A 46-yard interception return for a touchdown by All-America free safety Matt Nelson keyed a 21-point explosion in the opening 4:49 of the second half as the Wofford football team rolled to a 42-16 win over The Citadel this afternoon in Charleston, S.C., clinching at least a share of its first Southern Conference championship.

The Terriers (8-1, 6-0), ranked fifth nationally, can capture the outright SoCon title and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs with a win in next Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game versus East Tennessee State.

Wofford won its third straight game when serving as a Homecoming opponent. The Terriers also spoiled Homecomings at Chattanooga and Western Carolina with 42-14 and 38-6 victories, respectively. Today's contest was played before a crowd of 20,863, the seventh-largest ever for the Bulldogs at Johnson-Hagood Stadium.

Winners of 10 of their last 11 SoCon games dating back to last year, the Terriers have an eight-game winning streak in the same season for the first time since they opened their 1990 Division II campaign with an 8-0 mark.

Wofford has outscored its six SoCon opponents this season 211-71, an average margin of 35-12.

Wofford held a 14-9 first-half lead and extended the margin to 21-9 on the third play of the second half when Nelson picked off a Willie Simmons pass and then cut across the field to reach the end zone. It was one of three picks on the day for the Terriers against the senior transfer quarterback who played his first three seasons at Clemson. Nelson is now tied for the SoCon lead with four interceptions.

On the ensuing kickoff after Nelson's touchdown, Steve Hoover's hit forced a fumble by Bud Pough that was recovered by Derek Newberry at The Citadel 39. Three plays later, on a 3rd-and-1, senior fullback and Wofford student body president J.R. McNair raced up the middle for a 30-yard touchdown to give the Terriers a 28-9 lead. It was one of two scores on the day for McNair who rushed for 83 yards on 14 carries.

The Citadel (5-4, 4-2), ranked 25th, once again fumbled the ensuing kickoff with Tony Jefferson on the force and Justin Franklin on the recovery at the Bulldog 16. With Wofford facing a 4th-and-3 at the Bulldog 9-yard line, wide receiver Curtis Nash took a pitch on a reverse and darted into the end zone to give Wofford a 35-9 lead just 4:49 into the second half.

"They caused most of the turnovers today on hard, direct hits," The Citadel coach Ellis Johnson said. "We fought the whole game, but can not turn the ball over against a talented team like Wofford."

Wofford capped its 28-point third quarter with a 9-play, 78-yard drive that saw McNair score from two yards out to extend the Terrier margin to 42-9 with 3:19 left in the period. Freshman Kevious Johnson, Wofford's top rusher with 89 yards on 10 carries while totaling 123 all-purpose yards, had a 33-yard run on the drive that also saw a 28-yard Ben Mungin carry on the play preceding McNair's touchdown.

"Winning the first SoCon championship for Wofford is a very special feeling," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "It's awesome and I thank God for a tremendous group of kids on our team.

"Nobody thought we could get this done except for the guys in our locker room. The Matt Nelson interception really got our defense and special teams going. It set the tone in the second half. We struggled offensively in the first half but made some adjustments and then came out and just played."

The Terriers won their 18th straight game when scoring first and their 41st in a row when holding a halftime lead. Wofford is now 62-2-1 in 65 games under Ayers in which it allows 16 or fewer points.
Wofford forced six Bulldog turnovers, one week after recording five takeaways in a 24-14 win over Appalachian State. The Terriers entered the game leading the nation in turnover margin and are now a +17 on the season.

On The Citadel's first offensive series, Nelson forced a fumble by tight end Ross Armstrong on a short pass completion from Simmons. Ben Whitney made the recovery at the Bulldog 19-yard line. Five plays later, quarterback Jeff Zolman scored on a 1-yard sneak to give the Terriers a 7-0 lead with 7:45 left in the opening quarter.

After The Citadel cut the deficit to 7-3 on a 32-yard Travis Zobel field goal, Wofford took a 14-3 lead on the first play of the second quarter when Johnson scored on a 26-yard run on a 4th-and-3 play.

The Bulldogs had three first-half possessions inside the red zone, two off Wofford turnovers, but the Terrier defense would stiffen each time and hold The Citadel to field goals on each series. Wofford entered the game topping the SoCon in red-zone defense.

"We just played the game into their hands," Johnson said. "We did what we did not want to do. We did not capitalize on their mistakes and they did a great job of changing the game with our mistakes. Wofford is a fundamentally sound football team that played well today."

The Terriers rushed for a season-high 381 yards while adding 36 yards in the air for 417 in total offense. Wofford's lone pass completion in three attempts was a 36-yard connection from Zolman to Shiel Wood on the game's opening series.

The Bulldogs had 100 yards rushing on 35 attempts. Over the last three games, Terrier opponents have 84 carries for 170 yards (56.7 per contest and 2.0 each attempt). Simmons was 15-of-30 in the air for 156 yards as the Bulldogs totaled 256 yards of offense, 59 coming on a late fourth-quarter scoring drive when the Terriers cleared the bench.
The Wofford football team remained fifth in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll, while also receiving its first-ever first-place vote.

With two games still remaining, the Terriers (8-1, 6-0) have already clinched at least a share of their first SoCon championship. Wofford can capture the outright title and the league's automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs with a win in Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game versus East Tennessee State.

The Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 Poll (first-place votes in parentheses)
1. McNeese State (74)
2. Delaware (15)
3. Southern Illinois (8)
4. Massachusetts
5. Wofford (1)
6. Northern Iowa (1)
7. Villanova
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25. Hampton
Wofford All-America free safety Matt Nelson has been named the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's title-clinching 42-16 victory at The Citadel.

Nelson had the key play in the game as his 46-yard interception return for a touchdown on the third play of the second half gave the Terriers a 21-9 lead. It began a 21-point explosion in a 3:44 stretch as Wofford extended its 14-9 halftime lead to 35-9 with 10:11 to play in the third quarter.

A senior from Grove City, Ohio, Nelson totaled nine tackles (six solo) in addition to a pass breakup. He also downed a first-quarter Jimmy Miner punt at The Citadel 4-yard line. Five plays later, the Terriers forced the first of six Bulldog turnovers in setting up a 19-yard scoring drive and an early 7-0 Wofford lead.

Nelson now has 400 tackles in his career and needs 12 stops to overtake Bret Masters (411, 1985-88) as the Terriers' all-time leader. Nelson already holds Wofford's career record for solo tackles with 267.

He is tied for the SoCon lead with four interceptions this season with all four picks coming in the last six games. He will represent the Terriers in the inaugural TFN/Division I-AA All-Star Classic on Dec. 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Wofford tops all of Division I football (I-A and I-AA) in turnover margin at 1.89. The Terriers are a +17 on the season. Wofford held The Citadel to 256 yards of offense, including just 116 in the second half when the Bulldogs had 16 yards rushing on 14 carries.

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Offensive tackle Kevin Hodapp and free safety Matt Nelson will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club on Friday as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 42-16 victory at The Citadel.

Hodapp totaled a career-high 19 knockdown blocks while grading out at 95 percent. The junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, was instrumental in the Terriers rushing for a season-high 381 yards, including 239 in the second half. Wofford also had 36 yards in the air to total 417 on the day.

Hodapp was also Wofford's Offensive Player of the Week last month in the 45-7 win over Elon.

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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game with East Tennessee State. The complete set of notes is also posted on our web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble accessing these files, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/Media Relations
Wofford College
Game 10
East Tennessee State at Wofford
Nov. 8, 2003; 1:30 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week

• The Wofford football team, having already clinched at least a tie for its first SoCon title, will look to capture the outright championship and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs when it hosts East Tennessee State.

• The Terriers are fifth in this week’s Sports Network/CSTV and ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 polls, representing their highest ranking ever at this level.

• By already capturing a share of the 2003 championship, the Terriers are tied for seventh in being the fastest team to win a SoCon title after beginning play in the 83-year-old league.

• Wofford has won eight in a row in the same season for the first time since it opened the 1990 Division II campaign with eight consecutive wins. The Terriers have not won nine in a row in the same year since the 1970 squad was 11-0 before losing in the NAIA national championship game. This year’s Terrier team is bidding to become just the seventh in the 114-year history of Wofford football to reach nine victories, including four in the last 14 years under Mike Ayers.

• During their eight-game winning streak, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 274-87 (an average margin of 34-11). The defense is allowing per game totals of 81.9 yards rushing (2.4 per carry) and 292.0 in total offense.

• Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, Wofford is 4-2 versus East Tennessee State with wins in each of the last four meetings. The Bucs hold an overall 13-10 lead in a series that began in 1957.

In last year's game, J.R. McNair rushed for a career-high 143 yards to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 488 yards on the ground as Ayers earned his 100th career victory in a 39-10 win.

The Terriers outgained the Bucs by a 520-117 margin, limiting ETSU to just 43 yards of offense over the final three quarters and only 16 yards on 17 snaps in the second half.

• Buccaneer coach Paul Hamilton served as Wofford's offensive coordinator during Ayers' first two seasons with the Terriers (1988-89). ETSU defensive coordinator Billy Taylor was Wofford’s inside linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator for six years (1991-96).

In addition to Ayers, who was an ETSU assistant for two years (1983-84) before serving as head coach from 1985-87, several other Wofford coaches have spent time on the Buc sideline.

Terrier offensive coordinator Wade Lang was an ETSU assistant coach for five seasons (1983-87), while Wofford defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator Jack Teachey was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at tight end for the Bucs (1987-90). Outside linebacker coach Thomas Neel is a 1993 ETSU graduate and an administrative aide for the 1997 Buc squad.

Last Week

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Wofford forced six Bulldog turnovers, including fumbles on back-to-back kickoff as the Terriers quickly extended a 14-9 halftime lead to 35-9. Three plays after the Bulldogs fumbled the kickoff following Nelson's score, J.R. McNair raced 30 yards into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns on the day.

Kevious Johnson and Curtis Nash both had touchdown runs on 4th-and-3 plays. Johnson from 26 yards in the second quarter to give Wofford a 14-3 lead, while Nash scored on a 9-yard reverse to provide the Terriers with their 35-9 margin just 4:49 into the third quarter.

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Worth Noting

• Wofford football has captured the first SoCon team championship for any sport on campus since the Terriers began league play in 1997.

• With an enrollment of 1,100 students, Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football. The SAT average (1239) on campus is higher than the enrollment. With 82 players on the roster, nearly one out of every six males at Wofford is on the football team.

• Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as the college's student body president.

• The Terriers top all of Division I-AA and I-A in turnover margin at 1.89 per game (+17).

• All-America free safety Matt Nelson is among the SoCon leaders in nearly all defensive categories with a team-best 115 tackles to go with four interceptions, two forced fumbles, and 10 pass breakups.
**Terriers on the Tube**

Hosted by NewsChannel 7 Sports Director Pete Yanity, Wofford Football Illustrated is seen on WASV-TV (sister station of CBS-affiliate WSPA) each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

WASV-TV is part of the nation's 35th-largest television market and covers the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson area.

**Dining with The Coach**

The Mike Ayers Media Luncheon is held each Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Ginko Room of the Burwell Building on the Wofford campus.

All media members are invited. Players are available on request. Please notify Wofford SID Mark Cohen if you plan on attending.

**Football Anyone?**

Nearly one out of every six males on the Wofford campus is on the football team.

The Wofford student body of 1,100 is divided nearly equally between 550 males and 550 females. This year's Terrier football roster has 82 players. With roughly 300 student-athletes on campus, more than 25 percent of Wofford's student body is on an athletic team.

**Academic Dominance**

Wofford has led the way in each of the last three years in placing members on the Verizon Academic All-District team, which combines Division I-A and I-AA institutions in a five-state region.

Wofford had six players receive honors last fall with no other school having more than four selections. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

**SoCon Teleconference**

The Southern Conference holds a weekly teleconference throughout the season with the league's nine head football coaches. The teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 11:03 a.m. Eastern time. Each coach has seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions.

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Defensive tackle Lee Basinger and fullback J.R. McNair are returning Terriers from last year's Verizon Academic All-District squad. Wofford has eight nominees this fall.

Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections in 2001 with four. In the 2000 campaign, Wofford had six players on the team while no other school had more than three.

**Wearing Down Georgia Southern**

Wofford's two longest scoring drives of the season, at that point in time, came in the fourth quarter in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern (Sept. 20).

The Terriers went 78 and 67 yards, respectively, on their final two possessions against the Eagles.

In the second half, Wofford outgained Georgia Southern by a 187-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-5:29 advantage in time of possession. The Eagles had just 57 yards rushing in the second half with only 20 coming in the fourth quarter.

**The Friendly Skies**

The flight to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the season-opening Air Force game represented just the fifth time Wofford has flown to a contest in its 114-year football history.

**SoCon Teleconference Number**

1-866-375-5101

**A Record-Setting Pick**

Inside linebacker Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for the longest interception return for a touchdown when he returned a fourth-quarter pick 100 yards at Chattanooga.

Thrift totaled 12 tackles (nine solo) in the game, including two for a loss with one sack. He also added a quarterback hurry and pass breakup in earning SoCon and National Defensive Player of the Week honors.

**Opening and Closing Strong**

Wofford has outscored its opponents 52-10 in the opening quarter and 86-36 in the fourth quarter this season.

The Terriers hold a 136-90 edge in the second and third quarters with 42 of those opponent points coming by Air Force. When taking out the Falcons, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 136-48 in the middle quarters over the last eight games.

**Lightning Delay**

Wofford's 28-3 win over Catawba (Sept. 27) was interrupted for 48 minutes late in the first half by a lightning delay.

It was the first Terrier football game to be affected by weather since a 35-7 win over Lenoir-Rhyne in the 1996 home opener. It was an historic game in that it was Wofford's final contest at Snyder Field, its longtime home football stadium. With the Terriers comfortably ahead with 12:13 remaining, the game was called due to lightning. Technically, the final game at Snyder Field was never completed.

Wofford's next home date that season was its Gibbs Stadium debut (Oct. 5, 1996 versus Presbyterian).
**About Wofford**

- Located in Spartanburg, S.C., Wofford is one of only five independent colleges and universities to have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the Carolinas (Davidson, Duke, Furman, and Wake Forest are the others).
- Wofford is one of just three Division I colleges or universities to have the nickname Terriers. The others are Boston University and St. Francis (N.Y.).
- Founded in 1854, Wofford has an enrollment of 1,100 which makes it the smallest school in NCAA Division I-A or I-AA football.
- With 1,100 students, Wofford is the second smallest school in Division I. Only Centenary (La.) is smaller with 850 students. However, the Gentlemen do not field a football team.
- Famous Wofford graduates include Carolina Panther owner and founder Jerry Richardson and Air Force football coach Fisher DeBerry.
- Wofford ranks No. 1 among national liberal arts colleges in "operating efficiency," providing a quality education while spending relatively less.

## 2002 SoCon Graduation Rate Summary

The chart below, taken from the 2002 Southern Conference Graduation Rate Summary, shows how Wofford continues to top the SoCon in graduating the highest percentage of its football players in addition to overall student-athletes over the last four years.

Wofford's high graduation rate comes at a nationally-respected liberal arts college with an average SAT score of 1239.

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**Wofford Ranks in the Top 10**

In a recent Division I Graduation Rate Report, Wofford was the only school in the nation to rank in the Top 10 in all four categories: overall student-athlete graduation rate as well as those for the football, men’s basketball, and women’s basketball teams.

Listed below were the Top 10 schools in the nation in their graduation rate for student-athletes. The information was taken from a recent NCAA Division I Graduation Rate Report:

- Student-Athlete Graduation Rate
  - 1. Northwestern: 92 percent
  - 2. Duke: 91 percent
  - 2. Georgetown: 91 percent
  - 4. Lehigh: 90 percent
  - 4. Manhattan: 90 percent
  - 6. Bucknell: 89 percent
  - 6. Notre Dame: 89 percent
  - 6. Stanford: 89 percent
  - 9. Loyola (Md.): 86 percent
  - 10. Wofford: 85 percent

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**Wofford has topped the Southern Conference in its graduation rate for football players every year since joining the league in 1997.**

**1239 vs. 1100**

Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1239) than enrollment (1100).

"There are no junk courses at Wofford that we could see, and we would certainly match its course of study with that of any school in the Ivy League."

National Review's Guide to the Best Liberal Arts Colleges
"America's Top 50 Liberal Arts Schools"
Charting Wofford's Opponents

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Aggregate Record 50-50
The Head Coach
Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 98 victories, is in his 16th year on the Terrier sideline.
Ayers recorded his 100th career win in the 39-10 victory at East Tennessee State last season. He was previously the Bucs' head coach from 1985-87.
A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ayers has been named the SoCon Coach of the Year twice in the last three seasons. He was also the 2002 Division I-AA National Coach of the Year by the College Sporting News in addition to being the runner-up for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award, signifying the top coach in Division I-AA.

Hello Neighbor
The 2003 campaign marks the 24th consecutive year that Wofford coach Mike Ayers and his offensive coordinator and neighbor Wade Lang are together in football.
Ayers and Lang not only have their offices side-by-side, they also live across the street from each other.
In 1980, when Ayers came to Wofford as an assistant coach, Lang was in his sophomore year. When Ayers left for the defensive coordinator position at East Tennessee State in 1983, Lang joined him in Johnson City as a graduate assistant before being elevated to a full-time position in 1985.
They both returned to Wofford in 1988 when Ayers was named the Terriers' head coach. He brought Lang with him as the quarterback coach. Lang then took over the offensive coordinator duties in 1990.

A Presidential Flavor to the Wofford Staff
Retired Wofford College president Dr. Joe Lesesne is in his third season on the Terrier football staff as a volunteer assistant coach working with the tight ends.
Lesesne retired in 2000 after a distinguished 28-year tenure as just the ninth president in the 149-year history of Wofford.
Lesesne is no stranger to football. Upon arriving at Wofford in 1964 as a history professor, he served four years (1965-68) as an assistant football coach for the Terriers under coach Conley Snidow and later Jim Brakefield. Lesesne also coached one season at Abbeville (S.C.) High School.

Future Coach?
If he'd like to follow Joe Lesesne from the president's office to the football coaching staff, current Wofford president Bernie Dunlap does have a football background.
Dunlap earned All-Area honors as a starting fullback for Columbia (S.C.) High School as well as receiving a varsity letter as a halfback at the University of the South.

Did You Know?
•An anonymous donor recently committed $100,000 toward the creation of an endowed scholarship in honor of Wofford football coach Mike Ayers.
•Ayers is a black belt in karate and an accomplished sketch artist.
•Now in his seventh SoCon season at Wofford, Ayers ranks in a tie for second with East Tennessee State's Paul Hamilton in league seniority behind Appalachian State's Jerry Moore (15 years).

Strength of Schedule
•The Wofford football team annually plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation for a Division I-AA member.
This year’s slate opened against an Air Force team that's now 6-3 and has been ranked in the Top 25. It marked the Terriers' eighth game in six seasons against a I-A opponent.
•Wofford played at defending ACC champion Maryland last year while taking on Clemson and South Carolina in the 2001 campaign. Wofford was the nation’s only I-AA team to face a pair of bowl teams that season.
•The Terriers had four I-AA playoff teams on their 2000 schedule in addition to Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe.
•In 1999, Wofford was one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.
•The 1998 campaign saw the Terrier schedule ranked as the eighth-most difficult in the nation with the 11 opponents combining for a .563 winning percentage.

2003 Southern Conference Standings

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This Week:
*Farman at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.
*East Tennessee State at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.
*Appalachian State at Elon, 2 p.m.
*The Citadel at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
*SoCon Game

Last Week:
*Wofford 42, The Citadel 16
*Georgia Southern 34, East Tennessee State 22
*Appalachian State 47, Chattanooga 7
*Western Carolina 26, Elon 3
Just Call Him Joe College ...

Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as Wofford's student body president. He's the second Wofford football player in the last three years to serve in that role. Ben Foster, a three-year starter at halfback, also held that office during the 2001-02 academic year.

After missing two games due to injury, McNair returned to action against Chattanooga and tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns in a 42-14 Terrier win (Oct. 4). It was part of a 126-yard performance that earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. He is currently the league's leading scorer (6.9 ppg.) while tying for the SoCon top spot in touchdowns (eight).

Listed below is McNair's resume:

• Wofford Student Body President
• Dean's List student with a 3.64 GPA while majoring in finance
• Campus Union Elections and Nominations Committee Chairman
• Campus Union Chaplain, 2002
• Chairman, Wofford College Captain's Council
• Wofford College Board of Trustees Student Representative: Student Life Committee
• Wofford Ambassadors, Admissions Office: Provide campus tours/Wofford history to prospective students and their families
• Wofford College Student Panel
• Advisor to Arkwright Community: Community Student Representative
• Community Mentor: Volunteer once a week to take inner-city youth from Z.L. Madden and Mary H. Wright Elementary Schools to lunch
• Wofford College Dual Representative: Spartanburg Big Band Project
• Chairman for a new community service project involving South Carolina colleges and universities
• Web Designer/Developer: Created a web site for the Piedmont area Girl Scouts
• Association of African-American Students
• United Voices of Victory (UVOV) Gospel Choir member
• President, Wofford College Gospel Choir
• Wofford Singers
• Southern Comfort (men’s ensemble)
• Wofford Show Choir
• Wofford Men’s Glee Club
• Campus Outreach
• Campus Crusade
• Feed the Children: Partner since 2000 (donations have provided 450 meals)
• Chairman and Founder of the Stay a Night/Save a Life program, designed for Wofford students in which hotel chains would house students at a discounted rate if they were on the road fatigued or physically unable to drive
• Initiated a campus mass transportation program to acquire a 15-passenger van for student organization use, helping avoid the cost of renting vehicles
• Helped create web sites for all campus organizations that were in need of one
• NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee
• Southern Conference representative on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council
• Represented Wofford at the 2002 Southern Conference Student-Athlete Leadership Institute
• 2002 selection to the American Football Coaches Association “Good Works” Team, one of just five I-AA student-athletes to be honored for their community involvement
• 2002 and 2001 Verizon Academic All-District selection
• 2002 Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team

“You think a coach at any other school would let me participate in a fourth of the stuff that I do here? Coach Ayers has so much trust in us. He realizes we’re more than athletes, and we’re more than students. We’re people. Football, that’s a big part of the college experience but it’s not all of it.”

J.R. McNair
Wofford fullback and student body president
"The Terriers really belong in the Ivy League because Wofford students' average SAT score (1239) is higher than the school’s enrollment."

Ron Morris, columnist
The State (Columbia, S.C.)
October 26, 2003

**Wingbone Workings**

- Wofford has run the ball on 86.5 percent (512-of-592) of its offensive snaps this season.
- The Terriers had a season-high 381 yards rushing, including 239 in the second half, in the 42-16 win at The Citadel.
- Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and eighth nationally in team rushing (255.0 ypg.) despite no Terrier placing among the top seven rushers in the league. J.R. McNair is eighth at 50.9 ypg.
- Wofford has had five different leading rushers in its nine games.
- 11 Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
- Wofford has eight players with at least 30 carries. McNair has a team-best 93 attempts with true freshman Kevious Johnson (76) and quarterback Jeff Zolman (76) second and third, respectively.
- Five Wofford players (Johnson 424, McNair 356, Zolman 304, Corey Dunn 266, and Trey Rodgers 244) have rushed for at least 244 yards with three others totaling at least 105.
- Wofford has eight players averaging a minimum of 21.0 yards per game rushing.

**Air Ayers**

- The Terriers are a close second in the SoCon in pass efficiency with a rating of 130.6 (Furman 131.8) that also ranks 38th nationally.
- Trey Rodgers is fourth individually at 128.1 while Jeff Zolman places sixth with a 123.2 rating. Wofford is the lone school to have two quarterbacks rank in the top six in the league in pass efficiency.
- The Terriers’ 57.5 completion percentage is third in the SoCon behind only Furman (60.4) and Chattanooga (58.9). Wofford is also second in the league in average yards per completion at 14.0 (Georgia Southern 17.9).
- Zolman (27-of-44, 61.4) and Rodgers (18-of-35, 51.4) have combined to pass for four touchdowns. Rodgers has three scores on his 18 completions. Two of those touchdowns have come in the last four weeks to his former Dorman High School teammate Curtis Nash.
- In six SoCon games, Zolman is 18-of-25 (72.0 percent) in the air for a 180.7 rating. He has thrown for 308 yards (17.1 per completion) with one touchdown and one interception.
- Five of Wofford’s eight longest plays from scrimmage are passes.
- Wofford beat Georgia Southern with the pass as Rodgers hit Kevious Johnson on the game-winning 24-yard touchdown completion with 1:47 left.
- Wide receivers Nash (14 receptions, 256 yards, 18.3 avg.) and Shiel Wood (12 receptions, 199 yards, 16.6 avg.) are averaging a combined 17.5 yards on their catches and have accounted for 56.5 percent (26-of-46) of Wofford’s receptions on the year.
- Both of Wofford’s receptions by a tight end have resulted in 14-yard touchdowns. Adam Regenthal had a 14-yard scoring grab against Elon, while Cody Garland was in the end zone for a 14-yard catch off a fake field goal pass by holder Brandon Smith versus Appalachian State.

**Packing the Stands**

Wofford is on a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium with an average crowd of 9,295 in the opening five home contests.

The Terriers rank 41st nationally in home attendance out of 120 Division I-AA programs.

Wofford set a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State on Sept. 6.
Wofford averaged 8,391 per home date last season.
• Wofford has a 62-2-1 record in the 65 games under coach Mike Ayers in which it has allowed 16 or fewer points.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has surrendered just 230 points in its last 22 wins (10.5 per game).

• Wofford has won 41 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon on Nov. 4, 1995. Wofford held a 9-3 halftime edge that night.

Honorary I-A Members

The Air Force contest represented Wofford's eighth game in the last six years against a Division I-A opponent:

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SoCon Honors

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Shutting Down the Opposition

• Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year's defense, the Terriers have surrendered only 87 points (10.9 per game) in their current eight-game winning streak.

