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Senior fullback J.R. McNair returned from an ankle injury that had kept him out of action since Sept. 6 and tied a Southern Conference mark and Shawn Graves' single game school record by rushing for five touchdowns as the Wofford football team rolled over Chattanooga Saturday afternoon, 42-14, at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn. Graves reached the milestone three times in his career, while Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson also posted five touchdowns in 1999 game.

Wofford started off the game strong, driving 48 yards in eight plays on its opening possession before McNair punched the ball in from the one-yard line to put the Terriers ahead, 7-0. After Chattanooga tied the game on the first play of the second quarter on a four-yard run by Courtney McGlone, McNair's second touchdown put Wofford ahead for good as he scored from two yards out with 5:15 remaining in the first half. The 39-yard scoring drive was set up by an interception by safety Matt Nelson. Nelson finished the evening with a game-high 11 tackles.

On the first possession of the second half, a 59-yard completion from Jeff Zolman to Shiel Wood keyed the four play, 80-yard drive as McNair again found the endzone from nine yards out. On the ensuing Moc series, inside linebacker Jim Thurman picked off his third pass in the last two games for a Wofford turnover.

The Terriers then capitalized off the miscue with a seven play, 57-yard drive. With 8:24 remaining in the third frame, McNair broke the plane on a one-yard carry. His final touchdown of the afternoon, and third of the second half to tie another league mark for most scores in one half, came just 40 seconds into the fourth quarter on a 13-yard rush. The five play, 80-yard drive was highlighted by a 54-yard end-around carry by Curtis Nash.

Wofford capped the night's scoring when linebacker Timmy Thrift picked off a Chattanooga pass and raced 100 yards for the score with 36 seconds remaining in the game, setting a school record and tying the national and Southern Conference marks.

"We know this was going to be a tough game," said Terrier head coach Mike Ayers. "Chattanooga has some outstanding athletes. I was very proud of our defensive effort. The defense came up with some big plays (forced four turnovers) and adapted well to the different looks the Mocs give you on offense.

"We have two quarterbacks (Zolman and Trey Rodgers) who are doing a fabulous job. We were able to get some early scores and take the pressure off our offense."

McNair finished with 126 yards, his third 100-yard game of his career, and third in his last six games, dating back to last season's triumph against East Tennessee State.

As a team, Wofford finished with 365 yards rushing and 103 through the air for a season-high 468 yards of total offense and an average of 7.0 yards per play.

Rodgers posted 59 yards on four carries, including a 51 yard scamper, while Zolman completed five-of-seven pass attempts for 103 yards. He also carried the ball eight times for 42 yards.

With the victory, the 12th-ranked Terriers win their fourth straight to improve to 4-1 overall, 2-0 in SoCon action. The Mocs fall to 0-6. 0-2 in the league.
Throughout the four game winning streak, Wofford has allowed just 44 points (11.0 per game). The Terriers have now won 14 in a row when scoring first, 37 in a row when leading at the half and are 58-2-1 under Ayers when allowing 16 or fewer points.

Wofford will continue its season by hosting Elon next Saturday at Gibbs Stadium. The Terrier homecoming is slated to begin with a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.
Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 1:30 p.m. home game with Elon. The complete set of notes is also available on Wofford's web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble accessing the release, please feel free to let me know via e-mail or phone (864-597-4093).

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/Media Relations
Wofford College

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Game 6
Elon at Wofford
Oct. 11, 2003; 1:30 p.m.
Gibbs Stadium (13,000); Spartanburg, S.C.

This Week
• The Wofford football team, ranked 10th nationally in The Sports Network/CSTV and ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 polls, hosts Elon in the Terriers’ Homecoming game. This contest will represent the first meeting between Wofford and Elon as SoCon rivals. The Phoenix are in their first year of league play.

• The Terriers have won four in a row and are looking for their first five-game winning streak since beginning I-AA play in 1995. Wofford last won five in a row when it competed in Division II and opened the 1991 campaign with a 5-0 record. The Terriers have opened the SoCon season with a 2-0 record for the second straight year but have never been 3-0 to start a league campaign.

• The Terriers closed the 2002 regular season with a 34-9 win at Elon. It marked the first time the teams met on the gridiron since a 20-16 Phoenix win in 1995. That was also the last time Wofford lost when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers, in their first season of I-AA play that campaign, led 9-3 at the half before the Phoenix rallied for the victory. Since then, Wofford has won 37 consecutive games when leading at the intermission.

• Wofford holds a 17-9 lead over Elon in a series that began with a 20-7 Terrier win in Spartanburg in 1921. The teams met for six consecutive seasons from 1990-95 before the series was interrupted and then resumed a year ago.

• In last season's meeting, the Terriers posted a 34-9 win. Wofford outgained Elon by a 346-to-172 edge in total offense. The Phoenix were held to 109 yards rushing on 53 carries (2.1 avg.). Wofford also added four sacks in limiting Elon to a 1-of-12 mark on third-down conversions.

• Former Wofford athletic director and current senior vice-president Dr. David Wood is a 1976 Elon graduate and a former football standout for the Phoenix. His son, Shiel, is the leading receiver for Wofford (10 receptions for 152 yards) but is sidelined 1-to-2 weeks with a knee injury.

• Wofford is 11-4 in its 15 Homecoming games under coach Mike Ayers, outscoring its opponents by an average margin of 40.6-to-21.3.

Last Week
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, at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn. 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 capped an 8-play, 72-yard drive. Shiel Wood recorded his third 100-yard rushing effort in the game and came on the heels of a career-high 158-yard outing against Hofstra.

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*SoCon game

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Terriers on the Tube

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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.

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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-to-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-to-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-to-5:29 advantage in time of possession. The Eagles had just 57 yards rushing in the second half.

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.

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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.

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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:

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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 1236.

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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).
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• 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.

"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 42-14 win at Chattanooga last week:

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### 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 7-5-0, 103 yards; Rodgers 4-0-0

**Receiving**
- Wood 2-68, Mungin 1-19, Berry 1-10, Nash 1-6

### A Look Back

Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 34-9 win at Elon last year:

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**Wofford Individuals**

**Rushing**
- McCoy 15-98, Zolman 10-53, McNair 14-45, Fogle 6-25, Nash 1-18, Rodgers 4-16, Jones 10-13, Mungin 1-7, Jackson 4-6, Gaillard 1-1, Johnson 1-0

**Passing**
- Zolman 6-4-0, 48 yards; Rodgers 1-1-0, 16 yards

**Receiving**
- Nash 2-22, Gilmore 2-5, Wood 1-37

### Basic Formations

**Wofford Offense:** Wingbone  
**Wofford Defense:** Multiple 50  
**Elon Offense:** Multiple  
**Elon Defense:** 4-3

### Class Breakdown

- **Wofford Offense:** 4 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen
- **Elon Defense:** 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 4 sophomores, 1 freshman
- **Wofford Defense:** 5 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 0 freshmen
- **Elon Offense:** 4 seniors, 2 juniors, 0 sophomores, 5 freshmen

### The Head Coaches

- **Mike Ayers**  
  Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) ’74  
  16th season at Wofford, 19th as a head coach  
  Record at Wofford: 94-76-1. Overall Record: 105-97-2.
- **Al Seagraves**  
  Alma Mater: Shippensburg ’75  
  8th season at Elon, 8th as a head coach  
  Record at Elon: 40-43. Overall Record: 40-43.

### Charting Wofford's Opponents

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**Aggregate Record** 31-30
### The Head Coach

**Mike Ayers**

Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 94 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 Head 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.

### 2003 Southern Conference Standings

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**This Week:**
- *Western Carolina at Georgia Southern*, 1 p.m.
- *Elon at Wofford*, 1:30 p.m.
- *Appalachian State at Furman*, 3:30 p.m.
- *SoCon Game*

**Last Week:**
- *Wofford 42, Chattanooga 14*
- *The Citadel 31, Elon 7*
- *Furman 19, Western Carolina 13*
- *Appalachian State 21, ETSU 7*
- *Georgia Southern 37, Florida International 35*

### 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 5-1 and was ranked 25th nationally last week. 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.
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. It was part of a 126-yard performance, his third time over the century mark in the last six games dating back to last season. His effort that afternoon earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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
• 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
Is Beating Georgia Southern and Chattanooga Key?

- 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.

- In the three seasons it beat Chattanooga since beginning SoCon play in the 1997 campaign, Wofford has gone on to post a 22-12 overall record and 16-8 SoCon mark. The Terriers were just 11-22 overall and 8-16 in the SoCon in the three league seasons they lost to the Mocs.

Vintage Wofford Football

- Wofford has run the ball on 84.8 percent (280-of-330) of its offensive snaps this season.
  Wofford is second in the SoCon and 10th nationally in rushing with its team mark of 248.8 yards per game.
  - The Terriers have eight ball carriers with between 22 and 49 rushing attempts this season and seven players with at least 121 yards.
  - Wofford has had four different leading rushers in its five games.
  - Seven Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
  - Wofford has seven players averaging at least 24.2 yards per game rushing. J.R. McNair leads the way at 59.0 while freshman Kevious Johnson is the top ground gainer with 215 yards.

Air Ayers

- Jeff Zolman (16-of-30) and Trey Rodgers (10-of-20) have combined to complete 52.0 percent (26-of-50) of their passes on the year, averaging 12.7 yards per completion.
  - Wofford's longest play from scrimmage this season was a 59-yard completion from Zolman to Shiel Wood at Chattanooga. Two of the Terriers' four longest plays from scrimmage are via the air.
  - Wofford beat Georgia Southern with the pass as Rodgers hit Kevious Johnson on the game-winning 24-yard touchdown completion with 1:47 left.
  - With 10 receptions (152 yards), wide receiver Shiel Wood has garnered 38.5 percent of the Terrier catches this season.

Bring Back the FOX Cameras

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 rout of 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.

Wofford doesn't have a set FOX game the remainder of the season. However, there is a possibility of another appearance on the network. FOX has the rights to a pair of SoCon games on Nov. 15 (Wofford-Furman, Appalachian State-Western Carolina). Depending on championship/playoff implications, FSNS will announce two weeks prior to the game which contest it will decide to air.

If the Wofford-Furman game is chosen, the scheduled 2 p.m. kickoff in Greenville would be changed to a different time.

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

Packing the Stands

Wofford is on a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium this season.

After setting a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers drew 9,648 for Georgia Southern (Sept. 20). It was an impressive mark considering the game was televised regionally on FOX Sports Net South.

Through three games, Wofford is averaging 9,389 in attendance compared to 8,391 last season.
Magic Numbers

• Wofford has a 58-2-1 record in the 61 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 187 points in its last 18 wins (10.4 per game).
• Wofford has won 37 consecutive games when holding a halftime lead. The Terriers' last loss when leading at the break was a 20-16 defeat to Elon in 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.

The Terriers' first game in that stretch was a 29-27 loss at Marshall in the 1998 season finale. Wofford saw its bid for an upset over the Herd fall short when a 29-yard field goal was blocked with just over three minutes to play.

Listed below are Wofford's Division I-A games since the reclassification in 1982:

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SoCon Honors

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Wofford POTW

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Stuffing the Run

• The Terriers have held their opponent to a 2.7 yards per carry mark over the last four games (383 yards rushing on 140 attempts).
• One week after torching No. 1 McNeese State for 376 rushing yards, Georgia Southern mustered just 210 yards on the ground against Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half, including 20 in the fourth quarter.
• Wofford holding South Carolina State (Sept. 6) to minus 16 yards rushing represented the sixth-best single-game run defense by a SoCon team in the league's 83-year history.

Who is This Guy?

Freshman placekicker Nick Robinson is 17-17 of 17-17 on PATs this season.
He had never played in a football game at any level prior to this 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 this year's media guide.
Prior to the Georgia Southern game, he was the lone player on the Wofford squad without his name on the back of his jersey. It has since been added.

Home-Opening Conclusions

• The 35-13 win over South Carolina State improved Wofford to 8-8 in home openers under coach Mike Ayers.
• When allowing 14 or fewer points in a home opener under Ayers, Wofford is 7-0.
• Wofford has won its last three home openers by a combined 118-23 score (35-10 vs. Charleston Southern, 2001; 48-0 vs. Newberry, 2002; 35-13 vs. South Carolina State, 2003).

Making an Impression on the Opposition

• The Terriers' 472 rushing yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State last year set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.
• Wofford's 459 yards rushing in the 27-14 victory against The Citadel were the most allowed by the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

One Out of Roughly 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 29 games.

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

Fourth Down: No Problem

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

The Terriers top the SoCon with 20 fourth-down attempts this season, converting 11 (55.0 percent). The next closest teams in fourth-down tries are Georgia Southern and Chattanooga with 12.

