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The Terriers open the 2004 campaign Sept. 11 at South Carolina State.
Spartanburg Coca-Cola will help commemorate Wofford's 2003 Southern Conference football championship with 5,000 color "neckties" on selected 2-liter bottles of Coca-Cola and Diet Coke beginning Aug. 16.

The "neckties," which also promote the Terriers' 2004 schedule, will be distributed throughout Spartanburg County. At the bottom of the hangtag is a tear-off coupon for $5.00 off a ticket purchase for Wofford home football games versus Johnson C. Smith (Sept. 25) or Chattanooga (Oct. 2).

"Spartanburg Coca-Cola is proud to be a sponsor of Wofford College and Wofford athletics," Spartanburg Coca-Cola cold drink manager Wayne Smith said. "This is a small way that we can show our support and to congratulate the football team on being 2003 SoCon champions.

"Spartanburg Coca-Cola wishes the team good luck on the upcoming 2004 campaign and hopes they can make it two in a row. We hope that everyone who receives a 2-liter neckringer can take advantage of the special ticket offer and come out to support the team."

The special hangtags can be found at the following Spartanburg County only locations: Bi-Lo, Ingles, Publix, Winn-Dixie, Hot Spot, Li'L Cricket and Wal-Mart Supercenters.
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Listed below is the ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 poll with first-place votes in parentheses and total points received. Wofford non-conference opponents S.C. State and Big South Conference champion Gardner-Webb were listed among others receiving votes.

1. Delaware (26) - 863
2. Southern Illinois (6) - 791
3. Montana - 702
4. Wofford (1) - 685
5. Colgate - 664
6. Northern Iowa (1) - 644
7. McNeese State (1) - 592
8. Furman - 532
9. Georgia Southern - 500
10. Villanova - 466
11. Maine - 428
12. Western Illinois - 414
13. Northern Arizona - 392
14. Western Kentucky - 367
15. Montana State - 308
16. Grambling - 301
17. Stephen F. Austin - 280
18. Northwestern State - 264
19. Massachusetts - 247
20. Appalachian State - 246
21. Northeastern - 234
22. Lehigh - 192
23. Eastern Kentucky - 161
24. North Carolina A&T - 151
25. Southern - 148
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Listed below is Sports Illustrated's preseason Division I-AA Top 10 as well as the link.

1. Delaware
2. Southern Illinois
3. Maine
4. Colgate
5. Montana
6. Furman
7. Wofford
8. Montana State
9. Georgia Southern
10. Northern Arizona

The defending SoCon champion Wofford Terrier football team will have 90 players reporting to campus tomorrow afternoon for the start of preseason drills.

"We're looking forward to having our kids here," Wofford coach and 2003 Eddie Robinson Award winner Mike Ayers said. "As a coaching staff, we've been working hard to get ready for this day.

"What concerns us most is that just about everyone else in our conference has started and been practicing. Quite frankly, we're a little behind. We feel very good about our returning kids. We also have a group of freshmen that we need to find out about. We're looking forward to getting started."

Wofford players will check in by 5 p.m. tomorrow. Following dinner, there will be a team meeting and Fellowship of Christian Athletes program.

Tuesday's itinerary includes additional meetings, equipment disbursement and physicals. The first practice is set for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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1. Delaware (57) - 1,753
2. Southern Illinois (7) - 1,569
3. Montana (3) - 1,500
4. Wofford (1) - 1,406
5. Colgate - 1,323
6. Northern Iowa (2) - 1,316
7. Furman (1) - 1,225
8. McNeese State - 1,150
9. Villanova - 1,039
10. Georgia Southern - 969
11. Maine - 893
12. Western Illinois - 839
13. Western Kentucky - 816
14. Northern Arizona - 728
15. Montana State - 654
16. Stephen F. Austin - 583
17. Grambling State - 576
18. Northwestern State - 558
19. Massachusetts - 557
20. Appalachian State - 462
21. Eastern Kentucky - 434
22. Northeastern - 395
23. Lehigh - 328
25. Penn - 222
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Tomorrow's schedule includes team meetings, equipment disbursement and physicals. Wednesday's itinerary has weight tests and position meetings before the Terriers hit the practice field for the first time at 6:30 p.m.

"The guys have come in and we've started on our quest for another Southern Conference championship," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We have a lot of work to do.

"After our testing, we'll have a good indication of where we are from a conditioning standpoint. After that, we'll get into the meat and potatoes of practicing football. There's a lot of work in a short period of time and we just need to get it cranked up and get going."