Wofford is allowing just 81.9 yards per game rushing (2.4 per carry) and 292.0 in total offense during that stretch. The Terriers' last three opponents have combined for 170 yards rushing (56.7 per game) on 84 attempts (2.0 per carry).

• The Terriers top the SoCon and are 24th nationally in run defense (115.0 ypg.) while ranking second in the league and 11th in the country in scoring defense (15.1 ppg.). Wofford is also second in the SoCon and 25th nationally in total defense (311.7 ypg.).

• In six SoCon contests, Wofford has held its opposition to per game totals of 118 points, 97.5 yards rushing (2.8 per carry), and 291.5 in total offense.

• One week after rushing for 376 at No. 1 McNeese State, Georgia Southern had 210 yards rushing at Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half (20 in the fourth quarter).

Wofford holding South Carolina State to minus-16 yards rushing represented the sixth-best single-game run defense by a SoCon team in the league's 83-year history.

A Special Escort

Wofford All-America free safety Matt Nelson didn't head to the locker room with his teammates at halftime of the Elon game.

He instead remained on the field to escort his girlfriend, volleyball player Rhea deJesus, as she was a finalist in the Homecoming court.

Nelson had the following to say in regards to asking Wofford coach Mike Ayers for permission to take part in the ceremony, “I was scared to death to ask. I’m not lying. I was like, ‘Coach, um, well, see, my girlfriend asked me, um... Please don’t be mad at me. Do what you have to do.’ I was like, ‘Dang, don’t say that. I need a yes or a no.’ He said it was the first time he ever let anybody do that. I appreciated it.”

Points on the Board

Wofford tops the SoCon in scoring (30.4 ppg.) despite ranking fifth in the league in total offense (326.4 ypg.).

Taking advantage of its opportunistic defense and special teams, the Terriers had just one scoring drive longer than 39 yards in the 42-16 win at The Citadel.

Fourth Down: No Problem

• It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers.

Wofford tops the SoCon in fourth-down conversions (21) and attempts (35) while placing second in success rate (60.0 percent).

Western Carolina (22) is the only other league team with more than 17 fourth-down tries, while The Citadel (66.7 percent, 6-of-9) is the lone SoCon squad to rank ahead of Wofford in its percentage of fourth-down attempts made.

• Wofford had a pair of touchdowns on 4th-and-3 plays in the 42-16 win over The Citadel as Kevious Johnson and Curtis Nash scored on 26 and 9-yard runs, respectively.

• On the opening series of the 38-6 win over Western Carolina, the Terriers were successful on a 4th-and-2 at their own 34 as Jeff Zolman carried for six yards and a first down.

Wofford's first two touchdowns that day were scored on fourth down.

Johnson had a 35-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-3 play, while J.R. McNair reached the end zone from a yard out on a 4th-and-goal early in the second quarter to give the Terriers a 14-0 lead.

• Wofford was 19-of-36 (52.8 percent) on fourth-down conversions last year compared to just 13 attempts for the opposition.
**Worth Noting about Another Win over Georgia Southern**

- The Terriers became the first SoCon team to post consecutive wins over the Eagles since Appalachian State in the 1996-97 campaigns.
- Wofford handed Georgia Southern its first back-to-back defeats in the same season since 1996.
- Wofford limited Georgia Southern to only 93 yards of offense in the second half, including just 57 on the ground.
- The Terriers wore down the Eagles in the fourth quarter, holding a 9:31-5:29 edge in time of possession while totaling 137 yards compared to 56 (20 rushing) for Georgia Southern.
- In both of its back-to-back victories, Wofford has held GSU to under 300 yards of offense. The Eagles had just 276 this season after being limited to 257 in a 14-7 Terrier win in Statesboro, Ga., last year.
- Georgia Southern was outrushed by its opponent (292-to-210) for just the fourth time in its last 89 games. Two of those occurrences have been Wofford in each of the last two seasons.
- In the two previous seasons that it beat Georgia Southern, Wofford went on to post a combined 17-6 record. The Terriers were 8-3 in 1982 and 9-3 last season. Wofford is a combined 30-35 in the six campaigns (1983, 1997-2001) it lost to the Eagles.

**Who is This Guy?**

Freshman placekicker Nick Robinson, who has never played in a football game at any level prior to this season, tops the SoCon in PATs made (37), attempted (37), and percentage (100.0 percent).

Robinson is also working on a stretch of three consecutive field goals made with all three coming in the last four weeks.

He had a 29-yard field goal versus Elon, a 27-yard effort at Western Carolina, and a career-long 36-yard boot for the first points of the Appalachian State game. After missing his first two attempts on the year, he's now 3-of-5 on field goals.

Robinson was a two-time All-Region soccer player for DeLand (Fla.) High School. He walked on to the Wofford football team as a late addition and is the only Terrier not included in this year's media guide.

His name wasn't added to the back of his jersey until the third game of the season.

**It Comes with an Asterisk**

Placekicker Jay Harvey, who handles the kickoff duties, is the lone junior college transfer in the 16-year Wofford tenure of Mike Ayers.

However, there's an asterisk in that Harvey did not play football at Spartanburg Methodist College. The school does not field a team in that sport. He was instead a soccer player at SMC.

Harvey was an All-Region and All-State placekicker during his senior year at Barnwell (S.C.) High School.

**Just About Every Six Games**

Dating back to the 2000 season finale at Louisiana-Monroe, the Terriers have faced a Division I-A opponent in five of their last 33 games.

The Terriers played at Clemson and South Carolina in 2001, traveled to Maryland last year, and opened this season at Air Force.

**Wofford vs. East Tennessee State**

**Terriers are SoCon’s Best in Red Zone TDs**

Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (43), touchdowns (28), and total scores (31).

Only one other league member (Georgia Southern 22) has more than 17 touchdowns in that category.

The Terriers place fourth in the SoCon with their 72.1 success rate (31-of-43) on producing points in the red zone.

Over the last six games, Wofford has scored touchdowns on 27 of its 34 red-zone possessions (79.4 percent). The Terriers have also been successful on three field goals in that stretch.

**Terriers Effective in Red Zone Defense**

Wofford tops the SoCon with seven takeaways (four fumbles, three interceptions) when the opponent has the ball in the red zone.

Overall, the Terriers are third in red-zone defense with the opposition scoring on 18-of-29 opportunities (62.1 percent).

**Wofford Scoring Drives**

Wofford has 12 scoring drives of at least 70 yards this season.

The Terriers had a pair of 80-yard scoring drives in quick strike fashion against Chattanooga. Wofford went 80 yards in four plays (1:32) on the opening series of the second half. Three possessions later, Wofford marched 80 yards again in just five plays (2:12).

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^Interception return for a TD
Wofford Record Holder
Terrier punter Jimmy Miner is under the eye of NFL scouts.

His 40.2 average would be even more impressive if he wasn't asked to angle kick and sacrifice yards to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

Wofford is second in the SoCon and fifth nationally in net punting (38.1).

Miner recently had hang times of 4.69 and 4.64 seconds, respectively, on 53 and 54-yard punts at Western Carolina.

Miner is Wofford's career record holder with a 40.9 mark. He set a single-season school record while ranking 12th nationally with a 42.2 average last season.

Miner's best friend is long snapper and fellow NFL prospect Jonathan Starks, who the Wofford staff says is the best they've ever seen at that position.

The Best in the Nation
Wofford leads all of Division I football (I-A and I-AA) in turnover margin (1.89 per game) with its +17 rating (30 takeaways, 13 giveaways).

ETSU (+7) and Appalachian State (+7) are the only other SoCon teams on the positive side of the turnover margin.

The Terriers are a +19 in their eight wins and a -2 in the lone loss.

I Hope I Score
Beginning with the Oct. 27, 2001 contest at The Citadel, Wofford has won its last 18 games in which it scored first.

Since the start of the 2001 campaign, the Terriers are 1-9 in their last 10 outings when the opponent scored first. The lone victory in that stretch was a 7-6 win at South Carolina State last season.

Controlling the Clock
The Terriers rank third in the SoCon in average time of possession (30:40).

The Sack Masters
The Terriers are tied for the SoCon lead in sacks (20), while topping the league in the fewest sacks surrendered (4).

Wofford had two sacks at Western Carolina after the Catamounts entered the game having allowed just six sacks in a league-high 256 passes (one every 42.7 attempts) in their opening seven games.

Wofford vs. East Tennessee State

Steady Improvements
With the exception of 2001, when it was beset by injuries and faced Division I-AA's toughest schedule with road games at Clemson and South Carolina, Wofford has consistently improved its year-by-year record since beginning SoCon play in 1997:

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Terriers Well Over .500 in SoCon History
Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 30-24 (.556), an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

Quick Progress
Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league action: Georgia Southern (46), Appalachian State (41), Furman (37), Wofford (30), Western Carolina (24), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (19), and The Citadel (17).

Long Distance Terriers
Listed below are Wofford's 10 longest plays from scrimmage this year.

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Coaching Stability
Head Coach Mike Ayers is in his 16th season at Wofford. His assistant coaches have also been models of stability, including four of them being Wofford graduates:

Off. Coordinator Wade Lang* (16th year)
Kicking Coach Lee Hanning (14th year)
Def. Coordinator Nate Woody* (13th year)
Def. Line Coach Jack Teachey (10th year)
Wide Receiver Coach Bruce Lackey (9th year)
Outside LB Coach Thomas Neel (6th year)
RB Coach Freddie Brown* (5th year)
Secondary Coach Terry Lantz (4th year)
Tight End Coach Joe Lesesne* (3rd year)
Off. Line Coach Eric Nash* (1st year)

*Wofford graduate and former Terrier student-athlete
*Served as Wofford's president for 28 years (1972-2000)
A Comparison to Michigan
One out of every six males at Wofford is on the football team. If the same ratio were applied at Michigan, the Wolverine football roster would have 1,814 players.

Nash Has Big-Play Role in Terrier Offense
• Wofford wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the Terriers' seven-longest plays from scrimmage and has three touchdowns on his 17 touches.
• With four catches for 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown, in the 38-6 win over Western Carolina, he posted the first 100-yard receiving day by a Terrier since Isaac Goodpaster had two grabs for 100 yards in a 2001 win over Charleston Southern.
• Nash is averaging 18.3 yards with his 14 receptions for 256 yards on the year.
• Nash had 16 and 51-yard touchdown receptions from his former Dorman High School teammate Trey Rodgers in back-to-back games versus Elon and Western Carolina. He also had a 48-yard catch from Jeff Zolman in the Elon contest.
• A 54-yard Nash run on a reverse at Chattanooga is the Terriers' second-longest rushing play of the season. He scored on a 9-yard reverse on a 4th-and-3 in the 42-16 victory at The Citadel.
• The Spartanburg, S.C., native plays a key role at Wofford home basketball games as he operates the computerized sound system that controls the music in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Abstract Sculpture Inspires Defense
Along the lines of "Howard's Rock" at Clemson, Wofford has Winston Wingo's "Botanical Construction" as a good-luck symbol for its team.

The abstract sculpture of a broad ax was on display at the center of campus when it caught the eye of Terrier defensive coordinator Nate Woody early in the season. He believed it symbolized what defense was about. It has since become a motivational piece for his unit.

In a surprise move for his players on the day before the Oct. 25 Appalachian State game, Woody had the sculpture moved to a location outside the Terrier locker room.

"Coach Woody said the broad ax talks to him," free safety Matt Nelson said. "He treats it like it's a pet or mysterious phenomenon." Woody attributes his love of the broad ax to former North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith, who once said that a defense, when forcefully applied, is like a broad ax.

"We'll touch that before we come out for every game now," outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker said.

Hail to the Chief
A new tradition at Wofford home games is the playing of "Hail to the Chief" over the Gibbs Stadium public address system each time Terrier fullback and student body president J.R. McNair has a rushing attempt.

Rising Through the Ranks
Wofford is in just its ninth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was a longtime NAIA member.

Miner and Nelson Named to All-Star Classic
Wofford punter Jimmy Miner and free safety Matt Nelson have been selected to play in the inaugural TFN/Division I-AA All-Star Classic on Dec. 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The contest will be broadcast nationally on The Football Network and on regional sports networks in various markets around the country to an estimated audience of 35 million people.

The two 50-player squads will be coached by the staffs of Western Kentucky and McNeese State, last year's participants in the I-AA national championship game.

Terriers Love the FOX Cameras
The SoCon announced last week that the Terriers' Nov. 15 game at Furman has been picked up for regional broadcast on FOX Sports Net South as well as being available nationally on FOX Sports Digital Net.

The 20-14 win over Georgia Southern improved Wofford's record to 4-0 in football games televised on FOX Sports Net South.

The Terriers had previously posted a pair of wins over VMI (23-13, 1997; 42-20, 1998) and a victory at The Citadel (47-16, 1999).

The Georgia Southern game was Wofford's first home FOX game since its first-ever SoCon contest when it defeated VMI in 1997.

Invite Us for Homecoming
In each of its last three road games, Wofford has spoiled Homecomings for the host school by a combined score of 122-36.

The Terriers posted consecutive routs of Chattanooga (42-14), Western Carolina (38-6), and The Citadel (42-16) while playing in front of their alumni.

Terriers Run with Picks
The Terriers are averaging 28.1 yards per return with their SoCon-leading 14 interceptions.

Wofford has returned three interceptions for touchdowns this season, including each of the last two games and three of the past five.

Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for distance when he returned a pick 100 yards for a score at Chattanooga (Oct. 4).

Teddie Whitaker and Matt Nelson have scored on 41 and 46-yard returns the last two weeks against Appalachian State and The Citadel, respectively.

Derek Newberry had an 81-yard return without reaching the end zone versus Western Carolina.

Defensive Tibits
• Free safety Matt Nelson's four interceptions have come in the last six games.
• Linebackers have accounted for eight of the Terriers' SoCon-high 14 interceptions.

Five different linebackers (Jim Thurman 3, Teddie Whitaker 2, Jimmy Freeland 1, Derek Newberry 1, and Timmy Thrift 1) have at least one pick with the outside backers (Whitaker, Freeland, and Newberry) and inside backers (Thurman and Thrift) posting four each.
• Thurman is tied for fifth in the SoCon in interceptions with three.

He's also among the league leaders with three forced fumbles.

• Whitaker and nose tackle Lee Basinger are tied for second in the league with three fumble recoveries.
A Kevious Plan for SoCon Freshman of the Year

• True freshman Kevious Johnson is the Terriers’ leading rusher with 424 yards on a 5.4 per carry average. He had a game-best and career-high 89 yards on 10 carries in the 42-16 win at The Citadel.

• He is tied for the SoCon lead in touchdowns (eight) while placing in a tie for second in scoring (5.3 ppg.). Terrier fullback J.R. McNair tops the league at 6.9 ppg.

Johnson is the lone Terrier to have both a rushing and receiving touchdown this season. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native scored all three Wofford touchdowns in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern, including the game-winning 24-yard catch and run with 1:47 to play. He also added 81 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

He became the first Terrier freshman since Shawn Graves (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.

• Johnson tops the Terriers with a 20.2 kickoff return average while placing in a tie for third on the team with four receptions (60 yards). His average of 15.0 yards per catch is third on Wofford.

• Johnson is the first Terrier player in recent memory to start at both halfback and fullback in the same season.

The Airborne Unit

The Terriers take tremendous pride in their punt block team known as the "Airborne Unit."

The Terriers have blocked four punts this season, 10 over the last four years, and 42 in coach Mike Ayers' 16-year tenure.

Wofford's Shaun Bennett blocked two punts against Elon, while Alex Love also has two blocks this season and three over the last two years.

All four of Wofford's punt blocks this season have led to touchdowns, covering a total of just 10 plays and 50 yards:

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Did You Know?

• Starting defensive tackle Katon Bethay became Wofford's first-ever All-SoCon performer in indoor track with his efforts in the shot put last winter.

• All-SoCon left tackle Chad Bentley is the Terriers' lone fifth-year senior.

Old School

It's not uncommon for Wofford coach Mike Ayers to drive the team's equipment truck when it travels, or to personally powerwash the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

Nelson Continues Assault on Tackle Records

Free safety Matt Nelson is a two-time All-SoCon performer, a first-team All-America in 2002, and an NFL prospect.

Arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford, he needs just 12 tackles to become Wofford's all-time leader. With 400 career stops, he trails only Bret Masters' mark of 411 (1985-88). With 10 solo stops among 14 tackles in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern, he became the Terriers' career leader in solo tackles.

After tying the game at 14-14 with 8:19 to play, Wofford forced a three-and-out by Georgia Southern with Nelson recording the tackle on all three Eagle plays. The Terriers then proceeded to begin their game-winning drive. Nelson ended Georgia Southern's final hope for victory when he batted down a Hail Mary pass at the goal line with 0.9 seconds to play.

During Terrier practices, he takes tremendous pride in his ability to make tackles at quarterback when he directs the scout team offense.

Listed below is where he ranks in some of the Terriers' major defensive categories:

Wofford Career Total Tackles

1. 411 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. 400 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 287 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
4. 269 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88
5. 250 - Eric Daniel, 1994-97

Wofford Career Solo Tackles

1. 267 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
2. 210 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
3. 182 - Ben Dae, 1996-99
4. 172 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 170 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88

Wofford Career Assisted Tackles

1. 201 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. 133 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 116 - Rodney Payne, 1982-85
4. 115 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 109 - Eric Daniel, 1994-97

Wofford Single-Season Solo Tackles

1. 110 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 96 - Ben Dae, 1999
4. 79 - Bret Masters, 1986
5. 78 - Matt Nelson, 2001
6. 76 - Matt Nelson, 2003

Wofford Single-Season Assisted Tackles

1. 97 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 83 - Bret Masters, 1986
3. 71 - Rodney Payne, 1985
4. 67 - Pete Waldrop, 1986
5. 48 - Matt Nelson, 2002

Gibbs Stadium

Wofford's football stadium is the third youngest facility in the Southern Conference.

With a capacity of 13,000, Gibbs Stadium opened in October 1996. Only Elon's Rhodes Stadium (2001) and Chattanooga's Finley Stadium (1997) are newer. The Terriers have a 26-12 home record (.684) since moving into Gibbs Stadium, including a 9-1 mark the last two seasons.
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**A Statistical Comparison**

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**Did You Know?**

Terrier football coach Mike Ayers was hired in 1988 over a chocolate milkshake at the Biltmore Dairy Bar in Asheville, N.C., by then Wofford athletic director and now Southern Conference commissioner Danny Morrison.

**Wofford and the NFL**

Wofford College is the summer training camp site for the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League.

**The Last Time ...**

- The Terriers have not had a kickoff return for a touchdown since Craig Best took one back 93 yards in a 1982 game versus Elon.
- Wofford's last punt return for a touchdown came in 1997 when Tony Young went 84 yards against Charleston Southern.

**Wofford VS. EAST TENNESSEE STATE**
# Wofford College

## Two-Deep

### (updated Nov. 2, 2003)

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**Game 1**

Air Force 49, Wofford 0  
Aug. 30; Colorado Springs, Colo.

Facing the nation’s most experienced team that's also receiving votes in the Division I-A Top 25 poll, the Wofford football team dropped a 49-0 decision at Air Force before a crowd of 40,111.

In terms of the number of seniors on its roster, 16 of them starters, the Falcons are officially the nation's most seasoned squad. Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, a 1960 Wofford graduate, picked up his 150th career victory. Now in his 20th season with the Falcons, DeBerry ranks third in Division I-A in length of service at his current school.

After a scoreless first quarter, Air Force took a 7-0 lead when Dan Shafer scored from a yard out on the second play of the second quarter.

The Terriers then took possession at their own 20 and drove to the Falcon 13-yard line. On a 4th-and-2 keeper, quarterback Trey Rodgers was stopped inches short of a first down.

Air Force took over on downs and drove 88 yards in 10 plays, capped by an Adam Cole 3-yard run, to take a 14-0 lead with 4:35 left in the second quarter.

A Shafer 2-yard touchdown run with 15 seconds remaining in the first half gave Air Force a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

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**Second Quarter**

A - Shafer 1 run (Ashcroft kick), 14:35  
A - Cole 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 4:35  
A - Shafer 2 run (Ashcroft kick), :15

**Third Quarter**

A - Harridge 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 12:35  
A - Shafer 5 run (Ashcroft kick), 7:34  
A - Schwartz 11 pass from Fitch (Ashcroft kick), 1:15

**Fourth Quarter**

A - Kendrick 3 run (Eberle kick), 7:11

**Game 2**

Wofford 35, S.C. State 13  
Sept. 6; Spartanburg, S.C.

Gabriel Jackson scored a pair of touchdowns in a 50-second span, one on a recovery of a blocked punt in the end zone, while freshman Kevious Johnson had a pair of rushing touchdowns as Wofford rolled past South Carolina State, 35-13.

The game drew a Gibbs Stadium record crowd of 11,486.

The Terrier defense forced six turnovers and recorded five sacks in limiting the Bulldogs to minus 16 yards rushing. Prior to clearing its bench on the game's final drive, Wofford had held S.C. State to 217 yards of offense.

After Alex Love blocked a punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson recovered the ball in the end zone for the game's first score just 5:02 into the contest.

The Bulldogs then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson scored on a 10-yard run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead. The Terriers went on to build their margin to 21-0 at the half. A Terrier turnover on the third play of the second half set up S.C. State's first score. Reese McCampbell hit Tavarus Morgan with an 11-yard scoring pass on a 4th-and-goal play just 2:59 into the third quarter, capping a 24-yard drive.

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**First Quarter**

W - Jackson 0 blocked punt return (Robinson kick), 7:13
W - Jackson 11 run (Robinson kick), 6:23

**Second Quarter**

W - K. Johnson 6 run (Robinson kick), 2:29

**Third Quarter**

S - Morgan 11 pass from McCampbell (Gaston kick), 2:29

**Fourth Quarter**

W - K. Johnson 1 run (Robinson kick), 10:12
W - Sullivan 2 run (Robinson kick), 4:8
S - King 6 pass from Young, :00

**Game 3**

Wofford 20, Georgia Southern 14  
Sept. 20; Spartanburg, S.C.

True freshman Kevious Johnson scored three touchdowns, the last on a 24-yard pass from Trey Rodgers with 1:47 to play, as Wofford rallied for two touchdowns in the final 8:19 for a 20-14 victory over Georgia Southern at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Terriers became the first SoCon team to post consecutive victories over the Eagles since Appalachian State in the 1996-97 campaigns. Wofford also handed Georgia Southern its first back-to-back defeats in the same season since 1996.

In front of a regional television audience on FOX Sports Net South, Johnson made his first collegiate start as he filled in at fullback for an injured J.R. McNair.

Johnson opened the game's scoring on a 2-yard run with 7:49 to play in the first quarter. He totaled 81 yards rushing in addition to the touchdown grab in which he bulldozed a pair of Eagle defenders the final five yards into the end zone.

On Wofford's previous series, Johnson ran up the middle from five yards out to even the game at 14-14 with 8:19 remaining. The Terrier defense, with All-America free safety Matt Nelson making the tackle on each play, then forced a three-and-out from the Eagles to set the stage for the game-winning drive.

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**Wofford Individuals**

Rushing  
McNair 12-33, K. Johnson 3-25, Jackson 5-18, Sullivan 3-10, A. Johnson 4-5, Rodgers 4-5, Mungin 1-3, Dunn 2-(3), Zolman 6-(8)

Passing  
Zolman 10-6-2, 27 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 60 yards

Receiving  
Wood 3-24, Nash 2-46, A. Johnson 2-13, Mungin 1-5, K. Johnson 1-(1)

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**First Quarter**

W - K. Johnson 2 run (Robinson kick), 7:49
G - Davis 36 run (Holland kick), :05

**Second Quarter**

G - Anderson 19 run (Holland kick), 8:19

**Fourth Quarter**

W - K. Johnson 5 run (Robinson kick), 8:19
W - K. Johnson 24 pass from Rodgers (rush failed), 1:47

**Wofford Individuals**

Rushing  
Zolman 12-60, Jackson 14-42, Sullivan 15-28, K. Johnson 5-25, McNair 8-18, Rodgers 3-9, Mungin 1-2, A. Johnson 3-2

Passing  
Zolman 5-3-0, 21 yards; Rodgers 2-1-1, 17 yards

Receiving  
Mungin 1-17, Wood 1-9, Sullivan 1-7, Rice 1-5

**Wofford Individuals**

Rushing  
K. Johnson 20-81, Dunn 9-68, Jackson 20-61, Rodgers 8-42, Zolman 10-32, Sullivan 2-5, A. Johnson 2-3, Mungin 1-1, Team 1-(1)

Passing  
Rodgers 7-4-0, 64 yards, 1 TD; Zolman 4-2-0, 19 yards

Receiving  
Wood 4-51, K. Johnson 1-24, A. Johnson 1-8
Game 4
Wofford 28, Catawba 3
Sept. 27; Spartanburg, S.C.

Aaron Johnson and Corey Dunn both had career-high rushing nights as Wofford defeated Division II power Catawba, 28-3, in a game that featured a 48-minute lightning delay in the second quarter.

Johnson rushed for 92 yards on 12 carries while Dunn added 77 yards on 11 attempts. Both also scored on short touchdown runs.

The Indians, ranked eighth in Division II, drove to the Terrier 23-yard line on the game’s opening series. However, Wofford inside linebacker Jim Thurman ended the scoring threat with an interception at the Terrier 5.

Wofford then began a season-long 15-play, 96-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead. A 7-yard Dunn scoring run was made possible when Johnson carried for three yards on a 4th-and-1 at the Terrier 33.

Three penalties forced Catawba to start its next series at its own 2-yard line. On the second play, Thurman recorded his second interception of the quarter. His pick at the Indian 12 and three-yard return set up Wofford at the Catawba nine. Two plays later, Johnson scored from two yards out to give the Terriers a 14-0 lead.

With 4:56 left in the first half, the teams headed to the locker room when lightning appeared. Play resumed after a 48-minute delay.

The Terriers pulled away on the opening possession of the third quarter. Kevious Johnson capped the 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard scoring run.

