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Shane Kirkley homered twice and drove in six runs as Wofford scored 12 runs in the final two innings for a 19-9 victory over Georgia Southern in the first game of a doubleheader this afternoon in Statesboro, Ga. The 19 runs are one shy of Wofford's single-game scoring record in its 10-season Division I era (1996-present). It's also a run short of the Terriers' single-game offensive mark for a SoCon game. Wofford (16-30, 6-17) has now won the opening two games of the series and four of the last five games with Georgia Southern (28-14, 13-6). Dating back to the 2003 campaign, the Terriers are 5-2 in their last seven meetings with the Eagles.

Kirkey had a two-run homer in the eighth and a three-run shot in the ninth in addition to a first-inning sacrifice fly. The Lugoff, S.C., native now has six home runs and 28 RBI on the season. With the game tied at 7-7, Scott Holloway led off the eighth with a bunt single and advanced to second on a groundout by Anthony DiNardo. Ben Austin, who had three hits and two RBI, then singled to center to score Holloway with the go-ahead run. Stephen Johnson followed with a double to plate Austin and extend the Terrier lead to 9-7. After advancing to third on the throw home attempting to nail Austin, Johnson scored on Adam Wood's bunt single to make it a 10-7 game. Kirkley followed with a two-run homer to cap the inning and provide Wofford with a 12-7 advantage.

The Terriers made it a rout by scoring seven runs in the ninth inning for a 19-7 lead. Kirkley's three-run blast was followed by fellow rookie Brandon Waring's solo shot, his team-high eighth homer of the season. Johnson had a two-run single in the inning as he finished the game with two hits and three RBI.

The Terriers trailed 12-7, Georgia Southern loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the eighth to bring the tying run to the on-deck circle. However, Wofford freshman reliever Chip Hunt retired pinch hitter Justin Klinger on a fly to right to end the inning.

Eaves, a sophomore from Columbia, S.C., entered the game with just one RBI in 16 at bats this season. After the Eagles pulled even at 7-7 with a run in the bottom of the fifth, neither team scored again until Wofford put together its five-run eighth.

Wofford starter Austin Redwine (8-5) moved within one win of the SoCon lead in victories this season. The 6-foot-5 sophomore from Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., went 7 2/3 innings. He held the Eagles to just one run over his final five innings of work. Redwine struck out seven and walked two.

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The Eagles answered with three runs in their half of the first, before the Terriers evened the game in the top of the second via a Georgia Southern error. The Terriers scored twice in the bottom of the second and once in the third to take a 6-3 advantage. David Cogswell (1-1), the second of five Georgia Southern pitchers, took the loss.

The Terriers return to action Friday at 6 p.m. when they host UNC Greensboro in the opener of a three-game SoCon series.
Included below are the latest notes on the Wofford baseball team after its three-game weekend sweep of Georgia Southern.

*With 17 victories this season, the Terriers have equaled their second-best win total in 10 years on the Division I level (1996-present). This year's mark has been accomplished with five freshmen in the starting lineup.

*Second-place Georgia Southern entered the weekend series with a 20-5 home record, including a 7-1 mark in SoCon play.

*The Terriers recorded their first three-game sweep of a SoCon team since 2002, when they won three at Appalachian State on the final weekend of the regular season to clinch a berth in the SoCon Tournament.

*After winning two of three over Georgia Southern last year, Wofford has now defeated the Eagles in five of the last six meetings. Dating back to the 2003 campaign, the Terriers are 6-2 in their last eight contests with Georgia Southern.

*The 19-9 win in game one of yesterday's doubleheader left Wofford one run shy of setting a single-game scoring record for its 10-season Division I era. It was also a run short of the Terriers' single-game offensive mark for a SoCon game. Wofford has scored 20 runs on two occasions. Ironically, both games saw the Terriers win by the same score against teams from the same city (Greensboro, N.C.). Wofford had a 20-4 win at UNC Greensboro in 1998, as well as a 20-4 victory over North Carolina A&T last month (March 23).

*Charles Vartanian tossed three innings of scoreless relief to earn the win in Friday's 4-2 victory in the series opener. He then picked up the save in yesterday's 5-4 game-two win by recording the final two outs. In four career appearances against Georgia Southern, Vartanian is 3-0 with a save and a 0.84 ERA in 10 2/3 innings. Vartanian's seven saves are one shy of George Lehr's single-season school record of eight (2002).

*Friday's 4-2 win gave Wofford coach Steve Traylor his 100th win in a Terrier uniform.

*The Terriers outhomered the Eagles 6-0 on the weekend and had 11 extra-base hits to just two for Georgia Southern.

*John Brandt had three hits in game one of yesterday's doubleheader and the game-winning three-run homer in the sixth inning of the second game. For the weekend, the sophomore from West Union, S.C., was five-of-12 (.417) at the plate with a homer and four RBI.

*Bradford Eaves had three hits in yesterday's doubleheader after entering the day with just four hits on the season. Eaves had a two-run double in game one to tie the contest at 6-6 in the fifth inning. The sophomore from Columbia, S.C., had two hits in game two in addition to making a sensational catch against the wall in center to record the game's final out and
to making a sensational catch against the wall in center to record the game’s final out and preserve a 5-4 victory.

*Wofford freshman infielders (first base) Adam Wood, (shortstop) Brandon Waring and (third baseman) Shane Kirkley were a combined 12-of-34 (.353) on the weekend with five home runs and 15 RBI.

*Waring homered in both games of yesterday's doubleheader and had four RBI on the day. His two-run shot in game two gave the Terriers a 2-1 second-inning lead. Waring tops Wofford in home runs (nine) and RBI (36) this season.

