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Wofford rifle participated at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Invitational Sept. 22, 2004

Last weekend, Sept. 18 and 19, the Wofford rifle squad opened its second campaign as a varsity program by facing N.C. State and The Citadel at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Invitational in Fort Benning, Ga.

In action Saturday, Sept. 18, against N.C. State, senior Jennifer Ferguson (Duluth, Ga.) led the team with a 540 out of a possible 600. Junior Robert Merting (Walterboro, S.C.) posted a 408.

Rounding out the individual tallies were senior Leslie Gilbert (Inman, S.C.) with a 342 and sophomore Phillip King (Spartanburg, S.C.) with a 320.

Wofford recorded a team total of 1610 while the Wolfpack notched a total of 2266.

The second contest of the weekend was Sunday, Sept. 19, versus The Citadel. The Terriers increased their team score to 1857, but it was not enough as the Bulldogs fired a 2223.

Ferguson again led the squad in individual scoring with a 544, followed by sophomore Cadill Maharaj (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) who registered a 450.

Merting recorded a 448 and Gilbert fired a 415 to round out the Wofford scores.

Under the direction of Lt. Col. Randy Hall, the Terriers will continue their season Oct. 23 when they open Southeastern Air Rifle Conference competition at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Ala.

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Wofford rifle announces 2004-05 schedule  
Oct. 22, 2004

The Wofford rifle team, in its second season of varsity status, along with head coach Randy Hall have announced its 2004-05 schedule. The Terriers’ newest varsity sport will participate for the second-straight season in the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) with Augusta State, Birmingham-Southern, The Citadel, Clemson, Georgia Military College, Mercer, N.C. State and North Georgia College State.

Wofford will open its season Saturday in the first of five SEARC matches. The contest will take place in Birmingham, Ala., on the Birmingham-Southern campus.

In its lone dual home match of the season, the squad will welcome The Citadel to Spartanburg. The rifle team fires its matches in the rear of the Curry Building on campus.

The Terriers return to action Nov. 13 at another SEARC match, which will be hosted by N.C. State in Raleigh, N.C.

After the holidays, Wofford will host its a conference event, Jan. 22.

The final regular-season match and collegiate sectional will be Feb. 12 at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

The Terriers then close their season Feb. 26 at the SEARC League Championship at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga.

2004-05 Wofford Rifle Schedule:
Oct. 23--SEARC 1--Birmingham, Ala. (Birmingham-Southern)
Oct. 30--The Citadel--Spartanburg, S.C.
Nov. 13--SEARC 2--Raleigh, N.C. (N.C. State)
Jan. 22--SEARC 3--Spartanburg, S.C. (Wofford)
Feb. 26--SEARC League Championship--Milledgeville, Ga. (Georgia Military College)

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Terrier rifle finishes season-opening match in Birmingham
Oct. 25, 2004

Led by sophomore Nikil Swamy (Aiken, S.C.), the Wofford rifle team kicked off its second season as a varsity sport Saturday at a Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match on the Birmingham-Southern campus in Birmingham, Ala.

Swamy netted a 514 out of 600, including a team-high tying 10 centers to pace the Terriers. Three points behind was sophomore Cadill Maharaj (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) with a 511 and four centers.

Senior Leslie Gilbert (Inman, S.C.) shot a 495 with a team-high tying 10 centers and junior Josh Kerr (Albany, Ga.) notched two centers on his way to recording a 420. Rounding out the Wofford scores was sophomore Paige Matthews (Seneca, S.C.) with a 340.

Among the SEARC teams in the match, the Terriers placed fifth out of six. Four teams counted their tallies for NCAA purposes with Wofford garnering a fourth-place result.

Wofford will continue its season Saturday versus The Citadel on campus in the Terriers' lone dual match of the season. The two teams will square off beginning at 8 a.m. at the Wofford rifle range, located in the rear of the Curry Building.