Wofford was 19-of-36 (52.8 percent) on fourth-down conversions last year compared to just 13 attempts for the opposition.

The Terriers were 21-of-33 (63.6 percent) on fourth-down attempts in 2001. Wofford was also 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth downs in the 2000 campaign and 24-of-39 (61.5 percent) in 1999.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in 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.
Quick Scores
Twice this season, Wofford has scored a pair of touchdowns in under a minute.

In the 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers blocked a punt which was recovered by Gabriel Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown. Two plays and 50 seconds later, Jackson scored again on an 11-yard run.

The Terriers scored twice in a 52-second span in the 28-3 win over Catawba (Sept. 27). After Corey Dunn scored on a 7-yard run, Jim Thurman interception an Indian pass on their second play of the ensuing series. Two plays later, Aaron Johnson reached the end zone on a 2-yard touchdown carry.

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 yards rushing.
• The Terriers wore down the Eagles in the fourth quarter, holding a 9:31-to-5:29 edge in time of possession while totaling 137 yards compared to 56 for Georgia Southern.
• In both of its back-to-back victories, Wofford has held Georgia Southern 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 outreushed 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 freshman 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.

Key Wins with a Stingy Defense
Last season saw Wofford become the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996.

In the process, the Terriers held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers’ 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford’s 26-19 win.

Wofford also rushed for a single-game Appalachian State opponent record 472 yards in the victory in Boone, N.C.

Shutting Down the Opposition
Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year’s starting defense, the Terriers have surrendered just 44 points (11.0 per game) in their current four-game winning streak.

Wofford is allowing just 95.8 yards per game rushing (2.7 per carry) during that stretch while surrendering 314.8 yards of total offense.

Homecoming Explosions
The Terriers have an 11-4 record, including five straight wins, while outscoring the opposition by an average margin of 40.6-to-21.3 in the 15 Homecoming games under coach Mike Ayers:

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Terriers Top the SoCon in Red Zone Work
Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (22) and touchdowns (15). No other league member has more than 12 touchdowns in the red zone.

Wofford has scored touchdowns on 15 of its 22 possessions (68.2 percent) inside the opponent red zone, including a success rate of nine out of 10 (90.0 percent) over the last two games.

The Terriers were 5-of-6 on touchdowns against Chattanooga. The only failed opportunity came in the fourth quarter when Wofford lost the ball on downs while already leading 35-14. The Terriers were also 4-of-4 the previous game against Catawba.

The Terriers have lost the ball on downs four times, missed two field goals, and had one turnover on their seven non-scoring possessions.

SoCon Defensive Leaders
• Inside linebacker Jim Thurman tops the SoCon in interceptions (0.6 per game) with all three picks coming in the last two games.
• Outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker has a team-high three sacks and is tied for third in the SoCon in that category.

Opening and Closing Strong
Wofford has outscored its opponents 35-7 in the opening quarter and 48-16 in the fourth quarter this season.

The middle frames have seen the opposition hold a 70-42 edge with 42 of those points coming by Air Force. When taking out the Falcons, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 42-28 in the second and third quarters over the last four games.

Lightning Delay
Wofford’s 28-3 win over Catawba 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 first game at Gibbs Stadium (Oct. 5, 1996 versus Presbyterian).
Wofford Record Holder

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

He ranks among the national leaders with a 41.3 average that would be even more impressive if he wasn't asked to sacrifice his average to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

He's also Wofford's career record holder with a 41.1 mark.

Miner set a single-season school record while ranking 12th nationally with a 42.2 mark last season.

His best friend is long snapper Jonathan Starks, who the Wofford staff says is the best they've ever seen at that position.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche ...

Wofford leads the SoCon with its plus-nine (1.80 per game) rating in the turnover margin, nearly double that of second-place Appalachian State (1.00).

The Terriers are a plus-11 in their four games in which it scored first.

Avoiding the Flag

Wofford is the SoCon's fourth-least penalized team at 40.6 yards per game (23 flags for 203 yards) in its five games.

The Terriers were the SoCon's second-least penalized team (54 for 393 yards) last season.

Ball Hogs

Wofford places fourth in the SoCon in time of possession at 30:14 per game.

The Terriers held a 9:31-to-5:29 edge in the pivotal fourth quarter against Georgia Southern when they outscored the Eagles 13-0 for a 20-14 victory.

I Hope I Score

Beginning with the Oct. 27, 2001 contest at The Citadel, Wofford has won its last 14 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 S.C. State last season.

The Marshall Plan

Prior to becoming the dominant program in Division I-AA, Marshall had to wait five years to win its first Southern Conference game after beginning league play in 1977.

With 26 victories in its opening six-plus years of SoCon membership, Wofford is well ahead of schedule on "The Marshall Plan."

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 Over .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 26-24 (.520), 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 (44), Appalachian State (38), Furman (36), Wofford (26), Western Carolina (23), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (17), and The Citadel (15).

Long Distance Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this year, with the top three coming in the second half of the 42-14 win at Chattanooga:

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Wingbone Workings

Listed below are Wofford's top individual rushing performances this season:

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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)
The Kevious Plan

• True freshman **Kevious Johnson** is tied for the SoCon lead in touchdowns (six) while placing third in scoring (7.2 points per game). He has six of the Terriers' 18 touchdowns (33.3 percent) this season. The Fitzgerald, Ga., native has five of Wofford's 15 rushing scores and the Terriers' lone touchdown grab, the game-winning 24-yard catch and run with 1:47 to play in the 20-14 victory over Georgia Southern.

• Johnson is tied for 42nd nationally in scoring (7.2 ppg) and is sixth among freshmen in I-AA.

• Johnson is the Terriers' leading rusher while ranking 10th in the SoCon with 215 yards on a 4.4 per carry average (43.0 yards per game).

• Against Georgia Southern, Johnson became the first Wofford freshman since **Shawn Graves** (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.

• Earlier this season, Johnson became the first Wofford player to see action at both halfback and fullback in the same game since **Freddie Brown**, his position coach, accomplished the feat during his playing days (1987-90).

The Touchdown Maker

Sophomore halfback **Gabriel Jackson** scored two touchdowns via different methods in a 50-second span of the first quarter in a 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6).

After **Alex Love** blocked a Bulldog punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson fell on the ball in the end zone for the Terriers' first touchdown of the night. S.C. State then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson had an 11-yard scoring run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead.

The Airborne Unit

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

Helping lead the way is sophomore linebacker **Alex Love**, who has blocked a punt in two of the Terriers' last five home games.

Love recorded a block in the 2002 home finale against Furman and another in this year's Gibbs Stadium debut versus S.C. State.

**Bethay Named All-SoCon in Track**

Defensive lineman **Katon Bethay** became Wofford's first-ever All-SoCon performer in indoor track with his efforts in the shot put last season. Bethay is a two-time All-SoCon performer, a first-team All-America in 2002, and an NFL prospect.

He is arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford and is on pace to become the college's all-time leading tackler. 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.

Nelson tied a career-high, set last year at Maryland, with a game-best 18 tackles in the season opener at Air Force. 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. 357 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 287 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
4. 269 - David Leibowitz, 1986-88
5. 250 - Eric Daniell, 1994-97

**Wofford Career Solo Tackles**

1. 240 - 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. 117 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 116 - Rodney Payne, 1982-85
4. 115 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 109 - Eric Daniell, 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

**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 second youngest facility in the Southern Conference.

With a capacity of 13,000, Gibbs Stadium opened in October 1996. Only Chattanooga's Finley Stadium (1997) is newer.

The Terriers have a 24-12 home record (.667) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.

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.
A Statistical Comparison
The following are how this year’s team statistics compare:

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Did You Know?
Terrier Head 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 Starting Lineup

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WOFFORD VS. ELON

WOFFORD COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP
(updated Oct. 5, 2003)

OFFENSE

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, Sr.)
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.)
87 Brian Rice (5-10, 190, Jr.)

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

HALFBACK
2 Terrance Ware (5-9, 180, Fr.)
34 Corey Dunn (5-11, 205, So.)

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

HALFBACK
20 Kevious Johnson (5-9, 180, Fr.)
48 Demetrick Swindler (5-10, 175, Fr.)

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.)
43 Steve Hoover (6-0, 210, 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.)

INSIDE LINEBACKER
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Sr.)
8 Craig Thomas (5-10, 188, Sr.)

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.)
9 Shane Fast (6-1, 195, Sr.)

STRONG SAFETY
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Sr.)
8 Craig Thomas (5-10, 188, Sr.)

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

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
5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
87 Brian Rice (5-10, 190, Jr.)

KICKOFF RETURNS
83 Matt Beavin (5-10, 170, Fr.)
20 Kevious Johnson (5-9, 180, Fr.)

HOLDER
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 210, Jr.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 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.)
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 35th 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.

Wofford

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Air Force
| 0 | 21 | 17 | 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 - Harriage 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 12:35
A - Shaffer 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

Air Force

| 49 | 0 | 21 | 21 | 7 |

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), 48
S - King 6 pass from Young, :00

Wofford

| 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 13 |

S.C. State

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 |

Air Force

| 35 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 13 |

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), .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

| 12 | 16 | 25 | 7 | 16 |

S.C. State

| 61 | 186 | 25 | 16 |

Air Force

| 38 | 307 | 45 | 28 | 0 |

GSU

| 224 | 291 | 25 | 48 | 20 |

Wofford Individuals

Rushing
McNair 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

| 21 | 14 |

GSU

| 64 | 292 | 48 | 210 |

Wofford

| 83 | 66 |

GSU

| 375 | 276 |

Wofford

| 11 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 7 | 0 |

GSU

| 4 | 36.0 | 3 | 38.0 |

Wofford

| 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |

GSU

| 5 | 50 | 9 | 75 |

Wofford

| 32 | 19 | 27 | 41 |

GSU

| 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)

Wofford

| 74 | 0 | 64 | 1 TD; Zolman 4-2-0, 19 yards |

GSU

| 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 0 0 0 3 3
Wofford 7 7 14 14 42

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 yard field goal, 10:53
W - Dorrham 1 run (Robinson kick), 6:28

First Downs 2 0 2 6
Rushes - Yards 56 - 365 35 - 103
Passing Yards 103 293
Total Offense 468 396
Passes 11 - 5 - 0 50 - 36 - 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 28:40

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.

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 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), :36

Wofford 7 7 14 14 42
Chattanooga 0 7 7 0 14

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Passing Yards 103 293
Total Offense 468 396
Passes 11 - 5 - 0 50 - 36 - 3
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Fumbles - Lost 2 - 0 1 - 0
Penalties - Yards 4 - 47 8 - 59
Time of Possession 31:17 28:40

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 1-0

Passing
Zolman 7-5-0, 103 yards; Rodgers 4-0-0

Receiving
Wood 2-68, Mungin 1-19, Berry 1-10, Nash 1-6
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Also receiving Offensive Player of the Week honors is Chattanooga receiver Alonzo Nix who established a SoCon single-game mark for receptions with 18 for 135 yards.

Thrift receives the league Defensive Player of the Week award after setting a Wofford record and tying SoCon and NCAA standards with a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Thrift totaled 12 tackles (nine solo), including two for a loss. The junior from Hilliard, Fla., also had a key sack on a 3rd-and-7 play in addition to a pass breakup and quarterback hurry. He places second on the Terriers for the season with 59 tackles while leading the team with seven stops behind the line of scrimmage.
The Wofford football team moved up two places to No. 10 in this week's Division I-AA Top 25 polls by The Sports Network/CSTV and ESPN/USA Today.

The ranking of 10th in the nation equals the Terriers' highest appearance ever in a I-AA poll since joining those ranks in 1995. Wofford was also ranked 10th late last season.

The Terriers host Elon on Saturday. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium.
Halfback Ben Mungin and inside linebacker Timmy Thrift will be honored by the Spartanburg Touchdown Club on Friday as the Wofford Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week for their performance in the 42-14 win at Chattanooga.

Mungin has established himself as the Terriers' primary blocking back. He had knockdown blocks on all five of J.R. McNair's Wofford and SoCon record-tying five touchdown runs. He totaled seven knockdowns in the game while adding a 12-yard carry and 19-yard reception.

A junior from Lithonia, Ga., Mungin has started all but one game over the last two seasons.

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Wofford is one of more than 300 schools across the country participating in this campaign focused on attracting more of the nation’s youth to college games. The "Take a Kid to the Game" program is entering its ninth year in the promotion of NCAA Athletics.

“We are pleased to support the NCAA 'Take a Kid to the Game' program in keeping with Wofford’s long tradition of reaching out to the youth of our community through athletics,” said Lenny Mathis, Wofford assistant athletic director for marketing and promotions. “Our wish is that all of the kids in the region will have the chance to experience the one-of-a-kind atmosphere that is NCAA Football.”