*Kirkley homered in back-to-back innings of yesterday's 19-9 game one win. His two-run shot in the top of the eighth capped a five-run inning for Wofford as it took a 12-7 lead. He then had a three-run homer to highlight a seven-run ninth inning. Kirkley also had a first-inning sacrifice fly to total six RBI in the game. The Lugoff, S.C., native is batting .313 on the season while his six home runs and 28 RBI rank second on the team behind Waring.

*Wood batted .417 (five-of-12) on the weekend. His two-run double in the ninth inning broke a 2-2 tie and gave the Terriers a 4-2 win in Friday's series opener. Wood's first collegiate homer came earlier in the game, a solo shot in the fourth inning to put Wofford on top 2-1. The Terriers did not have a hit in the game between Wood's fourth-inning blast and his two-run double in the ninth.

*Terrier sophomore righthander Austin Redwine (8-5) went 7 2/3 innings in yesterday's game one victory to record his eighth win of the season. He is just one victory shy of the SoCon lead in wins. The Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., native has the most victories by a Terrier since George Lehr's 11 in 2002. Redwine's eight wins tie former All-SoCon hurler Lee Long for second on Wofford's single-season Division I chart.

*Jesse Cole held Georgia Southern to two earned runs over six innings in Friday's 4-2 series-opening victory. He has held the opposition to two earned runs or fewer in four of his last seven starts.

*Six of the Terriers' final seven games are at home. Wofford hosts UNC Greensboro (May 6-8) and Western Carolina (May 20-21) in three-game SoCon series while traveling to South Carolina May 10 for a regionally-televised contest (C-SET).
Veteran broadcaster Tom Werme will call the play-by-play with former major league player Scott Pose on color commentary when the Wofford baseball team's May 10 game at South Carolina is televised regionally on C-SET.

It will be just the second regional television appearance in the Terrier baseball program's history. Wofford faced No. 1 Clemson in a CSS telecast on May 8, 2002.

Werme is the studio host for Charlotte Bobcat games on C-SET. He also covered Penn State football as the sports director/anchor at the FOX affiliate in Harrisburg, Pa. Werme was the play-by-play voice of college football games on C-SET last season in addition to anchoring the network's one-hour college football preview show.

Pose was the opening-day starting centerfielder for the Florida Marlins in their first game in franchise history in 1993. He later played with the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals in a major league career that stretched to the 2000 season.

After recording a win and a save in the Wofford baseball team's three-game sweep of Georgia Southern, Terrier closer Charles Vartanian was named to the College Baseball Foundation National Honor Roll for the week of May 3.

Based in Lubbock, Texas, the College Baseball Foundation (www.collegebaseballfoundation.org) is dedicated to preserving college baseball history and to recognizing standout teams and individuals who have influenced the collegiate game. The College Baseball Foundation formally announced its inception in 2004 with plans to create the first true College Baseball Hall of Fame.

A 6-foot-7 sophomore, Vartanian hit 94 on a radar gun in Statesboro as he tossed three scoreless innings to earn the win in Friday's 4-2 series-opening victory over the Eagles. Vartanian allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out three.

Vartanian then entered the game with a runner on second and one out in the final inning of Sunday's 5-4 victory in the second game of a doubleheader. The Charlotte, N.C., native recorded the final two outs for his seventh save, just one shy of the Wofford single-season record of eight (George Lehr, 2002).

Vartanian held Georgia Southern to a .083 (one-of-12) batting average over the weekend.
The Wofford baseball program and coach Steve Traylor have announced the signing of righthanded pitcher Geoff Taylor from Aiken, S.C., to a National Letter of Intent.

Taylor, who scored 1490 on his SAT, was the ace of the South Aiken pitching staff the last three years and led the high school this spring to its first-ever appearance in the state playoffs. He compiled a 1.59 ERA with 84 strikeouts in just over 70 innings.

Taylor is a projected All-Region selection this season and a two-time team Most Valuable Player. He has also been a Defensive MVP for South Aiken.

"When we knew we needed a good pitching performance to have a chance at winning, we threw Geoff," South Aiken coach David List said. "He has come along great, especially considering he went against everyone else's ace most games.

"He is a hard worker and one of those guys who will do whatever is needed to get better. He runs on his own and knows how to get ready for his games."

Taylor was instrumental in his 2004 18U CABA Wood Bat World Series team earning a fourth-place finish. In 2003, he helped lead his squad to a second-place finish at the 18U International Traveling Team Wood Bat World Series.

"I am excited to be going to a Division I school to play," Taylor said. "It was a dream of mine and Wofford has a great academic program which will provide me a well-rounded education."
The Wofford baseball team will look to continue the momentum from last weekend's three-game sweep of Georgia Southern when it hosts UNC Greensboro in a SoCon series this weekend at Russell C. King Field.

First pitch is at 6 for tonight's series opener and 1 p.m. for contests tomorrow and Sunday.

The Spartans (24-17, 11-10) are the SoCon's top pitching team with a staff ERA of 4.09. UNCG is also second in the league in fielding (.969).

Wofford (17-30, 7-17) and UNC Greensboro began SoCon play together in the 1998 campaign. As league rivals, the Spartans hold a 17-4 edge in the series.

The Terriers' next win will be their 18th of the season and represent their second-best victory total in 10 years on the Division I level.

UNCG took two of three from Wofford a year ago. In the Terriers' 3-2 victory over the Spartans, Charles Vartanian tossed four innings of no-hit relief to save a win for Jesse Cole. Vartanian struck out three and did not walk a batter. Cole allowed two runs on five hits in five innings. Second baseman Anthony DiNardo had an RBI single for the Terriers.