Wofford Individuals:
Nikil Swamy--514--10 centers
Cadill Maharaj--511--4 centers
Leslie Gilbert--495--10 centers
Josh Kerr--420--2 centers
Paige Matthews--340--0 centers

SEARC Team Scores:
1--Birmingham-Southern--2293--100 centers
2--North Georgia College and State University--2220--66 centers
3--The Citadel--2205--67 centers
4--Georgia Military College--2106--52 centers
5--Wofford--1940--26 centers
6--Augusta State--1770--19 centers

NCAA Team Scores:
1--Birmingham-Southern (gold)--2273--95 centers
2--The Citadel--2205--67 centers
3--Birmingham-Southern (black)--2203--58 centers
4--Wofford--1940--24 centers

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Terrier rifle drops dual match to The Citadel

Nov. 1, 2004

In its only dual match of the season, the Wofford rifle team dropped a 2143-2014 decision to The Citadel last Saturday in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers are competing in their second season as a varsity sport.

First-year shooter and sophomore Nikil Swamy (Aiken, S.C.) led Wofford for the second straight contest with a 516 out of a possible 600 with a team-high eight centers. Just four points behind him was sophomore Cadill Maharaj (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) with a 512 and six centers.

Senior Jennifer Ferguson (Duluth, Ga.) posted a 497 with four centers while senior Leslie Gilbert (Inman, S.C.) rounded out the Terrier scores with a 489, including four centers.

Sarah Deuschle captured the top individual score with a 557 and 23 centers while Amara Atella tallied a 556 and 15 centers for the Bulldogs.

Wofford's record now stands at 0-1, while The Citadel improves to 1-0.

The Terriers will next compete Nov. 13 at a Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match in Raleigh, N.C. The event will be hosted by league foe N.C. State beginning at 8 a.m.

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Wofford rifle finishes fourth in Raleigh
Nov. 15, 2004

The Wofford rifle team competed this past Saturday in a Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match in Raleigh, N.C., against league foes N.C. State and The Citadel. The Terriers placed fourth with a score of 2,013 among the schools, as The Citadel had two teams represented in the contest.

Wofford was led by sophomore Cadill Maharaj (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) with a 526 out of 600, including 14 centers. Freshman Lee Shutt (Bennettsville, S.C.), competing in his first NCAA match, fired a 522 with 11 centers.

Senior Jennifer Ferguson (Duluth, Ga.) registered a 521 and six centers while sophomore Paige Matthews (Seneca, S.C.) notched a 444 with a pair of centers. Matthews was also competing in her first NCAA match.

The host Wolfpack won the event with a 2275 and 100 centers.

Wofford will return to the range Jan. 22, 2005, when it hosts a SEARC match in Spartanburg, S.C.

Team Scores:
N.C. State--2275--100 centers
The Citadel men--2228--90 centers
The Citadel women--2219--76 centers
Wofford--2013--33 centers

Wofford Individuals:
Cadill Maharaj--526--14 centers
Lee Shutt--522--11 centers
Jennifer Ferguson--521--6 centers
Paige Matthews--444--2 centers

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Rifle opens spring campaign in historic fashion
Jan. 20, 2005

The Wofford rifle team will resume its 2004-05 season by hosting a number of schools from the SEARC (Southeastern Air Rifle Conference) Saturday at 8 a.m.

The match will take place in historic Andrews Field House, marking the first varsity athletic event in the facility since the basketball teams last played there in January 1981.

The Terriers competed in four fall contests, the last being Nov. 13 in Raleigh, N.C. Wofford also participated in a dual match Oct. 30 versus The Citadel.

Randy Hall serves as the head coach for the second-year varsity sport.

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Wofford rifle completes historic match  
Jan. 24, 2005

Led by a 533 out of a possible 600 from sophomore Cadill Maharaj, the Terrier rifle team completed its third Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match of the season Saturday in historic Andrews Field House on the Wofford campus. The Terriers placed fifth out of the six schools which counted their scores for NCAA purposes. Meanwhile, Wofford finished sixth out of the eight institutions which had scores counting for the SEARC.

Fellow sophomore Nikil Swamy fired a 520 while senior Jennifer Ferguson posted a 512 to complete the Terrier trio counting for both the NCAA and SEARC.

The final Wofford shooter in SEARC competition was junior Josh Kerr, who registered a 503 to give the Terriers a team score of 2,068. Senior Leslie Gilbert posted a 495 to round out the NCAA portion of the match for Wofford. The Terriers completed that section with a tally of 2,060.

Sophomore Paige Matthews also participated and posted a 466.

N.C. State captured the team crown with a tally of 2,263. The Wolfpack's Jennifer Marshall took home the top individual honor with a 578.