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Update your profile or unsubscribe here.
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Shaun Bennett blocked two Elon punts as 10th-ranked Wofford scored 28 second-half points for the second game in a row to roll past the Phoenix, 45-7, in the Terriers' Homecoming game this afternoon at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

Wofford (5-1, 3-0) is off to its first 3-0 start in the SoCon since beginning league play in 1997. The Terriers have also won five in a row for the first time in its Division I-AA era which began in 1995. The last time Wofford had a five-game winning streak was when it opened the 1991 campaign with a 5-0 record while competing in Division II. The Terriers' 5-1 record after six games equals its best start to a season since 1991.

The Terriers, after losing nine defensive starters to graduation off a unit that led the SoCon in run defense, pass defense, and total defense last season, have allowed a total of just 51 points (10.2 per game) in their five-game winning streak.

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. It was the first career field goal for Robinson who had never played football on any level until this season. He was a soccer player while growing up in DeLand, Fla.

On Elon's ensuing series, an Anthony Turowski punt was blocked by Bennett with Kevious Johnson making the recovery at the Phoenix 30-yard line. Five plays later, Gabriel Jackson scored on a 10-yard run on a 4th-and-1 play to give Wofford a 10-0 lead with 13:24 left in the first half.

The Phoenix (2-5, 1-3) responded with a 15-play, 65-yard drive covering 7:27 to pull within 10-7 when Ronnie Dargan scored from two yards out with 5:57 remaining in the second quarter. The touchdown came one play after Wofford was called for a roughing the kicker penalty on a 22-yard field goal by William Rawls. The Phoenix elected to take the points off the board and instead had a 1st-and-goal at the 2.

The Terriers then drove 70 yards in 10 plays to take a 17-7 lead when Trey Rodgers connected with his former Dorman High School teammate Curtis Nash on a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:54 left in the first half. Nash had a career-high five receptions for 86 yards, including a spectacular 48-yard catch on a Jeff Zolman pass in the second half. Nash also had a nine-yard carry on a reverse.

"I was very proud of the way our young guys played and how the quarterbacks carried the team," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "My staff did a great job of getting our guys ready for an Elon team that has some excellent athletes.

"We had a tremendous effort by our special teams with the punt blocks. It fired up the sideline and got our guys playing. We started a little sluggish but we really picked it up."

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Following a bad snap over Turowski’s head in the third quarter, the Terriers recovered the ball at the Elon 14. Three plays later, Rodgers scored from a yard out to give Wofford a 24-7 lead with 8:28 left in the third quarter.

Bennett's second punt block of the game later that quarter 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 added a pair of fourth-quarter scores as Zolman hit tight end Adam Regenthal with a 14-yard touchdown pass in addition to reaching the end zone himself on a 30-yard carry.

"They got momentum right before the half to get to 17-7, but I thought we were in pretty good shape if we could come out and make some first downs in the second half," Elon coach Al Seagraves said. "We just had difficulty completing anything and then when we did, we came up a yard or two short. We've got to come up with a yard or two more.

"We had a shot at it in the first half, but then they just had their way with us in the second half."

The Terriers outgained the Phoenix by a 356-to-174 margin, including 198-to-68 in the second half. Wofford held Elon to just three first downs over the final two quarters and to just 2.8 yards per play on the 62 offensive snaps for the Phoenix.

Zolman was Wofford's top rusher with 64 yards on six carries, while completing 3-of-4 passes for 60 yards. Rodgers was 4-of-7 in the air for 38 yards as the Wofford signal callers combined to complete 7-of-11 passes for 98 yards. Corey Dunn added 59 yards rushing on seven attempts as Wofford ran for 258 yards.

Marcus Johnson led Elon with 54 yards on 23 carries while Chad Nkang rushed seven times for 27 yards.

The Terriers will be at Western Carolina next week in a 2 p.m. game while Elon will host Chattanooga at 2 p.m.
Offensive tackle Kevin Hodapp and special teams standout Shaun Bennett 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 45-7 victory over Elon.

Hodapp graded out at 95 percent while recording three knockdown blocks. The junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, was instrumental in the Terriers totaling 356 yards of offense, including 258 on the ground and 98 in the air.

Hodapp is in his first season as a starter after serving in a backup role last year to graduated All-SoCon right tackle Jesse Blackburn.

A native of High Point, N.C., Bennett recorded two punt blocks on Saturday.

Bennett's first block came late in the first quarter and set up a 5-play, 30-yard scoring drive which gave Wofford a 10-0 lead. He then added another block in the third quarter. On the first play of the Terriers' ensuing series, Trey Rodgers scored on a 5-yard run to increase Wofford's lead to 31-7 at the time.
The Wofford football team climbed two places to No. 8 in this week's Division I-AA Top 25 poll by The Sports Network/CSTV.

The No. 8 position represents the Terriers' highest ranking in Division I-AA since joining those ranks in 1995. Wofford (5-1, 3-0) is in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play.

Wofford travels to Western Carolina on Saturday. Kickoff is 2 p.m. from Cullowhee, N.C.
Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 2 p.m. game at Western Carolina. The complete set of notes are also posted on the Terriers' web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble accessing the notes, please feel free to let me know via e-mail or phone (864-597-4093).

Thanks.

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Associate AD/SID
Wofford College

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WOFFORD AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Game 7
Wofford at Western Carolina
Oct. 18, 2003; 2 p.m.
E.J. Whitmire Stadium (13,742); Cullowhee, N.C.

This Week

• The Wofford football team, in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play, travels to Cullowhee, N.C., to face Western Carolina.
• The Terriers are eighth in this week's Sports Network/CSTV poll for their highest ranking since joining the Division I-AA ranks in 1995.
• The Terriers are off to their first 3-0 SoCon start since beginning league play in 1997. Wofford has also put together its first five-game winning streak as a I-AA member. The Terriers had not won five in a row since opening the 1991 campaign with a 5-0 record while competing in Division II. Wofford's 5-1 mark equals its best start to a season since 1991.
• During the five-game winning streak, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 170-51. In that stretch, the Wofford defense is allowing just 10.2 points per game, 97.0 yards rushing (2.6 per carry), and was 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions, including a successful 4th-and-1 from its own 24 yard line.

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• The Terriers are 5-1 as a SoCon member versus Western Carolina. The Catamounts' lone win over Wofford in league play was the last time the teams met in Cullowhee. Western Carolina held off a late Terrier charge for a 31-28 victory. Wofford was victimized by four turnovers that night.
• Overall, Wofford holds a 14-11 series edge over Western Carolina. The first game was a 20-13 Terrier win in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1952.

In last season's meeting, Terrier fullback and student body president J.R. McNair rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns to lead a Wofford attack that totaled 397 yards on the ground in a 31-24 victory.

Four of the Terriers' five scoring drives were at least 74 yards in length, including a 19-play, 77-yard drive that covered 940. Wofford held a 36:28-to-23:32 advantage in time of possession and was 4-of-5 on fourth-down conversions, including a successful 4th-and-1 from its own 24 yard line.

Last Week

Shaun Bennett blocked two Elon punts as Wofford scored 28 second-half points for the second game in a row en route to a 45-7 Homecoming victory over Elon.

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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 (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. He tied a Wofford and SoCon record with five rushing touchdowns in a 42-14 win at Chattanooga.
• Wofford is allowing an average of just 10.2 points in its five-game winning streak.
• Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 11th nationally in team rushing (250.3 yards per game) but does not have an individual among the Top 10 ground gainers in the league.
• All-America free safety Matt Nelson has a team-best 85 tackles to go with two interceptions and two forced fumbles.
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 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-to-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-to-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-to-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.

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.

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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A Record-Tying 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 38-7 in the opening quarter and 62-16 in the fourth quarter this season.

The middle frames have seen the opposition hold a 77-70 edge with 42 of those points coming by Air Force. When taking out the Falcons, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 70-28 in the second and third quarters over the last five 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).
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:

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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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"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."

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.

1239 vs. 1100
Wofford College boasts a higher SAT average (1239) than enrollment (1100).
When Last In Action
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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)

A Look Back
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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
McNair 19-93, A. Johnson 7-81, Jackson 14-80, Jones 13-62, Zolman 6-27, Mungin 7-25, Fogle 5-19, Dunn 3-10

Passing
Zolman 8-4-0, 48 yards

Receiving
Mungin 2-30, Regenthal 1-15, Goodpaster 1-3

Basic Formations
Wofford Offense: Wingbone
Wofford Defense: Multiple 50
Western Carolina Offense: Multiple Pro
Western Carolina Defense: 4-3

Class Breakdown
Wofford Offense -
4 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen

Western Carolina Defense -
3 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 2 freshmen

Wofford Defense -
5 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 0 freshmen

Western Carolina Offense
5 seniors, 2 juniors, 3 sophomores, 1 freshman

The Head Coaches
Mike Ayers
Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) '74
16th season at Wofford, 19th as a head coach
Record at Wofford: 95-76-1. Overall Record: 106-97-2.

Kent Briggs
Alma Mater: Western Carolina '79
2nd season at Western Carolina, 2nd as a head coach
Record at Western Carolina: 8-10. Overall Record: 8-10.

Charting Wofford's Opponents

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The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 95 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 Head 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 6-1 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:
*Wofford at Western Carolina, 2 p.m.
*Chattanooga at Elon, 2 p.m.
Liberty at East Tennessee State, 2 p.m.
*Furman at The Citadel, 3:30 p.m.
*Georgia Southern at Appalachian State, 4 p.m.
*SoCon Game

Last Week:
*Wofford 45, Elon 7
*Georgia Southern 31, Western Carolina 25
*Appalachian State 13, Furman 10
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. It was part of a 126-yard performance, his third time over the century mark in a six-game stretch dating back to last season. His effort that afternoon earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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
- 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

Vintage Wofford Football
• Wofford has run the ball on 84.4 percent (329-of-390) of its offensive snaps this season.
• Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 11th nationally in team rushing (250.3 yards per game) despite not having an individual listed among the Top 10 ground gainers in the league.
• Wofford has had four different leading rushers in its six games.
• Nine Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
• The Terriers have eight ball carriers with between 23 and 56 rushing attempts this season and seven players with at least 121 yards.
• Wofford has seven players averaging at least 24.2 yards per game rushing. J.R. McNair leads the way at 49.8 while freshman Kevious Johnson is the top ground gainer with 248 yards.
• Prior to the Elon game, Wofford had improved its rushing total in each game this season. Listed below are the Terriers’ game-by-game rushing efforts:

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Air Ayers
• Jeff Zolman (19-of-34) and Trey Rodgers (14-of-27) have combined to complete 54.1 percent (33-of-61) of their passes on the year, averaging 12.9 yards per completion.
• Wofford is the lone team in the SoCon to place two quarterbacks among the league leaders in pass efficiency.
  Rodgers is third with a 122.1 rating while Zolman is seventh at 110.6. As a team, the Terriers are third in the league in pass efficiency (115.7).
• Wofford’s longest play from scrimmage this season was a 59-yard completion from Zolman to Shiel Wood at Chattanooga. Three of the Terriers’ five longest plays from scrimmage are via the air.
• Wofford beat Georgia Southern with the pass as Rodgers hit Kevious Johnson on the game-winning 24-yard touchdown completion with 1:47 left.
  Wood (10 receptions, 152 yards) and Curtis Nash (nine receptions, 148 yards) are averaging a combined 15.8 yards per catch.
• Adam Regenthal’s 14-yard touchdown reception against Elon was the first catch of the year by a Terrier tight end.

Bring Back the FOX Cameras
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.

Wofford doesn’t have a set FOX game the remainder of the season. However, there is a possibility of another appearance on the network. FOX has the rights to a pair of SoCon games on Nov. 15 (Wofford-Furman, Appalachian State-Western Carolina). Depending on championship/playoff implications, FSNS will announce two weeks prior to the game which contest it will decide to air.

If the Wofford-Furman game is chosen, the scheduled 2 p.m. kickoff in Greenville would be changed to a different time.

Packing the Stands
Wofford is on a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium this season.

After setting a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers drew 9,648 for Georgia Southern (Sept. 20). It was an impressive considering the game was televised regionally on FOX Sports Net South.

Through four games, Wofford is averaging 9,087 in attendance compared to 8,391 last season. The Terriers rank 37th nationally in home attendance out of 120 Division I-AA programs.
Magic Numbers

- Wofford has a 59-2-1 record in the 62 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 194 points in its last 19 wins (10.2 per game).
- Wofford has surrendered only 51 points (10.2 per game) in their current five-game winning streak.
- Wofford has won 38 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.