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"We always like to practice," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "That's what this game is all about.

"That's where we are going to get better as a football team and develop our identity and chemistry. Hopefully, we'll have good weather and a little bit of heat with our kids able to go out there and challenge themselves."

The Terriers held team and position meetings today in addition to equipment disbursement and physicals.

Before practicing tomorrow night, Wofford will have weightlifting tests in the morning with position and special teams meetings in the afternoon.

The Terriers will also practice at 6:30 p.m. Thursday with a 3 p.m. session slated for Friday.

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The box toppers will be distributed in Spartanburg and Cherokee County as well as Henderson (N.C.) County and parts of Greenville County.

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Wofford's first football practice is tonight at 6:30. Following the practice, at approximately 9:15 p.m., a summary release will be e-mailed to you.

If you are coming to Wofford tonight and would like to conduct interviews with Terrier coach Mike Ayers and players ahead of time, please come to the lower practice fields (our normal spot in past years for pre-practice interviews) at 5:30 p.m. Coach Ayers and players will also be available immediately after practice.

Thanks.

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The Wofford football team went through its opening practice tonight with a two-hour session that left coach Mike Ayers pleased with his team's effort.

"I saw a lot of kids working real hard," Ayers said. "The problem is some of them were working in the wrong direction. That just comes from it being the first time and a lack of knowledge.

"We have some young kids that will help us. I like the attitude the kids are bringing to work. We had a lifting test in the morning and then practice tonight and it becomes a long day, but I thought they did a real nice job.

"I like the way we threw the ball. We have a lot of young guys at receiver but they all look like they're going to help us. I believe we have a strength in the offensive line. Defensively, we looked very quick."

A late addition to the Wofford roster is former Terrier soccer player Philip Trotter who is vying for the vacant job on kickoff duties. Trotter, a senior from Charlotte, N.C., started all 19 games as a goalkeeper for Wofford last year. During his prep career, he kicked for South Mecklenburg High School.

Wofford's opening practice drew strong media coverage as all three local television stations (WHNS, WSPA and WYFF) were present along with the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and Greenville News.

The Terriers will have a running test at 9 a.m. tomorrow. Following meetings later that morning and in the afternoon, Wofford will return to the practice field at 6:30 p.m.

Two members of last year's starting offensive backfield find themselves at new positions this fall. Ben Mungin has been moved from halfback to wide receiver while Kevious Johnson goes from halfback to fullback.

Johnson played one game at fullback last season. Filling in for an injured J.R. McNair, Johnson scored all three Terrier touchdowns while rushing for 81 yards in a 20-14 victory over Georgia Southern.

Cornerback Brian Kemp, who did not see game action as a freshman last season, is working with the first-team defense. Kemp is a native of Bowling Green, Fla.
Wofford free safety and special teams standout Shaun Bennett will be sidelined for the season after suffering a ruptured left Achilles tendon in last night's opening practice of preseason camp.

Bennett was battling Alex Love for the starting free safety position vacated by the graduation of consensus first-team All-America and 2003 SoCon Defensive Player of the Year Matt Nelson.

A senior from High Point, N.C., Bennett blocked three punts last season. He earned Wofford Player of the Week honors with his two punt blocks in a 45-7 win over Elon. Both blocks came deep in Phoenix territory and set up Terrier touchdowns. He also blocked a punt in a 28-14 win over East Tennessee State that gave Wofford the outright SoCon championship.

"We're going to have to find somebody to step up and help us," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "Shaun was a key part of the secondary and was a big factor in our Airborne Unit (Wofford's punt block team)."

Bennett totaled nine tackles last season and had 33 career stops entering the 2004 campaign.
The Wofford football team held its third practice of preseason camp with a two-hour session in shoulders pads and shorts this afternoon.

"We got into a great deal of fundamentals," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "With shoulder pads on, you can work some more aggressive drills.

"We were able to get some pretty good reps and jump off the ball full speed on both sides of the ball. We were able to get a little indication how quick the game can be coming at you. The biggest thing is not taking it too fast and getting too far ahead of ourselves. We just want to concentrate on the fundamentals."

Several areas of the team caught Ayers' eye at today's practice.

"The offensive line did some great things in the live pass rush drill," Ayers said. "Some young guys are really starting to develop in the secondary.

"Overall, I like the way the guys are competing and working."