Catawba

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Wofford

First Quarter
W - Dunn 7 run (Robinson kick), :47

Second Quarter
W - A. Johnson 2 run (Robinson kick), 14:55

Third Quarter
W - K. Johnson 1 run (Robinson kick), 7:47

Fourth Quarter
C - Rohrbaugh 39 field goal, 10:53

W - Dorham 1 run (Robinson kick), 6:28

First Downs
Wofford 20 vs. Catawba 17

Rushing
A. Johnson 12-92, Dunn 11-77, K. Johnson 11-60, Ware 6-31, Mungin 2-17, Dorham 4-16, Rodgers 7-16, Zolman 4-3, Sullivan 1-1, LaBorde 1-0

Passing
Rodgers 3-2-0, 16 yards; Zolman 4-0-0

Receiving
Nash 1-10, Rice 1-6

Game 5
Wofford 42, Chattanooga 14
Oct. 4; Chattanooga, Tenn.

After missing the two previous games due to injury, senior fullback and student body president J.R. McNair returned to action and tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns as the Terriers routed Chattanooga, 42-14.

McNair also equaled a SoCon mark for most touchdowns in a half as he scored three times in the second half while totaling 126 yards rushing. It was his third career 100-yard game and third in his last six contests dating back to last season.

The Terriers took a 7-0 lead on their opening possession of the game as a 1-yard McNair run capped an 8-play, 48-yard drive. McNair's second score, a 2-yard run to give the Terriers a 14-7 lead with 5:15 to play in the first half, was set up by a Matt Nelson interception.

The second half was marked by big plays as the Terriers recorded their third longest plays from scrimmage this season. A 59-yard pass from Jeff Zolman to Shiel Wood set up a 9-yard McNair touchdown on the first series of the second half, increasing Wofford’s lead to 21-7.

The Terriers’ final score came when Timmy Thrift set a school record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks with a 100-yard interception return. Wofford forced four turnovers.

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W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 10:05

Second Quarter
W - McClone 4 run (Shutters kick), 14:57
W - McNair 2 run (Robinson kick), 5:15

Third Quarter
W - McNair 9 run (McNair kick), 13:28
W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 8:24
C - Nix 16 pass from Miroth (Shutters kick), 1:32

Fourth Quarter
W - McNair 13 run (Robinson kick), 14:20
W - Thrift 100 interception return (Robinson kick), 3:36

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Game 6
Wofford 45, Elon 7
Oct. 11; Spartanburg, S.C.

Shaun Bennett blocked two punts as Wofford rolled to a 45-7 victory over Elon.

The Terriers took a 3-0 lead on their second series of the game when freshman Nick Robinson converted a 29-yard field goal with 3:43 left in the opening quarter.

On Elon’s ensuing series, an Anthony Turowski punt was blocked by Bennett. Five plays later, Gabriel Jackson scored on a 10-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play to give Wofford a 10-0 lead.

After Elon closed within 10-7 on a Ronnie Dargan 2-yard run, the Terriers drove 70 yards in 10 plays for a 17-7 lead when Trey Rodgers connected with Curtis Nash on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:54 left in the first half.

Bennett’s second punt block of the game came in the second half and gave Wofford possession at the Elon 3. On the first play of the Terriers’ ensuing series, Rodgers had the 5-yard touchdown run to extend Wofford’s lead to 31-7 with 3:01 left in the third quarter.

The Terriers outgained the Phoenix by a 356-to-174 margin, including 198-to-68 in the second half. Wofford held Elon to only three downs over the final two quarters and just 2.8 yards per play in the game.

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W - Robinson 29 field goal, 3:43

Second Quarter
W - Jackson 10 run (Robinson kick), 13:24
E - Dargan 2 run (Rawls kick), 5:57
W - Nash 16 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 1:54

Third Quarter
W - Rodgers 1 run (Robinson kick), 8:28
W - Rodgers 5 run (Robinson kick), 3:01

Fourth Quarter
W - Regenthal 14 pass from Zolman (Robinson kick), 11:49
W - Zolman 30 run (Robinson kick), 6:48

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**Game 7**

Wofford 38, Western Carolina 6  
**Oct. 18; Cullowhee, N.C.**

Jeff Zolman rushed for a team-high 55 yards while completing all five of his pass attempts for 73 yards to lead Wofford to a 38-6 victory at Western Carolina.

Zolman directed the Terriers on 74 and 75-yard scoring drives on their first two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

Wofford converted a pair of fourth-down opportunities to score on the game's opening series. Zolman had a 6-yard gain on a 4th-and-2 from the Wofford 34 in addition to a 25-yard run on a 3rd-and-17. The drive was capped by a 35-yard Kevious Johnson touchdown run on a 4th-and-3 play.

A J.R. McNair 1-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-goal gave the Terriers a 14-0 lead with 11:57 to play in the second quarter.

The Terriers forced four turnovers on the day to improve to a SoCon-leading +11 in the turnover margin this season. Teddie Whitaker's recovery of a Catamount fumble at the Western Carolina 17 set up Wofford's final score of the first half. Five plays later, Trey Rodgers reached the end zone from four yards out with 30 seconds left in the first half to give the Terriers a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

Wofford limited Western Carolina to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries, while controlling the line of scrimmage with a 33:16-26:44 edge in time of possession.

**Wofford**  
7 14 0 17 38  
**WCU**  
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**First Quarter**  
W - K. Johnson 35 run (Robinson kick), 9:20

**Second Quarter**  
W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 11:57
W - Rodgers 4 run (Robinson kick), 30

**Fourth Quarter**  
W - Robinson 27 field goal, 12:54  
WCU - Spicer 1 run (Gaither rush failed), 7:23
W - Nash 51 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 6:31  
W - Ware 10 run (Robinson kick), 1:38

**Wofford Individuals**  
Zolman 16-55, K. Johnson 6-44, McNair 16-32, Dunn 9-21, Rodgers 7-20, Ware 1-10, A. Johnson 6-9, Mungin 1-3

**Passing**  
Zolman 5-5-0, 73 yards; Rodgers 1-1-0, 51 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving**  
Nash 4-102, K. Johnson 1-17, Rice 1-5

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**Game 8**

Wofford 24, Appalachian State 14  
**Oct. 25; Spartanburg, S.C.**

Defense and special teams were the story as Wofford scored touchdowns off a fake field goal and interception return in a 24-14 victory over Appalachian State at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers forced five Mountaineer turnovers. Wofford outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker took part in three of those as he had a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown in addition to forcing a fumble and recovering one.

After a Nick Robinson career-long 36-yard field goal gave the Terriers a 3-0 lead with 12:59 left in the first half, the Mountaineers drove to the Wofford 4-yard line with a 1st-and-goal. However, Whitaker's hit on Michael Metcalf forced a fumble that was recovered by Timmy Thrift. On ASU's next series, Matt Nelson recorded an interception at the Terrier 2.

Whitaker's interception return midway through the third quarter gave Wofford a 10-0 lead. An Alex Love punt block on the ensuing series set up the Terriers on the Mountaineer 15. Four plays later, on a fake field goal, holder Brandon Smith hit Cody Garland with a 14-yard scoring pass for a 17-0 Wofford lead.

The Terriers limited the Mountaineers to just 37 yards rushing on 28 carries (1.3 avg.).

**ASU**  
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**Wofford**  
0 3 14 7 24

**Second Quarter**  
W - Robinson 36 field goal, 12:59

**Third Quarter**  
W - Whitaker 41 interception return (Robinson kick), 7:46
W - Garland 14 pass from Smith (Robinson kick), 4:14
A - Fowlkes 27 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 4:55

**Fourth Quarter**  
A - Fowlkes 88 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 7:59
W - Zolman 8 run (Robinson kick), 2:36

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**Game 9**

Wofford 42, The Citadel 16  
**Nov. 1; Charleston, S.C.**

Matt Nelson's 46-yard interception return for a touchdown began a 21-point explosion in a 3:44 span early in the second half as Wofford rolled to a 42-16 victory over The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., clinching at least a share of its first SoCon football championship.

Wofford forced six Bulldog turnovers, including fumbles on back-to-back kickoff returns as the Terriers quickly extended a 14-9 halftime lead to 35-9. Three plays after the Bulldogs fumbled the kickoff following Nelson's score, J.R. McNair raced 30 yards into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns on the day.

**Wofford**  
7 7 28 0 42  
**The Citadel**  
3 6 0 7 16

**First Quarter**  
W - Zolman 1 run (Robinson kick), 7:45  
C - Zobel 32 field goal, 1:52

**Second Quarter**  
W - K. Johnson 26 run (Robinson kick), 14:54
C - Zobel 28 field goal, 10:22
C - Zobel 35 field goal, 1:36

**Third Quarter**  
W - Nelson 46 interception return (Robinson kick), 13:55
W - McNair 30 run (Robinson kick), 12:52
W - Nash 9 run (Robinson kick), 10:11
W - McNair 2 run (Robinson kick), 3:19

**Fourth Quarter**  
C - J. Anderson 59 pass from Simmons (Vandiver kick), 5:59

**Wofford Individuals**  
Zolman 16-55, K. Johnson 6-44, McNair 16-32, Dunn 9-21, Rodgers 7-20, Ware 1-10, A. Johnson 6-9, Mungin 1-3

**Passing**  
Zolman 5-5-0, 73 yards; Smith 1-1-0, 14 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving**  
Nash 4-102, K. Johnson 1-17, Rice 1-5
The kickoff time for Wofford's Nov. 15 football game at Furman has been moved up 30 minutes to 3:35 p.m. at the request of FOX Sports Net South, which will broadcast the contest regionally as well as making it available nationally on FOX Sports Digital Net.

The fifth-ranked Terriers (8-1, 6-0), having already clinched a share of their first SoCon championship, can claim the outright title and the league’s automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs with a victory in Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game versus East Tennessee State.
The Wofford football team is ranked ahead of 31 Division I-A programs in this week's Sagarin Ratings, which are utilized by the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

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97. Akron
100. Western Michigan
101. North Carolina
103. Mississippi State
104. Utah State
105. Illinois
106. Kent State
109. Duke
110. Vanderbilt
111. Arizona
112. Temple
113. Tulane
115. Baylor
118. Central Florida
120. Rice
122. Indiana
126. Central Michigan
127. Middle Tennessee
129. Ohio
132. San Jose State
137. East Carolina
141. Arkansas State
151. Idaho
155. Buffalo
158. Louisiana-Lafayette
159. UTEP
162. New Mexico State
167. Eastern Michigan
168. Army
171. SMU
172. Louisiana-Monroe

The complete Sagarin Ratings can be accessed at:

<http://www.usatoday.com/sports/sagarin/fbt03.htm>
True freshman Kevious Johnson rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns while All-America free safety Matt Nelson had a key interception and fumble recovery as the Wofford football team claimed the outright Southern Conference championship and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs with a 28-14 win over East Tennessee State this afternoon at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

The fifth-ranked Terriers are the first team to enter this year's playoff field. The first round of the postseason begins Nov. 29. Wofford (9-1, 7-0) is the first SoCon team to clinch the league championship with one game remaining (next Saturday at Furman) since Georgia Southern in 2000.

Wofford has won nine games in a row in the same season for the first time since 1970, when it went 11-0 before losing in the NAIA national championship game. Dating back to last season, the Terriers have won 18 of their last 22 games overall and 11 of their last 12 in the SoCon.

This year's Wofford team is also just the seventh in the 114-year history of the program to reach nine wins. The Terriers have accomplished that feat in back-to-back seasons and four times in coach Mike Ayers' 16-year tenure. Ayers, already Wofford's all-time winningest coach, now has 99 victories on the Terrier sideline.

ETSU took a 7-0 lead on a 45-yard scoring run by quarterback Michael George with 8:16 left in the first quarter. Wofford immediately responded with a 12-play, 56-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard J.R. McNair scoring run to even the game at 7-7. The key play was a 2-yard run by quarterback Jeff Zolman on a 4th-and-2 at the ETSU 3-yard line.

A 40-yard second-quarter punt by Jimmy Miner was downed at the Buccaneer 1-yard line, setting up the Terriers' go-ahead score. On the second play of the ETSU series, a Kenny Harper fumble was recovered by Nelson at the Buc 4 and returned to the 1-yard line. On the Terriers' second play, Johnson found the end zone from four yards out to give Wofford a 14-7 lead with 3:21 left in the second quarter.

It was Wofford's 42nd consecutive win when leading at the half. The Terriers are also 63-2-1 in 66 games under Ayers when holding the opponent to 16 points or less.

Johnson had a career-long 44-yard run to highlight a 9-play, 80-yard drive, capped by a Trey Rodgers 3-yard run, giving Wofford a 21-7 lead with four minutes remaining in third quarter.

On the previous series, ETSU reached the Terrier 25-yard line before Nelson recorded his SoCon-leading fifth interception in the end zone. All five Nelson picks have come in the last seven weeks.

Another 80-yard drive, capped by a 10-yard Johnson touchdown carry, increased the Terrier margin to 28-7 with 12:33 remaining. McNair had a 2-yard run on a 4th-and-1 at the Buc 25-yard line. Gabriel Jackson had a 36-yard carry on the first play of the series.

A 2-yard Harper scoring run with 4:38 left provided the final margin as the Bucs closed to within 28-14.

"It was a tough football game," Ayers said. "(ETSU) Coach (Paul) Hamilton did a tremendous job with his staff and my hat goes off to those guys for hanging in there the way they did.

"We've got a great group of kids who have busted their tails and a staff that's busted their tails. It's a dream, a Cinderella story. I think the bottom line is that we earned it.

"We lost 20 great seniors off last year's team and replaced them with a bunch of young kids, who have emerged and been unbelievable. Kevious (Johnson) is one of those guys. He's a big-play guy, nothing
emerged and been unbelievable. Kevious (Johnson) is one of those guys. He's a big-play guy, nothing rattles him, and he's got a great future."

"I want to congratulate Wofford on its SoCon championship," ETSU coach (and former Wofford offensive coordinator under Ayers from 1988-89) Paul Hamilton said. "I'll be pulling for them in the playoffs and wish them the best."

"I've never been as proud of a football team as I am of these kids in the locker room. I've never seen a group of men face such adversity and be so resilient and dedicated to winning."

"I credit Wofford for the victory. They controlled the ball in the second half. I'm not trying to make excuses, but I believe our depth might have hurt us. Our kids came back and did some good things in the fourth quarter, but the time on the clock just ran out."

The Terriers rushed for 355 yards, including 241 in the second half. Wofford totaled 373 in offense for the game. ETSU had 129 on the ground and 148 in the air for a total of 277.

McNair had 70 yards rushing on 21 carries while Rodgers had 51 yards on six attempts.

Harper topped the Bucs with 55 yards on 13 carries. Carl Meadows came off-the-bench to complete 12-of-18 passes for 113 yards.

Wofford's game at Furman next Saturday is at 3:35 p.m. and will be regionally televised on FOX Sports Net South. ETSU hosts Chattanooga in a 1 p.m. contest.
Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 3:35 p.m. regionally-televised game (FOX Sports Net South) at Furman. The complete set of notes is also posted on our web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble with these documents, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

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II. The Terriers are 0-3 as a SoCon member in Greenville.

The Paladins hold a 46-23-7 series edge, including a 23-21 win last season when they scored the winning touchdown with 29 seconds to play. Wofford had used a 21-point fourth quarter to rally from a pair of 10-point deficits in taking a 21-17 lead on a career-long 41-yard drive that was capped by a touchdown carry to give Wofford a 14-7 halftime lead.

When Wofford and Furman first met in 1889 (a 5-1 Terrier win in Spartanburg), it marked the Terriers' previous SoCon championships were garnered by golfers Rion Moore (1998) and William McGirt (2001) and track standout Adrien Borders, who won the 2003 triple jump and long jump events. Borders is also Wofford's top returning scorer (9.7 ppg) in men's basketball.

The Terriers are 0-3 as a SoCon member in Greenville dating back to a 28-13 win in 1970. However, all but four of those games were when Wofford was NAIA or Division II. The Terriers are the also the first team since the Eagles in 2000 to claim the outright SoCon title with a regular-season game still remaining.

The Terriers have captured the first team title in any sport for Wofford in its seven years of SoCon play. Since beginning league competition in 1997-98 (only its third year in Division I), the Terriers' previous SoCon championships were won in 1990, 1991, 2002, 2003.

The Terriers are winless in their last 12 games (0-10-2) in Greenville dating back to a 28-13 win in 1970. However, all but four of those games were when Wofford was NAIA or Division II. The Terriers are 0-3 as a SoCon member in Greenville.

Last Week

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After the Bucs took an early 7-0 lead, the Terriers immediately showed their class with a 12-play, 56-yard drive that was capped by a J.R. McNair career-long 41-yard touchdown run with 4:41 remaining.

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The Terriers had back-to-back 80-yard touchdown drives to take a 28-7 lead with 12:33 to play.

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Worth Noting

• Wofford has clinched the outright SoCon championship and the league's automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs.

• With an enrollment of 1,100 students, Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football. The SAT average (1241) on campus is higher than the enrollment. With 82 players on the roster, nearly one out of every six males at Wofford is on the football team.

• Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as the college's student body president.

• A Terrier win would give coach Mike Ayers his 100th victory at Wofford. He is the school's all-time winningest coach at 99-76-1 in 16 years.

• Wofford tops the nation in turnover margin at 1.70 (+17).

• All-America free safety Matt Nelson tops Wofford with a team-best 124 tackles to go with a SoCon-leading five interceptions.
A Record-Setting Pick

Inside linebacker Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for the longest interception return for a touchdown when he returned a fourth-quarter pick 100 yards at Chattanooga.

Thrft totaled 12 tackles (nine solo) in the game, including two for a loss with one sack. He also added a quarterback hurry and pass breakup in earning SoCon and National Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Academic Dominance

Wofford has led the way in each of the last three years in placing members on the Verizon Academic All-District team, which combines Division I-A and I-AA institutions in a five-state region.

Wofford had six players receive honors last fall with no other school having more than four selections. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

Defensive tackle Lee Basinger and fullback J.R. McNair are returning Terriers from last year's Verizon Academic All-District squad. Wofford has eight nominees this fall.

Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections in 2001 with four. In the 2000 campaign, Wofford had six players on the team while no other school had more than three.

Wearing Down Georgia Southern

Wofford's two longest scoring drives of the season, at that point in time, came in the fourth quarter in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern (Sept. 20).

The Terriers went 78 and 67 yards, respectively, on their final two possessions against the Eagles.

In the second half, Wofford outgained Georgia Southern by a 187-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-5:29 advantage in time of possession. The Eagles had just 57 yards rushing in the second half with only 20 coming in the fourth quarter.

The Friendly Skies

The flight to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the season-opening Air Force game represented just the fifth time Wofford has flown to a contest in its 114-year football history.

Lightning Delay

Wofford's 28-3 win over Catawba (Sept. 27) was interrupted for 48 minutes late in the first half by a lightning delay.

It was the first Terrier football game to be affected by weather since a 35-7 win over Lenoir-Rhyne in the 1996 home opener. It was an historic game in that it was Wofford's final contest at Snyder Field, its longtime home football stadium. With the Terriers comfortably ahead with 12:13 remaining, the game was called due to lightning. Technically, the final game at Snyder Field was never completed.

Wofford's next home date that season was its Gibbs Stadium debut (Oct. 5, 1996 versus Presbyterian).

Terriers on the Tube

Hosted by NewsChannel 7 Sports Director Pete Yanity, Wofford Football Illustrated is seen on WASV-TV (sister station of CBS-affiliate WSPA) each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

WASV-TV is part of the nation's 35th-largest television market and covers the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson area.

Dining with The Coach

The Mike Ayers Media Luncheon is held each Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Ginko Room of the Burwell Building on the Wofford campus.

All media members are invited. Players are available on request. Please notify Wofford SID Mark Cohen if you plan on attending.

Football Anyone?

Nearly one out of every six males on the Wofford campus is on the football team.

The Wofford student body of 1,100 is divided nearly equally between 550 males and 550 females. This year's Terrier football roster has 82 players. With roughly 300 student-athletes on campus, more than 25 percent of Wofford's student body is on an athletic team.

Academic Dominance

Wofford has led the way in each of the last three years in placing members on the Verizon Academic All-District team, which combines Division I-A and I-AA institutions in a five-state region.

Wofford had six players receive honors last fall with no other school having more than four selections. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

Defensive tackle Lee Basinger and fullback J.R. McNair are returning Terriers from last year's Verizon Academic All-District squad. Wofford has eight nominees this fall.

The SoCon Teleconference

The Southern Conference holds a weekly teleconference throughout the season with the league's nine head football coaches. The teleconference is open to members of the media each Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 11:03 a.m. Eastern time. Each coach has seven minutes to make an opening statement and answer questions.

Time (Eastern) Coach, School
10:00 - 10:07 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:07 - 10:14 Ellis Johnson, The Citadel
10:14 - 10:21 Paul Hamilton, ETSU
10:21 - 10:28 Al Seagraves, Elon
10:28 - 10:35 Bobby Lamb, Furman
10:35 - 10:42 Mike Sewak, Georgia Southern
10:42 - 10:49 Rodney Allison, Chattanooga
10:49 - 10:56 Kent Briggs, Western Carolina
10:56 - 11:03 Mike Ayers, Wofford

SoCon Teleconference Number
1-866-375-5101

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Wofford has topped the Southern Conference in its graduation rate for football players every year since joining the league in 1997.

Wofford Ranks in the Top 10
In a recent Division I Graduation Rate Report, Wofford was the only school in the nation to rank in the Top 10 in all four categories: overall student-athlete graduation rate as well as those for the football, men’s basketball, and women’s basketball teams.

Listed below were the Top 10 schools in the nation in their graduation rate for student-athletes. The information was taken from a recent NCAA Division I Graduation Rate Report:

| Student-Athlete Graduation Rate |  
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Northwestern                  | 92 percent                      |
| 2. Duke                          | 91 percent                      |
| 2. Georgetown                   | 91 percent                      |
| 4. Lehigh                        | 90 percent                      |
| 4. Manhattan                    | 90 percent                      |
| 6. Bucknell                     | 89 percent                      |
| 6. Notre Dame                   | 89 percent                      |
| 6. Stanford                     | 89 percent                      |
| 9. Loyola (Md.)                 | 86 percent                      |
| 10. Wofford                     | 85 percent                      |

2002 SoCon Graduation Rate Summary
The chart below, taken from the 2002 Southern Conference Graduation Rate Summary, shows how Wofford continues to top the SoCon in graduating the highest percentage of its football players in addition to overall student-athletes over the last four years.

Wofford's high graduation rate comes at a nationally-respected liberal arts college with an average SAT score of 1239.

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<td>Division I-AA Average</td>
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1241 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1241) than enrollment (1100).

About Wofford
• Located in Spartanburg, S.C., Wofford is one of only five independent colleges and universities to have a Phi Beta Kappa chapter in the Carolinas (Davidson, Duke, Furman, and Wake Forest are the others).
• Wofford is one of just three Division I colleges or universities to have the nickname Terriers. The others are Boston University and St. Francis (N.Y.).
• Founded in 1854, Wofford has an enrollment of 1,100 which makes it the smallest school in NCAA Division I-A or I-AA football.
• With 1,100 students, Wofford is the second smallest school in Division I. Only Centenary (La.) is smaller with 850 students. However, the Gentlemen do not field a football team.
• Famous Wofford graduates include Carolina Panther owner and founder Jerry Richardson and Air Force football coach Fisher DeBerry.
• Wofford ranks No. 1 among national liberal arts colleges in "operating efficiency," providing a quality education while spending relatively less.

In a recent NCAA Division I Graduation Rate Report, Wofford was the only school in the nation to rank in the Top 10 in all four categories: overall student-athlete graduation rate as well as those for the football, men’s basketball, and women’s basketball teams.

"There are no junk courses at Wofford that we could see, and we would certainly match its course of study with that of any school in the Ivy League."

National Review’s Guide to the Best Liberal Arts Colleges "America’s Top 50 Liberal Arts Schools"
When Last In Action
The following are the final statistics from Wofford's 28-14 victory over East Tennessee State last week:

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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
K. Johnson 12-101, McNair 21-70, Rodgers 6-51, Jackson 3-38, Dunn 6-31, Zolman 6-28, Dorham 2-14, Mungin 1-11, Sullivan 1-7, Jones 2-5, Berry 1-1, A. Johnson 3-(2)

Passing
Rodgers 4-2-0, 11 yards; Zolman 3-1-1, 7 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-18

A Look Back
Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 23-21 loss to Furman last year:

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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
McNair 19-107, McCoy 13-89, Zolman 10-24, Jones 6-21, Jackson 2-8, Mungin 1-5, Johnson 1-4, Fogle 1-1

Passing
Zolman 13-7-0, 116 yards

Receiving
McCoy 2-49, Wood 2-29, Chandler 1-19, Goodpaster 1-17, Jackson 1-2

Average Size of Starting Lineups

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*Includes tight end

Basic Formations
Wofford Offense: Wingbone
Wofford Defense: Multiple 50
Furman Offense: Multiple I
Furman Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown
Wofford Offense -
4 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 1 freshman

Furman Defense -
1 senior, 6 juniors, 3 sophomores, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -
5 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Furman Offense -
1 senior, 6 juniors, 4 sophomores, 0 freshmen

The Head Coaches
Mike Ayers
Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74
16th season at Wofford, 19th as a head coach
Record at Wofford: 99-76-1. Overall Record: 110-97-2.

Bobby Lamb
Alma Mater: Furman '86
2nd season at Furman, 2nd as a head coach

Charting Wofford's Opponents

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The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 99 victories, is in his 16th year on the Terrier sideline.

Ayers recorded his 100th career win in the 39-10 victory at East Tennessee State last season. He was previously the Bucs' head coach from 1985-87.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ayers has been named the SoCon Coach of the Year twice in the last three seasons. He was also the 2002 Division I-AA National Coach of the Year by the College Sporting News in addition to being the runner-up for The Sports Network's Eddie Robinson Award, signifying the top coach in Division I-AA.

