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Lady Terrier Basketball Releases 2003-04 Schedule
August 14, 2003

The Wofford College women's basketball program has announced its schedule for the upcoming season. The Lady Terriers, under the guidance of first-year head coach Samantha Young, will be looking to improve on last season's 4-24 record.

"At first glance, this schedule looks very tough for a young team like ours," said Young. "It's certainly going to test us early. I think it will allow for our players and program to progress throughout the year and should prepare us well for conference season. There are no easy games on the schedule, but the players are excited about the opportunity that awaits them."

The Lady Terriers will open the season Nov. 21 at Big 12 foe Nebraska before opening up their home slate against Georgia State two days later. Another home game follows on Nov. 25 as New Orleans enters Benjamin Johnson Arena.

An away game at Coastal Carolina Nov. 28 begins a six-game road trip for Wofford. The Lady Terriers will battle three North Carolina schools next, traveling to UNC Greensboro to open the conference season Dec. 3 before continuing within the league at Davidson Dec. 6.

On Dec. 13, Wofford will face North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Two contests in Tennessee wrap up the away swing, Dec. 17 at Belmont and Dec. 20 at SoCon foe East Tennessee State. Wofford will return home for a home game against Chattanooga right before Christmas on Dec. 22.

Western Carolina and Elon will entertain the Lady Terriers in back-to-back road games Dec. 30 and Jan. 3, 2004, respectively. Wofford will continue its stint in the conference with a home game against Furman Jan. 5 before hosting UNC Asheville Jan. 10.

Wofford will travel to Boone, N.C., for a matchup against Appalachian State Jan. 12 then begin a three-game conference homestand against Georgia Southern (Jan. 17), College of Charleston (Jan. 19) and East Tennessee State (Jan. 24).

The Lady Terriers will trade away and home contests over the next five games as they travel to Chattanooga (Jan. 26), host Elon (Jan. 31), play at Furman (Feb. 3), host Appalachian State (Feb. 9) and travel to Georgia Southern (Feb. 14) on Valentine's Day.

The final road game on the slate is schedule at the College of Charleston Feb. 17. Wofford will conclude the regular season with three home games beginning with a Feb. 21 match-up against Davidson. Western Carolina (Feb. 23) and UNC Greensboro (Feb. 27) wrap up the regular season for the Lady Terriers.

This year's Southern Conference Tournament will be held March 3-6 in Charleston, S.C. The first two rounds will be played at McAlister Field House at The Citadel with the semifinals and championship slated to take place at the North Charleston Coliseum.

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Wofford Women's Basketball Announces Time and Date Changes to 2003-04 Schedule
Aug. 22, 2003

The Wofford women's basketball team has announced three time changes to the 2003-04 schedule, including one home contest. The Jan. 10 game against UNC Asheville has been moved to 3 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Two away games against conference opponents, at Davidson and at the College of Charleston, have also changed. The matchup against the Wildcats on Dec. 6 has been moved to a 3 p.m. start, while the College of Charleston game has been switched to Mon., Feb. 16, at 4:30 p.m.

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Wall Named Assistant Women's Basketball Coach
Aug. 29, 2003

Head women's basketball coach Samantha Young and the Wofford athletic department have announced the hiring of Larrya Wall as an assistant coach for the 2003-04 season. Wall brings a wealth of experience to the Lady Terrier program.

"I'm very excited about her addition to our staff," said Young. "She comes from a great college coach at Eastern Kentucky and brings a great amount of experience to our program. She's young and enthusiastic, and I think that will carry over to our players. It's something she'll add and bring to our program here at Wofford."

A 2001 graduate of Eastern Kentucky, Wall was a four-year letterwinner for the Colonels. She served as the team's captain her senior season (2000-01), helping the squad rank No. 1 nationally in scoring average (88.4 points per game). She received her bachelor's degree in physical education/sports management.

This past year, she was an assistant girls basketball coach at Clarke Moore Middle School in Richmond, Ky., while finishing up her master's degree in physical education/sports administration from EKU.

From 1998-01, Wall worked in various capacities for the school's basketball camp, including as the camp coordinator. She also served as the facility supervisor, oversaw the camp counselors and developed the individual campers in the guard and post positions.

"I'm really looking forward to my first collegiate coaching experience," said Wall. "There's a great staff already on board, and I'm looking forward to learning from them and helping them as much as I can. I'm also looking forward to the the season. Everyone in the athletic department, administration and coaches, has made me feel at home."

