Thursday, September 1, 2005
Wofford, Longwood men’s soccer play to double overtime draw
FARMVILLE, VA – Wofford and Longwood played to a double overtime 2-2 tie in men’s soccer Thursday afternoon at Longwood’s Lancer field. It was the first regular season contest of the season for each team.
Wofford took a 2-0 lead before the Lancers stormed back and scored the tying goal with just 12 seconds left in regulation.
Wofford scored its first goal in the 35th minute on a goal by Brandon Lowery, assisted by Jon Sekerak. The Terriers added to their lead three minutes later when Jesus Arroyo-Peco scored off a pass from Clark Powell.
Longwood’s David Smith cut the Terrier lead to 2-1 when he controlled a loose ball and blasted a shot past goalkeeper Joey Taylor with 1:12 remaining in regulation. A free kick taken by sophomore goalkeeper Brandt Youmans with less than 45 seconds remaining resulted in a corner kick for Longwood. Freshman Miq Umar bent a corner kick into the box, which sophomore Todd Runey headed home to tie the game at the 89:48 mark.

The Lancers finished the game with 17 shots, including seven shots on goal, while the Terriers finished with seven shots, six of which were on goal. Youmans, who was starting his first collegiate game, finished the contest with four saves, while Taylor made five saves for Wofford. Longwood had a 9-2 advantage in corner kicks.
Each team is 0-0-1 on the season.
Wofford will play its home opener on Saturday, Sept. 3 when it hosts UNC Asheville a 1 p.m. at Snyder Field.

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Wofford-UNC Asheville men's soccer match postponed

SPARTANBURG, SC – The men’s soccer match scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3 between Wofford College and UNC Asheville has been postponed until Sept. 28 due to travel restrictions imposed by North Carolina Governor Mike Easley. The travel restrictions are in response to the gas shortage crisis in North Carolina caused by Hurricane Katrina. The two major pipelines that provide 90 percent of the gasoline to the state are currently operating at a limited capacity, supplying between 25 and 35 percent of their normal output. In response, the governor has put restrictions on state government travel.

The soccer match will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 28 at Wofford’s Snyder Field. The Terriers next scheduled match is at home against Lipscomb on Sept. 9 at 6:00.

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Terrier men's soccer begins home slate this weekend

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The Wofford men's soccer team will open its 2005 home schedule this weekend with a pair of matches at Snyder Field. The Terriers will welcome Lipscomb at 6 p.m. Friday and Belmont at 1 p.m. Sunday in nonconference contests.

"We have had a very good week of practice with the intensity and pace of play being very good," said head coach Matt Kern. "I think the guys will be excited about the chance to finally play at home this year.

"Both teams we are facing this weekend have improved over last year. Lipscomb has done a great job so far under their new coach. Belmont also comes in much improved. We are hoping to get quality results and put an attractive style of play on the field that will help attract fans, students and members of the community to our games."

Wofford began the season with a 2-2 double overtime tie at Longwood Sept. 1. After missing all of 2004 due to injury, senior Jesus Arroyo-Peco assisted on Brandon Lowery's first goal before tallying one of his own later in the first half. The Terriers were slated to face UNC Asheville Sept. 3 in the home opener, but the match was postponed due to travel restrictions imposed by North Carolina Governor Mike Easley. Wofford and the Bulldogs will now square off Sept. 28 in Spartanburg, S.C.
Terriers blank Bison in men's soccer home opener

September 9, 2005

In its 2005 home debut, the Wofford men's soccer team blanked visiting Lipscomb, 3-0, Friday night at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers tallied a pair of goals in the first half before adding their final score late in the second half.

Senior Carter Ladd, who missed much of 2004 with an injury, returned to form tonight as he scored his first goal since the 2003 campaign with Wofford's first tally at 28:23 on an assist from Joel Kozak.

Just under 40 seconds later, fellow senior Jesus Arroyo-Peco found the back of the net behind Bison goalkeeper J.D. Murphy on a Callum Easter assist at the 29:02 mark. Easter, a freshman from Dunbar, Scotland, made his Terrier debut in the contest tonight.

Wofford (1-0-1) entered the lockerrooms at the half holding a 9-4 edge on shots.

The Terriers continued the put pressure on the Lipscomb (1-1-1) cage in the second half but only found the back of the net once. Sophomore Reed Blair dribbled down the right-hand side and crossed it to Arroyo-Peco, who flicked it back to a streaking Brandon Lowery directly in front of the goal for the game's final tally at the 81:17 mark.

The Bison managed to close the gap in shots in the second half; however, most of their attempts were from 25-to-30 yards out and were not on goal.

It marked the second-straight contest in which Arroyo-Peco posted a goal and assist, while Lowery's goal was his second in as many games this season.

Sophomore Joey Taylor registered seven saves for his first shutout of the season. Murphy collected three saves in goal for Lipscomb.

Wofford will continue its season at 1 p.m. Sunday when it plays again at home versus Belmont, the second-straight Atlantic Sun institution hailing from Nashville, Tenn., on this year's schedule.