Hello Neighbor

The 2003 campaign marks the 24th consecutive year that Wofford coach Mike Ayers and his offensive coordinator and neighbor Wade Lang are together in football.

Ayers and Lang not only have their offices side-by-side, they also live across the street from each other.

In 1980, when Ayers came to Wofford as an assistant coach, Lang was in his sophomore year. When Ayers left for the defensive coordinator position at East Tennessee State in 1983, Lang joined him in Johnson City as a graduate assistant before being elevated to a full-time position in 1985.

They both returned to Wofford in 1988 when Ayers was named the Terriers' head coach. He brought Lang with him as the quarterback coach. Lang then took over the offensive coordinator duties in 1990.

A Presidential Flavor to the Wofford Staff

Retired Wofford College president Dr. Joe Lesesne is in his third season on the Terrier football staff as a volunteer assistant coach working with the tight ends.

Lesesne retired in 2000 after a distinguished 28-year tenure as just the ninth president in the 149-year history of Wofford.

Lesesne is no stranger to football. Upon arriving at Wofford in 1964 as a history professor, he served four years (1965-68) as an assistant football coach for the Terriers under coach Conley Snidow and later Jim Brakefield. Lesesne also coached one season at Abbeville (S.C.) High School.

Future Coach?

If he'd like to follow Joe Lesesne from the president's office to the football coaching staff, current Wofford president Bernie Dunlap does have a football background.

Dunlap earned All-Area honors as a starting fullback for Columbia (S.C.) High School as well as receiving a varsity letter as a halfback at the University of the South.

Did You Know?

• An anonymous donor recently committed $100,000 toward the creation of an endowed scholarship in honor of Wofford football coach Mike Ayers.

• Ayers is a black belt in karate and an accomplished sketch artist.

• Now in his seventh SoCon season at Wofford, Ayers ranks in a tie for second with East Tennessee State's Paul Hamilton in league seniority behind Appalachian State's Jerry Moore (15 years).

Strength of Schedule

• The Wofford football team annually plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation for a Division I-AA member.

This year’s slate opened against an Air Force team that’s now 7-3 and has been ranked in the Top 25. It marked the Terriers’ eighth game in six seasons against a I-A opponent.

• Wofford played at defending ACC champion Maryland last year while taking on Clemson and South Carolina in the 2001 campaign. Wofford was the nation’s only I-AA team to face a pair of bowl teams that season.

• The Terriers had four I-AA playoff teams on their 2000 schedule in addition to Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe.

• In 1999, Wofford was one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.

• The 1998 campaign saw the Terrier schedule ranked as the eighth-most difficult in the nation with the 11 opponents combining for a .563 winning percentage.

2003 Southern Conference Standings

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This Week:
*Chattanooga at East Tennessee State, 1 p.m.
The Citadel vs. VMI (Charlotte, N.C.), 1:30 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Appalachian State, 2 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at Elon, 3:30 p.m.
*Wofford at Furman, 3:35 p.m.
*SoCon Game

Last Week:
*Wofford 28, East Tennessee State 14
*Georgia Southern 29, Furman 24
*Chattanooga 29, The Citadel 20
*Appalachian State 34, Elon 12
Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as Wofford's student body president. He's the second Wofford football player in the last three years to serve in that role. Ben Foster, a three-year starter at halfback, also held that office during the 2001-02 academic year.

After missing two games due to injury, McNair returned to action against Chattanooga and tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns in a 42-14 Terrier win (Oct. 4). It was part of a 126-yard performance that earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. He's currently the league's leading scorer (6.8 ppg.) with nine touchdowns while placing seventh in rushing (53.2 ypg.).

Listed below is McNair's resume:

• Wofford Student Body President
• Dean’s List student with a 3.64 GPA while majoring in finance
• Campus Union Elections and Nominations Committee Chairman
• Campus Union Chaplain, 2002
• Chairman, Wofford College Captain’s Council
• Wofford College Board of Trustees Student Representative: Student Life Committee
• Wofford Ambassadors, Admissions Office: Provide campus tours/Wofford history to prospective students and their families
• Wofford College Student Panel
• Advisor to Arkwright Community: Community Student Representative
• Community Mentor: Volunteer once a week to take inner-city youth from Z.L. Madden and Mary H. Wright Elementary Schools to lunch
• Wofford College Dual Representative: Spartanburg Big Band Project
• Chairman for a new community service project involving South Carolina colleges and universities
• Web Designer/Developer: Created a web site for the Piedmont area Girl Scouts
• Association of African-American Students
• United Voices of Victory (UVOV) Gospel Choir member
• President, Wofford College Gospel Choir
• Wofford Singers
• Southern Comfort (men’s ensemble)
• Wofford Show Choir
• Wofford Men’s Glee Club
• Campus Outreach
• Campus Crusade
• Feed the Children: Partner since 2000 (donations have provided 450 meals)
• Chairman and Founder of the Stay a Night/Save a Life program, designed for Wofford students in which hotel chains would house students at a discounted rate if they were on the road fatigued or physically unable to drive
• Initiated a campus mass transportation program to acquire a 15-passenger van for student organization use, helping avoid the cost of renting vehicles
• Helped create web sites for all campus organizations that were in need of one
• NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee
• Southern Conference representative on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council
• Represented Wofford at the 2002 Southern Conference Student-Athlete Leadership Institute
• 2002 selection to the American Football Coaches Association “Good Works” Team, one of just five I-AA student-athletes to be honored for their community involvement
• 2002 and 2001 Verizon Academic All-District selection
• 2002 Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team

“\You think a coach at any other school would let me participate in a fourth of the stuff that I do here? Coach Ayers has so much trust in us. He realizes we’re more than athletes, and we’re more than students. We’re people. Football, that’s a big part of the college experience but it’s not all of it.”

J.R. McNair
Wofford fullback and student body president
Wofford Honor Roll

Jimmy Miner, P
• 2003 Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, Lindy's, and the National Football Gazette
• Ranked as the No. 3 punter in Division I-AA by The Sports Network
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
• Two-time honorable-mention All-America (2002, 2001)

Matt Nelson, FS
• 2003 First-team preseason All-America by the National Football Gazette
• Ranked as the No. 9 safety in Division I-AA by The Sports Network
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
• 2002 First-team All-America by the National Football Gazette
• Two-time All-SoCon (2002, 2001)

Eric Deutsch, OG
• 2003 Preseason All-America by Lindy's and the National Football Gazette
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
• 2002 Third-team All-America by the National Football Gazette
• 2002 All-SoCon

Chad Bentley, OT
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
• 2002 All-SoCon

J.R. McNair, FB
• 2003 Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the National Football Gazette

Lee Basinger, DT
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Bobby Gibbs, OG
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Adam Regenthal, TE
• 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Wingbone Workings

• Wofford has run the ball on 86.9 percent (576-of-663) of its offensive snaps this season.
• Over the last two games, the Terriers have rushed for 480 yards in the second half compared to 256 in the first half. Wofford had 239 of its season-high 381 yards after the intermission at The Citadel, and 241 of 355 over the final two quarters against ETSU. The total equates to 65.2 percent (480-of-736) of the Terriers' rushing output the last two weeks coming in the second half.
• Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and sixth nationally in team rushing (265.0 ypg.). Despite no Terrier placing among the top six rushers in the league, J.R. McNair is seventh (53.2 ypg.) with true freshman Kevious Johnson eighth (52.5 ypg.).
• Wofford has had five different leading rushers in its 10 games.
• 11 Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
• Wofford has eight players with at least 31 carries. McNair has a team-best 114 attempts with Johnson (90) and quarterback Jeff Zolman (82) placing second and third, respectively.
• Five Wofford players (Johnson 525, McNair 426, Zolman 332, Corey Dunn 297, and Trey Rodgers 295) have rushed for at least 295 yards with three others totaling at least 119.
• Wofford has eight players averaging a minimum of 19.8 yards per game rushing.
• McNair places fifth among active SoCon rushers with 1,739 career yards and second in touchdowns at 27.

Air Ayers

• The Terriers are third in the SoCon in pass efficiency with a rating of 123.0.
• Trey Rodgers is fifth individually at 122.5 while Jeff Zolman places sixth with a 114.5 rating. Wofford is the lone school to have two quarterbacks rank in the top six in the league in pass efficiency.
• Wofford is second in the league in average yards per completion at 13.5 (Georgia Southern 17.7).
• Zolman (28-of-47, 59.6) and Rodgers (20-of-39, 51.3) have combined to complete 56.3 percent of their passes for four touchdowns. Rodgers has three scores on his 20 completions. Two of those touchdowns have come in the last five weeks to his former Dorman High School teammate Curtis Nash.
• In seven SoCon games, Zolman is 19-of-28 (67.9 percent) in the air for a 159.9 rating. He has thrown for 315 yards (16.6 per completion) with one touchdown and two interceptions.
• Five of Wofford's 10 longest plays from scrimmage are passes.
• McNair beat Georgia Southern with the pass as Rodgers hit Kevious Johnson on the game-winning 24-yard touchdown completion with 1:47 left.
• Wide receivers Shiel Wood (15 receptions, 217 yards, 14.5 avg.) and Nash (14 receptions, 256 yards, 18.3 avg.) are averaging a combined 16.3 yards on their catches and have accounted for 59.2 percent (29-of-49) of Wofford's receptions on the year and 71.6 percent (473-of-661) of the receiving yards.
• Both of Wofford's receptions by a tight end have resulted in 14-yard touchdowns.
• Adam Regenthal had a 14-yard scoring grab against Elon, while Cody Garland was in the end zone for a 14-yard catch off a fake field goal pass by holder Brandon Smith versus Appalachian State.
**WOFFORD AT FURMAN**

### Magic Numbers
- Wofford has a 63-2-1 record in the 66 games under coach Mike Ayers in which it has allowed 16 or fewer points. The tie was a 14-14 deadlock at Furman in 1993.
- Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has surrendered just 244 points (10.6 per game) in its last 23 wins.
- Wofford has won 42 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon on Nov. 4, 1995. Wofford held a 9-3 halftime edge that night.

### Honorary I-A Members
The Air Force contest represented Wofford's eighth game in the last six years against a Division I-A opponent:

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*Also selected as a Sports Network National Defensive Player of the Week*

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### Shutting Down the Opposition
- Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year's defense, the Terriers have surrendered only 101 points (1.2 per game) in their current nine-game winning streak.
- Wofford is allowing just 86.2 yards per game rushing (2.6 per carry) and 288.2 in total offense during that stretch. The Terriers' last four opponents have combined for 291 yards rushing (72.8 per game) on 120 attempts (2.4 per carry).
- The Terriers top the SoCon and are 22nd nationally in run defense (115.6 ypg.) while ranking second in the league and in a tie for eighth in the country in scoring defense (15.0 ppg.). Wofford is also second in the SoCon and 24th nationally in total defense (306.3 ypg.).
- One week after rushing for 376 at No. 1 McNeese State, Georgia Southern had 210 yards rushing at Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half (20 in the fourth quarter).
- Wofford holding South Carolina State to minus-16 yards rushing represented the sixth-best single-game run defense by a SoCon team in the league's 83-year history.

### A Special Escort
- Wofford All-America free safety Matt Nelson didn't head to the locker room with his teammates at halftime of the Elon game.

He instead remained on the field to escort his girlfriend, volleyball player Rhea deJesus, as she was a finalist in the Homecoming court.

Nelson had the following to say in regards to asking Wofford coach Mike Ayers for permission to take part in the ceremony, “I was scared to death to ask. I’m not lying. I was like, ‘Coach, um, well, see, my girlfriend asked me, um... Please don’t be mad at me. Direct all your anger at her.’ He told me, ‘Do what you have to do.’ I was like, ‘Dang, don’t say that. I need a yes or a no.’ He said it was the first time he ever let anybody do that. I appreciated it.”

### Points on the Board
- Wofford tops the SoCon in scoring (30.2 ppg.) while ranking fourth in the league in total offense (331.1 ypg.).
- Taking advantage of its opportunistic defense and special teams, the Terriers had just one scoring drive longer than 39 yards in the 42-16 win at The Citadel.

### Fourth Down: No Problem
- It’s well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers.
- Wofford tops the SoCon in fourth-down conversions (23), attempts (38), and success rate (60.5 percent).
- Western Carolina (22) is the only other league team with more than 19 fourth-down attempts.
- Wofford had a pair of touchdowns on 4th-and-3 plays in the 42-16 win over The Citadel as Kevious Johnson and Curtis Nash scored on 26 and 9-yard runs, respectively.
- On the opening series of the 38-6 win at Western Carolina, the Terriers were successful on a 4th-and-2 at their own 34 as Jeff Zolman carried for six yards and a first down.
- Wofford’s first two touchdowns that day were scored on fourth down.
- Johnson had a 35-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-3 play, while J.R. McNair reached the end zone from a yard out on a 4th-and-goal early in the second quarter to give the Terriers a 14-0 lead.
- Wofford was 19-of-36 (52.8 percent) on fourth-down conversions last year compared to just 13 attempts for the opposition.
Worth Noting about Another Winner over Georgia Southern

• The Terriers became the first SoCon team to post consecutive wins over the Eagles since Appalachian State in the 1996-97 campaigns.
• Wofford handed Georgia Southern its first back-to-back defeats in the same season since 1996.
• Wofford limited Georgia Southern to only 93 yards of offense in the second half, including just 57 on the ground.
• The Terriers wore down the Eagles in the fourth quarter, holding a 9:31-5:29 edge in time of possession while totaling 137 yards compared to 56 (20 rushing) for Georgia Southern.
• In both of its back-to-back victories, Wofford has held GSU to under 300 yards of offense. The Eagles had just 276 this season after being limited to 257 in a 14-7 Terrier win in Statesboro, Ga., last year.
• Georgia Southern was outrushed by its opponent (292-to-210) for just the fourth time in its last 89 games. Two of those occurrences have been Wofford in each of the last two seasons.
• True freshman **Kevious Johnson** became the first Wofford rookie to score three touchdowns in a game since **Shawn Graves** in 1989. Johnson made his first collegiate start as he filled in for injured fullback and student body president **J.R. McNair**.

Who is This Guy?

Freshman placekicker **Nick Robinson**, who had never played in a football game at any level prior to this season, tops the SoCon in PATs made (41), attempted (41), and percentage (100.0 percent).

The son of renown classical guitarist **Stephen Robinson**, he's chasing **Randy Bringman’s** 1969 single-season school record of 48 PATs. Robinson is also drawing closer to **Brian Porzio’s** mark of 54 consecutive PATs made (1991-92).

Robinson has also made three consecutive field goals with all three coming in the last five weeks.

He had a 29-yard field goal versus Elon, a 27-yard effort at Western Carolina, and a career-long 36-yard boot for the first points of the Appalachian State game. He's now 3-of-5 on field goals for the season.

Robinson was a two-time All-Region soccer player for DeLand (Fla.) High School. He walked on to the Wofford football team as a late addition and is the only Terrier not included in the media guide.

His name wasn’t added to the back of his jersey until the third game of the season.

It Comes with an Asterisk

Placekicker **Jay Harvey**, who handles the kickoff duties, is the lone junior college transfer in the 16-year Wofford tenure of **Mike Ayers**. However, there’s an asterisk in that Harvey did not play football at Spartanburg Methodist College. The school does not field a team in that sport. He was instead a soccer player at SMC.

Harvey was an All-Region and All-State placekicker during his senior year at Barnwell (S.C.) High School.

Just About Every Seven Games

Dating back to the 2000 season finale at Louisiana-Monroe, the Terriers have faced a Division I-A opponent in five of their last 34 games.

The Terriers played at Clemson and South Carolina in 2001, traveled to Maryland last year, and opened this season at Air Force.

Wofford Offense is SoCon’s Best in Red Zone

Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (48), touchdowns (32), and total scores (35).

Only one other league member (Georgia Southern 24) has more than 17 touchdowns in that category.

The Terriers place third in the SoCon with their 72.9 success rate (35-of-48) on producing points in the red zone.

Terriers Effective in Red Zone Defense

Wofford tops the SoCon with eight takeaways (four fumbles, four interceptions) when the opponent has the ball in the red zone.

Only one other school (Georgia Southern 7) has more than three takeaways in the red zone.

Overall, the Terriers are second (Georgia Southern 60.6) in red-zone defense with the opposition scoring on only 19-of-31 opportunities (61.3 percent).

Wofford Scoring Drives

Wofford has 14 scoring drives of at least 70 yards this season. Listed below are the Terriers’ scoring drives on the year:

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* Interception return for a TD


**Wofford Record Holder**

Terrier punter Jimmy Miner is under the eye of NFL scouts.

His 40.2 average would be even more impressive if he wasn’t asked to angle kick and sacrifice yards to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

Wofford is third in the SoCon and fifth nationally in net punting (38.2).

Miner recently had hang times of 4.69 and 4.64 seconds, respectively, on 53 and 54-yard punts at Western Carolina.

Miner is Wofford’s career record holder with a 40.8 mark. He set a single-season school record while ranking 12th nationally with a 42.2 average last season.

Miner’s best friend is long snapper and fellow NFL prospect Jonathan Starks, who the Wofford staff says is the best they’ve ever seen at that position.

**The Best in the Nation**

At 1.70, Wofford tops Division I-AA and trails only Nebraska (1.90) in turnover margin for all Division I football members with its +17 rating (33 takeaways, 16 giveaways).

The Wofford staff says is the best they’ve ever seen at that position.

**I Hope I Score**

Beginning with the Oct. 27, 2001 contest at The Citadel, Wofford has won its last 18 games in which it scored first.

Since the start of the 2001 campaign, the Terriers are 2-9 in their last 11 outings when the opponent scored first. One of those wins was last week’s 28-14 win over ETSU. The other victory in that stretch was a 7-6 win at South Carolina State last season.

**Worth Noting**

•The Terriers rank second in the SoCon in average time of possession (30:38), trailing only Georgia Southern (30:50).

•Wofford is the SoCon’s second-least penalized team at 39.7 yards per game (49 flags for 397 yards).

**The Sack Masters**

The Terriers are tied with Appalachian State for the SoCon lead in sacks (22) while topping the league in fewest sacks allowed (4).

Wofford had two sacks against Western Carolina. The Catamounts are second behind the Terriers, only surrendering eight sacks on the year in a league-high 385 pass attempts.

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**Terriers are Playoff Bound**

Wofford will be making its first appearance in the Division I-AA playoffs and its fifth postseason trip overall.

The 1949 team was 11-0 before suffering what newspaper accounts termed “a shocking upset” when it lost 19-6 to Florida State in the Cigar Bowl. That game represented the first-ever bowl appearance for the Seminoles. Wofford rebounded to open the 1950 season with a 19-14 win over Auburn.

The 1970 team was 11-0 before losing 48-7 to Texas A&M in the NAIA Championship Bowl played in Greenville, S.C.

The 1990 and 1991 Division II teams both went 9-2 before losing to Mississippi College in the first round of the playoffs. It was discovered shortly thereafter that the Choctaws were awarding twice the maximum amount of scholarships for Division II. As a result, Mississippi College decided to do away with all scholarships. They now compete on the Division III level.

**Steady Improvements**

With the exception of 2001, when it was beset by injuries and faced Division I-AA’s toughest schedule with road games at Clemson and South Carolina, Wofford has consistently improved its year-by-year record since beginning SoCon play in 1997:

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**Terriers Well Over .500 in SoCon History**

Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 31-24 (.564), an impressive feat considering that its debut season in 1997 represented just its third year on the Division I-AA level.

**Long Distance Terriers**

Listed below are Wofford’s 10 longest plays from scrimmage this year. Wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the top eight. Five of the Top 10 are via the pass:

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**Top 10 Terriers**

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A Comparison to Michigan
One out of every six males at Wofford is on the football team. If the same ratio were applied at Michigan, the Wolverine football roster would have 1,814 players.

Nash Has Big-Play Role in Terrier Offense
• Wofford wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the Terriers' eight-longest plays from scrimmage and has three touchdowns on his 17 touches.
  • With four catches for 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown, in the 38-6 win over Western Carolina, he posted the first 100-yard receiving day by a Terrier since Isaac Goodpaster had two grabs for 100 yards in a 2001 win over Charleston Southern.
  • Nash is averaging 18.3 yards with his 14 receptions for 256 yards on the year.
  • Nash had 16 and 51-yard touchdown receptions from his former Dorman High School teammate Trey Rodgers in back-to-back games versus Elon and Western Carolina. He also had a 48-yard catch from Jeff Zolman in the Elon contest.
  • A 54-yard Nash run on a reverse at Chattanooga is the Terriers' second-longest rushing play of the season. He scored on a 9-yard reverse on a 4th-and-3 in the 42-16 victory at The Citadel.
  • The Spartanburg, S.C., native plays a key role at Wofford home basketball games as he operates the computerized sound system that controls the music in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Abstract Sculpture Inspires Defense
Along the lines of "Howard's Rock" at Clemson, Wofford has Winston Wingo's "Botanical Construction" as a good-luck symbol for its team.

The abstract sculpture of a broad ax was on display at the center of campus when it caught the eye of Terrier defensive coordinator Nate Woody early in the season. He believed it symbolized what defense was about. It has since become a motivational piece for his unit.

In a surprise move for his players on the day before the Oct. 25 Appalachian State game, Woody had the sculpture moved to a location outside the Terrier locker room.

"Coach Woody said the broad ax talks to him," free safety Matt Nelson said. "He treats it like it's a pet or mysterious phenomenon."

Woody attributes his love of the broad ax to former North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith, who once said that a defense, when forcefully applied, is like a broad ax.

"We'll touch that before we come out for every game now," outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker said.

Hail to the Chief
A new tradition at Wofford home games is the playing of "Hail to the Chief" over the Gibbs Stadium public address system each time Terrier fullback and student body president J.R. McNair has a rushing attempt.

Rising Through the Ranks
Wofford is in just its ninth season on the Division I-AA level. The Terriers previously competed for seven years in Division II (1988-94). Prior to 1988, Wofford was a longtime NAIA member.

Miner and Nelson Named to All-Star Classic
Wofford punter Jimmy Miner and free safety Matt Nelson have been selected to play in the inaugural TFN/Division I-AA All-Star Classic on Dec. 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The contest will be broadcast nationally on The Football Network and on regional sports networks in various markets around the country to an estimated audience of 35 million people.

The two 50-player squads will be coached by the staffs of Western Kentucky and McNeese State, last year's participants in the I-AA national championship game.

Terriers Love the FOX Cameras
The SoCon announced Oct. 30 that Saturday's game at Furman has been picked up for regional broadcast on FOX Sports Net South as well as being available nationally on FOX Sports Digital Net.

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Too Bad It's Not Homecoming at Furman
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Terriers Run with Picks
The Terriers are averaging 25.3 yards per return with their SoCon-leading 16 interceptions.

Wofford has returned three interceptions for touchdowns this season, including two of the last three games and three of the past six.

Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for distance when he returned a pick 100 yards for a score against Chattanooga.

Teddie Whitaker and Matt Nelson scored on 41 and 46-yard returns in wins over Appalachian State and The Citadel, respectively.

Derek Newberry had an 81-yard return without reaching the end zone versus Western Carolina. Nelson has 61 return yards on his SoCon-leading five interceptions.

More Picks and Other Defensive Tidbits
•Free safety Matt Nelson's SoCon-leading five interceptions have come in the last seven games.
  • Wofford ranks second in the league with 16 interceptions (Appalachian State 17). Linebackers have accounted for nine picks.

Five different linebackers (Jim Thurman 3, Teddie Whitaker 2, Derek Newberry 2, Jimmy Freeland 1, and Timmy Thrift 1) have at least one pick. Bill Pryor represents the defensive line on the interception list with his grab at The Citadel.

• Thurman is tied for sixth in the SoCon in interceptions with three (0.3 per game). He also has three forced fumbles.

• Whitaker and nose tackle Lee Basinger are tied for second in the league with three fumble recoveries.
A Kevious Plan for SoCon Freshman of the Year

• True freshman Kevious Johnson is the Terriers' leading rusher with 525 yards and nine touchdowns on a 5.8 per carry average.

He has had career-high and game-best rushing efforts in each of the last two games. He had 101 yards and two scores on 12 carries in the 28-14 win over East Tennessee State after an 89-yard performance in the 42-16 victory at The Citadel.

• With another 106 yards, he will move past Jesse McCoy (630, 1999) for the highest rushing total by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback Shawn Graves had 1,483 in 1989.

• He is tied for the SoCon lead in touchdowns (10) while placing in a tie for second in scoring (6.0 ppg.). Terrier fullback J.R. McNair tops the league at 6.8 ppg.

Johnson is the lone Terrier to have both a rushing and receiving touchdown this season. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native scored all three Wofford touchdowns in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern, including the game-winning 24-yard catch and run with 1:47 to play. He also added 81 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

He became the first Terrier freshman since Graves (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.

• Johnson tops the Terriers with a 20.3 kickoff return average while placing in a tie for third on the team with four receptions (60 yards). His average of 15.0 yards per catch is second on Wofford.

• Johnson is the first Terrier player in recent memory to start at both quarterback when he directs the scout team offense.

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The Terriers have blocked six punts this season, 12 over the last four years, and 44 in coach Mike Ayers' 16-year tenure.

Wofford's Shaun Bennett blocked two punts against Elon and has three on the year, while Alex Love has two blocks this season and three over the last two seasons.

All four of the full punt blocks (there are two partial blocks) this season have led to touchdowns covering a total of 10 plays and 50 yards:

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Did You Know?

• Starting defensive tackle Katon Bethay became Wofford's first-ever All-SoCon performer in indoor track with his efforts in the shot put last winter.

• All-SoCon left tackle Chad Bentley is the Terriers' lone fifth-year senior.

Nelson Set to Become Career Tackle Leader

Free safety Matt Nelson is a two-time All-SoCon performer, a first-team All-America in 2002, and an NFL prospect.

Arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford, he needs just three tackles to become Wofford's all-time leader. With 409 career stops, he trails only Bret Masters' mark of 411 (1985-88).