The Lady Terriers will open the 2003-04 season at Nebraska Nov. 21 before returning home Nov. 23 for the home opener against Georgia State at 5 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

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Lady Terriers Billed as Nation's Youngest Team
Oct. 16, 2003

The 2003-04 edition of the Wofford Lady Terrier women's basketball team has been recognized as the nation's youngest squad according to a survey conducted by the Loyola (Md.) athletic communications office, which was sent to the women's basketball sports information directors at every NCAA institution.

The survey, in which Wofford participated, has received numerous responses back after Loyola sought to find a school that was younger than its own.

The average age of the 2003-04 Lady Terriers is 18.77 years, just slightly lower than Loyola's 18.8. Utah State was the only other participating school that has an average of less than 19, as it carries an average of 18.9.

In all 34 schools responded, including Southern Conference foe Appalachian State (avg.-19.1) and the Lady Terriers' home opener opponent, Georgia State (avg.-19.53).

On this year's squad, Wofford boasts six freshmen (all age 18), four sophomores (all age 19) and three juniors (all age 20).

The survey gives the Lady Terriers this distinction for two-straight years, as they also were the youngest squad in the country in an unofficial NCAA study last season.

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Lady Terriers Drop Home Opener to Georgia State Sunday
Nov. 23, 2003

After returning from a road game at Nebraska Friday, the Wofford women's basketball team opened its home slate with a 61-47 loss to Georgia State Sunday in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

The Lady Panthers raced out to an early 8-3 lead at the 17:16 mark of the first half. Wofford then mounted a 13-5 run over the next 7:14 to take a 16-13 lead halfway through the first frame at 10:02. Freshman Jenny Weurding (Cumming, Ga.) converted a three-point play after getting fouled to give the Lady Terriers the cushion.

The game remained a three-point advantage the rest of the half, as the teams traded baskets before Georgia State knocked home two shots in the final two minutes to take a 29-26 halftime lead.

Freshman K.C. Correll (Gastonia, N.C.) scored her first collegiate field goal at the 19:39 mark of the second half before Brie Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) and sophomore Nakia Mister (Irmo, S.C.) also chipped in shots of their own to give the Lady Terriers a 32-29 lead on a 6-0 run at the 17:36 mark.

Georgia State responded with a 9-0 run of its own over the next 4:25 before Ricaye Harris (Muncie, Ind.) drained her first of back-to-back 3-pointers for Wofford.

The Lady Panthers responded to a Correll jumper at the 10:41 mark to score eight straight points to take a 48-40 lead at the third media timeout (6:58). Out of the timeout, Bradshaw hit a 3-pointer and freshman Mary Jo Yee (Charlotte, N.C.) added another to bring the Lady Terriers within four (50-46) with 5:30 remaining.

Over the final 5:30 of the game, Georgia State went on an 11-1 run to close the scoring at 61-47.

"Our kids are great competitors," said head coach Samantha Young. "In being so, they were excited to play tonight even though it was a quick turnaround from Friday. They were ready to get back out on the floor and had something to prove to themselves. We did well with that, which is a great thing.

"I think about the 10 minute mark (of the second half), the trip did catch up to us although I thought we played hard. If we continue to play hard, we'll definitely get better. As a team, the players are willing to do that. That's always a plus. They are willing to make the sacrifices to improve."

The pair of junior guards, Harris and Bradshaw, keyed the Lady Terrier effort. Harris posted a game-high tying 14 points on four field goals, including three from behind the 3-point line. She also tied for the team lead with two assists and added two steals in 32 minutes.

Bradshaw chipped in with her second straight game in double-figure scoring, adding 13 on four field goals and 4-of-6 from the foul line in 34 minutes.

Weurding continued to be a force inside for Wofford as she tallied a team-high nine rebounds and added seven points on 3-of-7 shooting from the field.

With the loss, the Lady Terriers drop to 0-2 on the season, while Georgia State improves to 1-1.

"We'll come back out with good intensity Tuesday and try and get better. Hopefully, we'll be able to get a win too."
Wofford will next play Tuesday night against New Orleans. The Lady Terriers and Privateers will tip off in the Benjamin Johnson Arena at 7 p.m.

