Wofford rifle gears up for third season  
September 1, 2005

The Wofford rifle team, entering its third season as an NCAA varsity sport in 2005-06, has announced its schedule for the upcoming season. The Terriers will continue to be coached by Randy Hall.

Wofford will kick off its campaign Sept. 24-25 at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Invitational/Clinic in Ft. Benning, Ga. The two-day session serves as a training period for the shooters as they are advised by some of the most technically sound competitors in the world.

The Terriers will then kick off Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) competition with an Oct. 8 match at North Georgia College and State University in Dahlonega, Ga.

An Oct. 22 SEARC match at Birmingham-Southern in Birmingham, Ala., next awaits Wofford. The final event of the fall will be a Nov. 5 SEARC match at N.C. State in Raleigh, N.C.

After taking time off for the end of semester and holidays, the Terriers will welcome the other league schools to Wofford for a SEARC match Jan. 21.

The final two dates on the calendar are a Jan. 28 SEARC match at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga., and a Feb. 11 SEARC match at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. The competition in Charleston, S.C., will also serve as the NRA Sectional and NCAA Qualifier.

The final match of the season, the SEARC Championship, will be Feb. 25 in Charleston, S.C. The Citadel will serve as the host institution.

In 2004-05, the Terriers was named the SEARC's Most Improved Team, while then-sophomore Paige Matthews garnered the league's Most Improved Shooter award.

2005-06 Wofford Rifle Schedule:
Oct. 8, 2005 -- SEARC 1 -- Dahlonega, Ga.
Nov. 5, 2005 -- SEARC 3 -- Raleigh, N.C.
Jan. 21, 2006 -- SEARC 4 -- Spartanburg, S.C.
Feb. 25, 2006 -- SEARC Championship -- Charleston, S.C.

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Terrier rifle completes season-opening Ft. Benning matches
September 27, 2005

The Wofford rifle team kicked off its 2005-06 campaign with a pair of matches over the weekend in Ft. Benning, Ga., hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. The Terriers, along with fellow Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) foes The Citadel and N.C. State participated in the event, where they were trained and coached by Olympic athletes and champions. In Saturday's match, Wofford faced separate men's and women's squads from The Citadel and placed third with a team score of 1305 in the 40-shot event.

The lone letterman returning from last year's squad, Nikil Swamy, led the Terriers with a 361. Tyler Stinnett, who missed much of last season but has prior experience with the team, fired a 343. Jason McElveen, who has also played tennis and ran track & field for Wofford, posted a 337 in his first collegiate rifle event.

Rounding out the Terrier scores were newcomers Lauren Satterfield (264) and Ponnica McKenzie (234). Sunday saw Wofford face The Citadel teams again along with N.C. State. The Terriers registered a team score of 2048 in the 60-shot match and placed fourth.

Leading the way Sunday was Swamy again with a 544. He was joined in the top three by Stinnett (523) and McElveen (494).

Satterfield (487) and McKenzie (409) rounded out the Wofford competitors.

The Terriers will open SEARC competition Oct. 8 at an event hosted by North Georgia College.

Saturday, Sept. 24 match (40 shots):

Wofford Individuals:
Nikil Swamy -- 361
Tyler Stinnett -- 343
Jason McElveen -- 337
Lauren Satterfield -- 264
Ponnica McKenzie -- 234

Team Scores:
The Citadel (men) -- 1464
The Citadel (women) -- 1393
Wofford -- 1305

Sunday, Sept. 25 match (60 shots):

Wofford Individuals:
Nikil Swamy -- 544
Tyler Stinnett -- 523
Jason McElveen -- 494
Lauren Satterfield -- 487
Ponnica McKenzie -- 409

Team Scores:
N.C. State -- 2248
The Citadel (men) -- 2219
The Citadel (women) -- 2138
Wofford -- 2048
Newcomers fire Wofford rifle into second place
October 11, 2005

Three newcomers guided the Wofford rifle team to a second-place score out of five teams at the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) opener Saturday at North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Ga. The Terriers fired a team score of 2115, as each competitor posted a score above 500. During the 2004-05 season, the feat was accomplished just once and it was the team’s seventh match of the campaign.

Leading Wofford was Nikil Swamy with a 541. Freshman Rachel Senterfeit, who never shot before and was competing in her first contest, posted a 530, just ahead of Paige Matthews’ 527. Matthews was named the SEARC Most Improved Shooter during the 2004-05 season.

Senior Josh Kerr registered his career-best tally with a 517, while Lauren Satterfield and Jason McElveen notched a 504 apiece. Satterfield and McElveen are also first-year shooters with the program.

The 2115 team score was the second-highest in Terrier history. The program became a varsity sport beginning with the 2003-04 campaign.

The Citadel captured the team crown with a 2248.