In UNCG's last visit to Spartanburg, in 2003 at Duncan Park, all three games were decided by one run. Wofford won 4-3 in 10 innings when Steve Casey hit a game-winning homer in the bottom of the 10th on his 21st birthday. Terrier catcher Scott Holloway was 7-of-13 (.538) at the plate with two doubles and four runs scored in the series.

UNCG is just 1-of-7 on steal attempts against Holloway over six games in the last two seasons.

In addition to four of the last six games being decided by one run, Wofford and UNCG have gone to extra innings in three of the past 10 meetings.

Cole (2-5, 6.45 ERA) will oppose Spartan ace Chris Mason (4-5, 2.44 ERA) in tonight's series opener.

Mason is projected to be taken within the first 10 rounds in next month's major league baseball draft. In 84 2/3 innings this season, he has struck out 112 batters while walking just 14. Opponents are hitting .199 against him. He had a season-high 16 strikeouts against East Tennessee State. Recent Spartan games have seen as many as 16 major league scouts in attendance.

Mason is also the Spartans' second-leading hitter with a .331 average. He has four home runs and 26 RBI while stealing 11 bases in 12 attempts.

Cole allowed two runs in six innings at Georgia Southern in his last start. If disregarding his
opening three starts of the season when he was bothered by a back injury that ultimately sidelined him for three weeks, Cole has a 4.32 ERA in his last seven outings.

Wofford's Andrew Hewitt (4-5, 5.56 ERA) and UNCG's Nick Starnes (5-4, 6.83 ERA) are tomorrow's starters.

Terrier sophomore Austin Redwine (8-5, 4.71 ERA) ranks second in the SoCon with his eight wins. Only 16 pitchers in all of Division I have won more games than Redwine this spring.

Redwine will start Sunday's series finale against Adam Krieger (2-1, 2.17 ERA).
Chris Mason tossed an eight-hit shutout while UNC Greensboro broke open a 1-0 game with 13 runs in its final two at bats for a 14-0 victory over Wofford tonight in Spartanburg, S.C.

Eight major league scouts, a single-game Russell C. King Field record, were in attendance to watch Mason, projected to be taken in the opening 10 rounds of next month's major league baseball draft.

Mason (5-5) struck out seven, giving him 119 on the year and a new UNCG single-season record. He tied another Spartan season mark with his sixth complete game. Mason also added two hits at the plate.

A victim of poor run support this season, Mason lowered his ERA to 2.21.

Wofford starter Jesse Cole (2-5) allowed two runs on seven hits in seven innings, striking out three and walking two. Cole has allowed two earned runs or less in five of his last eight starts.

Mike Mongiello had a two-run single, his second hit of the game, to highlight a six-run Spartan eighth inning that began with a Mason double. UNCG's Adam Deleo added an RBI double, one of his three hits on the night.

UNCG (25-17, 12-10) scored seven runs in the ninth to provide the final margin.

Spartan leadoff hitter Jeremy Roulin had his two hits and three RBI over the final two innings.

UNCG took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Jake Linney connected on his first career homer, a solo shot to right.

Wofford (17-31, 7-18) had runners at second in each of the opening two innings but was unable to score. The Terriers also threatened in the fourth. With two outs, Brandon Waring walked and advanced to third on John Brandt's second single of the game. Mason escaped the jam by striking out Bradford Eaves. Mason, who entered the game with only 14 walks in 84 2/3 innings, actually issued two free passes in the inning. After Wood drew a leadoff walk, Shane Kirkley grounded into a double play.

Stephen Johnson and Wood opened the sixth with singles. A sacrifice bunt by Kirkley put runners on second and third with one out. Mason then struck out Waring and retired Brandt on a comebacker for the third out.

Both teams left 10 runners on base.

The series resumes tomorrow at 1 p.m.
A two-out, two-run single by Jake Linney capped a four-run ninth inning as UNC Greensboro rallied for a 6-5 victory over Wofford this afternoon at Russell C. King Field.

Trailing 5-2, the Spartans (26-17, 13-10) loaded the bases with out in the ninth. A sacrifice fly by Jon Denote made it a 5-3 game with two outs. Jeremy Roulin followed with a run-scoring double off the wall in left to cut the UNCG deficit to 5-4 and put runners on second and third. Wofford starter Andrew Hewitt was then replaced by Charles Vartanian, who surrendered the go-ahead two-run single by Linney.

Hewitt (4-6) entered the ninth inning having allowed just two runs on seven hits. The junior from Moore, S.C. (Dorman High School), struck out six and walked four.

Patrick Currin (5-3) earned the win with two scoreless innings of relief.

Wofford (17-32, 7-19) took a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth on a three-run homer by Brandon Waring. It was the 10th blast of the season for the Terrier freshman shortstop, making him one of just three players in Wofford's 10-season Division I era (1996-present) to reach double figures in homers. The West Columbia, S.C., native's blast followed two-out singles by Adam Wood and Shane Kirkley.

Kirkley had three hits in the game, including a two-run homer to give the Terriers a 2-1 fourth-inning lead. A freshman third baseman from Lugoff, S.C., Kirkley is second on the team with seven homers.

Waring and Kirkley have combined to give Wofford 17 homers and 69 RBI from the left side of the infield. The duo combined for five of the Terriers' eight hits today.

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third on an infield RBI single by Chris Mason, who last night tossed a complete-game eight-hit shutout.

A sacrifice fly by Mason in the top of the fifth evened the game at 2-2.