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Women’s Basketball Nearly Completes Comeback on Foul Shooting

Nov. 25, 2003

The Wofford women's basketball team overcame a 22-point deficit in the first half to take the lead for the first time with 11:54 remaining in the second session and converted 33-of-49 free throws for the game in nearly upsetting the visiting New Orleans Privateers, 79-76, in the Benjamin Johnson Arena Tuesday evening.

After trailing early on cold shooting and the Privateers extending their largest margin to 28-6 with 11:34 remaining in the first half, the Lady Terriers clawed their way back into the contest with suffocating defense and forcing fouls. In the opening frame alone, Wofford converted 21-of-31 shots from the charity stripe and forced the Privateers into 12 turnovers to trail 44-34 at the break.

In the second half, the Lady Terriers continued to cut into the New Orleans lead by out-scoring the opposition 11-4 over the first 5:31 to cut the lead to 48-45 on a foul shot by freshman Jenny Weurding (Cumming, Ga.). Fellow freshman K.C. Correll (Gastonia, N.C.) put Wofford ahead for the first time on a fast break lay-up before junior Brie Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) widened the margin to four, 55-51, on a 3-pointer with 10:59 remaining.

Another Bradshaw 3-pointer at the 5:31 mark gave the Lady Terriers their largest lead at 68-63. The Privateers again cut the lead to three, 68-65, before a pair of free throws from sophomore LaToya Strong (Baltimore, Md.) increased the home team's lead again to five at 70-65 with 3:55 to go.

The game remained tight as the teams traded baskets and a foul shot by the Privateers' Monique Taylor at 1:17 put the visitors up by one. Her field goal with 41 seconds on the clock to make it 77-76 clinched the victory for New Orleans. Correll had a 3-point attempt rim out at the buzzer for Wofford.

The story of the game, however, was foul shooting. Each of the nine Lady Terriers which saw action attempted at least two shots from the line, including perfect outings of 4-of-4 from juniors Ricaye Harris (Muncie, Ind.) and Stephanie Ripberger (Ft. Thomas, Ky.). Freshman Susanna Paul (Corpus Christi, Texas) led the team with nine attempts, making four, while rookie Mary Jo Yee (Charlotte, N.C.) converted 7-of-8 from the charity stripe. Despite the numerous foul shots, no Privateer player fouled out of the contest, while four recorded four fouls each.

"We started off not very good," said head coach Samantha Young. "I don't really know why; however, we finished extremely strong. We showed a lot of character by coming back to play really hard. We had the opportunity to win or tie and take it to overtime. But, that's all you can ask out of the team is to come out and play hard and give yourself a chance to win, and we did that."

Bradshaw finished as the high scorer for the Lady Terriers with 20 points, one behind her career best, while Harris and Correll also finished in double-digits with 15 and 13, respectively.

Behind three offensive caroms, Bradshaw was the team's top rebounder with seven, while three other players, sophomore Nakia Mister (Irmo, S.C.), Ripberger and Weurding each tallied four.

Leading the charge for the Privateers was Sun Belt All-Conference performer Taylor, who finished with a game-high 25 points, while Michelle Simmons posted 12 points and nine rebounds.

With the loss, Wofford drops to 0-3 on three game in five days, while New Orleans improves to 2-0.

The Lady Terriers will next hit the road for six straight road games starting with a 7 p.m. contest Friday at Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C., before returning home Dec. 22 against SoCon favorite Chattanooga.
"We've played a whole bunch of games in a row. We're a little fatigued and need a day off. Frankly, we need a day to practice. But, the team was upset we lost because they are such competitors, but we have something good to build off of for the next game. We'll come together and try to win the next one."

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Bradshaw Nets Career High in Lady Terrier Loss Saturday
Dec. 6, 2003

Despite a career and game-high 22 points from junior guard Brie Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio), the Wofford women’s basketball team fell, 79-61, at Southern Conference foe Davidson Saturday afternoon. Bradshaw finished the game with eight field goals, including a pair of 3-pointers, and 4-of-6 in the effort.

The contest remained close, including a 29-29 tie at the 4:48 mark of the first half, before the Wildcats closed the frame with a 13-0 run to take a 42-29 lead into the locker room.

Two Stephanie Ripberger (Ft. Thomas, Ky.) free throws at 14:04 of the second half brought the Lady Terriers within 11 before Davidson iced the game with a 10-1 run.

Junior Ricaye Harris (Muncie, Ind.) knocked home five shots from the field, all from behind the 3-point arc, and added 4-of-5 from the charity stripe to finish with a season-best 19 points in 34 minutes.