The Terriers' first game in that stretch was a 29-27 loss at Marshall in the 1998 season finale. Wofford saw its bid for an upset over the Herd fall short when a 29-yard field goal was blocked with just over three minutes to play.

Listed below are Wofford's Division I-A games since the reclassification in 1982:

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SoCon Honors

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Wofford POTW

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Shutting Down the Opposition

- Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year's starting defense, the Terriers have surrendered only 51 points (10.2 per game) in their current five-game winning streak.
- Wofford is allowing just 97.0 yards per game rushing (2.6 per carry) and 286.6 in total offense during that stretch.
- The Terriers rank third in the SoCon in scoring defense (16.7 points) and overall defense (317.0 yards).
- In three SoCon games, Wofford has held its opposition (Georgia Southern, Chattanooga, Elan) to just 35 points.
- One week after torching No. 1 McNeese State for 376 rushing yards, Georgia Southern mustered just 210 yards on the ground against Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half, including 20 in the fourth quarter.
- Wofford holding South Carolina State (Sept. 6) 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 de Jesus, 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.”

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 (13) and attempts (22) while ranking a close second to Elon (6-of-10, 60.0) in success rate (59.1 percent). The next closest teams in fourth-down tries are Georgia Southern and Chattanooga with 12.

Wofford was 19-of-36 (52.8 percent) on fourth-down conversions last year compared to just 13 attempts for the opposition.

The Terriers were 21-of-33 (63.6 percent) on fourth-down attempts in 2001. Wofford was also 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth downs in the 2000 campaign and 24-of-39 (61.5 percent) in 1999.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Team Graybeard

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

One Out of 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 30 games.

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

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in 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.
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 yards rushing.
• The Terriers wore down the Eagles in the fourth quarter, holding a 9:31 to 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 Georgia Southern 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 (292-210) 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 freshman 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 as he's 23-23 on the year.

Robinson also had his first career field goal with a 29-yard effort in the win over Elon.

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.

Key Wins with a Stingy Defense

Last season saw Wofford become the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996.

In the process, the Terriers held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

Quick Scores

Twice this season, Wofford has scored a pair of touchdowns in under a minute.

In the 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers blocked a punt which was recovered by Gabriel Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown. Two plays and 50 seconds later, Jackson scored again on an 11-yard run.

The Terriers scored twice in a 52-second span in the 28-3 win over Catawba (Sept. 27). After Corey Dunn scored on a 7-yard run, Jim Thurman interception an Indian pass on their second play of the ensuing series. Two plays later, Aaron Johnson reached the end zone on a 2-yard touchdown carry.

Is Beating Georgia Southern Key?

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.

Terriers Top the SoCon in Red Zone Work

Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (28) and touchdowns (20). No other league member has more than 14 touchdowns in the red zone.

The Terriers place third overall in the SoCon with their 75.0 success rate (21-of-28) on scoring points in the red zone.

Wofford has scored touchdowns on 14 of its 16 possessions (87.5 percent) inside the red zone over the last three games. The Terriers were also successful on a field goal in that stretch.

Wofford Scoring Drives

Wofford has nine scoring drives of at least 70 yards in length 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).

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives on the year:

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SoCon Defensive Leaders

• Inside linebacker Jim Thurman is tied for the SoCon lead in interceptions (0.50 per game) with three picks in six games while also placing in a tie for second in forced fumbles (two).

• Free safety Matt Nelson has a team-best 85 tackles while also ranking in a tie for second in forced fumbles (two) and a tie for third in interceptions (two).

• Outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker has a team-high three sacks and is tied for fourth in the SoCon in that category.

• Defensive tackle Lee Basinger and corner back Craig Thomas are tied for third in the league with their two fumble recoveries.
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.

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

He ranks among the national leaders with a 40.5 average that would be even more impressive if he wasn't asked to sacrifice his average to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

He's also Wofford's career record holder with a 41.0 mark.

Miner set a single-season school record while ranking 12th nationally with a 42.2 mark last season.

His 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.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche ...
Wofford leads the SoCon in turnover margin (1.33 per game) with its plus-eight rating (15 takeaways, 7 giveaways).

The Terriers are a plus-10 in their five wins and a minus-two in the lone loss.

I Hope I Score
Beginning with the Oct. 27, 2001 contest at The Citadel, Wofford has won its last 15 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 S.C. State last season.

Avoiding the Flag
The Terriers are the SoCon's third-least penalized team at 42.0 yards per game (29 flags for 252 yards).

Wofford was the SoCon's second-least penalized team (54 for 393 yards) last season.

The Marshall Plan
Prior to becoming the dominant program in Division I-AA, Marshall had to wait five years to win its first Southern Conference game after beginning league play in 1977.

With 27 victories in its opening six-plus years of SoCon membership, Wofford is well ahead of schedule on "The Marshall Plan."

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 Over .500 in SoCon History
Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 27-24 (.529), 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 (45), Appalachian State (39), Furman (36), Wofford (27), Western Carolina (23), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (17), and The Citadel (15).

Long Distance Terriers
Listed below are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this year, with the top three coming in the second half of the 42-14 win at Chattanooga. Three of the top five are via the pass:

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Wingbone Workings
Listed below are Wofford's top individual rushing performances this season:

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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 Teacheys (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)
The Kevious Plan

• True freshman Kevious Johnson is the Terriers' leading rusher with 248 yards on a 4.4 per carry average.
• He is tied for second in the SoCon in touchdowns (six) while also tying for third in scoring (6.0 points per game).

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 became the first Wofford freshman since Shawn Graves (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.
• Johnson is the first Wofford 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."

Wofford's Shaun Bennett blocked two punts against Elon. The Terriers have now blocked three punts this season and nine over the last four years.

All three of Wofford's punt blocks this season have led to touchdowns, covering a total of just six plays and 35 yards:

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The Touchdown Maker

Sophomore halfback Gabriel Jackson scored two touchdowns via different methods in a 50-second span of the first quarter in a 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6).

After Alex Love blocked a Bulldog punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson fell on the ball in the end zone for the Terriers' first touchdown of the night. S.C. State then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson had an 11-yard scoring run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead.

Bethay Named All-SoCon in Track

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

Scheduling Quirks

• Wofford has 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 leaves the Palmetto State for only three of its 11 contests this season.

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.

He is arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford and is on pace to become the college's all-time leading tackler. 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.

Nelson tied a career-high, set last year at Maryland, with a game-best 18 tackles in the season opener at Air Force. 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. 399 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
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3. 378 - Eric Daniell, 1994-97
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5. 370 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present

Wofford Career Solo Tackles
1. 247 - 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. 123 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 116 - Rodney Payne, 1982-85
4. 115 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
5. 109 - Eric Daniell, 1994-97

Wofford Single-Season Solo Tackles
1. 5 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
2. 4 - Ben Dae, 1996-99
3. 4 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
4. 3 - Matt Nelson, 2002
5. 3 - Travis Yates, 1987-90

Wofford Single-Season Assisted Tackles
1. 23 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
2. 14 - Ben Dae, 1996-99
3. 11 - Travis Yates, 1987-90
4. 10 - Eric Daniell, 1994-97
5. 10 - Travis Yates, 1987-90

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 25-12 home record (.676) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.
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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 COLLEGE

**TWO-DEEP**  
*(updated Oct. 12, 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 1969 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 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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A - Cole 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 4:35
A - Shaffer 2 run (Ashcroft kick), .15

Third Quarter
A - Harris 3 run (Ashcroft kick), 12:35
A - Shaffer 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

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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)

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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W - Jackson 0 blocked punt return (Robinson kick), :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), 48
S - King 6 pass from Young, .00

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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

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.

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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

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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 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. Kevin Johnson capped the 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard scoring run.

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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.

Wofford

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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 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 downs over the final two quarters and just 2.8 yards per play in the game.

Elon

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| Receiving | Nash 5-86, Regenthal 1-14, Sullivan 1-2 |
Jeff Zolman had a team-high 55 yards rushing while completing all five of his pass attempts for 73 yards to lead the No. 8 Wofford football team to a 38-6 rout of Western Carolina this afternoon before a crowd of 11,021 in Cullowhee, N.C.

Wofford (6-1, 4-0) remains in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play. The Terriers’ next two games are against teams directly behind them in the league standings. Wofford hosts Appalachian State (4-3, 3-1) next week before traveling to The Citadel (4-3, 3-1) on Nov. 1.

The Terriers have won six in a row for the first time in their nine-year Division I-AA era. It's Wofford's longest winning streak since a run of 11 consecutive victories that spanned the final three games of the 1989 season and the opening eight contests in 1990 while the Terriers were competing in Division II.

Wofford's 6-1 record is its best start to a season since the 1990 squad opened 7-0. The Terriers are 4-0 for the first time in seven SoCon seasons.

During the six-game winning streak, Wofford has outscored its opponents by a 208-57 margin (an average of 34.7-to-9.5). In four SoCon games, the Terriers have totaled 145 points (36.3 avg.) to just 41 (10.3 avg.) for the opposition.

The Terriers limited Western Carolina to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries (1.6 avg.). During the six-game winning streak, Wofford opponents are averaging just 86.3 yards rushing on a 2.5 per carry average.

Curtis Nash had four receptions for a career-high 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown catch from Trey Rodgers as the Wofford quarterbacks combined to go 6-of-6 in the air for 124 yards. Nash, who had five catches for 86 yards in last week's 45-7 win over Elon, became the first Terrier to reach the century mark in receiving since Isaac Goodpaster had two catches for 100 yards in a 35-10 victory over Charleston Southern on Sept. 22, 2001.

Zolman led the Terriers on 74 and 75-yard scoring drives on their first two possessions of the game to take an early 14-0 lead.

On Wofford's first scoring drive, on the game's opening series, the Terriers converted a pair of fourth-down attempts. Zolman carried for six yards when Wofford had a 4th-and-2 at its own 34. Zolman also had a 25-yard run on a 3rd-and-17 from the Terrier 33. Kevious Johnson capped the drive with a 35-yard scoring run on a 4th-and-2 play. A true freshman, Johnson was the Terriers' second-leading rusher with 44 yards on six attempts.

Wofford increased its lead to 14-0 on its next possession when J.R. McNair scored on a 4th-and-goal from the 1-yard line with 11:57 left in the first half.

The Terriers took a 21-0 halftime lead when Rodgers reached the end zone on a 4-yard run with 30 seconds left in the second quarter. The touchdown was set up by a Manny DeShauteurs fumble that was recovered by Teddie Whitaker at the Western Carolina 17.

"I can't say enough about the effort of our kids," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "They are playing as a very focused and determined group.

"The defensive effort was outstanding. Our defensive staff (defensive coordinator/inside linebacker coach Nate Woody, defensive line coach Jack Teachey, outside linebacker coach Thomas Neel, defensive back coach Terry Lantz) did a tremendous job with the game plan against a very explosive Western Carolina team.

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Wofford entered the game leading the SoCon in turnover margin and forced four Catamount turnovers. The Terriers are now a +11 (19 takeaways, eight giveaways) on the season.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wofford extended its lead to 24-0 when Nick Robinson converted a 27-yard field goal with 12:54 left in the game.

Western Carolina closed within 24-6 when Michale Spicer scored on a 1-yard run with 7:23 remaining. It was the first career rushing attempt for the defensive end, who is the SoCon preseason Defensive Player of the Year. However, Catamount quarterback Brian Gaither was stopped on the 2-point rush to keep the contest a three-score differential.

Two plays after Matt Nelson recovered the Catamounts’ ensuing onside kick, Rodgers hit his former Dorman High School teammate Nash for the 51-yard scoring pass that gave the Terriers a 31-6 lead with 6:31 to play.

An 81-yard interception return by Derek Newberry set up Wofford's final touchdown as Terrance Ware scored on a 10-yard run with 1:38 left.

The Terriers totaled 318 yards in offense, including 198 on the ground. Wofford was also 9-of-18 on third-down conversions and 3-of-4 on fourth-down attempts. The Terriers held a 33:16-to-26:36 edge in time of possession.

Western Carolina (3-5, 2-3) entered the game having had consecutive 6-point losses to Furman and Georgia Southern. Gaither led the Catamounts by completing 31-of-49 passes for 257 yards. Lamont Seward had 11 receptions for 121 yards.
Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 12:20 p.m. home game with Appalachian State. The complete set of notes are also available on our web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble with this file, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

Mark Cohen
Associate AD/Media Relations
Wofford College
The Wofford football team, in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play, hosts second-place Appalachian State in a key league battle that will be televised nationally by The Football Network and seen regionally on CSS.

The Terriers are sixth in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll, representing their highest ranking ever at this level.