Adam Deleo had three hits to key the 11-hit Spartan attack. Roulin, Jay Maule and Mike Mongiello added two hits. Maule left the game in the bottom of the fifth inning with an injury.

UNCG starter Nick Starnes allowed five runs, four earned, on seven hits in seven innings.

The series concludes tomorrow at 1 p.m.
Chris Mason had three hits, including two solo homers, while freshman Wes McCall allowed one run in five innings of relief to lead UNC Greensboro to a 9-5 victory over Wofford this afternoon at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

It was the longest outing of the season for McCall (5-3). He surrendered one run on seven hits while striking out four and walking two.

Trailing 4-1, the Spartans (27-17, 14-10) scored six runs in the fifth to take a 7-4 lead. A two-run double by Jeremy Roulin and a Jake Linney RBI groundout evened the game, before Mason's first homer of the day gave the Spartans a 5-4 advantage. Following a Terrier error, David Adams connected for a two-run shot to close the inning.

Mason's second homer of the game, and sixth of the year, came with one out in the ninth to provide the final margin. He was six-of-14 (.429) at the plate over the weekend in addition to tossing an eight-hit shutout in Friday's series opener.

The Terriers (17-33, 7-20) went on top 2-1 in the bottom of the third. Stephen Johnson and Scott Holloway opened the inning with back-to-back doubles to rightcenter. After advancing to third on Anthony DiNardo's single, Holloway scored on a safety squeeze bunt by Ben Austin.

DiNardo had three hits as did Holloway, who added the 38th double of his career to leave him just two shy of Steve Casey's Wofford all-time mark of 40 (2000-03). In addition to playing together for three years with the Terriers, Holloway and Casey were also teammates at Pope High School in Marietta, Ga.

Wofford extended its advantage to 4-1 with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth. Adam Wood led off with a single and scored on Brandon Waring's double to leftcenter, the 40th RBI of the year for the Terrier shortstop and SoCon Freshman of the Year candidate. Waring then came home on a single up the middle by John Brandt, one of his two hits in the game.

Adam Deleo's first homer of the season, leading off the sixth, extended the Spartans' lead to 8-4.

Brandt's eighth-inning double put runners on second and third with one out. A Bradford Eaves single to right plated Wood from third to make it an 8-5 game. Brandt was then called out on a close play at the plate as he tried to score from second on Eaves' hit.

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third. Mike Mongiello, who had three hits, doubled to open the inning before scoring one out later on a Logan Smith double off the wall in left.

Wofford starter Austin Redwine (8-6) took the loss.
The Terriers return to action Tuesday with a regionally-televised (C-SET) contest at South Carolina. First pitch is 7 p.m. in Columbia. The Spartans host High Point Wednesday at 6 p.m.
The Wofford baseball team makes its final road appearance of the season when it travels to No. 17 South Carolina tonight for a 7 p.m. regionally-televised contest on C-SET.

After sweeping Georgia Southern (April 29-May 1), the Terriers have a three-game road winning streak. Wofford became the first SoCon team to sweep the Eagles in Statesboro since The Citadel in 1998.

Wofford will be making just the second television appearance in its baseball program's history. On May 8, 2002, the Terriers dropped a 9-2 decision at No. 1 Clemson on CSS.

C-SET is a new regional cable sports network started by the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats. Channel listings for C-SET on Time Warner and Comporium are as follows: channel 150 in Charlotte, N.C.; channel 148 in Columbia, S.C.; channel 126 in Greensboro/Winston-Salem, N.C.; channel 148 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; channel 140 in Raleigh/Durham/Fayetteville, N.C.; channel 150 in Wilmington, N.C; channel 135 in Lexington, N.C.; channel 59 in West Jefferson, N.C.; channel 98 in Farmville, N.C.; and channel 208 in Rock Hill, S.C.

Three of the last four meetings between Wofford and South Carolina have been decided by four runs or less. In last year's season finale, Wofford led 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh when the Gamecocks tied the game. Steve Pearce then hit a two-run homer in the eighth to give USC a 5-3 victory. South Carolina had defeated Wofford 3-0 a month earlier in Columbia.

In the last meeting between the teams (March 15), Jesse Cole no-hit South Carolina for 4 2/3 innings before the Gamecocks scored six runs in the sixth inning to rally from a 2-0 deficit for a 6-2 victory at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg.

Wofford senior Chris Clark will take the mound for the Terriers tonight. In his last start, the Knoxville, Tenn., native allowed just one earned run and four hits in five innings at Clemson (April 27). He struck out five and walked four. The Terriers trailed 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh before the Tigers pulled away late for a 7-1 victory.

A Dean's List student with a 3.43 GPA, Clark is involved in the Society of Physics Students at Wofford. He's a peer tutor for physics and calculus while working as a teachers' assistant in the physics department. He is also involved with cosmic ray research on campus.

Clark started all three games against South Carolina last season. He was 0-2 with a 4.96 ERA, holding the Gamecocks to a .234 team batting average. In 16 1/3 innings, he surrendered 15 hits while striking out 11 and walking nine.

Southpaw Arik Hempy (0-0, 2.70 ERA) will start for South Carolina. He allowed one run on two hits with one strikeout and one walk in a two-inning start versus the Terriers earlier this season.
Wofford is batting .310 versus lefthanded pitching and .260 against righthanders. Freshman first baseman Adam Wood has a team-high .447 (17-of-38) average against southpaws.