Wofford will continue its season Oct. 29 at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Wofford Individuals:
Nikil Swamy -- 541
Rachel Senterfeit -- 530
Paige Matthews -- 527
Josh Kerr -- 517
Lauren Satterfield -- 504
Jason McElveen -- 504

Team Scores (SEARC):
The Citadel -- 2248
Wofford -- 2115
North Georgia -- 2092
Augusta State -- 2067
Mercer -- 1972

Team Scores (NCAA):
The Citadel (men) -- 2204
The Citadel (women) -- 2132
Wofford -- 2115
Mercer -- 1972
Terrier rifle places fourth at The Citadel
November 3, 2005

The Wofford rifle team participated in its third competition of the 2005-06 campaign last Saturday and earned a fourth-place finish out of four teams at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers posted a team score of 2099 to trail the three Bulldog teams in the match, including the winning The Citadel co-ed squad who fired a 2286.

Leading the Wofford pack was the duo of Nikil Swamy and Rachel Senterfeit. Both shooters registered a 551 with Swamy garnering a slight, 14-11, edge over his teammate in centers. The match was just Senterfeit's second of her career.

Paige Matthews, who was named the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference's (SEARC) Most Improved Shooter in 2004-05, tallied a 525, while Michelle Boykin notched a 472 in her first-ever collegiate competition.

Also participating in the event were The Citadel's freshmen team and women's squad who carded scores of 2125 and 2120, respectively.

The Terriers will return to action Saturday at N.C. State in a return to SEARC competition.

Wofford Individuals:
551 -- Nikil Swamy
551 -- Rachel Senterfeit
525 -- Paige Matthews
472 -- Michelle Boykin

Team Scores:
2286 -- The Citadel (co-ed)
2125 -- The Citadel (freshmen)
2120 -- The Citadel (women)
2099 -- Wofford
Senterfeit paces Wofford rifle at N.C. State
November 10, 2005

Led by a school-record total from freshman Rachel Senterfeit, the Wofford rifle team finished third out of three teams in NCAA scoring and fourth out of four teams in Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) scoring at this past weekend's SEARC match at N.C. State in Raleigh, N.C.

Senterfeit, competing in just her third collegiate match, posted a record-high 558. It marked the second time in as many weeks she topped the school's highest score.

Joining her with above-500 tallies were Nikil Swamy (526), Jason McElveen (510) and Michelle Boykin (508). Boykin was participating in just her second competition.

Also seeing action at the range for the Terriers were Josh Kerr (499) and Beth Mellette (435), in her first contest.

Wofford posted team totals of 2093 in NCAA competition and 2102 during SEARC action.

The host Wolfpack won both portions of the match, while second-place honors went to The Citadel.

The Terriers will next compete after the holidays when they host a SEARC match January 21 at Andrews Fieldhouse in Spartanburg, S.C.

Wofford Individuals (NCAA):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 558
Nikil Swamy -- 526
Jason McElveen -- 510
Josh Kerr -- 499

Wofford Individuals (SEARC):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 558
Nikil Swamy -- 526
Jason McElveen -- 510
Michelle Boykin -- 508

Team Scores (NCAA):
N.C. State -- 2266
The Citadel -- 2238
Wofford -- 2093

Team Scores (SEARC):
N.C. State -- 2266
The Citadel -- 2242
North Georgia -- 2157
Wofford -- 2102
Senterfeit paces Terrier rifle to third-place finish
January 24, 2006

Led by a 10th-place finish from freshman Rachel Senterfeit, the Wofford rifle team earned a third-place result out of five schools at the recent Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match in Andrews Field House in Spartanburg, S.C., last Saturday. It was the first of two-straight SEARC competitions the Terriers will host this season.

The individual honor was awarded to Clemson’s Lyndsey Hall, who registered a 573 (out of a possible 600) with 28 centers. North Carolina State won the team NCAA and SEARC crowns with a team score of 2228.

Senterfeit posted a score of 552 with 12 centers, her second-highest score, among the 43 shooters. Nikil Swamy also shot well for Wofford with a 12th-place tally of 540 with 14 centers.

Josh Kerr was the third Terrier to contribute to both the NCAA and SEARC scores. He notched a 531 with 10 centers.

Rounding out the Wofford SEARC squad was Tyler Coffey with a 498 with six centers. Michelle Boykin was the other NCAA score which counted for the Terriers, and she shot a 444 with three centers.

Two other Wofford shooters participated but did not count towards the team scores. Beth Mellette tallied a 475 with four centers for the Terriers, while Ponnica McKenzie carded a 375 with one center.

Wofford will host its second SEARC match Saturday starting at 9 a.m. in Andrews Field House.