Nelson tops the SoCon with five interceptions with all the picks coming in the last seven games.

With 10 solo stops among 14 tackles in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern, he became the Terriers' career leader in solo tackles. After tying the game at 14-14 with 8:19 to play, Wofford forced a three-and-out by Georgia Southern with Nelson recording the tackle on all three Eagle plays. The Terriers then proceeded to begin their game-winning drive. Nelson ended Georgia Southern's final hope for victory when he batted down a Hail Mary pass at the goal line with 0.9 seconds to play.

During Terrier practices, he takes tremendous pride in his ability at quarterback when he directs the scout team offense.

Listed below is where he ranks in some of the Terriers' major defensive categories:

Wofford Career Total Tackles
1. 411 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. 409 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 287 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
4. 269 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88
5. 250 - Eric Daniel, 1994-97

Wofford Career Solo Tackles
1. 271 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
2. 210 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
3. 182 - Ben Dae, 1996-99
4. 172 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 170 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88

Wofford Career Assisted Tackles
1. 201 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
2. 138 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 115 - Travis Yates, 1987-90

Wofford Single-Season Solo Tackles
1. 110 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 96 - Ben Dae, 1999
4. 80 - Matt Nelson, 2003
5. 79 - Bret Masters, 1986
78 - Matt Nelson, 2001

Wofford Single-Season Assisted Tackles
1. 97 - Bret Masters, 1987
2. 83 - Bret Masters, 1986
3. 71 - Rodney Payne, 1985
4. 67 - Pete Waldrop, 1986
5. 48 - Matt Nelson, 2002
44 - Matt Nelson, 2003

Old School

Wofford coach Mike Ayers has driven the team's equipment truck when it travels, in addition to personally powerwashing the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.
Wofford Ranks Ahead of 23 Division I-A Programs in Sagarin Ratings
The Wofford football team is ranked ahead of 23 Division I-A programs in this week’s Sagarin Ratings, which are utilized by the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

Wofford is ranked 114th out of 240 Division I-A and I-AA teams. The Terriers are ahead of the following I-A programs:

115. Utah State
116. Vanderbilt
117. Illinois
118. Middle Tennessee
119. Indiana
120. Rice
121. Baylor
122. San Jose State
125. Temple
127. Central Florida
129. Central Michigan
130. Ohio
131. Arkansas State
138. East Carolina
140. Idaho
141. New Mexico State
145. Louisiana-Lafayette
151. Eastern Michigan
152. Buffalo
158. UTEP
164. Louisiana-Monroe
166. Army
172. SMU

Gibbs Stadium
Wofford's football stadium is the third youngest facility in the Southern Conference.

With a capacity of 13,000, Gibbs Stadium opened in October 1996. Only Elon's Rhodes Stadium (2001) and Chattanooga's Finley Stadium (1997) are newer. The Terriers have a 27-12 home record (.692) since moving into Gibbs Stadium, including a 6-0 mark this season and a 10-1 ledger the last two seasons.

Packing the Stands
Wofford has enjoyed a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium with an average crowd of 9,225 in six home contests.

The Terriers rank 39th nationally in home attendance out of 120 Division I-AA programs.

Wofford set a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State on Sept. 6.

Wofford averaged 8,391 per home date last season.

Scheduling Quirks
• Wofford had six home games for the first time since 1993.
• With three home games and an open date, Wofford did not have a road game in September.
• With six home games and trips to The Citadel and Furman, Wofford left the Palmetto State for only three of its 11 regular-season contests.

Terriers Among Quickest to Capture Title
By capturing sole possession of the 2003 SoCon football championship, Wofford is tied for sixth in being the fastest team to win a SoCon title after beginning play in the 83-year-old league:

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The Winningest Summer Camp
The two teams that hold their preseason training camps at Wofford have a combined 16-3 record this year.

The Terriers are 9-1 and the Southern Conference champion, while the Carolina Panthers are 7-2 and the runaway leader in the NFC South Division.

Knocking Them Down
Listed below are Wofford's knockdown block leaders from this season:

Eric Deutsch, RG 115
Bobby Gibbs, LG 103
Brad Anderson, C 98
Chad Bentley, LT 94
Kevin Hodapp, RT 78

Quick Progress
Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league action: Georgia Southern (47), Appalachian State (42), Furman (37), Wofford (31), Western Carolina (24), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (20), and The Citadel (17).

Familiar Names
Wide receiver and kick returner Shiel Wood is the son of former Wofford athletic director and now senior vice-president David Wood.

The elder Wood was a football standout at Elon (1972-75) and a former offensive coordinator at Catawba.

Coaching Stability
Mike Ayers is in his 16th season as Wofford's coach. His assistants have also been models of stability, including four of them being Wofford graduates:

Off. Coordinator Wade Lang* (16th year)
Kicking Coach Lee Hanning (14th year)
Def. Coordinator Nate Woody* (13th year)
Def. Line Coach Jack Teachey (10th year)
Wide Receiver Coach Bruce Lackey (9th year)
Outside LB Coach Thomas Neel (6th year)
RB Coach Freddie Brown* (5th year)
Secondary Coach Terry Lantz (4th year)
Tight End Coach Joe Lesesne* (3rd year)
Off. Line Coach Eric Nash* (1st year)

*Wofford graduate and former Terrier student-athlete
^Served as Wofford's president for 28 years (1972-2000)
### A Statistical Comparison

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### Did You Know?

Terrier football coach Mike Ayers was hired in 1988 over a chocolate milkshake at the Biltmore Dairy Bar in Asheville, N.C., by then Wofford athletic director and now Southern Conference commissioner Danny Morrison.

### Wofford and the NFL

Wofford College is the summer training camp site for the Carolina Panthers of the National Football League.

### The Last Time...

- The Terriers have not had a kickoff return for a touchdown since Craig Best took one back 93 yards in a 1982 game versus Elon.
- Wofford's last punt return for a touchdown came in 1997 when Tony Young went 84 yards against Charleston Southern.

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WOFFORD AT FURMAN

WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP
(updated Nov. 9, 2003)

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LEFT TACKLE
67 Chad Bentley (6-1, 290, Sr.)
69 Davy Olmsted (6-4, 290, So.)

LEFT GUARD
65 Bobby Gibbs (6-3, 290, Jr.)
72 Tim Beckner (6-3, 275, So.)

CENTER
71 Brad Anderson (6-2, 275, So.)
73 Thad Ball (6-3, 275, Jr.)

RIGHT GUARD
77 Eric Deutsch (6-3, 315, Sr.)
68 Marty Bauer (6-2, 255, Fr.)

RIGHT TACKLE
78 Kevin Hodapp (6-3, 280, Jr.)
79 Brad Birrenkott (6-5, 265, So.)

TIGHT END
88 Adam Regenthal (6-3, 242, Jr.)
85 Steve Prochak (6-2, 235, Sr.)

WIDE RECEIVER
6 Curtis Nash (6-1, 188, Sr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK
15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, Jr.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, Jr.)

HALFBACK
22 Aaron Johnson (5-10, 185, So.)
34 Corey Dunn (5-11, 205, So.)

FULLBACK
4 J.R. McNaier (5-10, 208, Sr.)
38 Donald Dorham (5-10, 220, Jr.)

HALFBACK
20 Kevin Johnson (5-9, 180, Fr.)
23 Gabriel Jackson (5-9, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

LEFT TACKLE
95 John Pressley (6-2, 250, Sr.)
96 Ben Whitney (6-3, 260, Jr.)

NOSE TACKLE
75 Lee Basinger (6-1, 255, Jr.)
94 Gaby Dibo (6-0, 275, So.)

RIGHT TACKLE
92 Katon Bethay (6-2, 270, So.)
91 Bill Pryor (6-2, 250, Sr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
54 Jimmy Freland (5-11, 220, Jr.)
35 Andrew Nelson (5-11, 215, Jr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER
55 Jim Thurman (6-2, 225, So.)
45 Justin Franklin (6-2, 220, Fr.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER
44 Timmy Thrift (6-0, 220, Jr.)
57 Josh Smith (6-1, 215, Jr.)

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER
10 Teddie Whitaker (6-2, 230, Sr.)
28 Derek Newberry (6-3, 218, So.)

LEFT CORNERBACK
8 Craig Thomas (5-10, 188, Sr.)
11 Alex Love (5-11, 180, So.)

FREESAFETY
5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
11 Alex Love (5-11, 180, So.)

STRONG SAFETY
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Sr.)
9 Shane Fast (6-1, 195, Sr.)

RIGHT CORNERBACK
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 180, So.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 190, Jr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTER
32 Jimmy Miner (6-3, 195, Sr.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 185, Jr.)

PLACEKICKER
27 Nick Robinson (5-10, 180, Fr.)
99 Jay Harvey (5-10, 180, Sr.)

PUNT RETURNS
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, Jr.)
5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Sr.)

HOLDER
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 210, Jr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, Jr.)

LONG SNAPPER
82 Jonathan Starks (6-2, 225, Sr.)
56 Greg German (6-3, 225, Fr.)

KICKOFFS
99 Jay Harvey (5-10, 180, Sr.)
27 Nick Robinson (5-10, 180, Fr.)

KICKOFF RETURNS
20 Kevin Johnson (5-9, 180, Fr.)
84 Shiel Wood (5-10, 185, Jr.)
Wofford At Furman

Game 1
Air Force 49, Wofford 0
Aug. 30; Colorado Springs, Colo.

Facing the nation's most experienced team that's also receiving votes in the Division I-A Top 25 poll, the Wofford football team dropped a 49-0 decision at Air Force before a crowd of 40,111.

In terms of the number of seniors on its roster, 16 of them starters, the Falcons are officially the nation's most seasoned squad. Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, a 1960 Wofford graduate, picked up his 150th career victory. Now in his 30th season with the Falcons, DeBerry ranks third in Division I-A in length of service at his current school.

After a scoreless first quarter, Air Force took a 7-0 lead when Dan Shaffer scored from a yard out on the second play of the second quarter.

The Terriers then took possession at their own 20 and drove to the Falcon 13-yard line. On a 4th-and-2 keeper, quarterback Trey Rodgers was stopped inches short of a first down.

Air Force took over on downs and drove 88 yards in 10 plays, capped by an Adam Cole 3-yard run, to take a 14-0 lead with 4:35 left in the second quarter.

A Shaffer 2-yard touchdown run with 15 seconds remaining in the first half gave Air Force a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

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Wofford
Air Force

0 0 0 0 0
0 21 21 7 49

Second Quarter
A - Shaffer 1 run (Ashcroft kick), 14:35
A - Cole 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 4:35
A - Shaffer 2 run (Ashcroft kick), 15

Third Quarter
A - Harridge 2 run (Ashcroft kick), 6:08
A - Shaffer 5 run (Ashcroft kick), 1:25

Fourth Quarter
A - Schwartz 11 pass from Fitch (Ashcroft kick), 0:11

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Wofford
Air Force

First Downs 9 28
Rushes - Yards 40 - 88 74 - 380
Passing Yards 87 89
Total Offense 175 469
Passes 11 - 6 - 0 15 - 7 - 0

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
McNair 12-33, K. Johnson 3-25, Jackson 5-18, Sullivan 3-10, A. Johnson 4-5, Rodgers 4-5, Mungin 1-3, Dunn 2-(3), Zolman 6-(8)

Passing
Zolman 10-6-2, 27 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 60 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-24, Nash 2-46, A. Johnson 2-13, Mungin 1-5, K. Johnson 1-(1)

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Game 2
Wofford 35, S.C. State 13
Sept. 6; Spartanburg, S.C.

Gabriel Jackson scored a pair of touchdowns in a 50-second span, one on a recovery of a blocked punt in the end zone, while freshman Kevious Johnson had a pair of rushing touchdowns as Wofford rolled past South Carolina State, 35-13.

The game drew a Gibbs Stadium record crowd of 11,486.

The Terrier defense forced six turnovers and recorded five sacks in limiting the Bulldogs to minus 16 yards rushing. Prior to clearing its bench on the game's final drive, Wofford had held S.C. State to 217 yards of offense.

After Alex Love blocked a punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson recovered the ball in the end zone for the game's first score just 5:02 into the contest.

The Bulldogs then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson scored on a 10-yard run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead. The Terriers went on to build their margin to 21-0 at the half.

A Terrier turnover on the third play of the second half set up S.C. State’s first score.

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Wofford
S.C. State

0 0 7 6 13
14 7 0 14 35

First Quarter
W - Jackson 0 blocked punt return (Robinson kick), 7:13
W - Jackson 11 run (Robinson kick), 6:23

Second Quarter
W - K. Johnson 6 run (Robinson kick), 2:29

Third Quarter
S - Morgan 11 pass from McCampbell (Gaston kick), 12:01

Fourth Quarter
W - K. Johnson 17 pass from Rodgers (rush failed), 10:12
W - Sullivan 2 run (Robinson kick), 0:48
S - King 6 pass from Young, 0:00

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Wofford
Air Force

First Downs 12 16
Rushes - Yards 61 - 186 25 - (16)
Passing Yards 38 307
Total Offense 224 291
Passes 7 - 4 - 1 45 - 28 - 0
Punts - Avg. 4 - 46.5 5 - 32.8
Fumbles - Lost 4 - 2 7 - 6
Penalties - Yards 5 - 25 7 - 49
Time of Possession 34:18 25:42

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
Zolman 12-60, Jackson 14-42, Sullivan 15-28, K. Johnson 5-25, McNair 8-18, Rodgers 3-9, Mungin 1-2, A. Johnson 3-2

Passing
Zolman 5-3-0, 21 yards; Rodgers 2-1-1, 17 yards

Receiving
Mungin 1-17, Wood 1-9, Sullivan 1-7, Rice 1-5

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Wofford
S.C. State

7 0 0 14
7 0 0 13

First Quarter
W - K. Johnson 2 run (Robinson kick), 7:49
G - Davis 36 run (Holland kick), 0:05

Second Quarter
G - Anderson 19 run (Holland kick), 8:19

Fourth Quarter
W - K. Johnson 5 run (Robinson kick), 8:19
W - K. Johnson 24 pass from Rodgers (rush failed), 1:47

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Wofford
Air Force

First Downs 21 14
Rushes - Yards 64 - 292 48 - 210
Passing Yards 83 66
Total Offense 375 276
Passes 11 - 6 - 0 15 - 7 - 0
Punts - Avg. 4 - 36.0 3 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost 1 - 0 4 - 2
Penalties - Yards 5 - 50 9 - 75
Time of Possession 32:19 27:41

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
K. Johnson 20-81, Dunn 9-68, Jackson 11-61, Rodgers 8-42, Zolman 10-32, Sullivan 2-5, A. Johnson 2-3, Mungin 1-1, Team 1-(1)

Passing
Rodgers 7-4-0, 64 yards, 1 TD; Zolman 4-2-0, 19 yards

Receiving
Wood 4-51, K. Johnson 1-24, A. Johnson 1-8
Game 4
Wofford 28, Catawba 3
Sept. 27; Spartanburg, S.C.

Aaron Johnson and Corey Dunn both had career-high rushing nights as Wofford defeated Division II power Catawba, 28-3, in a game that featured a 48-minute lightning delay in the second quarter.

Johnson rushed for 92 yards on 12 carries while Dunn added 77 yards on 11 attempts. Both also scored on short touchdown runs.

The Indians, ranked eighth in Division II, drove to the Terrier 23-yard line on the game’s opening series. However, Wofford inside linebacker Jim Thurman ended the scoring threat with an interception at the Terrier 5.

Wofford then began a season-long 15-play, 96-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead. A 9-yard Dunn scoring run was made possible when Johnson carried for three yards on a 4th-and-1 at the Terrier 33.

Three penalties forced Catawba to start its next series at its own 2-yard line. On the second play, Thurman recorded his second interception of the quarter. His pick at the Indian 12 and three-yard return set up Wofford at the Catawba nine. Two plays later, Johnson scored from two yards out to give the Terriers a 14-0 lead.

With 4:56 left in the first half, the teams headed to the locker room when lightning appeared. Play resumed after a 48-minute delay.

The Terriers pulled away on the opening possession of the third quarter. Kevious Johnson capped the 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard scoring run.

Catawba 0 0 0 3 3
Wofford 7 7 7 7 28

First Quarter
W - Dunn 7 run (Robinson kick), :47
Second Quarter
W - A. Johnson 2 run (Robinson kick), 14:55
Third Quarter
W - K. Johnson 1 run (Robinson kick), 7:47
Fourth Quarter
W - C. Rohrbaugh 39 field goal, 10:53

W - Dorham 1 run (Robinson kick), 6:28

Catawba
Wofford

First Downs
20 17
Rushes - Yards
59 - 313 32 - 86
Passing Yards
16 210
Total Offense
329 296
Passes
7 - 2 - 0 34 - 22 - 3
Punts - Avg.
4 - 37.0 2 - 38.0
Fumbles - Lost
2 - 0 1 - 0
Penalties - Yards
4 - 47 8 - 59
Time of Possession
31:17 28:43

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
A. Johnson 12-92, Dunn 11-77, K. Johnson 11-60, Ware 6-31, Mungin 2-17, Dorham 4-16, Rodgers 7-16, Zolman 4-3, Sullivan 1-1, LaBorde 1-0
Passing
Rodgers 3-2-0, 16 yards; Zolman 4-0-0
Receiving
Nash 1-10, Rice 1-6

Game 5
Wofford 42, Chattanooga 14
Oct. 4; Chattanooga, Tenn.

After missing the two previous games due to injury, senior fullback and student body president J.R. McNair returned to action and tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns as the Terriers routed Chattanooga, 42-14.

McNair also equaled a SoCon mark for most touchdowns in a half as he scored three times in the second half while totaling 126 yards rushing. It was his third career 100-yard game and third in his last six contests dating back to last season.

The Terriers took a 7-0 lead on their opening possession of the game as a 1-yard McNair run capped an 8-play, 48-yard drive. McNair’s second score, a 2-yard run to give the Terriers a 14-7 lead with 5:15 to play in the first half, was set up by a Matt Nelson interception.

The second half was marked by big plays as the Terriers recorded their three longest plays from scrimmage this season. A 59-yard pass from Jeff Zolman to Shiel Wood set up a 9-yard McNair touchdown on the first series of the second half, increasing Wofford’s lead to 21-7.

The Terriers’ final score came when Timmy Thrift set a school record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks with a 100-yard interception return. Wofford forced four turnovers.

Wofford
Chattanooga

First Quarter
W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 10:05
Second Quarter
C - McGlone 4 run (Shutters kick), 14:57
W - McNair 2 run (Robinson kick), 5:15
Third Quarter
W - McNair 9 run (Robinson kick), 13:28
W - McNair 13 run (Robinson kick), 14:20
W - Thrift 100 interception return (Robinson kick), :36

Fourth Quarter
W - Jackson 10 run (Robinson kick), 12:34
W - Johnson 14 run (Robinson kick), 10:53

First Downs
Wofford 20 26
C - McNair 26 26
Rushes - Yards
Wofford 56 - 365 35 - 103
Chattanooga 103 293
Total Offense
Wofford 468 396
Passes
Wofford 11 - 5 - 0 50 - 36 - 3
Chattanooga 3 - 43.3 3 - 45.7
Fumbles - Lost
Wofford 2 - 1 1 - 1
Chattanooga 5 - 56 5 - 31
Time of Possession
Wofford 28:05 31:55

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
McNair 20-126, Rodgers 4-59, Nash 1-54, Zolman 8-42, K. Johnson 10-24, A. Johnson 2-19, Ware 3-14, Mungin 1-12, Sullivan 3-8, Dorham 3-4, Beavin 1-3
Passing
Zolman 7-50, 103 yards; Rodgers 4-0-0
Receiving
Wood 2-68, Mungin 1-19, Berry 1-10, Nash 1-6

Game 6
Wofford 45, Elon 7
Oct. 11; Spartanburg, S.C.

Shaun Bennett blocked two punts as Wofford rolled to a 45-7 victory over Elon.

The Terriers took a 3-0 lead on their second series of the game when freshman Nick Robinson converted a 29-yard field goal with 3:43 left in the opening quarter.

On Elon’s ensuing series, an Anthony Turowski punt was blocked by Bennett. Five plays later, Gabriel Jackson scored on a 10-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play to give Wofford a 10-0 lead.

After Elon closed within 10-7 on a Ronnie Dargan 2-yard run, the Terriers drove 70 yards in 10 plays for a 17-7 lead when Trey Rodgers connected with Curtis Nash on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:54 left in the first half.

Bennett’s second punt block of the game came in the second half and gave Wofford possession at the Elon 5. On the first play of the Terriers’ ensuing series, Rodgers had the 5-yard touchdown run to extend Wofford’s lead to 31-7 with 3:01 left in the third quarter.

The Terriers outgained the Phoenix by a 356-174 margin, including 198-to-68 in the second half. Wofford held Elon to only three first downs over the final two quarters and just 2.8 yards per play in the game.

Elon
Wofford

First Quarter
W - Robinson 29 field goal, 3:43
Second Quarter
W - Jackson 10 run (Robinson kick), 13:24
E - Dargan 2 run (Rawls kick), 5:57
W - Nash 16 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 1:54
Third Quarter
W - Rodgers 1 run (Robinson kick), 8:28
W - Rodgers 5 run (Robinson kick), 3:01
Fourth Quarter
W - Regenthal 14 pass from Zolman (Robinson kick), 11:49
W - Zolman 30 run (Robinson kick), 6:48

First Downs
Wofford 19 10
Elon 19 10
Rushes - Yards
49 - 258 44 - 102
Pasings Yards
98 72
Total Offense
356 174
Passes
11 - 7 - 1 18 - 9 - 0
Punts - Avg.
3 - 35.0 10 - 26.6
Fumbles - Lost
0 0 0 0
Penalties - Yards
6 - 49 11 - 83
Time of Possession
26:45 33:06

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
Zolman 6-64, Dunn 7-59, K. Johnson 7-33, Rodgers 8-26, McNair 7-22, Jackson 3-20, Dorham 3-10, Nash 1-9, Ware 4-9, Sullivan 3-6
Passing
Rodgers 7-4-1, 38 yards, 1 TD; Zolman 4-3-0, 60 yards, 1 TD
Receiving
Nash 5-86, Regenthal 1-14, Sullivan 1-2)
## Wofford at Furman

### Game 7
Wofford 38, Western Carolina 6
Oct. 18; Cullowhee, N.C.

Jeff Zolman rushed for a team-high 55 yards while completing all five of his pass attempts for 73 yards to lead Wofford to a 38-6 victory at Western Carolina. Zolman directed the Terriers on 74 and 75-yard scoring drives on their first two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

Wofford converted a pair of fourth-down opportunities to score on the game's opening series. Zolman had a 6-yard gain on a 4th-and-2 from the Wofford 34 in addition to a 25-yard run on a 3rd-and-17. The drive was capped by a 35-yard Kevious Johnson touchdown run on a 4th-and-3 play.

A J.R. McNair 1-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-goal gave the Terriers a 14-0 lead with 11:57 to play in the second quarter. The Terriers forced four turnovers on the day to improve to a SoCon-leading +11 in the turnover margin this season. Teddie Whitaker's recovery of a Catamount fumble at the Western Carolina 17 set up Wofford's final score of the first half. Five plays later, Trey Rodgers reached the end zone from four yards out with 30 seconds left in the first half to give the Terriers a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

Wofford limited Western Carolina to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries, while controlling the line of scrimmage with a 33:16-26:44 edge in time of possession.

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| Second Quarter| W | McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 11:57 |
|              | W | Rodgers 4 run (Robinson kick), .30 |
| Fourth Quarter| W | Robinson 27 field goal, 12:54 |
|              | WCU - Spicer 1 run (Gaither rush failed), 7:23 |
|              | W | Nash 51 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 6:31 |
|              | W | Ware 10 run (Robinson kick), 1:38 |

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### Game 8
Wofford 24, Appalachian State 14
Oct. 25; Spartanburg, S.C.

Defense and special teams were the story as Wofford scored touchdowns on a fake field goal and interception return in a 24-14 victory over Appalachian State at Gibbs Stadium. The Terriers forced five Mountaineer turnovers. Wofford outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker took part in three of those as he had a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown in addition to forcing a fumble and recovering one.

After a Nick Robinson career-long 36-yard field goal gave the Terriers a 3-0 lead with 12:59 left in the first half, the Mountaineers drove to the Wofford 4-yard line with a 1st-and-goal. However, Whitaker's hit on Michael Metcalf forced a fumble that was recovered by Timmy Thrift. On ASU's next series, Matt Nelson recorded an interception at the Terrier 2.

Whitaker's interception return midway through the third quarter gave Wofford a 10-0 lead. An Alex Love punt block on the ensuing series set up the Terriers on the Mountaineer 15. Four plays later, on a fake field goal, holder Brandon Smith hit Cody Garland with a 14-yard scoring pass for a 17-0 Wofford lead.

The Terriers limited the Mountaineers to just 37 yards rushing on 28 carries (1.3 avg.).

| ASU | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Wofford | 0 | 3 | 14 | 7 | 24 |

| Second Quarter | W | Robinson 36 field goal, 12:59 |
| Third Quarter | W | Whitaker 41 interception return (Robinson kick), 7:46 |
|              | W | Garland 14 pass from Smith (Robinson kick), 1:55 |
| Fourth Quarter | A | Fowlkes 27 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 4:14 |
|              | W | Zolman 8 run (Robinson kick), 2:36 |

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### Game 9
Wofford 42, The Citadel 16
Nov. 1; Charleston, S.C.

Matt Nelson's 46-yard interception return for a touchdown began a 21-point explosion in a 3-44 span early in the second half as Wofford rolled to a 42-16 victory over The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., clinching at least a share of its first SoCon football championship.

Wofford forced six Bulldog turnovers, including fumbles on back-to-back kickoff returns as the Terriers quickly extended a 14-9 halftime lead to 35-9. Three plays after the Bulldogs fumbled the kickoff following Nelson's score, J.R. McNair raced 30 yards into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns on the day.