The Terriers will practice at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Sunday's 3 p.m. session will represent the first day of contact drills. Two-a-day practices commence Monday with the Terriers taking the field at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
The Wofford football team currently ranks ahead of 13 Division I-A programs in the Sagarin Ratings utilized by the Bowl Championship Series (BCS).

The Terriers, the SoCon's winningest team over the last two seasons with a 21-5 overall record and 14-2 league record, are ranked No. 118 out of 239 combined Division I-A and I-AA programs in the Sagarin Ratings.

In going undefeated in league play to win last year's SoCon title and advance to the national semifinals, Wofford (12-2, 8-0) closed the season ranked ahead of 30 Division I-A teams. Included in that total were the likes of Arizona, Vanderbilt, Iowa State, Mississippi State, Illinois, Indiana, Baylor and East Carolina.
The Wofford football team held a two-hour practice today at Snyder Field, its former football stadium.

The Carolina Panthers, having returned from Charlotte following Thursday's preseason victory over the New York Giants, occupied the Terriers' regular practice fields this afternoon. The Panthers also use Snyder Field on occasion during their annual summer training camp at Wofford.

The Terrier football team called Snyder Field home for over 60 years prior to moving into Gibbs Stadium in 1996. Snyder Field was then renovated into a first-class soccer stadium for the Wofford men's and women's teams.

"There will always be memories associated with Snyder Field," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We played a lot of football there and had a lot of great games.

"It's a great facility to have and it gives us the flexibility to go on a quality field while the Panthers are practicing. It's not quite the space that we have on the lower fields but, at the same time, we're able to have a quality practice."

The Terriers will begin contact drills with tomorrow's 3 p.m. practice.

"We go into full gear and the tempo will be picked up somewhat," Ayers said. "We're still going to be smart as far as how we approach the contact. The more contact you have, the more guys you're going to get banged up.

"A big part of our success the past couple of years is being a football team that stayed healthy. We're going to make sure we don't overwork our guys but still do everything possible to prepare for a tough South Carolina State team."

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"Weather wise, it couldn't have been any better," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "We worked hard and we worked smart."

"I think we're accomplishing what we want. We've got some young guys that are getting better, but they're still a ways off as far as understanding everything."

"I think we have an opportunity, if our kickers will continue to improve, to have a good kicking game. We're young there."

"The kids had a good attitude. They worked hard and were focused. It was a good day."

Wofford will enter the next phase of preseason camp tomorrow with its first session of two-a-days. Practices will be at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

"It will basically be twice as much work in one day," Ayers said. "We'll work hard. Our whole deal is working hard as fast as we can and working smart."

"We're trying to eliminate injuries. When we go to full contact, it's going to be in limited and controlled situations."

"For the most part, we're fitting the defense the way we need to. Coverage wise, it looks like we're fairly sound."

"Tomorrow will be a day that we'll have two opportunities to get twice as good."
*Freshman fullback Adrian Young and walk-on wide receivers Jimbo Robinson and Tripp Smith are among the newcomers impressing during the opening week of Wofford's preseason camp.

Young, a native of Hickory, N.C., is battling senior Mike Jones (Galloway, Ohio) for the No. 2 spot at fullback behind 2003 SoCon Freshman of the Year Kevious Johnson.

With the graduation of Wofford student body president and All-SoCon fullback J.R. McNair, Johnson (Fitzgerald, Ga.) has been moved to that position from halfback. Johnson is no stranger to fullback. When McNair was sidelined by injury and unable to play in last year's game with Georgia Southern, Johnson replaced him at fullback and scored all three Terrier touchdowns while rushing for 81 yards in a 20-14 victory.

Young rushed for 1,600 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior for St. Stephens High School last year.

*Robinson is from T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, S.C., while Smith hails from Macon, Ga., and is a graduate of Tattnal Square Academy.

Also impressing at receiver are sophomores Colby Harris (Asheville, N.C.) and Matt Beavin (Lexington, Ky.). They're in the mix for playing time with Ben Mungin and Brandon Berry.

After starting most of the last two years at halfback, Mungin has been moved to receiver. He's also changed his jersey number from No. 26 to No. 8. The Lithonia, Ga., native had four receptions for 51 yards (12.8 avg.) last season with nine career catches totaling 111 yards (12.3 avg.).

Berry had two receptions for 16 yards as a freshman in 2003.

*Brian Rice (Spring Hope, N.C.), the Terriers' top returning receiver after totaling six catches last season, will be sidelined 4-to-6 weeks with a fractured clavicle.