Wofford will continue its season with its final regular-season match Feb. 16 at The Citadel. The contest in Charleston, S.C., will also serve as the Collegiate Sectional.

Wofford Individual Scores (out of a possible 600):
Cadill Maharaj--533*
Nikil Swamy--520*
Jennifer Ferguson--512*
Josh Kerr--503#
Leslie Gilbert--495^
Paige Matthews--466~

*-Score counted for NCAA and SEARC
#-Score counted for SEARC only
^-Score counted for NCAA only
~Score did not count in team total

Team Scores (SEARC):
1. N.C. State--2,263
2. Birmingham-Southern--2,261
3. The Citadel--2,240
4. Clemson--2,181
5. Georgia Military--2,089
6. Wofford--2,068
7. Mercer--1,838
8. Augusta State--1,834

Team Scores (NCAA):
1. N.C. State--2,263
2. Birmingham-Southern--2,261
3. The Citadel (men)--2,173
4. The Citadel (women)--2,138
5. Wofford--2,060
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6. Mercer--1,770

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Terriers finish second versus The Citadel
Feb. 7, 2005

Senior Jennifer Ferguson (Duluth, Ga.) scored a 545 out of a possible 600 to lead the Wofford rifle team to a second-place finish at The Citadel Saturday in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers finished behind the Bulldogs' women's squad but defeated The Citadel's co-ed team in the three-team match.

Sophomores Nikil Swamy (Aiken, S.C.) and Cadill Maharaj (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) also posted scores above 500, registering a 526 and 505, respectively.

Rounding out the Wofford team total of 1999 with a 423 was Tyler Stinnett with a 423.

The Terriers will return to Charleston and The Citadel Feb. 16 for their next Southeastern Air Rifle Conference match. The contest will also serve as the Collegiate Sectional.

Wofford Individuals:
Jennifer Ferguson--545
Nikil Swamy--526
Cadill Maharaj--505
Tyler Stinnett--423

Team Scores:
The Citadel (women)--2229
Wofford--1999
The Citadel (co-ed)--1927
Wofford rifle finishes fifth at collegiate sectional
Feb. 18, 2005

The Wofford rifle team placed fifth at the collegiate sectional match Saturday hosted by Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) school The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. The contest was also a league competition as eight schools, including the Terriers, participated in the match.

Sophomore Paige Matthews fired her career-best score with a 537, including 12 centers. Just behind her were classmates Niki Swamy with a 533 and team-best 15 centers and Cadill Maharaj with a 529 and 13 centers.

Senior Jennifer Ferguson completed the Wofford shooters in the SEARC scoring with a 523 and 12 centers.

Fellow senior Leslie Gilbert tallied a 502 and 10 centers to round out the Terrier quartet with Matthews, Swamy and Maharaj who counted in the NCAA calculations.

Wofford will conclude its season Feb. 26 at the SEARC Championship in Milledgeville, Ga. The event will be hosted by Georgia Military College.

Wofford Individuals:
Paige Matthews--537, 12 centers^  
Niki Swamy--533, 15 centers*  
Cadill Maharaj--529, 13 centers*  
Jennifer Ferguson--523, 12 centers*  
Leslie Gilbert--502, 10 centers#

^-counted in SEARC scoring only  
*-counted in both SEARC and NCAA scoring  
#-counted in NCAA scoring only

SEARC Team Scores:
Birmingham-Southern, 2280  
The Citadel, 2271  
Clemson, 2211  
North Georgia, 2185  
Wofford, 2122  
Georgia Military, 2078  
Augusta State, 1974  
Mercer, 1956

NCAA Team Scores:
Birmingham-Southern, 2280  
The Citadel (co-ed), 2240  
The Citadel (women), 2222  
The Citadel (men), 2205  
Wofford, 2087  
Mercer, 1956

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Jennifer Ferguson of the Wofford rifle team has been selected to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 3 Women's At-Large First Team.

Ferguson is the first Wofford rifle student-athlete to receive a postseason honor. A senior from Duluth, Ga., Ferguson graduated earlier this month with a 3.95 GPA while majoring in biology.

Ferguson was instrumental in Wofford receiving Most Improved Team honors in the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference this season. She had a score of 529 at the SEARC Championship.

Ferguson had a 523 with 12 centers in a February sectional match in Charleston, S.C.