Kevious Johnson and Curtis Nash both had touchdown runs on 4th-and-3 plays. Johnson from 26 yards in the second quarter to give Wofford a 14-3 lead, while Nash scored on a 9-yard reverse to provide the Terriers with their 35-9 margin just 4:49 into the third quarter.

Wofford rushed for a season-high 381 yards, including 239 in the second half. The Terriers held the Bulldogs to just three first-half field goals on three possessions inside the red zone.

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| Second Quarter | W | K. Johnson 26 run (Robinson kick), 14:54 |
|              | W | Zolman 2 run (Robinson kick), 10:11 |
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After the Buccaneers took an early 7-0 lead, the Terriers immediately answered with a 12-play, 56-yard drive that was capped by a J.R. McNair 2-yard scoring run with 3:21 left in the first quarter. Jeff Zolman set up the touchdown with a 2-yard quarterback keeper on a 4th-and-2 at the Buc 3-yard line.

A Nelson fumble recovery inside the ETSU 5 set up a 4-yard Johnson second-quarter touchdown carry to give Wofford a 14-7 halftime lead.

Following a Nelson interception in the end zone after the Bucs drove to the Wofford 25, the Terriers put together back-to-back 80-yard touchdown drives in a 6:27 stretch to take a 28-7 lead with 12:33 remaining.

Johnson had a career-long 44-yard run to highlight the first of those second-half scoring drives which was capped by a 3-yard Trey Rodgers run. Johnson then found the end zone for the second time on the day with a 10-yard carry for the Terriers’ final points.

Wofford rushed for 355 yards, including 241 in the second half. Twelve different Terriers had at least one rushing attempt.

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K. Johnson 12-101, McNair 21-70, Rodgers 6-51, Jackson 3-38, Dunn 6-31, Zolman 6-28, Dorham 2-14, Mungin 1-11, Sullivan 1-7, Jones 2-5, Berry 1-1, A. Johnson 3-(2)

Passing
Rodgers 4-2-0, 11 yards; Zolman 3-1-1, 7 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-18
The Wofford football team climbed one spot to No. 4 in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll.

The ranking represents the Terriers' highest appearance in a I-AA poll since beginning play at that level in 1995. Wofford also received three votes for No. 1.

The Terriers have clinched the outright SoCon championship and the league's automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs, which begin Nov. 29. Wofford (9-1, 7-0) has won nine in a row and will close the regular season Saturday at Furman in a 3:35 p.m. game to be regionally televised on FOX Sports Net South.

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1. McNeese State (79)
2. Southern Illinois (13)
3. Massachusetts (3)
4. Wofford (3)
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6. Delaware
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9. Western Kentucky
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12. Grambling State
13. Villanova
14. North Carolina A&T
15. Florida Atlantic
16. Bethune-Cookman
17. Southern
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19. Fordham
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21. Jacksonville State
22. Northern Colorado
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24. Georgia Southern
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Center Brad Anderson and halfback Kevious Johnson as well as nose tackle Lee Basinger and free safety Matt Nelson will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club on Friday as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 28-14 SoCon-title clinching victory over East Tennessee State.

Anderson posted a Wofford season-high 25 knockdown blocks while grading out at 95 percent. The sophomore from Tomball, Texas, keyed a Terrier offensive line that paved the way for 355 yards rushing, including 241 in the second half.

Anderson, in his first year as a starter, is third on the team with 98 knockdown blocks on the season.

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Nelson took part in two key turnovers. His second-quarter fumble recovery inside the ETSU 5-yard line set up the Terriers' go-ahead score. With Wofford holding a 14-7 lead in the third quarter, the Bucs were driving at the Terrier 25 before Nelson intercepted a pass in the end zone for his SoCon-leading fifth pick of the season. All five of his interceptions have come in the last seven weeks.

Nelson also totaled nine tackles to give him 409 in his career. He needs just three stops at Furman to move past Bret Masters (411, 1985-88) and become Wofford's all-time leader.
The Southern Conference champion Wofford football team dominated the Academic All-District III team with six selections, as no other school had more than two players on the squad.

Starting fullback and Wofford student body president J.R. McNair is joined on the team by defensive linemen Katon Bethay and Ben Whitney, inside linebacker Josh Smith, and defensive backs Shane Fast and Jonathan Wheeler.

District III is comprised of I-A and I-AA schools in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. To be eligible, a player must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 and be a starter or key reserve. The players selected are now eligible for the Academic All-America team which will be announced Dec. 1.

A senior from Jonesboro, Ga., McNair has rushed for 426 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns as part of a 126-yard effort in a 42-14 win at Chattanooga. He places fifth among active SoCon rushers with 1,739 career yards and second in touchdowns at 27.

Bethay has 46 tackles, including nine for a loss with three sacks. The sophomore from Milton, Wis., has forced three fumbles while starting at both nose tackle and defensive tackle.

Whitney was Wofford's Defensive Player of the Week in the 38-6 win at Western Carolina. The junior from Greensboro, N.C., has six tackles for loss, including two sacks, among his 27 stops on the year. He has also forced three fumbles.

Smith has the highest grade-point average on the Terriers. The junior from Greer, S.C., has totaled 23 tackles, including two for a loss.

Fast, a senior from Union, S.C., who will return for a fifth year of eligibility next fall, has recorded 18 tackles this season.

Wheeler has 26 stops. The junior from Columbia, S.C., has started six games at cornerback this fall in addition to contributing on special teams.
The 2003 Southern Conference champion Wofford Terriers completed a perfect 8-0 league season with a 7-6 win at Furman this afternoon in Greenville, S.C., giving coach Mike Ayers his 100th victory with the Terriers.

Fourth-ranked Wofford (10-1, 8-0), picked to finish fifth in the league in a preseason coaches' poll, is the first team to go undefeated in SoCon play since Georgia Southern in 1998. The Terriers have also won 10 in a row in the same season for the first time since 1970. This year's squad is just the third in school history to reach 10 wins, the last time being 1970 when Wofford advanced to the NAIA national championship game with an 11-0 record before falling to Texas A&I.

In becoming the first team to hold Furman without a touchdown at home since Georgia Southern in 1992, the Terriers set the defensive tone on the game's opening series.

With the No. 25 Paladins (5-5, 3-4) facing a 4th-and-1 at their own 46, Wofford inside linebacker and Academic All-District selection Josh Smith knifed through the backfield to stop Furman fullback Brandon Berry for a 1-yard loss.

The Terriers capitalized on Smith's stop by driving 45 yards in 10 plays for an early 7-0 lead. Quarterback Jeff Zolman reached the end zone on a 1-yard sneak on a 4th-and-goal for the Wofford score. Zolman also had a key 7-yard run on a 3rd-and-7 from the Paladin 26. The Terriers have now won 19 consecutive games when scoring first.

On its ensuing series, Furman drove to the Wofford 2 before settling for a 19-yard Danny Marshall field goal to close within 7-3 with 3:56 left in the first quarter.

That would be all the scoring in the first half as the Terriers won their 43rd straight game when leading at the intermission. Wofford is now 64-2-1 in 67 games under Ayers when allowing 16 or fewer points.

Ayers, already Wofford's all-time winningest coach, is 100-76-1 in 16 seasons on the Terrier sideline. He is 111-97-2 in 19 years overall. He was head coach at East Tennessee State from 1985-87.

Punter Jimmy Miner was superb for the Terriers in the field position game. A three-time All-SoCon selection, Miner had five of his six punts downed inside the Paladin 20-yard line.

After Miner pinned the Paladins at their own 6-yard line late in the third quarter, Furman drove 86 yards in 17 plays, covering 7:22 on the clock, to pull within 7-6 on a Marshall 26-yard field goal. The Paladins had a 1st-and-goal at the Wofford 9 before the Terrier defense again stiffened in the red zone.

After Wofford was stopped on a 4th-and-short at the Furman 21, the Paladins took over for their final drive with 6:48 to play. Furman had a 1st-and-10 at the Wofford 38 before three
their final drive with 6:48 to play. Furman had a 1st-and-10 at the Wofford 38 before three consecutive running plays netted six yards.

The Paladins then lined up for a 51-yard field goal attempt by Marshall with 1:17 to play. Marshall, 16-of-19 on field goals for the season, had become the SoCon's all-time kicking scoring leader with 304 points earlier in the game. Following a low snap, Terrier cornerback Alex Love raced in to tackle holder Jeremiah Van Dora to preserve the Wofford victory.

“This was a great, tough, hard-nosed, old-fashioned football game,” Ayers said. “This gave us a taste of what the playoffs will be like.

"We’ve got a bunch of no-names on defense who just play so hard. Conditioning is not an issue for us. Our kids are in great shape and they are able to go hard the whole game. Offensively, we were just hunting and pecking. We had some opportunities but let them get away. We’ve got a bunch of kids that nobody believed in, except us. It’s all come together this year and it’s unbelievable.”

The 91 points allowed by Wofford in its eight SoCon games this season is the fewest allowed in a league campaign since Furman surrendered 84 in its 1988 national championship season.

The Terriers limited the Paladins to just 111 yards rushing on 45 attempts (2.5 per carry). Furman had 232 yards passing for 343 total and held a 35:32-to-24:28 advantage in time of possession, but was 0-for-3 on fourth-down attempts.

Terrier free safety Matt Nelson was credited with five tackles, giving him 414 in his career to overtake Bret Masters (411, 1985-88) as Wofford's all-time leader.

Wofford strong safety Ryan Steele had a third-quarter interception, his first career pick, to help the Terriers improve their national-leading turnover margin to +18. The Wofford offense did not commit a turnover on the day.

Jimmy Freeland and Katon Bethay had sacks for Wofford as the Terriers improved their SoCon-leading total to 24 on the year.

Wofford had 161 yards on the ground, led by freshman Kevious Johnson's 57 yards on seven attempts. The Terriers had 19 yards passing for 180 total.

“That last play summed it up for us this year,” Furman coach Bobby Lamb said. “It’s been a very difficult year and I was at a loss for words in there after the game.

"Offensively and defensively, we gave such a great effort and played extremely hard but we just didn’t take advantage of our opportunities in the red zone and on special teams. That’s been our problem all year."

The Terriers won in Greenville for the first time since 1970. They had been 0-10-2 since that season. However, seven of those games occurred when Wofford was an NAIA or Division II member. Only three of the losses came with the Terriers as a SoCon rival of the Paladins. Wofford dropped 1995 and 1996 decisions while managing a split in the previous season.
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Wofford has an open date next week before the I-AA playoff field will be announced Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. on ESPNews. The first-round of the playoffs is held Nov. 29.
The Southern Conference champion Wofford Terriers are ranked second in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 football poll.

The Terriers, who received six first-place votes, moved up two spots after a 7-6 win at Furman. This week's appearance at No. 2 is the highest ranking for a Wofford football team since the 1970 squad was No. 1 in the NAIA en route to a national championship game appearance that season.

The Terriers have an open date Saturday and will learn their first-round opponent and location of the game when the 16-team playoff field is announced Sunday at 1 p.m. on ESPNews.

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2. Wofford (6)
3. Delaware (1)
4. Montana (3)
5. Southern Illinois
6. Colgate
7. Massachusetts
8. Northern Iowa
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Punter Jimmy Miner, defensive tackle Katon Bethay, and outside linebacker Jimmy Freland will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club on Friday as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in Saturday's 7-6 win at Furman.

Miner was instrumental in the Terrier victory and is the offensive selection. The Paladins' average starting field position for the game was their own 21-yard line.

A three-time All-SoCon selection, Miner was immediately praised by Wofford coach Mike Ayers in postgame interviews. Five of Miner's six punts were downed inside the 20. The only punt return on him was for zero yards. The senior from Kennesaw, Ga., had a pair of 49-yard kicks as the Terriers rank sixth nationally in net punting at 39.6 yards.

Bethay, a sophomore from Milton, Wis., had 4.5 tackles for a loss, including a sack, among his nine stops in the game. He was instrumental in Wofford holding Furman without a touchdown at home for the first time since 1992.

Bethay has a team-high 14 tackles for loss this season. He's also tied for the top spot with four sacks while placing second with three forced fumbles.

Freland had 3.5 tackles for loss, including 1.5 sacks. The junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, totaled seven tackles in the game as the Terriers limited the Paladins to just 111 yards rushing on 45 attempts (2.5 per carry).

Freland has started all 11 games and is fifth on the Terriers with 74 tackles, including 12 stops behind the line of scrimmage. He also has four sacks.

Second-ranked Wofford (10-1, 8-0), the Southern Conference champion, has won 10 in a row. The Terriers have an open date Saturday before beginning I-AA playoff action on Nov. 29. Wofford will learn its first-round opponent and the location of the game when the 16-team field is announced Sunday at 1 p.m. on ESPNNews.
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Nov. 21, 2003

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The Wofford football team will host North Carolina A&T on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the first-ever Division I-AA playoff game at Gibbs Stadium.

The Southern Conference champion Terriers (10-1, 8-0) are a No. 3-seed in the 16-team playoff field. The Aggies (10-2, 6-1) are champions of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). The Terriers and Aggies have never met on the gridiron.

As a top-four seed, Wofford is guaranteed a second-round home game should it defeat North Carolina A&T.

"We're very excited to begin a second season," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "North Carolina A&T is an outstanding football team. We don't know too much about them right now, but they will present a very difficult challenge."

The Terriers will be making their first postseason appearance since the 1990 and 1991 teams advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs. It's Wofford's fifth overall appearance in the postseason. The 1949 team was 11-0 before being upset 19-6 by Florida State in the Cigar Bowl (the Seminoles' first-ever bowl game). The 1970 squad was also 11-0 before losing to Texas A&I in the NAIA national championship game.

Wofford has a 1-4 overall postseason record. Its lone win was a 12-6 victory over West Liberty State in a 1970 NAIA semifinal game.
The Wofford football team's Saturday home playoff game with North Carolina A&T will be televised nationally by the Major Broadcasting Company (MBC). Kickoff has been changed from 1:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

MBC is a relatively new cable venture designed and developed to provide original, entertaining, and wholesome programming for the urban communities. MBC also features black college sports as the network televised Division I-AA football games throughout the season from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

Veteran broadcaster Charlie Neal will call the play-by-play action with former NFL player Jay Walker on color commentary.
Wofford offensive guard Eric Deutsch has received the Southern Conference’s Jacobs Blocking Trophy while halfback Kevious Johnson is the league’s Freshman of the Year in voting completed by the SoCon head football coaches.

Terrier coach Mike Ayers has been selected the SoCon Coach of the Year for the third time in the last four seasons.

The Jacobs Blocking Trophy is awarded annually to the league’s top offensive lineman. A senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, Deutsch will be returning next fall for a fifth season of eligibility. He has a team-high 117 knockdown blocks in paving the way for the Terriers to rank eighth nationally in rushing offense at 254.5 yards per game.

Deutsch is the first Wofford player to receive the Jacobs Blocking Trophy. He earned All-SoCon and third-team All-America honors last year and was a preseason All-America this season.

Johnson is the second Terrier to receive SoCon Freshman of the Year accolades. Former halfback Jesse McCoy was the 1999 recipient.

Johnson is Wofford’s leading rusher with 582 yards and nine touchdowns on a 6.0 per carry average. He is tied for the SoCon lead in total touchdowns (10) while placing third in scoring (5.5 ppg.).

A true freshman from Fitzgerald, Ga., Johnson received SoCon Freshman of the Week honors when he rushed for 81 yards and scored all three Wofford touchdowns in a 20-14 win over Georgia Southern. He was making his first collegiate start at fullback as he filled in for an injured J.R. McNair. Johnson’s 24-yard touchdown reception with 1:47 to play provided the winning points in the game.

Johnson had back-to-back career-best and game-high rushing performances of 89 and 101 yards, respectively, in late-season wins over The Citadel and East Tennessee State.

After his team was picked to finish fifth in a preseason poll by the league coaches, Ayers guided second-ranked Wofford (10-1, 8-0) to its first SoCon championship and the league’s first perfect season since 1998. Wofford has also achieved its highest national ranking since being No. 1 in the NAIA in 1970.

Ayers, already the Terriers’ all-time winningest coach, picked up his 100th victory at Wofford with a 7-6 win at Furman in the Nov. 15 regular-season finale.

Last year, he was the National Coach of the Year by the College Sporting News (I-AA.org) in addition to being the runner-up for The Sports Network’s Eddie Robinson Award, signifying the nation’s top coach in Division I-AA. He also received Region Coach of the Year honors for the third time by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).
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Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's Division I-AA first-round playoff game versus North Carolina A&T. Kickoff is 1 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C. The notes are also posted on Wofford's athletic web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics).

If you have any trouble accessing this document, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

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**WOFFORD VS. NORTH CAROLINA A & T**

**Game 12**
North Carolina A&T at Wofford
Nov. 29, 2003; 1 p.m. (Division I-AA playoffs, first round)
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

**This Week**

• The Southern Conference champion and second-ranked Wofford Terriers will make their Division I-AA playoff debut when they host Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion North Carolina A&T at Gibbs Stadium.

• The Terriers and Aggies will be meeting for the first time on the gridiron. While Wofford was picked by the league coaches to finish fifth in the SoCon, North Carolina A&T was a preseason sixth-place choice in the MEAC.

• Wofford is in just its ninth season on the Division I-AA level and seventh in the SoCon. With a 7-6 victory at Furman in the Nov. 15 regular-season finale, the Terriers became the first SoCon team to complete an undefeated league season since Georgia Southern in 1998. Wofford allowed just 1.64 touchdowns per game during the streak.

• Wofford has had 11 straight victories dating back to last season, the Terriers have the third-longest active winning streak in Division I-AA (Colgate 18, Pennsylvania 16). Wofford has won 10 in a row in the same season for the first time since the 1970 squad was 11-0 before losing to Texas A&M in the NAIA national championship game.

• This year's Terrier team is just the third in the 114-year history of Wofford football to reach 10 victories (1949 11-1, 1970 11-0-1).

• During their 10-game winning streak, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 309-107 (an average margin of 31-11). The defense is allowing per game totals of 88.7 yards rushing (2.5 per carry) and 293.7 in total offense during the streak.

**When Last in Action**

The Terriers completed the Southern Conference's first perfect season in five years with a 7-6 win at Furman, giving coach Mike Ayers his 100th victory on the Wofford sideline.

In holding the Paladins without a touchdown at home for the first time since 1992, Wofford's defense set the tone on the game's opening series. Academic All-District selection Josh Smith stopped Furman's Brandon Berry for a 1-yard loss on a 4th-and-2 play at the Paladin 46.

The Terriers then drove 45 yards in 10 plays for the game's only touchdown as Jeff Zolman scored on a 1-yard sneak. He also had a 7-yard run on a 3rd-and-7 from the Furman 26. Wofford fullback and student body president J.R. McNair had five carries for 23 yards on the drive.

Wofford held Furman to just two field goals on three possessions in the red zone. Trailling 7-6 with 1:17 to play, the Paladins lined up for a 51-yard field goal. However, a bad snap from center forced holder Jeremiah Van Dora to be tackled by Terrier special teams standout Alex Love.

The Terriers limited the Paladins to 111 yards rushing on 45 attempts (2.5 avg.), including just 30 yards on 21 second-half carries.

Terrier punter Jimmy Miner was key in the win. Five of his six punts were downed inside the 20-yard line as Furman's average starting field position for the game was its own 21.

**Wofford (10-1, 8-0)**

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**Worth Noting**

• With an enrollment of 1,100 students, Wofford is the smallest school in Division I-A or I-AA football. The SAT average (1241) on campus is higher than the enrollment.

• Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as the college's student body president.

• Wofford is the first team to complete an undefeated SoCon season since 1998. The Terriers allowed just 91 points in eight games, the lowest total in the league since 1988.

• Wofford tops the nation in turnover margin at 1.64 (+18).

• All-America free safety and Buchanan Award finalist Matt Nelson tops Wofford with 135 tackles and five interceptions.
Terriers on the Tube

Hosted by NewsChannel 7 Sports Director Pete Yanity, Wofford Football Illustrated is seen on WASV-TV (sister station of CBS-affiliate WSPA) each Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

WASV-TV is part of the nation's 35th-largest television market and covers the Spartanburg/Greenville/Asheville/Anderson area.

Dining With The Coach

The Mike Ayers Media Luncheon is held each Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the Ginko Room of the Burwell Building on the Wofford campus.

All media members are invited. Players are available on request. Please notify Wofford SID Mark Cohen if you plan on attending.

Football Anyone?

Nearly one out of every six males on the Wofford campus is on the football team.

The Wofford student body of 1,100 is divided nearly equally between 550 males and 550 females. This year's Terrier football roster has 82 players. With roughly 300 student-athletes on campus, more than 25 percent of Wofford's student body is on an athletic team.

Academic Dominance

With six selections, Wofford dominated the 2003 Academic All-District team. No other school had more than two players on the squad.

The Terriers have led the way in each of the last four years in placing members on the Academic All-District team, which combines Division I-A and I-AA institutions in a five-state region. To be eligible, a player must have a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key reserve.

Wofford fullback and student body president J.R. McNair was joined on this year's squad by defensive linemen Katon Bethay and Ben Whitney, inside linebacker Josh Smith, and defensive backs Shane Fast and Jonathan Wheeler.

Wofford also had six players receive honors in 2002 with no other school having more than four selections. McNair, a finance and philosophy major with a 3.64 GPA, has now been on the team for two straight years.

Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections in 2001 with four. In the 2000 campaign, Wofford had six players on the team while no other school had more than three.

Wearing Down Georgia Southern

Wofford's two longest scoring drives of the season, at that point in time, came in the fourth quarter in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern (Sept. 20).

The Terriers went 78 and 67 yards, respectively, on their final two possessions against the Eagles.

In the second half, Wofford outgained Georgia Southern by a 187-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-5:29 advantage in time of possession. The Eagles had just 57 yards rushing in the second half with only 20 coming in the fourth quarter.

Terriers Heard Worldwide on the Web

Originating through AM 910 WSPA, Wofford football games are broadcast worldwide on the Internet with Mark Hauser on the play-by-play, Thom Henson the color commentary, and Tom Brown on sideline analysis.

TEAMLINE brings the Terrier broadcasts to the web at www.teamline.cc.

Those without Internet access can pick up the game from anywhere in the country through TEAMLINE by dialing 1-800-846-4700. The Wofford code is 1099.

The Best in the Nation

At 1.64, Wofford tops Division I-AA in turnover margin and is tied with Nebraska for the overall lead among all Division I football members. The Terriers have a +18 rating (34 takeaways, 16 giveaways).

Wofford is a +20 in its 10 wins and a -2 in the lone loss.

The Private School Hope

Wofford is bidding to become just the second private school (Furman, 1988) to capture the Division I-AA national championship.

A Record-Setting Pick

Inside linebacker Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for the longest interception return for a touchdown when he returned a fourth-quarter pick 100 yards at Chattanooga.

Thrift totaled 12 tackles (nine solo) in the game, including two for a loss with one sack. He also added a quarterback hurry and pass breakup in earning SoCon and National Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Opening and Closing Strong

Wofford has outscored its opponents 66-20 in the opening quarter and 93-46 in the fourth quarter this season.

The Terriers hold a 150-90 edge in the second and third quarters with 42 of those opponent points coming by Air Force. When taking out the Falcons, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 150-48 in the middle quarters during the 16-game winning streak.

Undefeated League Champs

With an 8-0 record, Wofford is just the seventh team to head to the Division I-AA playoffs with a perfect SoCon mark.

The performance of the previous six squads is impressive. Four of the six teams reached the championship game with Marshall winning the national title in 1996. All six clubs won their first-round game and only one failed to reach the semifinals:

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Wofford Ranks in the Top 10

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<td>Total Offense</td>
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<td>Passes</td>
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<td>Punts - Avg.</td>
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<td>Penalties - Yards</td>
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<td>Time of Possession</td>
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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
K. Johnson 7-57, McNair 16-45, Zolman 10-32, Rodgers 6-23, Dunn 2-8, Mungin 2-5, Jackson 1-0, Nash 1-(9)

Passing
Rodgers 6-4-0, 19 yards; Zolman 2-0-0

Receiving
Wood 3-14, Rice 1-5

Wofford: The SoCon's Top Program the Last Two Years
• The Terriers have won more league games (14) the last two seasons than any other SoCon program.

Wofford is 14-2 in that stretch, followed by Georgia Southern (12-4), Appalachian State (12-4), and Furman (10-6).

In overall games, the Terriers are 19-4 (.826) the last two years. Georgia Southern is 18-7 (.720) with Appalachian State at 15-8 (.652) and Furman 14-9 (.609).

• With appearances in each of the last 24 polls, Wofford holds the SoCon's longest current streak for consecutive rankings in the Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25.

• Wofford is the only team to have defeated Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in each of the last two seasons.

• The Terriers' 10-game winning streak this season is tied for the sixth-longest in the SoCon since 1980 (Marshall 15, 1996; Georgia Southern 14, 1998; Appalachian State 12, 1995; Furman 12, 1989; Furman 11, 1985; Georgia Southern 10, 2002).

• After being picked by the league coaches to finish fifth in the SoCon this season, Wofford is the lowest preseason pick to win the outright championship since 1992. The Citadel captured the title that year after being forecast for fifth place by the league coaches and media.

Average Size of Starting Lineups

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*Includes tight end

Basic Formations
Wofford Offense: Wingbone
Wofford Defense: Multiple 50
N.C. A&T Offense: Multiple Pro Set
N.C. A&T Defense: Multiple Base 43

Class Breakdown
Wofford Offense -
4 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 1 freshman

North Carolina A&T Defense -
7 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

Wofford Defense -
5 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen

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The Head Coaches
Mike Ayers
Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74
16th season at Wofford, 19th as a head coach
Record at Wofford: 100-76-1. Overall Record: 111-97-2.

George Small
Alma Mater: North Carolina A&T '79
1st season at North Carolina A&T, 7th as a head coach
Record at North Carolina A&T: 10-2. Overall Record: 44-37.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

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The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College’s all-time winningest coach with 100 victories, is in his 16th year on the Terrier sideline.

