearly 20 years of suiting up to play baseball, Dinardo’s collegiate career is coming to a close. He’s quick to point out the valuable lessons he’s acquired.

“(People) can put themselves in a position to accomplish any goal they set for themselves,” he said with his words containing a sentiment of his favorite baseball movie, Field of Dreams. “It does not matter what other people say as long as you’re willing to put in the necessary work.”

Dinardo has heeded his own advice, putting in the time and effort to become a player the Terriers will miss. He also accomplished his goal of playing Division I baseball.

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Terrier ironman prepares for senior year
by Drew Timmons '08
Jan. 28, 2005

A comparison between Wofford senior catcher Scott Holloway and baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr. might be a bit premature.

Even though their careers are on a different scale, the comparison is an apt one. After all, Ripken is Major League Baseball’s Ironman. At Wofford, that title belongs to Holloway.

The business economics major from Pope High School in Marietta, Ga., has started all but one of the 153 games Wofford has played since he arrived on campus.

With the academic demands at Wofford and the strain that catching puts on the body, it would seem that this feat would be difficult. However, Holloway has established a mentality that keeps him behind the plate game after game.

“It really hasn’t been too difficult for me,” Holloway said. “I think you have to love catching as much as I do in order to start night after night. In order to prevent injury, I eat well and I always ice my arm after practice and games even if it doesn’t hurt.

“I’ve always worked hard in the weight room, through conditioning and in stretching well before I play. I believe these things, along with luck and a decent amount of Advil, have made it possible for me to go without injury thus far.”

Though Holloway is likely best known for his impressive streak, it cannot be forgotten that he has received these starts because of his talent. It’s a baseball skill that has developed after years of hard work.

Holloway took up baseball after watching his older brother, whom he admired very much, play the game. His brother has not been his only role model, however.

Though Holloway does not have a favorite baseball player, he admires all professional catchers and any baseball player who could be labeled as “scrappy.” He identifies with those who may not have raw talent but work hard to overcome that limitation.

Holloway has also been influenced by all his former teammates and coaches.

Under Jeff Rowland at Pope, Holloway posted impressive statistics. A two-year lettermen, he was named Rookie of the Year as a junior and was a two-time recipient of the Best Defense Award. His career batting average of .361 ranks seventh on Pope's all-time list.

During his senior season, Holloway experienced what he calls his favorite baseball memory.

In the 10th inning against rival Lassiter, Holloway hit a game-winning home run. It was made even better by the fact the Lassiter pitcher had intentionally walked the previous batter so he could pitch to Holloway.

At Wofford, Holloway’s stats have been just as impressive as they were in high school. Aside from the 152 starts, he has a .271 career batting average with 142 hits, seven home runs and 58 RBI.

As the senior’s career comes to a close, he will not forget what it meant to play for the Terriers.
“I'm going to miss the feeling I get on game day, especially my two years at Russell C. King Field,” Holloway said. “I'm going to miss the relationships I made with the coaches and players, and the daily routine of preparation for the classroom and the ballfield.”

With the end of his career approaching, Holloway is looking ahead. If there are no post-college baseball offers, he plans to enter the job field. He knows he can use the lessons learned on the diamond to help him succeed away from the game.

“You have to compete in just about anything you do in the business world, and baseball has made me a very competitive person,” Holloway said. “I believe I will be able to recognize what it takes to be successful and win.

“Baseball also taught me that failure will happen from time to time, so you must know how to deal with it in order to make an adjustment and ultimately be successful.”

As his senior season begins, Holloway has already been tabbed the “Best Defensive Catcher” in the Southern Conference by Baseball America. There is little doubt Holloway can handle the pressure.

At Pope, Holloway was a single-sport athlete because he did not want to choose between baseball and anything else. He wanted to put all his energy into developing as a player. It worked.

As graduation approaches, Holloway can rest easy knowing that his hard work has turned him into a player respected by the media, his team and the fans.

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