Team Scores (SEARC):
- N.C. State -- 2228
- The Citadel (men) -- 2222
- Wofford -- 2121
- North Georgia -- 2119
- Mercer -- 1968

Team Scores (NCAA):
- N.C. State -- 2228
- The Citadel (men) -- 2222
- Wofford -- 2067
- The Citadel (women) -- 2025
- Mercer -- 1958

Wofford Individuals (SEARC):
- Rachel Senterfeit -- 552 (12)
- Nikil Swamy -- 540 (14)
- Josh Kerr -- 531 (10)
- Tyler Coffey -- 498 (6)

Wofford Individuals (NCAA):
- Rachel Senterfeit -- 552 (12)
- Nikil Swamy -- 540 (14)
- Josh Kerr -- 531 (10)
- Michelle Boykin -- 444 (3)

Other Wofford Individuals:
- Beth Mellette -- 475 (4)
- Ponnica McKenzie -- 375 (1)

Top-10 Individuals:
- 1--Lyndsey Hall (Clemson), 573 (28)
- 2--Jeremy Drennan (North Georgia), 571 (25)
- 3--Evan Rishel (The Citadel), 568 (19)
- 4--Matthew Gifford (N.C. State), 567 (20)
- 5--Jennifer Marshall (N.C. State), 566 (18)
- 6--Heather Gebhard (North Georgia), 565 (22)
6--Heather Gebhard (North Georgia), 565 (22)
7--Thomas Knight (N.C. State), 563 (17)
8--Kevin Medert (The Citadel), 560 (27)
9--Steven Reis (The Citadel), 552 (16)
10--Rachel Senterfeit (Wofford), 552 (12)
Terrier record falls as Wofford rifle concludes home slate  
February 1, 2006

The Wofford rifle team hosted its second-straight Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match last Saturday in Andrews Field House and the Terriers placed fourth out of five teams in the NCAA scoring and fourth out of six schools in SEARC tabulations. Highlighting the Wofford performances was a school-record 563 out of a possible 600 by freshman Rachel Senterfeit. Her tally broke her own school mark of 558, which she had set at N.C. State Nov. 5, 2005. Nikil Swamy posted a 549 followed by a 532 from Josh Kerr as both individuals, along with Senterfeit, factored in the Terriers’ scores for both NCAA and SEARC. Also on the NCAA scoreboard for Wofford was Tyler Coffey with a 477. Beth Mellette registered a 491 as she was the fourth member of the Terrier SEARC scores. Michelle Boykin was another Wofford competitor whose score did not factor into the Terrier team tallies. She posted a 477. Birmingham-Southern finished on top in both categories with a 2282, out-distancing N.C. State's 2237 in NCAA and The Citadel's 2263 in SEARC. The Citadel's Kevin Medert won the individual crown with a 574 and 32 centers. Nikita Dees of Birmingham-Southern and N.C. State's Matthew Gifford also fired 574s, but notched 31 and 24 centers, respectively, to fall in the tie-breaking procedure. Wofford will return to action Feb. 11 for the upcoming SEARC 6, NRA Sectional and NCAA Qualifier at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Team Scores (NCAA):
Birmingham-Southern -- 2282
The Citadel (men) -- 2259
N.C. State -- 2237
Wofford -- 2121
The Citadel (women) -- 2110

Team Scores (SEARC):
Birmingham-Southern -- 2282
The Citadel -- 2263
N.C. State -- 2237
Wofford -- 2135
North Georgia -- 2113
Clemson -- 1940

Wofford Individuals (NCAA):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 563
Nikil Swamy -- 549
Josh Kerr -- 532
Tyler Coffey -- 477

Wofford Individuals (SEARC):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 563
Nikil Swamy -- 549
Josh Kerr -- 532
Beth Mellette -- 491

Other Wofford Individual:
Michelle Boykin -- 477

Top-10 Individuals:
Kevin Medert (The Citadel) -- 574 (32 centers)
Nikita Dees (Birmingham-Southern) -- 574 (31)
Matthew Gifford (N.C. State) -- 574 (24)
Dawn Stanfield (Birmingham-Southern) -- 572 (28)
Dory Nash (Birmingham-Southern) -- 571 (29)
Steven Reis (The Citadel) -- 571 (20)
Evan Rishel (The Citadel) -- 566 (24)
Sirena Wang (Birmingham-Southern) -- 565 (23)
Jennifer Marshall (N.C. State) -- 565 (20)
Katie Furr (Birmingham-Southern) -- 564 (23)
Wofford rifle shoots down numerous records

February 14, 2006

The Wofford rifle team turned in its best scores since becoming a varsity sport in 2003-04 at the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match last Saturday at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers also set numerous individual marks in the match which also counted as the NCAA Qualifier and NRA Sectional.