Wofford freshman shortstop Brandon Waring is a West Columbia, S.C., native. He has team-high totals of 10 home runs and 40 RBI. He's just the third Terrier in 10 seasons of Division I play (1996-present) to reach double figures in homers. The 40 RBI represent Wofford's fifth-best single-season total in Division I.

Waring is hitting a team-best .400 (20-for-50) with runners in scoring position.

Third baseman Shane Kirkley (.307, 7 HR, 30 RBI) teams with Waring to give Wofford a combined 17 homers and 70 RBI from its rookie left side of the infield.

With Wood at first and Ben Austin in rightfield, Wofford's starting lineup features four freshmen.

Sophomore Bradford Eaves (Columbia, S.C.; Irmo High School) has started the last four games in center and hit safely in each contest for a .357 average. He's hitting .286 on the year with four RBI. He made the game-saving catch in center to preserve a 5-4 victory in the series finale at Georgia Southern to clinch the Terriers' three-game sweep.

Wood (.285, 1 HR, 20 RBI) has the longest current hitting streak for the Terriers at seven games. The Greer, S.C., native is batting .346 with a home run and five RBI in that stretch.

Austin (.292, 0 HR, 18 RBI) has two hits in six at bats versus Gamecock pitching this season. Austin (Chapel Hill, N.C.) is also the Terrier stolen base leader with seven in eight attempts.

Second baseman Anthony DiNardo (.275, 0 HR, 13 RBI), coming off a three-hit game Sunday versus UNC Greensboro, batted .375 (3-for-8) against South Carolina last year.

Following tonight's game, Wofford will take a 10-day break for final exams before closing the 2005 campaign with a three-game home series versus Western Carolina (May 20-21).
The Wofford baseball team has announced the signing of outfielder/catcher Sam Bridgeman from St. Augustine, Fla., to a National Letter of Intent.

Bridgeman is the only four-year starter in the history of the Menendez High School program. A career .300 hitter, he is the Menendez all-time leader in hits, doubles and walks.

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Bridgeman received All-County honors as a sophomore and junior as well as a coaches' award. Prior to his sophomore year, he was rated as one of the top five players in his class in Northeast Florida by the Florida Times-Union.

A three-year academic letterwinner, Bridgeman was selected to play for the North Florida Stars Wooden Bat Scout Team. He batted .500 (35-of-70) with 10 doubles, two triples and 26 RBI for the Jacksonville Warriors in 2004.
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Following a rain delay of two hours and 38 minutes, the 17th-ranked South Carolina baseball team rode a pair of Steve Pearce homers into a 12-0 victory over Wofford tonight at Sarge Frye Field in Columbia, S.C.

The game began at 9:44 p.m. and was the 800th career win for Gamecock coach Ray Tanner. Pearce totaled three hits and five RBI in the game.

South Carolina starter Arik Hempy (1-0) did not allow a hit in three scoreless innings to earn the win in a pre-determined split among the Gamecock staff.

South Carolina (33-16) took a 2-0 first-inning lead on a Pearce two-run homer. Three batters later, a Chris Brown sacrifice fly made it a 3-0 game.

A Brown RBI single in the bottom of the third increased the Gamecock lead to 4-0.

Pearce’s second homer of the game and 14th of the season was a three-run shot to highlight a four-run fourth inning as the Gamecock advantage grew to 8-0. Both of Pearce’s homers were to straightaway center.

The first two Wofford batters reached base in the third and fourth innings but were unable to score.

Wofford starter Chris Clark (1-9) went four innings and took the loss.

The Terriers (17-34) will now have a 10-day break for final exams before returning to action May 20 for the start of a season-closing three-game home series with Western Carolina. South Carolina hosts Furman later today at 7 p.m.
Wofford outfielder John Brandt has been named the TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week for May 11.

A sophomore from West Union, S.C., Brandt batted .364 in the Terriers' four contests during the week. He had a pair of two-hit games in the UNC Greensboro series.

For the season, Brandt is hitting .290 with two home runs and 12 RBI. He has a .367 average over the last nine contests. In the Terriers' three-game sweep of Georgia Southern (April 29-May 1), Brandt was five-of-12 (.417) with four RBI. He had the game-winning three-run homer in a 5-4 win over the Eagles to complete the sweep in Statesboro.

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After breaking for final exams, Wofford concludes the 2005 campaign with a three-game home series May 20-21 versus Western Carolina.
Branding named to Academic All-District team

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Included below are notes on the Wofford baseball team as it closes the 2005 season with a three-game home set this weekend against Western Carolina. First pitch is 7 p.m. for Friday's series opener and noon for Saturday's doubleheader.

*The Terriers are returning to action for the first time since a May 10 regionally-televised contest at No. 17 South Carolina. Wofford had a 10-day break for final exams which conclude Friday afternoon.

*Wofford needs just one victory to reach 18 on the year for its second-best win total in 10 seasons on the Division I level.

*Since beginning SoCon play in 1998, the Terriers are 3-19 versus the Catamounts. Wofford has dropped seven straight meetings against Western Carolina with its last win being a 12-10 decision in Cullowhee during the 2002 campaign. The Catamounts swept the Terriers last season with the three games decided by a total of 10 runs.

*Wofford has more freshmen in the starting lineup (four) than it has seniors (three) on the team.

*Among Western Carolina's wins this season was an 8-5 victory at No. 1 Georgia Tech (March 29). The Catamounts are 29-21 overall and 15-12 in the league, battling for a No. 3 seed in next week's SoCon Tournament.

*Pitching match-ups for the weekend:

Friday - WCU's Brian McCullen (5-3, 5.75 ERA) vs. Jesse Cole (2-6, 5.98 ERA).