The Terriers are off to their first 4-0 SoCon start since beginning league play in 1997. Wofford has also put together its first six-game winning streak as a I-AA member. The Terriers had not won six in a row since being victorious in the final three games of the 1989 season and the opening eight contests in 1990 as a Division II member. The 11-game winning streak was the longest in the nation for any level at that time.

Wofford's 6-1 mark is its best start to a season since moving to Division I-AA in 1995 and the top mark after seven games since the 1990 Division II squad opened 7-0.

During the six-game winning streak, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 208-57. In that stretch, the defense is allowing just 9.5 points per game, 86.3 yards rushing, and 295.0 in total offense. The Terriers are scoring at a 34.7 clip while averaging 345.0 yards.

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The Terriers rushed for a single-game Appalachian State opponent record 472 yards in last year's 26-19 victory over the Mountaineers. Gabriel Jackson's 61-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to play provided the winning points.

Wofford added 35 yards passing for 507 yards of total offense in controlling the line of scrimmage with 84 offensive plays, including 81 runs. The Terriers held a 37:33-22:27 edge in time of possession. Wofford limited ASU to just 52 yards rushing and 282 in offense.

Last season's win in Boone, N.C., gave Wofford its first victory as a SoCon member over ASU. The Terriers are now 1-5 versus the Mountaineers since beginning league play in 1997. ASU holds an overall 11-8 lead in a series that began with a 23-14 Wofford win in Spartanburg, S.C., in 1960.

This Week

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 carry 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 first half.

The Terriers forced four turnovers on the day to improve to a SoCon-leading +11 in 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 second quarter to give the Terriers a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

Wofford limited Western Carolina to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries.

Wofford (6-1, 4-0)

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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 (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. He tied a college's student body president. He tied a Wofford and SoCon record with five rushing touchdowns in a 42-14 win at Chattanooga.

Wofford is allowing an average of just 9.5 points in its six-game winning streak.

Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 11th nationally in team rushing (242.3 yards per game) but does not have an individual among the Top 10 ground gainers in the league.

All-America free safety Matt Nelson has a team-best 95 tackles to go with two interceptions, two forced fumbles, and nine PBUs.
Wofford vs. Appalachian State

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 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-to-93 edge in total offense. The margin was 137-to-56 in the fourth quarter when the Terriers had a 9:31-to-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.

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.

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
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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

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 45-7 in the opening quarter and 79-22 in the fourth quarter this season.

The Terriers hold an 84-77 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 84-35 in the middle quarters over the last six 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).
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:

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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 College boasts a higher SAT average (1239) 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.

"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
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**Wofford Individuals**
- **Rushing**
  - 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

### A Look Back
Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 26-19 win at Appalachian State last year:

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**Wofford Individuals**
- **Rushing**
  - McCoy 22-145, Zolman 12-90, Jackson 2-72, Jones 17-64, McNair 14-54, Johnson 3-19, Fogle 3-14, Mungin 1-9, Goodpaster 1-8, Gaillard 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Team 4-(7)
- **Passing**
  - Zolman 3-2-1, 35 yards
- **Receiving**
  - Mungin 1-20, Gilmore 1-15

### Basic Formations
- **Wofford Offense:** Wingbone
- **Wofford Defense:** Multiple 50
- **Appalachian State Offense:** Multiple I
- **Appalachian State Defense:** 4-3

### Class Breakdown
- **Wofford Offense**
  - 4 seniors, 4 juniors, 2 sophomores, 1 freshman
- **Appalachian State Defense**
  - 5 seniors, 2 juniors, 2 sophomores, 2 freshmen
- **Wofford Defense**
  - 5 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 0 freshmen
- **Appalachian State Offense**
  - 2 seniors, 3 juniors, 3 sophomores, 3 freshmen

### The Head Coaches
- **Mike Ayers**
  - Alma Mater: Georgetown (Ky.) ’74
  - 16th season at Wofford, 19th as a head coach
  - Record at Wofford: 96-76-1. Overall Record: 107-97-2.
- **Jerry Moore**
  - Alma Mater: Baylor ’61
  - 15th season at Appalachian State, 22nd 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 96 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 Head 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 6-2 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: *Appalachian State at Wofford, 12:20 p.m.
*The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 1 p.m.
*Elon at Towson, 1 p.m.
*East Tennessee State at Furman, 2 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
*SoCon Game

Last Week: *Wofford 38, Western Carolina 6
*Appalachian State 28, Georgia Southern 21
*The Citadel 10, Furman 9
*Chattanooga 24, Elon 7
*East Tennessee State 33, Liberty 23
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, his third time over the century mark in a six-game stretch dating back to last season. His effort that afternoon earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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
• 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

Vintage Wofford Football
- Wofford has run the ball on 85.4 percent (391-of-458) of its offensive snaps this season.
- Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 11th nationally in team rushing (242.3 yards per game) despite not having an individual listed among the Top 10 ground gainers in the league.
- Wofford has had four different leading rushers in its seven games.
- 10 Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
- The Terriers have eight players with at least 27 carries on the year.

**J.R. McNair** has a team-best 63 attempts with **Kevious Johnson** and **Jeff Zolman** tied for second at 62.
- Four Wofford players (Johnson 292, Zolman 248, McNair 231, Corey Dunn 222) have rushed for at least 222 yards with three others totaling at least 130.
- Wofford has seven players averaging at least 21.7 yards per game rushing. **J.R. McNair** leads the way at 46.2 while freshman **Kevious Johnson** is the top ground gainer with 292 yards.
- Listed below are the Terriers' game-by-game rushing efforts:
  - Air Force: 88
  - S.C. State: 186
  - Georgia Southern: 292
  - Catawba: 313
  - Chattanooga: 365
  - Elon: 259
  - Western Carolina: 194

**Air Ayers**
- The Terriers top the SoCon in pass efficiency with a rating of 134.8.
  - It's a mark that also ranks 26th nationally.
- **Trey Rodgers** is the league leader among individuals at 148.4 while **Jeff Zolman** places fourth with a 125.0 pass efficiency rating.
- Wofford is the lone school to have two quarterbacks place in the top four in the league in pass efficiency.
- The Terriers' 58.2 completion percentage is second in the SoCon behind only Furman (59.3). Wofford is also second in the league in average yards per completion at 14.1 (Georgia Southern, 18.8).
- **Jeff Zolman** (24-of-39, 61.5) and **Trey Rodgers** (15-of-28, 53.6) have combined to pass for four touchdowns. Rodgers has three scores on his 15 completions. Two of those touchdowns have come in the last two weeks to his former Dorman High School teammate **Curtis Nash**.
- Four of Wofford's six longest plays from scrimmage this season have been 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 (13 receptions, 250 yards, 19.2 avg.) and **Shiel Wood** (10 receptions, 152 yards, 15.2 avg.) are averaging a combined 17.5 yards on their catches and have accounted for 59.0 percent (23-of-39) of Wofford's receptions on the year.
- **Adam Regenthal**'s 14-yard touchdown reception against Elon was the lone catch of the year by a Terrier tight end.

**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.

Packing the Stands

Wofford is on a record-setting pace for attendance at Gibbs Stadium this season.

After setting a single-game Gibbs Stadium mark with a crowd of 11,486 for South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers drew 9,648 for Georgia Southern (Sept. 20). It was impressive considering the game was televised regionally on FOX Sports Net South.

Through four games, Wofford is averaging 9,087 in attendance compared to 8,391 last season. The Terriers rank 37th nationally in home attendance out of 120 Division I-AA programs.
Magic Numbers
• Wofford has a 60-2-1 record in the 63 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 200 points in its last 20 wins (10.0 per game).
• Wofford has won 39 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.

The Terriers' first game in that stretch was a 29-27 loss at Marshall in the 1998 season finale. Wofford saw its bid for an upset over the Herd fall short when a 29-yard field goal was blocked with just over three minutes to play.

Listed below are Wofford’s Division I-A games since the reclassification in 1982:

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SoCon Honors
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Wofford POTW
The following are Wofford's Players of the Week from each game this season:

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<td>Curtis Nash, WR</td>
<td>Shaun Bennett, CB</td>
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Shutting down the Opposition
• Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year's defense, the Terriers have surrendered only 57 points (9.5 per game) in their current six-game winning streak.

Wofford is allowing just 86.3 yards per game rushing (2.5 per carry) and 295.0 in total offense during that stretch.

• The Terriers top the SoCon in rushing defense (128.3 ypg.) while ranking second in scoring defense (15.1 ppg.) and third in overall defense (319.9 ypg.).

• In four SoCon games, Wofford has held its opposition (Georgia Southern, Chattanooga, Elon, Western Carolina) to just 41 points for an average of 10.3 per contest.

• One week after torching No. 1 McNeese State for 376 rushing yards, Georgia Southern mustered just 210 yards on the ground against Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half, including 20 in the fourth quarter.

• Wofford holding South Carolina State to minus 16 yards rushing (Sept. 6) 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 de Jesus, 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.' 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."

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 (16), attempts (26), and success rate (61.5 percent).

Western Carolina (18) is the only other league team with more than 14 fourth-down tries, while The Citadel (57.1 percent, 4-of-7) is the lone other SoCon squad to make more than 50 percent of its fourth-down attempts.

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 quarterback Jeff Zolman carried for six yards and a first down.

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

Kevious 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.

The Terriers were 21-of-33 (63.6 percent) on fourth-down attempts in 2001. Wofford was also 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) on fourth downs in the 2000 campaign and 24-of-39 (61.5 percent) in 1999.

Wofford even converted a fake punt on a 4th-and-19 at its own 19-yard line in a 1992 game against Newberry.

Team Graybeard
All-SoCon left tackle Chad Bentley is the Terriers' lone fifth-year senior.
**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-to-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 Georgia Southern 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 freshman 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 (28), attempted (28), and percentage (100.0 percent).

Robinson's first two career field goals have come in the last two weeks with a 29-yard kick versus Elon and a 27-yard effort against Chattanooga. Wofford went 80 yards in four plays (2:12) on the opening series of the second half. Three possessions later, Wofford marched 80 yards again in just five 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).

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

**Key Wins with a Stingy Defense**

Last season saw Wofford become the first SoCon team to win at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State in the same season since Marshall in 1996.

In the process, the Terriers held both the Eagles and Mountaineers to under 300 yards of offense.

Georgia Southern had 234 yards rushing and 257 total in the Terriers' 14-7 victory, while Appalachian State was held to 52 yards on the ground and 282 total in Wofford's 26-19 win.

**Quick Scores**

Twice this season, Wofford has scored a pair of touchdowns in under a minute.

In the 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6), the Terriers blocked a punt which was recovered by Gabriel Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown. Two plays and 50 seconds later, Jackson scored again on an 11-yard run.

The Terriers scored twice in a 52-second span in the 28-3 win over Catawba (Sept. 27). After Corey Dunn scored on a 7-yard run, Jim Thurman intercepted an Indian pass on their second play of the ensuing series. Two plays later, Aaron Johnson reached the end zone on a 2-yard touchdown carry.

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**Is Beating Georgia Southern Key?**

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.

**Terriers Top the SoCon in Red Zone Work**

Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (33) and touchdowns (23). Only one other league member (Georgia Southern, 17) has more than 14 touchdowns in the red zone.

The Terriers place fourth in the SoCon with their 75.8 success rate (25-of-33) on scoring points in the red zone.

Wofford has scored touchdowns on 19 of its 23 possessions (82.6 percent) inside the red zone over the last four games. The Terriers have also been successful on two field goals in that stretch.

**Wofford Scoring Drives**

Wofford has 11 scoring drives of at least 70 yards in length 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).

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives on the year:

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*Blocked punt recovery in end zone
^Interception return for a TD

**Just About Every Six Games**

Dating back to the 2000 season finale at Louisiana-Monroe, the Terriers have faced a Division I opponent in five of their last 31 games.

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

Wofford Record Holder

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

He ranks among the national leaders with a 41.3 average that would be even more impressive if he wasn't asked to sacrifice yards to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

Miner is also Wofford's career record holder with a 41.1 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.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche ...

Wofford leads the SoCon in turnover margin (1.57 per game) with its plus-11 rating seen at that position.

The Wofford staff says is the best they've ever had.

It from a directional standpoint.

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 S.C. State last season.

Terriers Over .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 28-24 (.538), 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 (45), Appalachian State (40), Furman (36), Wofford (28), Western Carolina (23), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (18), and The Citadel (16).