*Freshman Josh Syria has had a very solid start in the Terriers' preseason drills. The Wenatchee, Wash., native has reached 4.8 seconds with his hang time as he replaces graduated four-time All-SoCon selection Jimmy Miner.

*Making his mark at tight end is converted linebacker Matt Allison. A senior from Homewood, Ala., Allison was moved to tight end in spring drills. He's pushing returning starter Adam Regenthal (Clemmons, N.C.) for the first-team job.

Allison totaled 16 tackles on special teams and in a reserve role at linebacker last season.

*Today represented the Terriers' first session of two-a-days. Wofford will alternate between two-a-days (8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.) and single practices (3 p.m.) the remainder of the week
heading into Saturday’s 7 p.m. scrimmage.
Five Wofford football players have received preseason All-America honors from the 
*National Football Gazette*.

Defensive end Lee Basinger and offensive guards Eric Deutsch and Bobby Gibbs were first-
team selections. Wofford and Northeastern were the only schools with as many as three 
first-team picks.

Inside linebacker Timmy Thrift was named to the second team while running back Kevious 
Johnson garnered honorable-mention honors.
*Wofford sophomore Brian Kemp has earned a starting job at cornerback.

"Brian Kemp is having a really strong camp by showing the ability to make plays," Wofford defensive backs coach Terry Lantz said. "He's had four or five interceptions already.

"We expect him to be a really good player for us this fall."

A native of Bowling Green, Fla., Kemp was a two-time All-Conference selection for Hardee High School. He totaled five interceptions and 21 pass breakups as a senior. While also seeing action at wide receiver, he had seven touchdown receptions and a 19.8 yards per catch mark.

Kemp was named to the South Central Florida All-Star team. He had a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the All-Star Game. He also lettered in basketball and track, recording a triple jump of 41 feet and three inches.

Kemp did not see game action for the Terriers last season.

*Alex Love is working with the first team at free safety, the position occupied last year by consensus first-team All-America and SoCon Defensive Player of the Year Matt Nelson.

Love totaled 38 tackles in 2003 while adding a key interception and 47-yard return in the 34-17 quarterfinal-round playoff win over Western Kentucky. He started at cornerback in the semifinals at Delaware.

The junior from Decatur, Ga., is also a special teams standout. He blocked two punts last year, including one against South Carolina State that was recovered by Gabriel Jackson in the end zone for a touchdown.

*Lantz has been pleased with the play of the Terrier newcomers in the secondary.

"We have some promising young guys and we are very anxious to watch their development," Lantz said. "They've shown that they're going to be quality players for us down the road.

"It's just a matter of those guys getting a good grasp of the system and being able to help improve our depth."

Freshmen Brian Ford (Wildwood, Ga.) and Dan Tavani (Green Pond, Pa.) are pushing hard for the No. 2 spot at free safety behind Love.

Playing well at cornerback are rookies Maurice Faulk (Blackshear, Ga.) and Zac Grey (Salem, Ohio).
Cornerback Dedrick Stuckey (Lyons, Ga.) and strong safety Ryan Steele (York, S.C.) are the returning starters in the secondary.

*An afternoon storm forced both football teams on campus indoors.

The Carolina Panthers moved their practice to the Benjamin Johnson Arena, while the Terriers used Andrews Fieldhouse.

Wofford's offense and defense practiced in shifts. While the offense practiced from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the defense held meetings. At 4 p.m., the offense went into meetings with the defense then practicing for an hour.

*Wofford resumes two-a-days tomorrow with practices at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. The first scrimmage is Saturday at 7 p.m.
*After moving indoors yesterday due to an afternoon shower, the Wofford football team returned outdoors today with a pair of two-hour practices.

Sophomore quarterback Josh Collier continues to impress as he makes his bid to turn the Terriers' quarterback tandem of Trey Rodgers and Jeff Zolman into a three-man rotation.

A native of Bonaire, Ga., Collier did not see game action as a freshman.

"We started fall camp with the thought that if Josh was capable, we need to get him in some games this year when it matters," Wofford offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Wade Lang said. "He's done a great job.

"If we had to play tomorrow, he's a guy that would need to be in there just like the other two. It will be interesting to see what happens as we go through the scrimmages and the rest of the practices.

"There's no doubt that it's not just a two-man race anymore and the other two need to understand that."

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Freshman Josh Syria (pronounced SIGH-REE) has cemented his role as the punter for the Wofford football team this season.