Saturday, Game 1 - WCU's Brian Barnes (3-2, 5.62 ERA) vs. Austin Redwine (8-6, 4.95 ERA).

Saturday, Game 2 - WCU's Greg Holland (1-2, 6.41 ERA) vs. Andrew Hewitt (4-6, 5.63 ERA).

McCullen, an East Carolina transfer, and Holland are righthanders while Barnes is a southpaw. Wofford is batting .259 versus righthanded pitching this season and .305 against lefthanders.

*Freshman outfielder Steven Strausbaugh tops Western Carolina with a .398 average to go with 11 home runs and 48 RBI.

*Wofford is also led by a rookie in the power department. Shortstop Brandon Waring (.261) has 10 homers and 40 RBI, while fellow newcomer Shane Kirkley (.301) has seven home runs and 30 RBI at third base.
Waring's 10 home runs are a Wofford freshman record and are already halfway to the Terriers' career mark in the Division I era. Waring is just the third Wofford player in Division I to reach double figures in homers. He's also batting a team-best .392 with runners in scoring position.

Waring has nine homers in 24 SoCon games. An injury prevented him from playing in the season-opening three-game series at Elon.

Pitcher Chris Clark (1-9, 10.12 ERA), second baseman Anthony DiNardo (.278, 0 HR, 13 RBI) and catcher Scott Holloway (.239, 1 HR, 19 RBI) are the seniors on this year's Wofford team and will be making their final appearance in a Terrier uniform this weekend. They will be honored in a pregame ceremony prior to Saturday's doubleheader. The trio will don the cap and gown for commencement Sunday.

Clark's 24 starts over the last two seasons are tied with Cole for most on the Terrier staff. The 24 starts also tie for seventh on Wofford's career list for the Division I era. A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Clark played his first two collegiate seasons at Cleveland State Community College.

After transferring from Chattanooga State Community College, DiNardo has started all but four games over his two seasons at Wofford. He has totaled 82 hits in his Terrier career with a .405 on-base percentage this season. DiNardo hails from Snellville, Ga.

Holloway (Marietta, Ga.) is the Terriers' lone four-year senior, starting all but one game over the last four seasons.

Holloway has 38 career doubles to rank just two behind Steve Casey (40, 2001-04) for the Terriers' all-time lead in that category. Holloway has been hit by 21 pitches in his career, trailing Aaron Price (23, 1997-00) by two for Wofford's school record.

With 184 hits, Holloway places sixth on the Terriers' career Division I chart. He's one behind Rad Deaton (185, 1996-99) for fifth. Holloway is second in at bats (698) and putouts (1,037), third in runs scored (114), fifth in stolen bases (20) and 10th in RBI (77).

Redwine tossed 5 1/3 scoreless innings of relief against Western Carolina last season, while Clark held the Catamounts to two runs on six hits in a six-inning start. DiNardo batted .333 (four-of-12) in Cullowhee a year ago. Holloway homered and had three RBI in addition to scoring five runs and going three-of-12 (.250) at the plate.

Wofford outfielder John Brandt (.290, 2 HR, 12 RBI) received a pair of honors last week. He was named the TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week in addition to being a second-team Academic All-District selection. A sophomore from West Union, S.C., Brandt is batting .367 over the last nine games.

Cole's ERA has dropped each season at Wofford. After posting a 7.57 mark as a freshman, he was at 6.65 last year before this season's 5.98. Cole has a 4.08 ERA over his last eight starts. In his first three outings of 2005, he was bothered by a back injury that ultimately sidelined him for six weeks.
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*Cole's Friday start will be the 40th of his career, moving him past Tate Osterman (39, 1999-02) into sole possession of second on Wofford's Division I list. Kyle Hadden ranks first with 49 (1997-00).

*Cole's next victory will be the ninth of his career to move him into sole possession of fifth on the Terriers' Division I win list.

*Redwine's eight wins are the most by a Wofford pitcher since George Lehr totaled 11 in 2002. The eight victories are tied with former Terrier All-SoCon hurler Lee Long (1998) for the second-best single-season total in Wofford's 10 years of Division I play. Redwine has accounted for nearly 50 percent of the Terriers' win total (17).

*Redwine received the Terriers' 2005 team Most Valuable Player award at last week's Wofford athletic banquet.

*Sophomore reliever Charles Vartanian needs one save to tie Terrier season and career records for saves. His seven saves are one shy of Lehr's 2002 Wofford record of eight. With his two victories and seven saves, Vartanian has played a part in over half of the Terriers' victories this spring. A native of Charlotte, N.C., Vartanian has 12 saves in two seasons and needs one more to tie Lehr's school career mark (13, 1999-02).

*Brandt (.421) and freshman first baseman Adam Wood (.368) are the Terriers' top hitters during the six games this month. DiNardo (.350) and Kirkley (.333) have also been hot in May. Kirkley and Waring both have three homers and eight RBI this month. Brandt has a homer while driving in five runs.

*With a .352 average, Brandt is Wofford's leading hitter in SoCon play.

*Freshman Scott Russell, batting a team-best .368 in 19 at bats, is four-of-seven (.571) as a pinch hitter.

*Centerfielder Bradford Eaves (.270, 0 HR, 4 RBI) has hit safely in five of the last six games, posting a .286 average in that stretch.

*Freshman rightfielder Ben Austin (.287, 0 HR, 18 RBI) tops the Terriers with seven stolen bases in eight attempts.

*Wofford was the first SoCon team to sweep Georgia Southern (April 29-May 1) in Statesboro since 1998 (The Citadel).

*Six of the Terriers' seven SoCon wins have been on the road.