Ayers recorded his 100th overall career win in the 39-10 victory at East Tennessee State last season. He was previously the Bucs’ head coach from 1985-87.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ayers has been named the SoCon Coach of the Year twice in the last three seasons. He was also the 2002 Division I-AA National Coach of the Year by the College Sporting News in addition to being the runner-up for The Sports Network’s Eddie Robinson Award, signing the top coach in Division I-AA.

Hello Neighbor

The 2003 campaign marks the 24th consecutive year that Wofford coach Mike Ayers and his offensive coordinator and neighbor Wade Lang are together in football.

Ayers and Lang not only have their offices side-by-side, they also live across the street from each other.

In 1980, when Ayers came to Wofford as an assistant coach, Lang was in his sophomore year. When Ayers left for the defensive coordinator position at East Tennessee State in 1983, Lang joined him in Johnson City as a graduate assistant before being elevated to a full-time position in 1985.

They both returned to Wofford in 1988 when Ayers was named the Terriers’ head coach. He brought Lang with him as the quarterback coach. Lang then took over the offensive coordinator duties in 1990.

A Presidential Flavor to the Wofford Staff

Retired Wofford College president Dr. Joe Lesesne is in his third season on the Terrier football staff as a volunteer assistant coach working with the tight ends.

Lesesne retired in 2000 after a distinguished 28-year tenure as just the ninth president in the 149-year history of Wofford.

Lesesne is no stranger to football. Upon arriving at Wofford in 1964 as a history professor, he served four years (1965-68) as an assistant football coach for the Terriers under coach Conley Snidow and later Jim Brakefield. Lesesne also coached one season at Abbeville (S.C.) High School.

Future Coach?

If he’d like to follow Joe Lesesne from the president’s office to the football coaching staff, current Wofford president Bernie Dunlap does have a football background.

Dunlap earned All-Area honors as a starting fullback for Columbia (S.C.) High School as well as receiving a varsity letter as a halfback at the University of the South.

Did You Know?

• An anonymous donor recently committed $100,000 toward the creation of an endowed scholarship in honor of Wofford football coach Mike Ayers.
  • Ayers is a black belt in karate and an accomplished sketch artist.
  • Now in his seventh SoCon season at Wofford, Ayers ranks in a tie for second with East Tennessee State’s Paul Hamilton in league seniority behind Appalachian State’s Jerry Moore (15 years).

Strength of Schedule

• The Wofford football team annually plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation for a Division I-AA member.
  This year’s slate opened with an Air Force team that was ranked in the Top 25 earlier this fall. It marked the Terriers’ eighth game in six seasons against a I-A opponent.
  • Wofford played at defending ACC champion Maryland last year while taking on Clemson and South Carolina in the 2001 campaign. Wofford was the nation’s only I-AA team to face a pair of bowl teams that season.
  • The Terriers had four I-AA playoff teams on their 2000 schedule in addition to Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe.
  • In 1999, Wofford was one of just three I-AA teams to face two I-A opponents.
  • The 1998 campaign saw the Terrier schedule ranked as the eighth-most difficult in the nation with the 11 opponents combining for a .563 winning percentage.

2003 Southern Conference Standings

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This Week:

^North Carolina A&T at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.
^Division I-AA playoffs

Last Week:

*East Tennessee State 16, The Citadel 13
*Furman 63, Chattanooga 21
Western Carolina 39, Gardner-Webb 16
*SoCon game
Starting fullback J.R. McNair doubles as Wofford's student body president. He's the second Wofford football player in the last three years to serve in that role. Ben Foster, a three-year starter at halfback, also held that office during the 2001-02 academic year.

After missing two games due to injury, McNair returned to action against Chattanooga and tied Wofford and SoCon single-game records with five rushing touchdowns in a 42-14 Terrier win (Oct. 4). It was part of a 126-yard performance that earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. He’s currently the league’s leading scorer (6.0 ppg.) with nine touchdowns while placing ninth in rushing (52.3 ypg.).

Listed below is McNair’s resume:

- Wofford Student Body President
- Dean’s List student with a 3.64 GPA while majoring in finance
- Campus Union Elections and Nominations Committee Chairman
- Campus Union Chaplain, 2002
- Chairman, Wofford College Captain’s Council
- Wofford College Board of Trustees Student Representative: Student Life Committee
- Wofford Ambassadors, Admissions Office: Provide campus tours/Wofford history to prospective students and their families
- Wofford College Student Panel
- Advisor to Arkwright Community: Community Student Representative
- Community Mentor: Volunteer once a week to take inner-city youth from Z.L. Madden and Mary H. Wright Elementary Schools to lunch
- Wofford College Dual Representative: Spartanburg Big Band Project
- Chairman for a new community service project involving South Carolina colleges and universities
- Web Designer/Developer: Created a web site for the Piedmont area Girl Scouts
- Association of African-American Students
- United Voices of Victory (UVOV) Gospel Choir member
- President, Wofford College Gospel Choir
- Wofford Singers
- Southern Comfort (men’s ensemble)
- Wofford Show Choir
- Wofford Men’s Glee Club
- Campus Outreach
- Campus Crusade
- Feed the Children: Partner since 2000 (donations have provided 450 meals)
- Chairman and Founder of the Stay a Night/Save a Life program, designed for Wofford students in which hotel chains would house students at a discounted rate if they were on the road fatigued or physically unable to drive
- Initiated a campus mass transportation program to acquire a 15-passenger van for student organization use, helping avoid the cost of renting vehicles
- Helped create web sites for all campus organizations that were in need of one
- NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee
- Southern Conference representative on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council
- Represented Wofford at the 2002 Southern Conference Student-Athlete Leadership Institute
- 2002 selection to the American Football Coaches Association “Good Works” Team, one of just five I-AA student-athletes to be honored for their community involvement
- Three-time Academic All-District selection (2003, 2002, 2001)
- 2002 Division I-AA Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team

“You think a coach at any other school would let me participate in a fourth of the stuff that I do here? Coach Ayers has so much trust in us. He realizes we’re more than athletes, and we’re more than students. We’re people. Football, that’s a big part of the college experience but it’s not all of it.”

J.R. McNair
Wofford fullback and student body president
Wofford Honor Roll

Jimmy Miner, P
- 2003 Preseason All-America by The Sports Network, Lindy's, and the National Football Gazette
- Ranked as the No. 3 punter in Division I-AA by The Sports Network
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
- Two-time honorable-mention All-America (2002, 2001)

Matt Nelson, FS
- 2003 First-team preseason All-America by the National Football Gazette
- Ranked as the No. 9 safety in Division I-AA by The Sports Network
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
- 2002 First-team All-America by the National Football Gazette
- Two-time All-SoCon (2002, 2001)

Eric Deutsch, OG
- 2003 Preseason All-America by Lindy's and the National Football Gazette
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
- 2002 Third-team All-America by the National Football Gazette
- 2002 All-SoCon

Chad Bentley, OT
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon
- 2002 All-SoCon

J.R. McNair, FB
- 2003 Honorable-mention preseason All-America by the National Football Gazette

Lee Basinger, DT
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Bobby Gibbs, OG
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Adam Regenthal, TE
- 2003 Preseason All-SoCon

Wingbone Workings

- Wofford has run the ball on 86.7 percent (621-of-716) of its offensive snaps this season.
- Over the last three games, the Terriers have rushed for 561 yards in the second half compared to 336 in the first half. The Terriers have 62.5 percent (561-of-897) of their rushing output the last three weeks coming after the intermission. Wofford had 239 of its season-high 381 yards in the second half at The Citadel, and 241 of 355 over the final two quarters against East Tennessee State.
- Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and eighth nationally in team rushing (254.5 ypg.) despite no Terrier placing among the top seven rushers in the league. True freshman Kevious Johnson is eighth (52.9 ypg.) while J.R. McNair is ninth (52.3 ypg.).
- Wofford has had five different leading rushers in its 11 games.
- 11 Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
- Wofford has eight players with at least 31 carries. McNair has a team-best 130 attempts with Johnson (97) and quarterback Jeff Zolman (92) placing second and third, respectively.
- Five Wofford players (Johnson 582, McNair 471, Zolman 364, Trey Rodgers 318, and Corey Dunn 305) have rushed for over 300 yards with three others totaling at least 119.
- Wofford has eight players averaging a minimum of 18.1 yards per game rushing.
- McNair places fifth among active SoCon rushers with 1,784 career yards and second in touchdowns at 27.

Air Ayers

- The Terriers are third in the SoCon in pass efficiency with a rating of 118.5.
- Trey Rodgers is fifth individually at 118.6 while Jeff Zolman places seventh with a 109.8 rating. Wofford is the lone school to have two quarterbacks rank in the top seven in the league in pass efficiency.
- Wofford is third in the league in average yards per completion at 12.8 (Georgia Southern 17.7, Appalachian State 13.0).
- Zolman (28-of-49, 57.1) and Rodgers (24-of-45, 53.3) have combined to complete 55.3 percent of their passes for four touchdowns. Rodgers has three scores on his 24 completions. Two of those touchdowns have come in the last six games to his former Dorman High School teammate Curtis Nash.
- In eight SoCon games, Zolman was 19-of-30 (63.3 percent) in the air for a 149.2 rating. He threw for 315 yards (16.6 per completion) with one touchdown and two interceptions.
- Five of Wofford's 10 longest plays from scrimmage are passes.
- Wofford beat Georgia Southern with the pass as Rodgers hit Kevious Johnson on the game-winning 24-yard touchdown completion with 1:47 left in the 20-14 Terrier win.
- Wide receivers Shiel Wood (18 receptions, 231 yards, 12.8 avg.) and Nash (14 receptions, 256 yards, 18.3 avg.) are averaging a combined 15.2 yards on their catches and have accounted for 60.4 percent (32-of-53) of Wofford's receptions on the year and 71.6 percent (487-of-680) of the receiving yards.
- Both of Wofford's receptions by a tight end have resulted in 14-yard touchdowns.
- Kevious Johnson had a 14-yard scoring grab against Elon, while Cody Garland was in the end zone for a 14-yard catch off a fake field goal pass by holder Brandon Smith versus Appalachian State.
Opponent Score Honor Offense Defense

Shutting Down the Opposition

Wofford has a 64-2-1 record in the 67 games under coach Mike Ayers in which it has allowed 16 or fewer points. The tie was a 14-14 deadlock at Furman in 1993.

Dating back to the final game of the 2000 campaign (a 24-6 win at Division I-A Louisiana-Monroe), Wofford has surrendered just 250 points (10.4 per game) in its last 24 wins.

Wofford has won 43 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon on Nov. 4, 1995. Wofford held a 9-3 halftime edge that night.

Honorary I-A Members

The Air Force contest represented Wofford's eighth game in the last six years against a Division I-A opponent:

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SoCon Honors

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*Also selected as a Sports Network National Defensive Player of the Week

Wofford Players of the Week

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Fourth Down: No Problem

It's well documented that the entire field is four-down territory for the Terriers.

Wofford tops the SoCon in fourth-down conversions (25), attempts (41), and success rate (60.0 percent).

Western Carolina (25) is the only other league team with more than 20 fourth-down attempts.

Wofford had a pair of touchdowns on 4th-and-3 plays in the 42-16 win over The Citadel as Kevious Johnson and Curtis Nash scored on 26 and 9-yard runs, respectively.

On the opening series of the 38-6 win at Western Carolina, the Terriers were successful on a 4th-and-2 at their own 34 as Jeff Zolman carried for six yards and a first down.

Wofford's first two touchdowns that day were scored on fourth down.

Johnson had a 35-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-3 play, while J.R. McNair reached the end zone from a yard out on a 4th-and-goal early in the second quarter to give the Terriers a 14-0 lead.

Wofford was 19-of-36 (52.8 percent) on fourth-down conversions last year compared to just 13 attempts for the opposition.

A Special Escort

Wofford All-America free safety Matt Nelson didn't head to the locker room with his teammates at halftime of the Elon game.

He instead remained on the field to escort his girlfriend, volleyball player Rhea deJesus, as she was a finalist in the Homecoming court.

Nelson had the following to say in regards to asking Wofford coach Mike Ayers for permission to take part in the ceremony, "I was scared to death to ask. I’m not lying. I was like, ‘Coach, um, well, see, my girlfriend asked me, um... Please don’t be mad at me. Direct all your anger at her.' He told me, ‘Do what you have to do.' I was like, ‘Dang, don’t say that. I need a yes or a no.' He said it was the first time he ever let anybody do that. I appreciated it.”

Points on the Board

Wofford is second in the SoCon in scoring (28.1 ppg.) while ranking sixth in the league in total offense (316.3 ypg.).

Taking advantage of its opportunistic defense and special teams, the Terriers had just one scoring drive longer than 39 yards in the 42-16 win at The Citadel.

Magic Numbers

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- Wofford has won 43 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon on Nov. 4, 1995. Wofford held a 9-3 halftime edge that night.
Wofford Offense is SoCon's Best in Red Zone
Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (50), touchdowns (33), and total scores (36).
Only one other league member (Georgia Southern 28) has more than 20 touchdowns in that category.
The Terriers place fourth in the SoCon with their 72.0 success rate (36-of-50) on producing points in the red zone.

Terriers Effective in Red Zone Defense
Wofford tops the SoCon with eight takeaways (four fumbles, four interceptions) when the opponent has the ball in the red zone.
Only one other school (Georgia Southern 7) has more than three takeaways in the red zone.
Overall, the Terriers are second (Georgia Southern 60.6) in red-zone defense with the opposition scoring on only 21-of-34 opportunities (61.8 percent).

Wofford Scoring Drives
Wofford has 14 scoring drives of at least 70 yards this season. Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives on the year:

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Worth Noting about Another Win over Georgia Southern
• The Terriers became the first SoCon team to post consecutive wins over the Eagles since Appalachian State in the 1996-97 campaigns.
• Wofford handed Georgia Southern its first back-to-back defeats in the same season since 1996.
• Wofford limited Georgia Southern to only 93 yards of offense in the second half, including just 57 on the ground.
• The Terriers wore down the Eagles in the fourth quarter, holding a 9:31-5:29 edge in time of possession while totaling 137 yards compared to 56 (20 rushing) for Georgia Southern.
• In both of its back-to-back victories, Wofford has held GSU to under 300 yards of offense. The Eagles had just 276 this season after being limited to 257 in a 14-7 Terrier win in Statesboro, Ga., last year.
• Georgia Southern was outrushed by its opponent (292-to-210) for just the fourth time in its last 89 games. Two of those occurrences have been Wofford in each of the last two seasons.
• True freshman Kevious Johnson became the first Wofford rookie to score three touchdowns in a game since Shawn Graves in 1989. Johnson made his first collegiate start as he filled in for injured fullback and student body president J.R. McNair.

Who is This Guy?
Freshman placekicker Nick Robinson, who had never played in a football game at any level prior to this season, tops the SoCon in PATs made (42), attempted (42), and percentage (100.0 percent).
Robinson has also made three of his last four field goal attempts. He had a 29-yard field goal versus Elon, a 27-yard effort at Western Carolina, and a career-long 36-yard boot for the first points of the Appalachian State game. He's now 3-of-5 on field goals for the season.
Robinson was a two-time All-Region soccer player for DeLand (Fla.) High School. He walked on to the Wofford football team as a late addition and is the only Terrier not included in the media guide.
His name wasn't added to the back of his jersey until the third game of the season.

It Comes with an Asterisk
Placekicker Jay Harvey, who handles the kickoff duties, is the lone junior college transfer in the 16-year Wofford tenure of Mike Ayers.
However, there's an asterisk in that Harvey did not play football at Spartanburg Methodist College. The school does not field a team in that sport. He was instead a soccer player at SMC.
Harvey was an All-Region and All-State placekicker during his senior year at Barnwell (S.C.) High School.

Once Every Seven Games
Dating back to the 2000 season finale at Louisiana-Monroe, the Terriers have faced a Division I-A opponent in five of their last 35 games.
The Terriers played at Clemson and South Carolina in 2001, traveled to Maryland last year, and opened this season at Air Force.
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Terrier punter Jimmy Miner is under the eye of NFL scouts.

In postgame interviews, Wofford coach Mike Ayers immediately praised Miner for his efforts in the 7-6 win at Furman. He was named a Terrier Player of the Week after five of his six punts were downed inside the 20-yard line. For the game, the Paladins had an average starting field position of their own 21.

Miner sacrifices average to angle kick and place the ball exactly where the Terrier coaches want it. He has had 17 of his 46 punts (37.0 percent) downed inside the 20 this season.

Wofford's career record holder with a 40.7 mark. He set a single-season school record while ranking 12th nationally with a 42.2 average last season.

Avoiding The Flag
Wofford is the SoCon's third-least penalized team at 39.1 yards per game (52 flags for 430 yards).

Top 10 Terriers
Listed below are Wofford's Top 10 individual rushing performances this season:

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The Sack Masters
The Terriers are tied with Appalachian State for the SoCon lead in sacks (24) while topping the league in fewest sacks allowed (4).

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I Hope I Score
Beginning with the Oct. 27, 2001 contest at The Citadel, Wofford has won its last 19 games in which it scored first.

Since the start of the 2001 campaign, the Terriers are 2-9 in their last 11 outings when the opponent scored first. One of those wins was the Nov. 8 28-14 win over ETSU. The other victory in that stretch was a 7-6 win at South Carolina State last season.

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Nash Has Big-Play Role in Terrier Offense
• Wofford wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the Terriers' eight-longest plays from scrimmage and has three touchdowns on his 18 touches this season.
  • With four catches for 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown, in the 38-6 win over Western Carolina, he posted the first 100-yard receiving day by a Terrier since Isaac Goodpaster had two grabs for 100 yards in a 2001 win over Charleston Southern.
  • Nash is averaging 18.3 yards with his 14 receptions for 256 yards on the year. He also has a 15.8 per carry mark on four rushing attempts.
  • Nash had 16 and 51-yard touchdown receptions from his former Dorman High School teammate Trey Rodgers in back-to-back games versus Elon and Western Carolina. He also had a 48-yard catch from Jeff Zolman in the Elon contest.
  • A 54-yard Nash run on a reverse at Chattanooga is the Terriers' second-longest rushing play of the season. He scored on a 9-yard reverse on a 4th-and-3 in the 42-16 victory at The Citadel.
  • The Spartanburg, S.C., native plays a key role at Wofford home basketball games as he operates the computerized sound system that controls the music in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Abstract Sculpture Inspires Defense
Along the lines of "Howard's Rock" at Clemson, Wofford has Winston Wingo's "Botanical Construction" as a good-luck symbol for its team.

The abstract sculpture of a broad ax was on display at the center of campus when it caught the eye of Terrier defensive coordinator Nate Woody early in the season. He believed it symbolized what defense was about. It has since become a motivational piece for his unit.

In a surprise move for his players on the day before the Oct. 25 Appalachian State game, Woody had the sculpture moved to a location outside the Terrier locker room.

"Coach Woody said the broad ax talks to him," free safety Matt Nelson said. "He treats it like it's a pet or mysterious phenomenon."

Woody attributes his love of the broad ax to former North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith, who once said that a defense, when forcefully applied, is like a broad ax.

"We'll touch that before we come out for every game now," outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker said.

Hail to the Chief
A new tradition at Wofford home games is the playing of "Hail to the Chief" over the Gibbs Stadium public address system each time Terrier fullback and student body president J.R. McNair has a rushing attempt.

Finding Ways to Score
Wofford has four non-offensive touchdowns this season as the Terriers have reached the end zone three times on interception returns and once on a blocked punt recovery.

Miner and Nelson Named to All-Star Classic
Wofford punter Jimmy Miner and free safety Matt Nelson have been selected to play in the inaugural TFN/Division I-AA All-Star Classic on Dec. 30 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The contest will be broadcast nationally on The Football Network and on regional sports networks in various markets around the country to an estimated audience of 35 million people.

The two 50-player squads will be coached by the staffs of Western Kentucky and McNeese State, last year’s participants in the I-AA national championship game.

Terriers Love the FOX Cameras
The 7-6 win over Furman improved Wofford's record to 2-0 this season and 5-0 lifetime in games televised on FOX Sports Net South.

Football Makes History at Wofford
The Terrier football team has captured the first team title in any sport for Wofford in its seven years of SoCon play.

Since beginning league competition in 1997-98 (only their third year in Division I), the Terriers’ previous SoCon championships were garnered by golfers Rion Moore (1998) and William McGirt (2001) and track standout Adrien Borders, who won the 2003 triple jump and long jump events. Borders is also Wofford's top returning scorer (9.7 ppg) in men's basketball.

Invite Us Back for Homecoming
In three of its four SoCon road games, Wofford spoiled Homecoming for the host school by a combined score of 122-36.

The Terriers posted consecutive routs of Chattanooga (42-14), Western Carolina (38-6), and The Citadel (42-16) while playing in front of the alumni of those schools.

Picking Off The Opposition
• Wofford ranks second in the SoCon with 18 interceptions (Appalachian State 19). Nine different players have at least one pick.
  • The Terriers are averaging 23.9 yards per interception return, including touchdowns of 41, 46, and 100 yards.

Timmy Thrift set a Wofford record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks for distance when he returned a pick 100 yards for a score at Chattanooga.

Teddie Whitaker and Matt Nelson scored on 41 and 46-yard returns in wins over Appalachian State and The Citadel, respectively. Nelson has 61 return yards on his five interceptions that top the Terriers and place second in the SoCon. All five of his picks have come in the last eight games.

Derek Newberry had an 81-yard return without reaching the end zone versus Western Carolina.

• Linebackers have accounted for nine picks with five different backers (Jim Thurman 3, Teddie Whitaker 2, Derek Newberry 2, Jimmy Freland 1, and Timmy Thrift 1) recording at least one interception.

• Bill Pryor represents the defensive line on the interception list with his grab at The Citadel.
A Kevious Plan for SoCon Freshman of the Year

• True freshman Kevious Johnson is the Terriers' leading rusher with 582 yards and nine touchdowns on a 6.0 per carry average.
• He is tied for the SoCon lead in touchdowns (10) while placing third in scoring (5.5 ppg.). Terrier fullback J.R. McNair tops the league at 6.0 ppg.
• Johnson has had career-high and game-best rushing efforts in two of the last three games. He had 101 yards and two scores on 12 carries in the 28-14 win over East Tennessee State (Nov. 8) after an 89-yard performance in the 42-16 victory at The Citadel (Nov. 1).
• With another 49 yards, he will move past Jesse McCoy (630, 1999) for the highest rushing total by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback Shawn Graves had 1,483 in 1989.
• Johnson is the lone Terrier to have both a rushing and receiving touchdown this season. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native scored all three Wofford touchdowns in the 20-14 win over Georgia Southern, including the game-winning 24-yard catch and run with 1:47 to play. He also added 81 yards rushing on 20 attempts.
• He became the first Terrier freshman since Graves (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.
• Johnson tops the Terriers with a 20.2 kickoff return average while placing in the top three on the year, while Alex Love has two blocks this season and three over the last two seasons.
• All four of the full punt blocks (there are two partial blocks) this season have led to touchdowns covering a total of 10 plays and 50 yards:

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Did You Know?

• Starting defensive tackle Katon Bethay became Wofford's first-ever All-SoCon performer in indoor track with his efforts in the shot put last winter.
• All-SoCon left tackle Chad Bentley is the Terriers' lone fifth-year senior.
Wofford's football stadium is the third youngest facility in the Southern Conference. With a capacity of 13,000, Gibbs Stadium opened in October 1996. Only Elon's Rhodes Stadium (2001) and Chattanooga's Finley Stadium (1997) are newer. The Terriers have a 27-12 home record (.692) since moving into Gibbs Stadium, including a 6-0 mark this season and a 10-1 ledger the last two seasons.

**Old School**

Wofford coach Mike Ayers has driven the team's equipment truck when it travels, in addition to personally powerwashing the Terriers' blocking sleds when they need cleaning.

**Packing the Stands**

Wofford has enjoyed a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium with an average crowd of 9,225 in six home contests. The Terriers rank 40th nationally in home attendance out of 120 Division I-AA programs.

Wofford set a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State on Sept. 6. Wofford averaged 8,391 per home date last season.

**Scheduling Quirks**

- Wofford had six regular-season home games for the first time since 1993.
- With three home games and an open date, Wofford did not have a road game in September.
- With six home games and trips to The Citadel and Furman, Wofford left the Palmetto State for only three of its 11 regular-season contests.

**Wofford Ranks Ahead of 23 Division I-A Programs in Sagarin Ratings**

The Wofford football team is ranked ahead of 23 Division I-A programs in this week's Sagarin Ratings, which are utilized by the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

Wofford is ranked 112th out of 240 Division I-A and I-AA teams.

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**Knocking Them Down**

Wofford's starting five offensive linemen are locked in a heated battle for the team lead in knockdown blocks this season:

- Eric Deutsch, RG (117)
- Brad Anderson, C (107)
- Chad Bentley, LT (108)
- Bobby Gibbs, LG (103)
- Kevin Hodapp, RT (91)

**Quick Progress**

Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, which was just its third season in Division I-AA, Wofford has the fourth-highest win total in league action: Georgia Southern (48), Appalachian State (43), Furman (38), Wofford (32), Western Carolina (24), East Tennessee State (24), Chattanooga (20), and The Citadel (17).

**Familiar Names**

Wide receiver and kick returner Shiel Wood is the son of former Wofford athletic director and now senior vice-president David Wood.

The elder Wood was a football standout at Elon (1972-75) and a former offensive coordinator at Catawba.