Syria, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound native of Wenatchee, Wash., is just the third Terrier punter in the last nine years. The two previous punters before him were also handed the job as freshmen before ultimately signing National Football League contracts.

Brandon Kale inked a deal with the Carolina Panthers after punting for Wofford from 1996-99. He was then followed by four-time All-SoCon selection Jimmy Miner (2000-03), who was signed by the St. Louis Rams.

"Josh is doing a very good job," Wofford kicking coach Lee Hanning said. "At this stage of their careers, I believe Josh is equal to Jimmy Miner.

"Josh's hangtimes are anywhere from 4.5 to 4.9. From impact, he's punting the ball 55-to-60 yards consistently. We're working on positioning and pooch kicks and he's done very well with it. He'll continue to progress since he's a very coachable young man who wants to do well.

"I think we'll have a good opportunity to have another great punter for the next four years."

Syria set a single-season school record with a 40.0 average for Wenatchee High School last year. He had eight punts downed inside the 20-yard line.
The Wofford football team practiced for two hours this afternoon with two-a-days resuming tomorrow at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Terriers will hold their first preseason scrimmage Saturday at 7 p.m. with Brad Birrenkott and Davy Olmsted vying for the starting left tackle job made open by the graduation of All-SoCon performer Chad Bentley.

The Wofford offensive line returns four of five starters, including consensus All-America guards Bobby Gibbs and Eric Deutsch.

"Brad and Davy are both doing well so far," Wofford offensive line coach Eric Nash said. "It's going to be a good battle.

"Right now, it's wide open. We'll take the grades from the two scrimmages and how they continue to practice the rest of the way to determine who's going to be on top in the end."

Birrenkott is a 6-foot-5, 280-pound native of Tampa, Fla. Olmsted (6-4, 295) hails from Raleigh, N.C. They are both juniors who lettered in reserve roles last season.

In addition to Gibbs and Deutsch, the Terriers also return center Brad Anderson and right tackle Kevin Hodapp from last year's starting unit.
The defending SoCon champion Wofford football team will hold its first preseason scrimmage tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Stadium.

"The No. 1 goal is to get out of that thing healthy," Terrier coach Mike Ayers said. "We've had way too many kids who have sustained little nagging injuries that have knocked them out of practice, whether it's a hamstring or a guy who gets a slight concussion.

"It means they're out of practice, not working and not able to get better. Somehow, we've got to be smart and try to get in as much as we can and see as many reps as possible.

At the same time, if that only means 40 reps then we'll just do 40 reps. We'd like to say we could do 80 to 100 snaps, but we're way down offensive-line wise as far as numbers. We've just got to be smart."

Following tomorrow's scrimmage, the Terriers will have their first day off from practice on Sunday. Wofford players will move into their regular dorm rooms with classes set to begin Sept. 6. The Terriers will also have meetings to review the scrimmage before resuming two-a-days on Monday with practices at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
The Wofford football team went through a 100-play scrimmage tonight at Gibbs Stadium with coach Mike Ayers giving his team a "B."

"We saw a lot of flying around and a lot of good effort," Ayers said. "We saw some real good stuff and you also see that there are some guys who just aren't ready for prime time yet. Fortunately for us, we have a couple of weeks to get ready for the opener against South Carolina State (Sept. 11) and we're going to need every day we can.

"I think we accomplished what we wanted to out of this scrimmage. We had about 100 reps, so that's 100 looks and 100 opportunities to get better. I don't believe we got anybody hurt and that was the big thing.

"We did some real good things offensively and defensively. I was real pleased with the offense in that we have three guys on the line who should be playing a lot for us not dressing tonight. There were some guys that were forced into playing. To their credit, they battled and did a nice job.

"I think overall, if I had to grade it, it's probably a "B."

All-America left guard Bobby Gibbs (knee) and starting center Brad Anderson (concussion) did not play tonight and are day-to-day, as is left tackle Brad Birrenkott (concussion) who is battling for a starting job.

Defensive highlights included a major hit by cornerback Dedrick Stuckey that drew a loud reaction from his teammates as well as the nearly 200 fans in attendance.

Inside linebacker Justin Franklin added an interception off his own pass deflection.

Quarterbacks Jeff Zolman and Josh Collier were the leading rushers with 72 and 31 yards, respectively. Zolman had eight carries, including a 37-yard gain on his first attempt. Collier had four rushes.

Fellow signal caller Trey Rodgers connected with tight end Adam Regenthal on a 30-yard pass completion.