Wofford fired a 2174 in NCAA competition to place fourth out of the eight schools. N.C. State captured the NCAA crown with a 2293.

In SEARC scoring, the Terriers posted a school record and fifth-place 2199 among the seven teams. The 2293 by N.C. State also paced the field.

Freshman Rachel Senterfeit broke her own school record and set a career high with a 565 out of a possible 600. Nearly equaling her tally was Nikil Swamy with a career-best 562.

Josh Kerr with a 540 and Beth Mellette with a 507, both career highs, rounded out the Wofford NCAA quartet.

The Terriers' SEARC score was higher as a career-best effort of 532 by Michelle Boykin replaced Mellette's total.

A final member of the squad also shot at the competition but did not factor into team scoring. Tyler Coffey registered a 507.

As the third season at the varsity level winds down, Wofford will conclude the campaign Feb. 25 at the SEARC Championship at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Wofford Individuals (NCAA):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 565
Nikil Swamy -- 562
Josh Kerr -- 540
Beth Mellette -- 507

Wofford Individuals (SEARC):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 565
Nikil Swamy -- 562
Josh Kerr -- 540
Michelle Boykin -- 532

Other Wofford Individual:
Tyler Coffey -- 507

Team Scores (NCAA):
N.C. State -- 2293
The Citadel (co-ed) -- 2265 (96 centers)
Birmingham-Southern -- 2265 (94 centers)
Wofford -- 2174
Austin Peay State -- 2171
The Citadel (men) -- 2136
The Citadel (women) -- 2061
Mercer -- 1946

Team Scores (SEARC):
N.C. State -- 2293
Birmingham-Southern -- 2284
The Citadel (co-ed) -- 2265
North Georgia -- 2211
Wofford -- 2199
Clemson -- 2093
Mercer -- 1946
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Wofford rifle places fifth at SEARC Championship
February 27, 2006

The Wofford rifle team concluded its third season at the varsity level this past weekend by competing in the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) Championship held at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers placed fifth among the seven schools counting in the SEARC standings and fifth out of five teams during the NCAA scoring tabulations.

Freshman Rachel Senterfeit, the team's top performer all season, again paced the Wofford contingent with a 555 out of a possible 600 with 17 centers. Also tallying a high score for the Terriers was Josh Kerr with a 540, including 12 centers.

Tyler Coffey was the third member of the squad to factor into both totals as he registered a 522 with seven centers.

Freshman Michelle Boykin rounded out the SEARC quartet with a 531 and six centers, while fellow rookie Beth Mellette recorded a 511 with seven centers.

Wofford garnered a team score of 2148 in the SEARC standings and 2128 during the NCAA scoring.

Birmingham-Southern was crowned the SEARC champion with a team tally of 2274, while the NCAA scoring title went to N.C. State who shot a 2268.

Wofford Individuals (SEARC):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 555 (17 centers)
Josh Kerr -- 540 (12)
Michelle Boykin -- 531 (6)
Tyler Coffey -- 522 (7)

Wofford Individuals (NCAA):
Rachel Senterfeit -- 555 (17)
Josh Kerr -- 540 (12)
Tyler Coffey -- 522 (7)
Beth Mellette -- 511 (7)

Top-10 Individuals:
1--Matthew Gifford (N.C. State) -- 576 (32)
2--Dawn Stanfield (Birmingham-Southern) -- 575 (24)
3--Dory Nash (Birmingham-Southern) -- 570 (29)
4--Evan Rishel (The Citadel) -- 566 (20)
5--Jennifer Marshall (N.C. State) -- 565 (23)
6--Ashley Powell (Birmingham-Southern) -- 565 (19)
7--Katie Furr (Birmingham-Southern) -- 564 (23)
8--Steven Reis (The Citadel) -- 564 (22)
9--Thomas Knight (N.C. State) -- 564 (19)
10--Noel Keck (N.C. State) -- 563 (23)

Team Scores (SEARC):
1--Birmingham-Southern -- 2274
2--N.C. State -- 2268
3--The Citadel -- 2241
4--North Georgia -- 2197
Team Scores (NCAA):
1--N.C. State -- 2268
2--Birmingham-Southern -- 2261
3--The Citadel (co-ed) -- 2236
4--The Citadel (women) -- 2161
5--Wofford -- 2128

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Rifle garners two league honors
February 27, 2006

The Wofford rifle team concluded its third varsity campaign, all under the guidance of head coach Randy Hall, by winning a pair of Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) awards for the second-straight season.

Freshman Beth Mellette was named the league's most improved shooter. It marks the second-straight season in which a Terrier has won the award, following last season's nod to Paige Matthews.

Wofford also was presented with the SEARC's most improved team award for the second-straight season.

Both accolades were given to the Terriers at the SEARC Championship this past weekend at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.