*Wofford is 12-3 when outhitting its opponent, 14-2 when leading after six innings, 8-0 when scoring at least 10 runs and 5-4 when not committing an error.
Brandon Zollman's two-run single broke open a 3-2 game in the top of the eighth while Brian McCallum allowed one run in six innings to lead Western Carolina to a 7-2 victory over Wofford tonight at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

Terrier senior catcher Scott Holloway, who has started all but one game over his four-year career, tied Wofford's all-time record with 23 hit by pitches when he was plunked on his first two trips to the plate. He now shares the mark with Aaron Price (1997-00).

Zolman's single, on a 1-0 pitch with two outs and the bases loaded, gave the Catamounts a 5-2 lead.

A two-out, two-run single by Trey McDaniel in the ninth added a pair of insurance runs for Western Carolina to make it a 7-2 game. McDaniel totaled three RBI on the night as he added a run-scoring groundout in the sixth inning.

McCullen (6-3) surrendered one run on four hits while walking one and striking out one in six innings.

Luke Miller allowed one run over two innings before Nate Hall tossed a scoreless ninth.

Western Carolina (30-21, 16-12) took a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Chris Davis opened the game with a drive to leftcenter. Terrier leftfielder John Brandt and centerfielder Bradford Eaves collided going for the ball with Davis hustling into third for a triple. Two pitches later, Davis scored on a wild pitch by Wofford starter Jesse Cole.

The Terriers (17-35, 7-21) threatened in the bottom of the second. Shane Kirkley led off with an infield single. One out later, he advanced to third on a perfectly executed hit-and-run single by Eaves. McCullen then induced an inning-ending double play to escape the jam.

Wofford tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the third. Holloway was hit by a pitch to open the inning before coming around to score on a two-out single by Brandt, his second hit of the game.

Holloway tied Price's Wofford mark for hit by pitches when he was plunked in his next trip to the plate. It put runners on first and second with no outs in the fifth before McCullen stranded the runners to keep the game tied.

A Jared Greenwood double, followed by a pair of walks, loaded the bases with one out for the Catamounts in the top of the sixth. McDaniel's RBI groundout plated Greenwood to put Western Carolina on top 2-1. Wofford second baseman Anthony DiNardo saved an additional run with a diving stop at second on McDaniel's ball.

Blake Murphy's third homer of the season, a solo shot to left, extended the Catamount advantage to 3-1 in the top of the seventh. It also gave Murphy a seven-game hitting streak.
Wofford opened the bottom of the seventh with back-to-back doubles by Brandon Waring and Eaves, off the walls in rightcenter and leftcenter, respectively, to trim the Terrier deficit to 3-2. Eaves had two hits on the night.

Catamount outfielder Steven Strausbaugh singled in the seventh to extend his hitting streak to 19 games. He has also batted safely in 34 of the last 35 contests.

Cole (2-7) allowed five runs in 7 2/3 innings in taking the loss.

The series concludes tomorrow with a 1 p.m. doubleheader. It will also wrap up the Terriers' 2005 campaign. The Catamounts begin play Wednesday at the SoCon Tournament in Charleston, S.C.
Chris Davis had three hits and two RBI in each game as Western Carolina swept a doubleheader from Wofford by scores of 10-3 and 10-7 this afternoon at Russell C. King Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

With the two victories, the Catamounts (32-21, 18-12) clinched a No. 3 seed in Wednesday's upcoming SoCon Tournament in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers (17-37, 7-23) concluded their season today.

Prior to the first game, Wofford seniors Chris Clark, Anthony DiNardo and Scott Holloway were honored in a pre-game ceremony.

DiNardo had his second three-hit game of the season and fifth of his career in game one. He had two doubles after entering the day with just four two-baggers on the year.

Clark, the lone senior on the Terrier pitching staff, surrendered just one run on two hits in 3 2/3 innings of relief in game two. He struck out four and walked one.

Holloway started all but one game (205-of-206) over his four years as the Terrier catcher.

Tim Hallam totaled five hits on the day for Western Carolina, while Jared Greenwood had three hits and four RBI in game one.

Wofford starter Andrew Hewitt (4-7) held the Catamounts hitless in game two until Davis singled up the middle with two outs in the top of the third.

The Terriers took their first lead of the series in the bottom of the third. Brent Pearce hit a leadoff double before coming around to score on a wild pitch by Western Carolina starter Jon Kibler.

The Catamounts quickly evened the game in the top of the fourth on a one-out solo homer to left by Steven Strausbaugh, his 12th blast of the season. Strausbaugh went hitless in game one to snap his 19-game hitting streak. It was also just the second time in the last 36 contests that he did not bat safely.

Wofford loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the fourth to chase Kibler. Luke Miller entered and his first pitch was driven to left for a run-scoring single by Pearce, putting Wofford back on top 2-1.

The Catamounts answered in their next at bat. Blake Murphy led off the fifth with a double and came around to score on a single up the middle by Davis. It tied the game at 2-2. Following a Hallam double to put runners on second and third, Western Carolina took a 3-2 lead on a run-scoring groundout by Greenwood. A sacrifice fly by Strausbaugh made it a 4-2 Catamount advantage.
Wofford answered with three runs in the fifth inning to regain a 5-4 lead. With runners on first and second, Adam Wood lined a single to right. The ball landed in front of a diving Strausbaugh and went past him for a two-base error, allowing two runs to score and tying the game. Two batters later, Brandon Waring's double to left, his second hit of the game, scored Wood to put Wofford in front.