Long Distance Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this year. Wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the top six. Four of the top six are also via the pass:

Yards  Play
59  Jeff Zolman pass to Shiel Wood vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 4
54  Curtis Nash run vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 4
51  Tre Rodger run vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 4
51  Tre Rodger TD pass to Curtis Nash vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 18
48  Jeff Zolman pass to Curtis Nash vs. Elon, Oct. 11
38  Tre Rodger pass to Curtis Nash vs. Air Force, Aug. 30
35  Kevious Johnson TD run vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 18
30  Jeff Zolman TD run vs. Elon, Oct. 11
26  Jeff Zolman run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 20
26  Corey Dunn run vs. Georgia Southern, Sept. 20

Wingbone Workings

Listed below are Wofford's top individual rushing performances this season:

Name  Opponent  Yards
J.R. McNair  Chattanooga  126
Aaron Johnson  Catawba  92
Kevious Johnson  Georgia Southern  81
Corey Dunn  Catawba  77
Corey Dunn  Georgia Southern  68
Jeff Zolman  Elon  64
Gabriel Jackson  Georgia Southern  61
Kevious Johnson  Catawba  60
Jeff Zolman  S.C. State  60

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 Hamming (14th year)
Def. Coordinator Nate Woody* (13th year)
Def. Line Coach Jack Teachev (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 26 years (1972-2000)
Making an Impression on the Opposition

- The Terriers' 472 rushing yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State last year set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.
- Wofford's 459 yards rushing in the 27-14 victory against The Citadel were the most allowed by the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

Zolman Makes Mark at Quarterback

Quarterback Jeff Zolman directed Wofford to wins at Georgia Southern and Appalachian State last season with near flawless performances (see charts below).

The younger brother of Greg Zolman, Vanderbilt's starting quarterback in the 2000 and 2001 campaigns, Zolman is a Dean's List student at Wofford.

The Terriers' sixth-longest plays from scrimmage, Zolman has taken part in four of the Terriers' 101-yard TDs this 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' six-longest plays from scrimmage.

With four catches for 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown, in the 38-6 win over Western Carolina, he has the first 100-yard receiving day by a Terrier since Isaac Goodpaster had two for 100 yards in a 2001 win over Charleston Southern.

Nash is averaging 19.2 yards with his 13 receptions for 250 yards on the year. His mark of 35.7 yards per game ranks 10th in the SoCon, an impressive feat for a receiver in Wofford's run-oriented attack.

Nash has had 16 and 51-yard touchdown receptions from his former Dorman High School teammate Trey Rodgers in each of the last two games. 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' longest rushing play of the season.

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.

Rising Through the Ranks

Wofford is in 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.

Bring Back the FOX Cameras

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.

Wofford doesn't have a set FOX game the remainder of the season. However, there is a possibility of another appearance on the network.

FOX has the rights to a pair of SoCon games on Nov. 15 (Wofford-Furman, Appalachian State-Western Carolina). Depending on championship/playoff implications, FSNS will announce two weeks prior to the game which contest it will decide to air.

If the Wofford-Furman game is chosen, the scheduled 2 p.m. kickoff in Greenville would be changed to a different time.

SoCon Defensive Leaders

- Free safety Matt Nelson has a team-best 95 tackles while also ranking in a tie for second in the SoCon in forced fumbles (two) and a tie for seventh in interceptions (two). He also has nine pass breakups.
- Inside linebacker Jim Thurman is tied for second in the SoCon in interceptions (0.43 per game) with three picks in seven games while also placing in a tie for second in forced fumbles (two).
- Defensive tackle Lee Basinger is tied for second in the league with three fumble recoveries.
- Outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker has a team-high three sacks and is among the SoCon leaders in that category.

Major Returns

A pair of Wofford linebackers have had interception returns totaling 181 yards in the last two road games.

Timmy Thrift set a Terrier record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks with his 100-yard return for a touchdown in the 42-14 win at Chattanooga (Oct. 4).

Derek Newberry went 81 yards with a fourth-quarter pick in the 38-6 victory over Western Carolina (Oct. 18).

For the season, the Terriers are averaging 27.4 yards per return with their eight interceptions.

Homecoming Explosions

The Terriers have a 12-4 record, including six straight wins, while outscoring the opposition by an average margin of 40.9-20.4 in the 16 Homecoming games under coach Mike Ayers:

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The Kevious Plan

- True freshman **Kevious Johnson** is the Terriers' leading rusher with 292 yards on a 4.7 per carry average.
- He is tied for second in the SoCon in touchdowns (seven) while placing fourth in scoring (6.0 points per game).

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 became the first Wofford freshman since **Shawn Graves** (1989) to score three touchdowns in a game.
- Johnson is the first Wofford 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."

Wofford's **Shaun Bennett** blocked two punts against Elon. The Terriers have three punt blocks this season, nine over the last four years, and 41 in coach **Mike Ayers**' 16-year tenure.

All three of Wofford's punt blocks this season have led to touchdowns, covering a total of just six plays and 35 yards:

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The Touchdown Maker

Sophomore halfback **Gabriel Jackson** scored two touchdowns via different methods in a 50-second span of the first quarter in a 35-13 win over South Carolina State (Sept. 6).

After **Alex Love** blocked a Bulldog punt deep in S.C. State territory, Jackson fell on the ball in the end zone for the Terriers' first touchdown of the night. S.C. State then fumbled the ensuing kickoff. Two plays later, Jackson had an 11-yard scoring run to give Wofford a 14-0 lead.

**Bethay Named All-SoCon in Track**

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.

Scheduling Quirks

- Wofford has 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 leaves the Palmetto State for only three of its 11 contests this season.

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.

He is arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford and is on pace to become the college's all-time leading tackler. 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 deflecting 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.

Nelson tied a career-high, set last year at Maryland, with a game-best 18 tackles in the season opener at Air Force. 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. 380 - 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. 253 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
2. 210 - Bret Masters, 1985-88
3. 182 - Ben Daic, 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. 127 - 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 Daic, 1999
4. 79 - Bret Masters, 1986
5. 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

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 25-12 home record (.676) since moving into Gibbs Stadium.
**A Statistical Comparison**

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

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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 COLLEGE
TWO-DEEP
(updated Oct. 19, 2003)

OFFENSE

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.)
15 Jeff Zolman (6-1, 190, Jr.)

QUARTERBACK
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. McNair (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.)
43 Steve Hoover (6-0, 210, 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.)
16 Dedrick Stuckey (5-10, 180, So.)

FREESAFETY
5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
9 Shane Fast (6-1, 195, Sr.)

STRONG SAFETY
19 Ryan Steele (6-1, 200, Sr.)
8 Craig Thomas (5-10, 188, Sr.)

RIGHT CORNERBACK
11 Alex Love (5-11, 180, So.)
39 Jonathan Wheeler (6-2, 190, Jr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

PLACEKICKER
27 Nick Robinson (6-1, 180, Fr.)
99 Jay Harvey (5-10, 180, Sr.)

PUNT RETURNS
5 Matt Nelson (6-1, 205, Sr.)
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 210, Jr.)

KICKOFF RETURNS
20 Kevious Johnson (5-9, 180, Fr.)

HOLDER
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 210, Jr.)
18 Trey Rodgers (6-0, 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.)

PUNT RETURNS
31 Brandon Smith (5-11, 210, Jr.)
**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 35th 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.

**Wofford**

0 0 0 0 0

**Air Force**

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**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 3 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

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**Wofford**

First Downs 9 28
Rushes - Yards 40 - 88 74 - 380
Passing Yards 87 89
Total Offense 175 469
Passes 14 - 0 - 2 11 - 7 - 0
Punts - Avg. 6 - 43.3 2 - 53.5
Fumbles - Lost 1 - 0 - 0
Penalties - Yards 4 - 25 3 - 26
Time of Possession 25:09 34:51

**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)

**Air Force**

First Downs 5 28
Rushes - Yards 40 - 88 74 - 380
Passing Yards 87 89
Total Offense 175 469
Passes 14 - 0 - 2 11 - 7 - 0
Punts - Avg. 6 - 43.3 2 - 53.5
Fumbles - Lost 1 - 0 - 0
Penalties - Yards 4 - 25 3 - 26
Time of Possession 25:09 34:51

**Air Force Individuals**

Rushing
Mungin 1-5, 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. Reece 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), :73
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), :48
S - King 6 pass from Young, :00

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**Wofford**

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

**S.C. State**

First Downs 9 28
Rushes - Yards 40 - 88 74 - 380
Passing Yards 87 89
Total Offense 175 469
Passes 14 - 0 - 2 11 - 7 - 0
Punts - Avg. 6 - 43.3 2 - 53.5
Fumbles - Lost 1 - 0 - 0
Penalties - Yards 4 - 25 3 - 26
Time of Possession 25:09 34:51

**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 |

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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

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**Wofford**

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 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. Kevis Johnson capped the 15-play, 80-yard drive with a 1-yard scoring run.

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**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.

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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 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-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.
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.
The Wofford football team climbed two places to No. 6 in this week's Division I-AA Top 25 poll by The Sports Network/CSTV.

The No. 6 position represents the Terriers' highest ranking in Division I-AA since joining those ranks in 1995. Wofford (6-1, 4-0) is in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play.

Wofford hosts Appalachian State on Saturday. Kickoff is 12:20 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium.
Wide receiver Curtis Nash and defensive tackle Ben Whitney 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 38-6 victory at Western Carolina.

Nash had four receptions for a career-high 102 yards, including a 51-yard touchdown catch on a pass from his former Dorman High School teammate Trey Rodgers.

The other three receptions for Nash resulted in first downs, including two on third-down plays. All four of his grabs came on scoring drives. He had five catches for 86 yards in the previous week's 45-7 win over Elon.

The senior from Spartanburg, S.C., posted the first 100-yard receiving day by a Terrier since Isaac Goodpaster (2 receptions, 100 yards) in 2001 versus Charleston Southern.

Nash is Wofford's top receiver with 13 receptions for 250 yards (19.2 avg.). He places 10th in the SoCon in receiving yards at 35.7 per game.

Nash also has a 54-yard carry on a reverse at Chattanooga for Wofford's longest run this season. He has taken part in four of the Terriers' six-longest plays from scrimmage.

Whitney totaled four tackles, including a sack, while also forcing two fumbles. He was instrumental in the Terriers limiting the Catamounts to 33 yards rushing on 21 carries (1.6 avg.).

Four of Whitney’s 18 tackles on the season have been for a loss, including two sacks. The junior from Greensboro, N.C., is tied for the team lead with three forced fumbles.

During Wofford's six-game winning streak, the Terrier defense is allowing just 9.5 points per game, 86.3 yards rushing (2.5 per carry), and 295.0 in total defense.

The Terriers top the SoCon in rushing defense (128.3 ypg.) while ranking second in scoring defense (15.1 ppg.) and third in overall defense (319.9 ypg.).
The Wofford football team scored touchdowns off a fake field goal and interception return to remain undefeated in Southern Conference play with a 24-14 victory over Appalachian State this afternoon at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C., before a crowd of 10,129 and a national television audience.

The Terriers (7-1, 5-0), ranked sixth nationally in Division I-AA, can capture their first SoCon championship with victories in their next two games. Wofford is at second-place The Citadel (5-3, 4-1) next Saturday at 2 p.m. before hosting East Tennessee State (3-5, 0-4) on Nov. 8.

Wofford has won seven straight games in the same season for the first time since the 1990 Division II squad opened the campaign 8-0. Dating back to last season, the Terriers have won nine of their last 10 SoCon contests.

The Terriers led 3-0 at the half after freshman Nick Robinson kicked a career-long 36-yard field goal with 12:59 left in the second quarter. A key play on the drive was a two-yard keeper by quarterback Trey Rodgers on a 4th-and-1 at the Mountaineer 24-yard line.

It was the third straight game with a field goal for Robinson, a walk-on from DeLand, Fla., who had never played football on any level prior to this season. He is now 3-of-5 on field goals and 31-of-31 on PATs.

Wofford thwarted a pair of Appalachian State scoring threats late in the first half to preserve its 3-0 lead at the intermission.

With the Mountaineers (4-4, 3-2) having a 1st-and-goal at the Wofford 4-yard line, Teddie Whitaker forced ASU running back Michael Metcalf to fumble with Timmy Thrift making the recovery. Whitaker took part in three Mountaineer turnovers as he later scored a touchdown off an interception in addition to recovering a fumble.

On the Mountaineers' next series, Matt Nelson recorded an interception at the Wofford 2-yard line on a deep throw by Eric Elsener for DaVon Fowlkes.

The Terriers have now won 17 straight games when scoring first and 40 in a row when holding a halftime lead.

Another Mountaineer turnover led directly to Wofford increasing its lead to 10-0 with 7:46 to play in the third quarter. Whitaker, a senior outside linebacker from Burton, S.C., picked off an Elsener pass and raced 41 yards into the end zone.

Wofford forced five ASU turnovers on the day and is now a SoCon-leading +15 in turnover margin this season.