**Coaching Stability**

Mike Ayers is in his 16th season as Wofford's coach. His assistants have also been models of stability, including four of them being Wofford graduates:

- Off. Coordinator Wade Lang* (16th year)
- Kicking Coach Lee Hanning (14th year)
- Def. Coordinator Nate Woody* (13th year)
- Def. Line Coach Jack Teachey (10th year)
- Wide Receiver Coach Bruce Lackey (9th year)
- Outside LB Coach Thomas Neel (6th year)
- RB Coach Freddie Brown* (5th year)
- Secondary Coach Terry Lantz (4th year)
- Tight End Coach Joe Lesesne* (3rd year)
- Off. Line Coach Eric Nash* (1st year)

*Wofford graduate and former Terrier student-athlete
*Served as Wofford's president for 28 years (1972-2000)
### A Statistical Comparison

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Game 1
Air Force 49, Wofford 0
Aug. 30; Colorado Springs, Colo.

Facing the nation's most experienced team that's also receiving votes in the Division I-A Top 25 poll, the Wofford football team dropped a 49-0 decision at Air Force before a crowd of 40,111.

In terms of the number of seniors on its roster, 16 of them starters, the Falcons are officially the nation's most seasoned squad. Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, a 1960 Wofford graduate, picked up his 150th career victory. Now in his 20th season with the Falcons, DeBerry ranks third in Division I-A in length of service at his current school.

After a scoreless first quarter, Air Force took a 7-0 lead when Dan Shafer scored from a yard out on the second play of the second quarter.

The Terriers then took possession at their own 20 and drove to the Falcon 13-yard line. On a 4th-and-2 keeper, quarterback Trey Rodgers was stopped inches short of a first down.

Air Force took over on downs and drove 88 yards in 10 plays, capped by an Adam Cole 3-yard run, to take a 14-0 lead with 4:35 left in the second quarter.

A Shafer 2-yard touchdown run with 15 seconds remaining in the first half gave Air Force a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

| Wofford | 0 0 0 0 0 | Air Force | 0 21 17 49 |

Second Quarter
A - Shafer 1 run (Ashcroft kick), 14:35
A - Cole 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 4:35
A - Shafer 2 run (Ashcroft kick), 15

Third Quarter
A - Harridge 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 12:35
A - Shafer 5 run (Ashcroft kick), 7:34
A - Schwartz 11 pass from Fitch (Ashcroft kick), 1:15

Fourth Quarter
A - Kendrick 3 run (Eberle kick), 7:11

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
McNair 12-33, K. Johnson 3-25, Jackson 5-18, Sullivan 3-10, A. Johnson 4-5, Rodgers 4-5, Mungin 1-3, Dunn 2-(3), Zolman 6-8

Passing
Zolman 10-6-2, 27 yards; Rodgers 4-3-0, 60 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-24, Nash 2-46, A. Johnson 2-13, Mungin 1-5, K. Johnson 1-(1)

Wofford vs. North Carolina A&T

Game 2
Wofford 35, S.C. State 13
Sept. 6; Spartanburg, S.C.

Gabriel Jackson scored a pair of touchdowns in a 50-second span, one on a recovery of a blocked punt in the end zone, while freshman Kevious Johnson had a pair of rushing touchdowns as Wofford rolled past South Carolina State, 35-13.

The game drew a Gibbs Stadium record crowd of 11,486.

The Terrier defense forced six turnovers and recorded five sacks in limiting the Bulldogs to minus 16 yards rushing. Prior to clearing its bench on the game's final drive, Wofford had held S.C. State to 217 yards of offense.

After Alex Love blocked a punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson recovered the ball in the end zone for the game's first score just 5:02 into the contest.

The Bulldogs then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson scored on a 10-yard run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead. The Terriers went on to build their margin to 21-0 at the half.

A Terrier turnover on the third play of the second half set up S.C. State's first score. Reese McCampbell hit Tavarus Morgan with an 11-yard scoring pass on a 4th-and-goal play just 2:59 into the third quarter, capping a 24-yard drive.

| S.C. State | 0 0 7 6 13 | Wofford | 14 7 0 14 35 |

First Quarter
W - Jackson 0 blocked punt return (Robinson kick), 7:13
W - Jackson 11 run (Robinson kick), 6:23

Second Quarter
W - K. Johnson 6 run (Robinson kick), 2:29

Third Quarter
S - Morgan 11 pass from McCampbell (Gaston kick), 12:01

Fourth Quarter
W - K. Johnson 1 run (Robinson kick), 10:12
W - Sullivan 2 run (Robinson kick), 4:8
S - King 6 pass from Young, 0:00

Game 3
Wofford 20, Georgia Southern 14
Sept. 20; Spartanburg, S.C.

True freshman Kevious Johnson scored three touchdowns, the last on a 24-yard pass from Trey Rodgers with 1:47 to play, as Wofford rallied for two touchdowns in the final 8:19 for a 20-14 victory over Georgia Southern at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Terriers became the first SoCon team to post consecutive victories over the Eagles since Appalachian State in the 1996-97 campaigns. Wofford also handed Georgia Southern its first back-to-back defeats in the same season since 1996.

In front of a regional television audience on FOX Sports Net South, Johnson made his first collegiate start as he filled in at fullback for an injured J.R. McNair.

Johnson opened the game's scoring on a 2-yard run with 7:49 to play in the first quarter. He totaled 81 yards rushing in addition to the touchdown grab in which he bulldozed a pair of Eagle defenders the final five yards into the end zone. It capped a nine-play, 67-yard drive.

On Wofford's previous series, Johnson ran up the middle from five yards out to even the game at 14-14 with 8:19 remaining. The Terrier defense, with All-America free safety Matt Nelson making the tackle on each play, then forced a three-and-out from the Eagles to set the stage for the game-winning drive.

| GSU | 7 7 0 0 14 | Wofford | 7 0 0 13 20 |

First Quarter
W - K. Johnson 2 run (Robinson kick), 7:49
G - Davis 36 run (Holland kick), 0:05

Second Quarter
G - Anderson 19 run (Holland kick), 8:19

Fourth Quarter
W - K. Johnson 5 run (Robinson kick), 8:19
W - K. Johnson 24 pass from Rodgers (rush failed), 1:47

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
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Wood 3-24, Nash 2-46, A. Johnson 2-13, Mungin 1-5, K. Johnson 1-(1)
Catawba capped the 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard possession of the third quarter. Play resumed after a 48-minute delay. The Indians, ranked eighth in Division II, drove to the Terrier 23-yard line on the game’s opening series. However, Wofford inside linebacker Jim Thurman ended the scoring threat with an interception at the Terrier 5.

Wofford then began a season-long 15-play, 96-yard drive to take a 7-0 lead. A 7-yard Dunn scoring run was made possible when Johnson carried for three yards on a 4th-and-1 at the Terrier 33.

Three penalties forced Catawba to start its next series at its own 2-yard line. On the second play, Thurman recorded his second interception of the quarter. His pick at the Indian 12 and a 9-yard McNair touchdown on the first series of the second half, increasing Wofford’s lead to 21-7. The Terriers’ final score came when Timmy Thrift set a school record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks with a 100-yard interception return. Wofford forced four turnovers.

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
A. Johnson 12-92, Dunn 7-59, Rodgers 7-59, Nash 5-86, Regenthal 1-14, Beavin 1-0

Passing
McLane 1-0, Zolman 6-64, Dunn 7-59, Johnson 11-60, Ware 6-31, Mungin 2-17, Dorham 4-16, Rodgers 7-16, Zolman 4-3, Sullivan 3-8, Dorham 3-4, Beavin 1-3

Receiving
Nash 3-39, Zolman 2-31, Dunn 2-19, Lewis 1-0, Shutoffs 1-26, Minch 1-14, Mungin 1-12, Sullivan 1-8, Beavin 1-0

E - Dargan 2 run (Rawls kick), 5:57
W - Nash 16 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 8:28
W - Rodgers 5 run (Robinson kick), 3:01

Fourth Quarter
W - Regenthal 14 pass from Zolman (Robinson kick), 11:49
W - Zolman 30 run (Robinson kick), 6:48

Wofford vs. North Carolina A&T

Game 4
Wofford 28, Catawba 3
Sept. 27; Spartanburg, S.C.

Game 5
Wofford 42, Chattanooga 14
Oct. 4; Chattanooga, Tenn.

Game 6
Wofford 45, Elon 7
Oct. 11; Spartanburg, S.C.

Shaun Bennett blocked two punts as Wofford rolled to a 45-7 victory over Elon. The Terriers took a 3-0 lead on their second series of the game when freshman Nick Robinson converted a 29-yard field goal with 3:43 left in the opening quarter.

On Elon’s ensuing series, an Anthony Turowski punt was blocked by Bennett. Five plays later, Gabriel Jackson scored on a 10-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play to give Wofford a 10-0 lead.

After Elon closed within 10-7 on a Ronnie Dargan 2-yard run, the Terriers drove 70 yards in 10 plays for a 17-7 lead when Trey Rodgers connected with Curtis Nash on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:54 left in the first half.

Bennett’s second punt block of the game came in the second half and gave Wofford possession at the Elon 5. On the first play of the Terriers’ ensuing series, Rodgers had the 5-yard touchdown run to extend Wofford’s lead to 31-7 with 3:01 left in the third quarter.

The Terriers outgained the Phoenix by a 356-174 margin, including 198-68 in the second half. Wofford held Elon to only three first downs over the final two quarters and just 2.8 yards per play in the game.

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
McLane 21-124, Rodgers 4-59, Nash 1-54, Zolman 8-42, K. Johnson 10-24, A. Johnson 2-19, Ware 3-14, Mungin 1-12, Sullivan 3-8, Dorham 3-4, Beavin 1-3

Passing
Zolman 7-50, 103 yards; Rodgers 4-0-0

Receiving
Wood 2-68, Mungin 1-19, Berry 1-10, Nash 1-6

Wofford vs. Chattanooga

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
McLane 21-124, Rodgers 4-59, Nash 1-54, Zolman 8-42, K. Johnson 10-24, A. Johnson 2-19, Ware 3-14, Mungin 1-12, Sullivan 3-8, Dorham 3-4, Beavin 1-3

Passing
Zolman 7-50, 103 yards; Rodgers 4-0-0

Receiving
Wood 2-68, Mungin 1-19, Berry 1-10, Nash 1-6

Wofford vs. Elon

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
Zolman 6-64, Dunn 7-59, K. Johnson 7-33, Rodgers 8-26, McNair 7-22, Jackeson 3-20, Dorham 3-10, Nash 1-9, Ware 4-9, Sullivan 3-6

Passing
Rodgers 7-4-1, 38 yards, 1 TD; Zolman 4-3-0, 60 yards, 1 TD

Receiving
Nash 5-86, Regenthal 1-14, Sullivan 1-2(2)
Game 7
Wofford 38, Western Carolina 6
Oct. 18; Cullowhee, N.C.

Jeff Zolman rushed for a team-high 55 yards while completing all five of his pass attempts for 73 yards to lead Wofford to a 38-6 victory at Western Carolina.

Zolman directed the Terriers on 74 and 75-yard scoring drives on their first two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

Wofford converted a pair of fourth-down opportunities to score on the game's opening series. Zolman had a 6-yard gain on a 4th-and-2 from the Wofford 34 in addition to a 25-yard run on a 3rd-and-17. The drive was capped by a 35-yard Kevious Johnson touchdown run on a 4th-and-3 play.

A J.R. McNair 1-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-goal gave the Terriers a 14-0 lead with 11:57 to play in the second quarter.

The Terriers forced four turnovers on the day to improve to a SoCon-leading +11 in the turnover margin this season. Teddie Whitaker's recovery of a Catamount fumble at the Western Carolina 17 set up Wofford's final score of the first half. Five plays later, Trey Rodgers reached the end zone from four yards out with 30 seconds left in the first half to give the Terriers a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

Wofford limited Western Carolina to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries, while controlling the line of scrimmage with a 33:16-26:44 edge in time of possession.

Wofford 7 14 0 17 38
WCU 0 0 0 6 6

First Quarter
W - K. Johnson 35 run (Robinson kick), 9:20

Second Quarter
W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 11:57
W- Rodgers 4 run (Robinson kick), .30

Fourth Quarter
W - Robinson 27 field goal, 12:54
WCU - Spicer 1 run (Gaither rush failed), 7:23
W - Nash 51 pass from Rodgers (Robinson kick), 6:31
W - Ware 10 run (Robinson kick), 1:38

Wofford Individuals
Zolman 16-55, K. Johnson 6-44, McNair 16-32, Dunn 9-21, Rodgers 7-20, Ware 1-10, A. Johnson 6-9, Mungin 1-3

Passing
Zolman 5-5-0, 73 yards; Rodgers 1-1-0, 51 yards, 1 TD

Receiving
Nash 4-102, K. Johnson 1-17, Rice 1-5

Wofford VS. NORTH CAROLINA A & T

Game 8
Wofford 24, Appalachian State 14
Oct. 25; Spartanburg, S.C.

Defense and special teams were the story as Wofford scored touchdowns off a fake field goal and interception return in a 24-14 victory over Appalachian State at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers forced five Mountaineer turnovers. Wofford outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker took part in three of those as he had a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown in addition to forcing a fumble and recovering one.

After a Nick Robinson career-long 36-yard field goal gave the Terriers a 3-0 lead with 12:59 left in the first half, the Mountaineers drove to the Wofford 4-yard line with a 1st-and-goal. However, Whitaker's hit on Michael Metcalf forced a fumble that was recovered by Timmy Thrift. On ASU's next series, Matt Nelson recorded an interception at the Terrier 2.

Whitaker's interception return midway through the third quarter gave Wofford a 10-0 lead.

An Alex Love punt block on the ensuing series set up the Terriers on the Mountaineer 15. Four plays later, on a fake field goal, holder Brandon Smith hit Cody Garland with a 14-yard scoring pass for a 17-0 Wofford lead.

The Terriers limited the Mountaineers to just 37 yards rushing on 28 carries (1.3 avg.).

ASU 0 0 7 7 14
Wofford 0 3 14 7 24

Second Quarter
W - Robinson 36 field goal, 12:59

Third Quarter
W - Whitaker 41 interception return (Robinson kick), 7:46
W - Garland 14 pass from Smith (Robinson kick), 4:14
A - Fowlkes 27 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 1:55

Fourth Quarter
A - Fowlkes 88 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 7:59
W - Zolman 8 run (Robinson kick), 2:36

Third Quarter
Wofford # Rushes - Yards
15 62 - 218 28 - 37
15 58 273 276 310
10 10 - 6 - 0 33 - 18 - 3
4 4 - 33.5 - 5 - 40.4
2 1 - 3 2 - 1 - 3 2
9 60 5 - 54
36.11 23:49

Wofford Individuals
Zolman 8-1-1, 88 yards; Rodgers 1-0-1, 51 yards, 1 TD

Passing
Rodgers 11-51, K. Johnson 6-43, McNair 16-42, Zolman 9-31, A. Johnson 6-30, Dunn 8-25, Jackson 4-0, Team 2-(4)

Receiving
K. Johnson 1-20, Garland 1-14, Wood 1-11, Mungin 1-10, Nash 1-6, Jackson 1-3

Wofford VS. THE CITADEL

Game 9
Wofford 42, The Citadel 16
Nov. 1; Charleston, S.C.

Matt Nelson's 46-yard interception return for a touchdown began a 21-point explosion in a 3:44 span early in the second half as Wofford rolled to a 42-16 victory over The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., clinching at least a share of its first SoCon football championship.

Wofford forced six Bulldog turnovers, including fumbles on back-to-back kickoff returns as the Terriers quickly extended a 14-9 halftime lead to 35-9. Three plays after the Bulldogs fumbled the kickoff following Nelson's score, J.R. McNair raced 30 yards into the end zone for one of his two touchdowns on the day.

Kevin Johnson and Curtis Nash both had touchdown runs on 4th-and-3 plays. Johnson from 26 yards in the second quarter to give Wofford a 14-3 lead, while Nash scored on a 9-yard reverse to provide the Terriers with their 35-9 margin just 4:49 into the third quarter.

Wofford rushed for a season-high 381 yards, including 239 in the second half. The Terriers held the Bulldogs to just three first-half field goals on three possessions inside the red zone.

Wofford 7 7 28 0 42
The Citadel 3 6 0 7 16

First Quarter
W - Zolman 1 run (Robinson kick), 7:45
C - Zobel 32 field goal, 1:52

Second Quarter
W - K. Johnson 26 run (Robinson kick), 14:54
C - Zobel 28 field goal, 10:22
C - Zobel 35 field goal, 1:36

Third Quarter
W - Nelson 46 interception return (Robinson kick), 13:55
W - McNair 30 run (Robinson kick), 12:52
W - Nash 9 run (Robinson kick), 10:11
W - McNair 2 run (Robinson kick), 3:19

Fourth Quarter
C - J. Anderson 59 pass from Simmona (Vandiver kick), 5:59

Wofford Individuals
Zolman 16-55, K. Johnson 6-44, McNair 16-32, Dunn 9-21, Rodgers 7-20, Ware 1-10, A. Johnson 6-9, Mungin 1-3

Passing
Zolman 5-5-0, 73 yards; Rodgers 1-1-0, 51 yards, 1 TD

Receiving
Nash 4-102, K. Johnson 1-17, Rice 1-5
Game 10
Wofford 28, ETSU 14
Nov. 8; Spartanburg, S.C.

True freshman Kevious Johnson ran for a career-high 101 yards and two touchdowns while All-America free safety Matt Nelson had a key fumble recovery and interception as Wofford claimed its first SoCon football championship with a 28-14 win over ETSU at Gibbs Stadium.

After the Buccaneers took an early 7-0 lead, the Terriers immediately answered with a 12-play, 56-yard drive that was capped by a J.R. McNair 2-yard scoring run with 3:21 left in the first quarter. Jeff Zolman set up the touchdown with a 2-yard quarterback keeper on a 4th-and-2 at the Buc 3-yard line.

A Nelson fumble recovery inside the ETSU 5 set up a 4-yard Johnson second-quarter touchdown carry to give Wofford a 14-7 halftime lead.

Following a Nelson interception in the end zone after the Bucs drove to the Wofford 25, the Terriers put together back-to-back 80-yard touchdown drives in a 6:27 stretch to take a 28-7 lead with 12:33 remaining.

Johnson had a career-long 44-yard run to highlight the first of those second-half scoring drives which was capped by a 3-yard Trey Rodgers run. Johnson then found the end zone for the second time on the day with a 10-yard carry for the Terriers’ final points.

Wofford rushed for 355 yards, including 241 in the second half. Twelve different Terriers had at least one rushing attempt.

ETSU 7 0 0 7 14
Wofford 7 7 7 7 28

First Quarter
E - George 45 run (Godfrey kick), 8:16
W - McNair 2 run (Robinson kick), 3:21

Second Quarter
W - K. Johnson 4 run (Robinson kick), 1:19

Third Quarter
W - Rodgers 6-23, Dunn 2-8, Mungin 2-5, Jackson 1-0, Nash 1-(9)

Fourth Quarter
W - K. Johnson 10 run (Robinson kick), 12:33

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
K. Johnson 12-101, McNair 21-70, Rodgers 6-51, Jackson 3-38, Dunn 6-31, Zolman 6-28, Dorham 2-14, Mungin 1-11, Sullivan 1-7, Jones 2-5, Berry 1-1, A. Johnson 3-(2)

Passing
Rodgers 4-2-0, 11 yards; Zolman 3-1-1, 7 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-18

Game 11
Wofford 7, Furman 6
Nov. 15; Greenville, S.C.

The Terriers completed the Southern Conference’s first perfect season in five years with a 7-6 win at Furman, giving coach Mike Ayers his 100th victory on the Wofford sideline.

In holding the Paladins without a touchdown at home for the first time since 1992, Wofford’s defense set the tone on the game’s opening series. Academic All-District inside linebacker Josh Smith stopped Furman fullback Brandon Berry for a 1-yard loss on a 4th-and-2 play at the Paladin 46.

The Terriers then drove 45 yards in 10 plays to score the game’s only touchdown as quarterback Jeff Zolman scored on a 1-yard sneak. He also had a 7-yard run on a 3rd-and-7 from the Furman 26. Wofford fullback and student body president J.R. McNair had five carries for 23 yards on the drive.

Wofford held Furman to just two field goals on three possessions in the red zone. Trailing 7-6 with 1:17 to play, the Paladins lined up for a 51-yard field goal. However, a bad snap from center forced holder Jeremiah Van Dora to be tackled by Terrier special teams standout Alex Love.

Terrier punter Jimmy Miner was key in the kicking game. Five of his six punts were downed inside the 20-yard line as Furman’s average starting field position for the game was its own 21.

The Terriers limited the Paladins to 111 yards rushing on 45 attempts (2.5 avg.), including just 30 yards on 21 second-half carries.

Freshman Kevious Johnson topped Wofford with 57 yards rushing on seven carries.

ETSU 7 0 0 0 7
Wofford 7 7 7 7 28

First Quarter
W - Zolman 1 run (Robinson kick), 6:07
F - Marshall 19 field goal, 3:56

Fourth Quarter
W - Zolman 1 run (Robinson kick), 14:09
F - Marshall 26 field goal, 14:09

Wofford Individuals
Rushing
K. Johnson 12-101, McNair 21-70, Rodgers 6-51, Jackson 3-38, Dunn 6-31, Zolman 6-28, Dorham 2-14, Mungin 1-11, Sullivan 1-7, Jones 2-5, Berry 1-1, A. Johnson 3-(2)

Passing
Rodgers 4-2-0, 11 yards; Zolman 3-1-1, 7 yards

Receiving
Wood 3-14, Rice 1-5
The SoCon champion and second-ranked Wofford Terriers (10-1, 8-0) host MEAC champion and No. 18 North Carolina A&T (10-2, 6-1) on Saturday at 1 p.m. in a first-round Division I-AA playoff game.

If you'd like to speak with Aggie football coach George Small or listen to his comments, he'll be available via teleconference tomorrow (Nov. 26) at 10 a.m.

To access the MEAC Teleconference, dial:

1-800-281-5354 passcode: 311159
Quarterback Jeff Zolman and Southern Conference Freshman of the Year Kevious Johnson both had career-high rushing performances as the SoCon champion Wofford Terriers defeated Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion North Carolina A&T, 31-10, in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs this afternoon in Spartanburg, S.C.

The game was played before an estimated crowd of 10,500 at Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers (11-1) will host defending national champion Western Kentucky next Saturday at Gibbs Stadium in the quarterfinal round. Kickoff time is to be announced. The Hilltoppers defeated Jacksonville State, 45-7, this afternoon.

All of Wofford's offense came on the ground as the Terriers ran for 370 yards, its second-best effort of the season, against a North Carolina A&T defense that ranked eighth in the nation in rushing defense (97.9 yards per game). Wofford attempted just two passes and both were incomplete.

Zolman had 141 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries. He had a pair of 44-yard runs in addition to scoring on carries of five and four yards. Johnson had 106 yards on 11 attempts as he had a career-best day for the third time in the last four games. His 688 rushing yards on the year are the most by a Wofford freshman since former quarterback Shawn Graves had 1,483 in 1989.

With the game scoreless in the first quarter and the Aggies (10-3) driving at the Terrier 24, Wofford free safety and SoCon Defensive Player of the Year Matt Nelson made a leaping interception in the end zone for his sixth pick of the season.

The Terriers took a 7-0 lead when they drove 59 yards in eight plays, capped by a J.R. McNair 6-yard scoring run, with 8:27 left in the second quarter. Johnson had a 21-yard gain on the first play of the series.

On the Aggies' ensuing possession, a Teddie Whitaker hit on a Micheaux Hollingsworth run forced a fumble that was recovered by Alex Love at the A&T 20-yard line. Four plays later, Nick Robinson kicked a 31-yard field goal to give Wofford a 10-0 lead with 5:27 left in the first half.

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The Terriers responded with a season-long 17-play scoring drive to increase their lead to 24-10 with 9:02 left in the game. Wofford's 85-yard march to the end zone was keyed by a Zolman 4-yard rush on a 4th-and-1 at the Aggie 49-yard line. Zolman then capped the drive with a 4-yard touchdown run.

After Lee Basinger recorded a pair of sacks on North Carolina A&T's next possession, the Terriers took over at the Aggie 48-yard line. A Johnson 31-yard run on the first play of the series set up an 8-yard Corey Dunn touchdown carry as Wofford led 31-10 with 5:54 to play.

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"I'm very proud of our guys' effort," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "Going into the ball game, we knew we were going to be facing a great challenge in A&T.

"They have some great athletes and are very well coached and disciplined. Defensively, they presented a lot of problems to us and you can see their quarterback scrambling gave a lot of problems for us, too.

"It took a total team effort. Our offensive coaches did a great job in getting a game plan together for the second half. The guys then came out and executed the plan. We felt like we didn't play our best defensively but, at the same time, we made some big plays that kept the pressure off and allowed us to do some things offensively.

"We know that the game meant a great deal to a lot of people, not just Wofford. We are representing the Southern Conference, which we feel is the best conference in the country. We wanted to do our best today. We knew A&T was an excellent football team. I think coach (George) Small has done a fabulous job with those guys. He is an outstanding person and their kids played hard and very well.

"We're very fortunate and blessed to come out with this win today. I thank God, thank him every day, for this being a fabulous, fabulous year."

Wofford has now won 20 straight games when scoring first and 44 in a row when leading at the half. The Terriers are also 65-2-1 in 68 games under Ayers when allowing 16 or fewer points.

This was the Terriers' second postseason win in their football history and the first since a 12-6 victory over West Liberty State in the 1970 NAIA semifinals. Wofford has tied a single-season school record with its 11 victories (1949, 1970).

"There was great hospitality from the Wofford administration and coaching staff," Aggie coach George Small said. "It's a disappointment, although we made it this far.

"Unfortunately, we didn't finish with a win. We made too many mistakes. Wofford is a good football team. You can't afford to have any mistakes against a quality team like that.

"Sometimes, I didn't even know he (Zolman) had the ball. We also missed a lot of scoring opportunities. Nobody expected us to be here. My hat goes off to those young men for working hard all year."

The Terriers scored on 5-of-6 red-zone opportunities and recorded four sacks, increasing their SoCon-leading total to 28 on year. Wofford also tops the SoCon in scoring defense, allowing just 13.8 points per game.