For the third straight inning, Western Carolina responded to Wofford taking a lead by regaining the advantage themselves. The Catamounts plated six runs to go back on top 10-5. Following a balk from Hewitt that scored the first run, Davis and Hallam had back-to-back run-scoring singles to chase Hewitt. Nate Hall capped the inning with a two-run single.

Trailing 10-5, the Terriers loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the seventh but were unable to score.

Wood, who had three hits and three RBI, hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to provide the final margin. It was the second long ball of the season for the Terriers' freshman first baseman.

Greg Holland (2-2), the third of four Catamount pitchers, tossed 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief to earn the win. He allowed just one hit while striking out one and walking one.

Hewitt went 5 1/3 innings in taking the loss.

Western Carolina starter Brian Barnes (4-2) was the winner in game one. He went five innings and allowed one run on four hits with five strikeouts and no walks. Bryan Tupper tossed four innings in relief for his first save of the year.

The Catamounts totaled 16 hits in game one.

Western Carolina took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third. After Wofford starter Austin Redwine struck out the first two batters of the inning, Davis singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Hallam, who had three hits, then singled to right with Davis racing home to narrowly beat the throw from Terrier rightfielder Ben Austin. Greenwood followed with his seventh homer of the year, a two-run shot to make it a 3-0 game.

Wofford answered in the bottom of the third. DiNardo's second double of the game scored Bradford Eaves, who doubled to lead off the inning, cutting the Terrier deficit to 3-1.

Greenwood added an RBI single in the fifth as the Catamounts scored three runs, two unearned, to increase their lead to 6-1.

The third hit of the game by Davis extended the Western Carolina margin to 7-1 in the top of the sixth. Later that inning, Greenwood's third hit and fourth RBI of the game capped a string of three straight two-out hits to make it an 8-1 contest.

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Wofford baseball coach Steve Traylor and his son, Ryan, are at the College World Series as special guests of Arizona State baseball skipper Pat Murphy.

Murphy's Sun Devils advanced to Omaha after defeating defending national champion Cal State Fullerton in the super regionals.

Murphy played two seasons (1981-82) as a pitcher, catcher and infielder for Traylor at Florida Atlantic. It was also the first two years for the Owls' baseball program.

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"Coach Murphy's invitation for Ryan and I to stay with his team is very meaningful to me," Traylor said. "Coach Murphy never forgets his friends and buddies.

"He's one of the premier coaches in the country (Murphy was the 1998 Division I National Coach of the Year by Baseball America). He's ultra-competitive and a great leader of an outstanding program."

In 1988, Traylor went to Duke and Murphy took over Notre Dame. Their first games as head coaches at their new schools was a series against each other in Durham, N.C.
Wofford baseball coach Steve Traylor was interviewed by ESPN reporter Dave Ryan during yesterday's Arizona State-Florida game at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Sun Devil coach Pat Murphy was a player and assistant coach under Traylor at Florida Atlantic. Traylor and his 14-year-old son, Ryan, are attending the CWS as guests of Murphy.

During the interview, Wofford was mentioned several times along with appearing in the graphic identifying Traylor.

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Wofford pitcher Austin Redwine has a 3-1 record with a 1.55 ERA in 40 2/3 innings this summer for the Spartanburg Stingers in the Coastal Plain League.

A rising junior from Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., Redwine has surrendered just 28 hits while striking out 29 and walking 12. All five of his appearances have been starts, as he's averaging over eight innings per outing.

Redwine's eight victories for Wofford this season were the most by a Terrier hurler since 2002.

Wofford shortstop Brandon Waring has a team-high 10 RBI for the Stingers. He set a Terrier freshman record with a team-best 10 home runs this season. Waring also topped Wofford with 41 RBI.

Terrier assistant coach Scott Brickman is serving as head coach of the Florence RedWolves in the CPL.

Wofford pitcher/designated hitter Jesse Cole is 2-2 with a 4.43 ERA for the Danbury Westerners in the New England Collegiate Baseball League. The Scituate, Mass., native has struck out 23 and walked seven in 22 1/3 innings.

Rising Wofford sophomore Chip Hunt (Greenville, S.C.) has two saves and a 4.50 ERA in 12 innings, covering six appearances, for the Spartanburg Crickets in the Southern Collegiate Baseball League.

Hunt is joined on the Crickets by Terrier teammates Adam Wood (.246) and Eric Sturkie (.226).

Wofford outfielder Bradford Eaves (.286) and infielder Scott Russell (.258) are with the Asheville Redbirds in the SCBL.
Hewitt earns spot in State Amateur

Wofford baseball player Andrew Hewitt won a spot in the South Carolina Golf Association State Amateur Championship by finishing in second place at Cobb’s Glen Country Club in Anderson, S.C., Friday.

Hewitt finished two shots back of medalist Josh Branyon.

A rising senior from Moore, S.C., Hewitt was an All-Region golfer at Dorman High School. He is the only student ever to letter in four sports (baseball, basketball, football, golf) at Dorman.

Hewitt posted a 4-7 record in 12 starts on the mound for the Terriers this spring. He ranked second on the team in innings pitched (82.0) and strikeouts (52).
Redwine shines again on mound for Stingers

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Wofford hurler Austin Redwine allowed one run in 7 1/3 innings to pitch Spartanburg Stingers to a 12-1 victory over Thomasville Saturday night in Coastal Plain League action.

Redwine scattered seven hits while striking out three and walking three to improve his record to 4-3.

A rising junior from Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., Redwine has a 2.30 ERA in a Stinger single-season record 62 2/3 innings. He has held opponents to 52 hits and a .232 batting average. Redwine has fanned 42 and walked 21.

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