On ASU's ensuing series, Wofford defensive tackle John Pressley sacked quarterback Richie Williams for a 9-yard loss on a 3rd-and-1 from the ASU 25. Alex Love then recorded his second kick block of the year as he deflected a Nate McKinney punt out of bounds at the Mountaineer 15-yard line. It was Wofford's fourth punt block of the season, 10th in the last four years, and 42nd in Ayers' 16-year tenure.

Four plays later, the Terriers lined up for a 31-yard field goal. Holder Brandon Smith, a reserve inside linebacker, sprinted out on the fake and threw a 14-yard scoring pass to Cody Garland to give Wofford a 17-0 lead with 4:14 left in the third quarter. It was the first career reception for Garland, a sophomore tight end from Statesville, N.C.

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Wofford appeared ready to break the game open on its next possession, driving 64 yards to the Mountaineer 1-yard line before J.R. McNair was stopped short on a 4th-down rush up the middle. The Terriers had kept the drive alive when Aaron Johnson carried for 15 yards on a 4th-and-2 at the Mountaineer 22.

Four plays later, Williams hit Fowlkes with a career-long 88-yard touchdown reception for ASU's longest play of the season. It cut Wofford's lead to 17-14 with 7:59 to play. It also gave Fowlkes, an All-SoCon selection, the first two-touchdown game of his career.

The Mountaineers began their next series at their own 48 with 4:13 remaining. On the second play, though, outside linebacker Jimmy Freland recorded his first career interception with a pick at the Terrier 43. His 37-yard return and a subsequent personal foul call on ASU gave Wofford the ball at the Mountaineer 10.

With the Terriers facing a 3rd-and-goal from the 8-yard line, Jeff Zolman scored on a bootleg to give Wofford a 24-14 lead with 2:36 left.

On its final possession, ASU drove to the Wofford 15 before Whitaker recovered a fumble off a Mountaineer snap in shotgun formation to seal the victory.

"Whenever we have our backs against the wall, it seems like the defense makes a huge play," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "Our defense has been outstanding (Wofford has allowed 71 points, 10.1 per game, in its current 7-game winning streak).

"We've got a real determined group of kids and I couldn't be more proud of them. We've made great strides each week since the Air Force game (a season-opening 49-0 loss), which was the good, the bad, and the ugly all rolled into one.

It was a great game against an outstanding football team. They (ASU) did a tremendous job of defending us and we were scratching and clawing for first downs."

Rodgers was the top ground gainer for Wofford with 51 yards on 11 carries. He also completed 3-of-6 passes for 20 yards. The Terriers had 218 yards rushing and 58 in the air for 276 total, while controlling the clock by a 36:11-23:49 margin.

After being held to just 57 yards of offense in the first half, the Mountaineers finished with 310. Coming off-the-bench, Williams completed 15-of-21 passes for 247 yards. ASU passed for 273 yards but was held to 37 yards rushing on 28 attempts. Fowlkes finished with eight receptions for 180 yards.

Wofford's defense has now held the opposition to 70 yards rushing on 49 carries (1.4 avg.) over the last two games.

"Those turnovers just killed us to be blunt," Mountaineer coach Jerry Moore said. "They hurt us bad.

"Our defense just can't play much better. These guys (the Terriers) are about as good as there is in the country as far as running the football.

"I would think that if you're sitting where they are, you've got to be feeling pretty good about yourself. I don't see Wofford losing two more football games."

ASU will host Chattanooga in a 2 p.m. game next Saturday.
The Wofford football team climbed one spot to No. 5 in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll.

The No. 5 position represents the Terriers' highest ranking in Division I-AA since joining those ranks in 1995. Wofford (7-1, 5-0) is in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play.

The Terriers are at second-place The Citadel (5-3, 4-1) on Saturday in a 2 p.m. game. The Bulldogs are ranked 25th.
Wofford College outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker has received SoCon and National Player of the Week honors for his performance in Saturday's 24-14 win over Appalachian State.

Whitaker's national honor comes from The Sports Network, I-AA's most widely recognized information service.

A senior from Burton, S.C., Whitaker took part in three key turnovers for the Terrier defense which now tops the nation in turnover margin at 1.88 per game (+15). Wofford forced five ASU turnovers on Saturday.

With Wofford holding a 3-0 lead late in the first half, ASU had a 1st-and-goal at the Terrier 4-yard line. Whitaker caused a fumble by the Mountaineers' Michael Metcalf which was recovered by inside linebacker Timmy Thrift.

Whitaker's 41-yard interception return for a touchdown gave Wofford a 10-0 third-quarter lead. He then helped seal the Terrier win with a minute to play. ASU was driving at the Wofford 18-yard line when Whitaker recovered a fumble.

He totaled eight tackles (six solo) in the game, including one for a loss.

Whitaker was also named the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week earlier this season when he recorded two sacks as part of seven tackles in a 35-13 win over South Carolina State. He has also garnered I-AA.org All-Star honors for his efforts against the Mountaineers.

For the season, Whitaker ranks among the Terrier leaders with 46 tackles. He has five stops for a loss, including three sacks. He also has three fumble recoveries, two interceptions, a forced fumble, and a pass breakup.
Attached as a .pdf file is Wofford's football release for Saturday's 2 p.m. game at The Citadel. The complete set of notes is also available on Wofford's web site (www.wofford.edu/athletics). If you have any trouble with these files, please feel free to let me know.

Thanks.

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Wofford College
Game 9
Wofford at The Citadel
Nov. 1, 2003; 2 p.m.
Johnson Hagood Stadium (21,000); Charleston, S.C.

This Week

• The Wofford football team, in sole possession of first place in the SoCon as the only undefeated team in league play, travels to second-place The Citadel in a key league battle.

• The Terriers are fifth in this week's Sports Network/CSTV Division I-AA Top 25 poll, representing their highest ranking ever at this level.

• The Terriers are off to their first 5-0 SoCon start since beginning league play in 1997. Wofford's 7-1 record represents its best start to a season since the 1991 Division II squad was also 7-1.

• Wofford has put together its first seven-game winning streak as a I-AA member. The Terriers had not won seven in a row in the same season since the 1990 team opened at 8-0.

• During the seven-game winning streak, the Terriers have outscored their opponents 232-71. The defense is allowing per game totals of 10.1 points, 79.3 yards rushing (2.4 per carry), and 297.1 in total offense. Over the last two games, Wofford held Western Carolina and Appalachian State to a combined total of 70 yards rushing on 49 attempts (1.4 per carry). The Terriers are scoring at a 33.1 clip while averaging 335.1 yards in their victory run.

• In five SoCon contests, Wofford has outscored the opposition 169-55 (33.8-11.0 per game). The Terriers are averaging 358.6 yards of offense while allowing 298.6 (97.0 on the ground).

• Since beginning SoCon play in 1997, Wofford is 4-2 versus The Citadel with wins in each of the last four meetings. The Bulldogs took 7-3 and 20-14 decisions in the 1997 and 1998 campaigns, respectively, after scoring touchdowns in the final 20 seconds of each contest.

• Even though The Citadel holds an overall 40-14-1 edge, Wofford has a 7-5 advantage over the last 12 seasons. Included in that total are wins in 1991 and 1993 when the Terriers were competing in Division II. Wofford also had a 26-21 win in 1996 when it was a I-AA Independent.

• Wofford's 459 yards rushing in a 27-14 victory over The Citadel last season were the most allowed by the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

The Terriers built a 27-0 lead as they controlled the line of scrimmage with a 39:08-20:52 edge in time of possession.

Last Week

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 Terrier defense forced five Mountaineer turnovers as Wofford improved to a SoCon and national-best +15 in turnover margin.

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, Teddie 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 on a Mountaineer deep ball.

Whitaker took part in three ASU turnovers. His 41-yard interception return midway through the third quarter gave Wofford a 10-0 lead. He later added a fumble recovery with 59 seconds left to seal the game.

An Alex Love punt block, his second of the year and Wofford's fourth this season, set up the Terriers on the Mountaineer 15. Four plays later, on a fake field goal, holder Brandon Smith found Cody Garland in the end zone for a 14-yard scoring pass and a 17-0 Wofford lead.

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

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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 (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 lead the nation in turnover margin at 1.88 per game (+15).

• Wofford is allowing an average of just 10.1 points in its seven-game winning streak.

• Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 14th nationally in team rushing (239.2 yards per game) despite not having an individual among the Top 10 ground gainer in the league.

• All-America free safety Matt Nelson has a team-best 106 tackles to go with three interceptions, two forced fumbles, and nine PBUs.
**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.

**Wofford and Florida tied for the most selections in 2001 with four.**

**SoCon Teleconference**

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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 45-7 in the opening quarter and 86-29 in the fourth quarter this season.

The Terriers hold a 101-84 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 101-42 in the middle quarters over the last seven 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).

**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.

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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:

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

"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."

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.

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 24-14 victory over Appalachian State last week:

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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
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)

Passing
Rodgers 6-3-0, 27 yards; Zolman 3-2-0, 17 yards; Smith 1-1-0, 14 yards, 1 TD

Receiving
K. Johnson 1-20, Garland 1-14, Wood 1-11, Mungin 1-10, Nash 1-6, Jackson 1-(3)

A Look Back
Listed below are the final statistics from Wofford's 27-14 win over The Citadel last year:

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Wofford Individuals
Rushing
McCoy 20-184, Melvin Jones 20-85, McNair 14-75, Zolman 8-41, Jackson 5-35, Johnson 3-16, Sullivan 3-10, Mungin 2-7, Mike Jones 3-4, Fogle 1-3, Dunn 2-0, Gaillard 1-(1)

Passing
Zolman 6-2-0, 16 yards; Team 1-0-0

Receiving
Nash 1-9, Hill 1-7

Basic Formations
Wofford Offense: Wingbone
Wofford Defense: Multiple 50

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

The Citadel Defense -
3 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores, 2 freshmen

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

The Citadel Offense
8 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

Charting Wofford's Opponents

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Aggregate Record 45-45
The Head Coach

Mike Ayers, Wofford College's all-time winningest coach with 97 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 1985-89.

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 halftime player 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 6-2 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:
*Georgia Southern at East Tennessee State, 1 p.m.
*Wofford at The Citadel, 2 p.m.
*Chattanooga at Appalachian State, 2 p.m.
*Elon at Western Carolina, 2 p.m.
*SoCon Game

Last Week:
*Wofford 24, Appalachian State 14
*The Citadel 28, Georgia Southern 24
*Furman 30, East Tennessee State 10
*Chattanooga 38, Western Carolina 0
*Towson 24, Elon 7
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, his third time over the century mark in a six-game stretch dating back to last season. His effort that afternoon earned him SoCon co-Offensive Player of the Week honors.

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

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**Wingbone Workings**
- Wofford has run the ball on 85.5 percent (453-of-530) of its offensive snaps this season.
- Wofford ranks second in the SoCon and 14th nationally in team rushing (239.2 yards per game) despite not having an individual listed among the Top 10 ground gainers in the league.
- Wofford has had five different leading rushers in its eight games.
- 10 Terriers have rushing touchdowns.
- Wofford has eight players with at least 27 carries on the year. J.R. McNair has a team-best 79 attempts with Jeff Zolman (71) and true freshman Kevious Johnson (68) second and third, respectively.
- Five Wofford players (Johnson 335, Zolman 279, McNair 273, Corey Dunn 247, and Trey Rodgers 228) have rushed for at least 228 yards with two others totaling at least 141.
- Wofford has seven players averaging a minimum of 22.9 yards per game rushing. McNair leads the way at 45.5 while Johnson is the top ground gainer with 335 yards.

**Air Ayers**
- The Terriers top the SoCon in pass efficiency with a rating of 135.7. It's a mark that also ranks 25th nationally.
- Trey Rodgers is second individually at 137.7 while Jeff Zolman places sixth with a 124.2 rating. Wofford is the lone school to have two quarterbacks place in the top six in the league in pass efficiency.
- The Terriers' 58.4 completion percentage is third in the SoCon behind only Furman (60.4) and Chattanooga (58.6). Wofford is also second in the league in average yards per completion at 13.5 (Georgia Southern, 18.2).
- Zolman (26-of-42, 61.9) and Rodgers (18-of-34, 52.9) have combined to pass for four touchdowns. Rodgers has three scores on his 18 completions. Two of those touchdowns have come in the last three weeks to his former Dorman High School teammate Curtis Nash.
- In five SoCon games, Zolman is 17-of-23 (73.9 percent) in the air for a 187.6 rating. He has thrown for 272 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions.
- Four of Wofford's six 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 (11 receptions, 163 yards, 14.8 avg.) are averaging a combined 16.8 yards on their catches and have accounted for 55.6 percent (25-of-45) 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.