Eleven players had at least one carry for Wofford with Zolman the only one with more than four attempts. The Terriers' eight pass completions were spread among seven receivers. Halfback Gabriel Jackson had two grabs for 12 yards.

The only scoring on the night was a 27-yard field goal by Nick Robinson and a 33-yard kick by Ryan Hoover. A 15-yard touchdown run by Kevious Johnson was called back by penalty.

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Wofford defensive end Lee Basinger has been selected as one of 16 candidates for The Sports Network's Buck Buchanan Award as the nation's top defensive player in Division I-AA.

A senior from Kannapolis, N.C., Basinger was ranked by The Sports Network this summer as the No. 1 defensive lineman in Division I-AA. He's a first-team preseason All-America pick.

Basinger earned All-SoCon honors and was Wofford's Defensive Lineman of the Year last season when he topped the front with 90 tackles, including 17 for a loss. He recorded six sacks and three fumble recoveries.

Basinger set a Terrier single-game record with six tackles for a loss, including three sacks, in last year's 31-10 opening-round playoff win over North Carolina A&T.

With 45 career tackles for a loss, Basinger is chasing the all-time Wofford mark of 66 held by Anthony Jones (1999-02).

Graduated Wofford free safety Matt Nelson placed third in voting for the 2003 Buchanan Award.
The Wofford football team resumed two-a-day practices today with veteran Steve Hoover earning a first-team position at outside linebacker.

A special teams standout his first three seasons with the Terriers, Hoover has moved into the starting role vacated by the graduation of 2003 All-SoCon selection Teddie Whitaker.

Hoover, a senior from Austin, Texas, totaled 31 tackles last year. He took part in two turnovers on the kickoff coverage unit and totaled a season-best seven stops in a 20-14 win over Georgia Southern.

As a junior in 2002, he earned Wofford Player of the Week honors for his special teams play in a 7-6 victory at South Carolina State. He downed a pair of punts at the Bulldog 1-yard line in addition to making a tackle on a kickoff return that pinned South Carolina State at its own 14.

"Steve Hoover has stepped up and really made some nice plays," Wofford defensive coordinator Nate Woody said. "He adds speed to our defense."

Also receiving praise from Woody was senior inside linebacker Brandon Smith (Concord, N.C.) who has had a pair of impressive interceptions.

The Terriers will practice at 3 p.m. tomorrow. Wednesday's schedule features an 8:45 a.m. practice and 7 p.m. scrimmage. The Terriers will also hold their Picture Day at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Wofford is the SoCon's winningest team over the last two seasons with a 21-5 overall record and 14-2 league mark. The defending SoCon champions open the 2004 campaign Sept. 11 at South Carolina State.
As the Wofford football team prepares for its final preseason scrimmage tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Stadium, Terrier defensive coordinator Nate Woody is pleased with the progress of his unit.

"We've learned to chase the football pretty good," Woody said. "First and foremost, we've got to learn how to pursue the football.

"Defensively, we're in pretty good shape. I can see guys on 10 and 12-play drives chasing the football and getting around it like we want them to. We got to progress from there to where we're a little better from a technique standpoint.

"We're still evaluating some guys. We're five-deep on the defensive line and we've got a couple of freshmen at safety that we're still really trying to take a look at and evaluate strongly. Sometimes, that hurts chemistry early on. In this week's practice, we're looking to work our No. 1s a little more together in trying to develop that chemistry.

"I like the work ethic to this point. We're making strides."

A 1984 Wofford graduate, Woody was a four-year starter as a defensive standout for the Terriers. He earned honorable-mention All-America honors as an outside linebacker. The Anderson, S.C., native was a team captain and Most Valuable Player his senior year.
The fourth-ranked Wofford football team will hold its final preseason scrimmage tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Stadium.

The Terriers will focus on South Carolina State, their Sept. 11 season-opening opponent.

"We're going to try and simulate a game," Wofford coach Mike Ayers said. "We're going to divide up personnel into a South Carolina State group and a Wofford group.

"We'll try to get as close to game situations as possible. Hopefully, we'll go anywhere from 60 to 80 reps and come out of it healthy. If we can do that, it will have been a successful scrimmage."

The Terriers practiced for two hours this afternoon. Wofford will have a 90-minute practice at 8:45 a.m. tomorrow before holding its Picture Day in front of the Main Building on campus. Following afternoon meetings, the Terriers will take the field for their scrimmage.