Bradshaw and Harris joined freshman K.C. Correll (Gastonia, N.C.) in leading Wofford with three rebounds. Correll also posted nine points in the contest.

Davidson was led by Robyn Flewelling and Meghan Bryant who scored 17 and 16 points, respectively, while Courtney Laird registered a game-high nine rebounds.

With the loss, the Lady Terriers drop to 0-6, 0-2 in the league, while the Wildcats improve to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in the Southern Conference.

Wofford will take the next week off for final exams before returning to action next Saturday at North Carolina. The non-conference match up in Chapel Hill, N.C., is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

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Lady Terriers Fall at No. 16 North Carolina on the Hardwood Saturday
Dec. 13, 2003

A team-high 14 points by junior guard Brie Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) could not help the Wofford Lady Terrier basketball team overcome an off-night from the field in a 94-40 defeat at No. 16 North Carolina. She scored 12 (4-of-8) of her 14 points from behind the 3-point arc.

The Tar Heels used over 50 percent shooting in the first half to open up a 49-13 advantage on the break, as Wofford could only manage to record five field goals in the opening session.

In the second half, the Lady Terriers doubled their output from the field, making 10 baskets, but were still unable to stop the North Carolina offensive force. The Tar Heels placed four scorers in double-digits, including Ivory Latta’s game-high 16 points. Latta was the preseason choice for ACC Rookie of the Year. Fellow guard Jennifer Nelms, forward Carmille Little and forward Kenya McBee each registered seven rebounds in the contest.

Freshman K.C. Correll (Gastonia, N.C.) netted a pair of 3-pointers to finish as the second-highest Wofford scorer with six points.

North Carolina also took advantage of a huge edge on the foul line. While Wofford only managed a 2-for-5 night from the charity stripe, the hosts converted 21-of-32 attempts.

The loss drops the Lady Terrier record to 0-7, while the Tar Heels improve to 7-1.

Wofford will travel to Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday for a non-conference match up against Belmont at 7 p.m. Eastern.

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East Tennessee State rallied from a 12-point deficit to defeat Wofford, 74-68, in a women's basketball game that was delayed three times by power failures this afternoon at the Memorial Center in Johnson City, Tenn.

Just before tip-off, the power went out to delay the start of the contest approximately 10 minutes. The lights then went out a second time with the Lady Terriers holding a 22-14 lead with 11 minutes left in the first half.

After play resumed approximately 15 minutes later, Wofford built its margin to 30-18 before the mini-dome went completely dark with two minutes left in the first half and the Lady Terriers ahead 38-33. After another delay of close to 15 minutes, play continued with Wofford taking a 38-34 lead into the locker room at the half.

ETSU shot just 35.1 percent in the opening 20 minutes but had 13 offensive rebounds.

A Stephanie Ripberger 3-pointer with 16:53 to play gave the Lady Terriers a 45-36 lead. Wofford was still ahead 50-42 with 12:20 remaining when LaToya Strong connected from behind the arc for the second of her three 3-pointers in the game.

However, the Lady Terriers went 8:52 without a field goal as the Lady Bucs (3-6, 3-1) took control. ETSU went on top for good at 56-54 on a B.J. Bango layup with 5:24 left.

The Lady Bucs extended their margin to as large as nine points with 1:10 remaining before Wofford attempted a late rally. A 3-point play by K.C. Correll cut the deficit to just 70-66 with 23 seconds to play. Wofford still trailed by four at 72-68 when Brie Bradshaw scored on a layup with 12 seconds remaining.

Brooke Wilhoit then broke free downcourt for an ETSU layup to provide the final margin.

Correll and Nakia Mister both had season-highs in scoring as they topped Wofford with 14 and 13 points, respectively. All of Mister's points came in the opening 11:32.

Strong also had a season-high in scoring with nine points to go with a career-best and team-leading seven rebounds.

Wofford equaled a season-high with eight 3-pointers while going 8-of-9 (88.9 percent) at the free-throw line.

“Wofford is a good team,” ETSU coach Karen Kemp said. “They make a tough match up for us because they can put five people on the court at one time who can shoot from the outside.”

Tiffani Mayes led the Lady Bucs with 24 points, 15 rebounds, and four steals.

After playing six consecutive road games and seven of their opening nine contests away from home, the Lady Terriers (0-9, 0-3) return to the Benjamin Johnson Arena on Monday when they host defending SoCon champion Chattanooga at 6 p.m.