**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 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.

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**WOFFORD AT THE CITADEL**

**Magic Numbers**

- Wofford has a 61-2-1 record in the 64 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 214 points in its last 21 wins (10.2 per game).
- Wofford has scored 40 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.

The Terriers' first game in that stretch was a 29-27 loss at Marshall in the 1998 season finale. Wofford saw its bid for an upset over the Herd fall short when a 29-yard field goal was blocked as the clock expired.

**SoCon Honors**

Listed below are SoCon weekly honors received by Wofford players this season:

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**Wofford Players of the Week**

- **Offense**: Eric Deutsch, OG
- **Defense**: Matt Nelson, FS

**Shutting Down the Opposition**

- Despite losing nine starters to graduation off last year's defense, the Terriers have surrendered only 71 points (10.1 per game) in their current seven-game winning streak.
- Wofford is allowing just 79.3 yards per game rushing (2.4 per carry) and 297.1 in total offense during that stretch.
- The Terriers top the SoCon in rushing defense (116.9 ypg.) while ranking second in scoring defense (15.0 ppg.) and overall defense (318.6 ypg.).
- In five SoCon contests, Wofford has held its opposition to per game totals of 11.0 points, 97.0 yards rushing (2.8 per carry), and 298.6 in total offense.
- One week after torching No. 1 McNeese State for 376 rushing yards, Georgia Southern mustered just 210 yards on the ground against Wofford. Only 57 of those yards came in the second half, including 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 (29.0 points per game) despite ranking sixth in the league in total offense (315.1 yards per game).

**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 (19) and attempts (32) while placing second in success rate (59.4 percent).

Western Carolina (22) is the only other league team with more than 15 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.

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.

**Kevious 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.

The Terriers were 21-of-33 (63.6 percent) on fourth-down attempts in 2001, 15-of-27 (55.6 percent) in 2000, and 24-of-39 (61.5 percent) in 1999.

**Team Graybeard**

All SoCon left tackle Chad Bentley is the Terriers' lone fifth-year senior.
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 freshman 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.
• 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 had never played in a football game at any level prior to this season, tops the SoCon in PATs made (31), attempted (31), 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 three weeks.

He had a 29-yard kick 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 32 games.

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

Terriers Top the SoCon in Red Zone Work

Wofford tops the SoCon in red-zone opportunities (38) and touchdowns (28). Only one other league member (Georgia Southern, 20) has more than 15 touchdowns in the red zone.

The Terriers place third in the SoCon with their 73.7 success rate (28-of-38) on scoring touchdowns in the red zone.

Over the last five games, Wofford has scored touchdowns on 22 of its 28 possessions (78.6 percent) inside the red zone. The Terriers have also been successful on three field goals in that stretch.

Quick Scores

Twice this season, Wofford has scored a pair of touchdowns in under a minute.

In the 35-13 win over S.C. State, the Terriers blocked a punt that was recovered by Gabriel Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown. Two plays and 50 seconds later, Jackson scored again on an 11-yard run.

Wofford scored twice in a 52-second span in a 28-3 win over Catawba. After Corey Dunn scored on a 7-yard run, Jim Thurman intercepted an Indian pass on their second play of the ensuing series. Two plays later, Aaron Johnson reached the end zone on a 2-yard carry.

Wofford Scoring Drives

Wofford has 11 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).

Listed below are the Terriers' scoring drives on the year:

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Wofford Record Holder

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

He ranks among the national leaders with a 40.3 average that would be even more impressive if he wasn't asked to sacrifice yards to place the ball exactly where the coaches want it from a directional standpoint.

The Terriers are second in the league with a 38.2 net punting average.

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.

Turnovers, It's No Cliche ...

Wofford leads the nation in turnover margin (1.88 per game) with its plus-15 rating seen at that position.

The Wofford staff says is the best they've ever seen in the lone loss.

Other SoCon team above +5 in turnover margin.

(24 takeaways, 9 giveaways).

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East Tennessee State (+10) is the only other SoCon team above +5 in turnover margin.

The Terriers are a plus-17 in their seven 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.

Avoiding the Flag

The Terriers are the SoCon's second-least penalized team at 42.2 yards per game (41 flags for 338 yards).

The Sack Masters

The Terriers rank second in the SoCon with 19 sacks (East Tennessee State, 20) while topping the league in the fewest sacks surrendered (four).

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.

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 Over .500 in SoCon History

Wofford's all-time SoCon mark is 29-24 (.547), 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 (45), Appalachian State (40), Furman (37), Wofford (29), Western Carolina (23), East Tennessee State (22), Chattanooga (19), and The Citadel (17).

Long Distance Terriers

Listed below are Wofford's longest plays from scrimmage this year. Wide receiver Curtis Nash has taken part in four of the top six. Four of the top six are also via the pass:

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Wingbone Workings

Listed below are Wofford's top individual rushing performances this season:

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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’ six-longest plays from scrimmage.
  • 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. His mark of 32.0 yards per game ranks 10th in the SoCon, an impressive feat for a receiver in Wofford's run-oriented attack.

  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' longest rushing play of the season.
  • 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 this past Friday, the sculpture was 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 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.

Bring Back the FOX Cameras
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.

Wofford doesn’t have a set FOX game the remainder of the season. However, there is a possibility of another appearance on the network.

FOX has the rights to a pair of SoCon games on Nov. 15 (Wofford-Furman, Appalachian State-Western Carolina). Depending on championship/playoff implications, FSNS will announce two weeks prior to the game which contest it will decide to air.

If the Wofford-Furman game is chosen, the scheduled 2 p.m. kickoff in Greenville would be changed to a different time.

Making an Impression on the Opposition
• Wofford's 459 yards rushing in the 27-14 victory against The Citadel last season were the most allowed by the Bulldogs dating back to at least 1973, which is as far as The Citadel record book goes in that category.

• The Terriers’ 472 rushing yards in a 26-19 win at Appalachian State last year set a single-game record for a Mountaineer opponent.

Defensive Notables
• Linebackers have accounted for eight of the Terriers’ 11 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.

• Free safety Matt Nelson has all three picks by the Wofford secondary.

• Nelson ranks among the SoCon leaders in nearly all defensive categories. He has a team-best 106 tackles to go with his three picks, nine pass breakups, and two forced fumbles.

• Thurman is tied with Nelson for second in the league in interceptions (0.38 per game) with three picks in eight games. He’s also among the leaders with three forced fumbles.

• Defensive tackle John Pressley and outside linebacker Teddie Whitaker are among the SoCon best in sacks.

• Nose tackle Lee Basinger is tied for second in the league with three fumble recoveries.

Major Pick Returns
A pair of Wofford linebackers have had interception returns totaling 181 yards in the last two road games.

Timmy Thrift set a Terrier record while tying SoCon and NCAA marks with his 100-yard return for a touchdown in the 42-14 win at Chattanooga (Oct. 4).

Derek Newberry went 81 yards with a fourth-quarter pick in the 38-6 victory over Western Carolina (Oct. 18).

The Terriers are averaging 27.0 yards per return, including two touchdowns, with their 11 interceptions on the year.
A Kevious Plan for SoCon Freshman of the Year
• True freshman Kevious Johnson is the Terriers’ leading rusher with 335 yards on a 4.9 per carry average.
• Johnson tops the Terriers with a 21.8 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.
• He is tied for third in the SoCon in touchdowns (seven) while placing in a tie for fifth in scoring (5.2 points per game).

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

• Johnson is the first Wofford 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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<td>Gabriel Jackson scores on a 10-yard run to cap a 5-play, 30-yard drive</td>
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<td>Trey Rodgers has a 1-yard TD run on the first play after the ball is recovered at the Elon 5</td>
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<td>On a fake field goal, holder Brandon Smith hits Cody Garland with a 14-yard touchdown pass to cap a 4-play, 15-yard drive</td>
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Bethay Named All-SoCon in Track
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.

Scheduling Quirks
• Wofford has 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 leaves the Palmetto State for only three of its 11 contests this season.

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.

He is arguably the top defensive back to ever play at Wofford and is on pace to become the college's all-time leading tackler. With 391 career stops, he is 20 tackles shy of Bret Masters' top 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 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. 391 - 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. 261 - 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. 130 - Matt Nelson, 2000-present
3. 116 - Rodney Payne, 1982-85
4. 110 - 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

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.
Wofford Starting Lineup

A Statistical Comparison

The following are how this year's team statistics compare:

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Wofford and the NFL

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

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.

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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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.

| Wofford | 0 0 0 0 0 |
| Air Force | 0 2 1 7 4 |

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 3 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

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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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Wofford Individuals
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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

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 3 0 0 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), :48
S - King 6 pass from Young, :00

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Receiving
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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), :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
K. Johnson 20-81, Dunn 9-68, Jackson 11-36, Johnson 4-5, Mungin 1-2, Rodgers 4-5, Zolman 6-(8)

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 25-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.

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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 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 - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 8:24

Wofford Individuals
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 7 7 14 14 42
Chattanooga 0 7 7 0 14

First Quarter
W - McNair 1 run (Robinson kick), 10:05
Second Quarter
C - McClone 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 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), :36

Wofford Individuals
McNair 20-126, Rodgers 4-59, Zolman 30-19, Sullivan 13-1, Beavin 3-1

Passing
Wofford 18-27, 260 yards; Chattanooga 1-7, 7 yards

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- to 174 margin, including 198-to-68 in the second half. Wofford held Elon to only three down over the final two quarters and just 2.8 yards per play in the game.

Elon 0 0 0 7
Wofford 3 14 14 45

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

Wofford Individuals
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

Wofford
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Passing Yards 16 210
Total Offense 32 296
Total Penalties 7 2 0 34 22 3
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Time of Possession 31:17 28:43

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Wofford Individuals
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
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
26 20
UTC 56 365 35 103
Passing Yards 103 293
Total Offense 468 396
Total Penalties 11 5 0 50 36 3
Punts - Avg. 3 - 43.3 3 - 45.7
Fumbles - Lost 2 - 1 1 - 1
Yards - Losses 5 - 56 5 - 31
Time of Possession 28:05 31:55

Wofford Individuals
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
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
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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**First Quarter**
W - K. Johnson 35 run (Robinson kick), 9:20

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

**Fourth Quarter**
W - Robinson 27 field goal, 12:59

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

**Third Quarter**
W - Whitaker 41 interception return (Robinson kick), 7:46

**Fourth Quarter**
A - Fowlkes 88 pass from Williams (Rockhold kick), 7:59

**Wofford Individuals**
Rushing
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.).

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**First Downs**
Wofford 15, ASU 15

**Rushing**
Rodgers 11-51, K. Johnson 6-43, McNair 16-32, Zolman 9-31, A. Johnson 6-30, Dunn 8-25, Jackson 4-0, Team 2-4)

**Passing**
Rodgers 6-3-0, 27 yards; Zolman 3-2-0, 17 yards; Smith 1-1-0, 14 yards, 1 TD

**Receiving**
K. Johnson 1-20, Garland 1-14, Wood 1-11, Mungin 1-10, Nash 1-6, Jackson 1-3
Wofford punter Jimmy Miner and free safety Matt Nelson have been selected to play in the inaugural TFN/Division I-AA All-Star Classic to be held Dec. 30 at Lockhardt Stadium 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.

Miner is the Terriers' career leader in average at 40.9 yards. He has Wofford second in the SoCon and seventh nationally in net punting with a 38.2 mark this fall. He set a single-season Terrier record last year with a 42.2 overall average.

A three-time All-SoCon selection, Miner was ranked by The Sports Network in the preseason as the third-best punter in Division I-AA. He has nine punts of at least 50 yards this season. The senior from Kennesaw, Ga., has seven punts inside the 20-yard line with just one touchback.

Nelson, a first-team All-America last year and a two-time All-SoCon choice, is the anchor of the Wofford defense. The senior from Grove City, Ohio, has 391 career tackles and is on pace to break the Terriers' all-time mark of 411 (Bret Masters, 1985-88).

Nelson is already Wofford's career leader in solo stops (261). He set the mark earlier this year in a 20-14 win over Georgia Southern. After tying the game at 14-14 in the fourth quarter, Wofford forced a three-and-out by the Eagles with Nelson recording the tackle on all three plays. The Terriers then proceeded to begin their game-winning drive. He preserved the win when he batted down a Hail Mary pass at the goal line with 0.9 seconds to play.

Nelson has a team-best 106 tackles in the opening eight games this year. His 114 and 131 stops the last two seasons are the highest tackle totals in the 16-year Wofford tenure of coach Mike Ayers. Nelson also has three interceptions this season to go with nine pass breakups and two forced fumbles.