Wofford 3, Lipscomb 0

Scoring Summary:

28:23 -- WOF, Carter Ladd (Joel Kozak)
29:02 -- WOF, Jesus Arroyo-Peco (Callum Easter)
81:17 -- WOF, Brandon Lowery (Arroyo-Peco, Reed Blair)

Team Comparison:

Shots -- Wofford 16, Lipscomb 15
Saves -- Wofford 7 (Taylor), Lipscomb 5 (Murphy 3, Team 2)
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 5, Lipscomb 2

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Wofford men's soccer remains unbeaten with win over Belmont

September 11, 2005

Two goals separated by just over two minutes in the opening half were enough as the Wofford men's soccer team held on to defeat visiting Belmont, 2-1, Sunday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

After the early scoring, the Bruins closed the gap later in the first stanza and maintained the momentum after halftime but could not find the back of the net again.

Terrier senior forward Jesus Arroyo-Peco netted his third goal in as many games to open the scoring at 11:11. Arroyo-Peco took a free kick from 30 yards out on the right side and found the back of the net behind Belmont (1-2-1) keeper Kyle Roelke for his team-leading eighth point of the season.

A short time later, senior R.P. Benik found junior Joel Kozak down the left flank, who then fed the ball towards the goal where classmate Brandon Lowery redirected the pass for Wofford's second tally at 13:20.

The Bruins added to the scoring at the 28:04 mark when Drew Ducker intercepted a bad pass in the Terrier defense and beat Wofford (2-0-1) goalkeeper Joey Taylor on a breakaway.

After the half, Belmont continued its constant pressure in the Terrier half of the field and outshot Wofford in the final 45 minutes, 15-4. Taylor collected a season-high nine saves, while Roelke posted one stop in the cage for the Bruins.

Duker led all players with six shots, while Arroyo-Peco, senior Carter Ladd and sophomore Kyle Walker each notched a pair of shots for the Terriers.

Wofford will hit the road for a 5:30 p.m. contest at Liberty Friday before returning home to Snyder Field for the start of a four-match homestand at 6 p.m. Sunday versus North Florida.

Wofford 2, Belmont 1

Scoring Summary:
11:11 -- WOF, Jesus Arroyo-Peco (unassisted)
13:20 -- WOF, Brandon Lowery (Joel Kozak, R.P. Benik)
28:04 -- BEL, Drew Ducker (unassisted)

Team Comparison:
Shots -- Belmont 24, Wofford 10
Saves -- Wofford 11 (Taylor 9, Team 2), Belmont 2 (Roelke 1, Team 1)
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 5, Belmont 2
Early Liberty goal decides game versus Wofford
September 16, 2005

Wofford battled Liberty scoreless for over 89 minutes, but a Flame goal just 11 seconds into the contest was the only tally needed to provide Liberty a 1-0 victory Friday night in men's soccer action in Lynchburg, Va. The Flames' (1-3-1) Adrian Bumbut scored from eight yards out off Kyle Cupid and Osei Telesford assists at 0:11. Bumbut tied teammate David McCall with a team-high three shots. Kevin Mahan collected two saves in the shutout, both coming in the second half. Jesus Arroyo-Peco paced the Terriers (2-1-1) with three shots, while Thomas Coley, Joel Kozak and Carter Ladd each added one apiece.

In goal, Joey Taylor registered three second half saves after the early goal. Wofford will return home Sunday for a 6 p.m. contest versus North Florida at Snyder Field. The match begins three-straight games in Spartanburg for the Terriers, including next weekend's second annual Wofford/adidas Invitational.

Liberty 1, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
0:11 -- LIB, Adrian Bumbut (Kyle Cupid, Osei Telesford)

Team Comparison:
Shots -- Liberty 15, Wofford 6
Saves -- Wofford 3 (Taylor), Liberty 3 (Mahan 2, Team 1)
Corner Kicks -- Liberty 4, Wofford 2
A three-goal rally with under 10 minutes left in regulation put the Wofford men's soccer team on top of visiting North Florida, 3-2, Sunday at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. Two of the three goals were on penalty kick situations. After trailing 2-0 at the break, the Terriers stepped up their pressure in the second half and forced numerous Osprey fouls. With just under 14 minutes remaining, at 76:49, freshman Callum Easter fired a shot to the upper left corner of the North Florida goal. The attempt was deflected wide by the hands of an Osprey defender. The action resulted in a red card, automatic ejection and penalty kick situation for Wofford. Senior Carter Ladd's PK attempt was pushed wide left by a diving Michael Frost.

With UNF a man down, the Terriers (3-1-1) maintained their aggressive attack and forced a foul inside the 18-yard box resulting in another PK. This time, junior Brandon Lowery stepped to the line and found the back of the net for Wofford's first goal at 82:40. With UNF a man down, another Osprey foul inside the box produced the third penalty kick situation of the contest. Senior Jesus Arroyo-Peco tied the game at 86:28.

Wofford then was able to draw another foul on North Florida (0-3-1) just outside the box. Arroyo-Peco took the free kick and found the head of Lowery, who redirected it past the Osprey defense for the game-winning goal at 87:42. Arroyo-Peco led all players with seven shots. His total equals 25 percent of the Terrier team sum, as Wofford managed 28 during the match. Lowery and Ladd each added five.

Culley and Martin Pettersson led North Florida with four shots apiece.

Both goalkeepers, Frost and the Terriers' Joey Taylor, each stopped five shots in playing the full 90 minutes.

Wofford will return to action at 6 p.m. Friday when it hosts Cornell in the second contest of the day of the second annual Wofford/adidas Invitational. The tournament will kick off at 3:30 p.m. Friday as Georgia State and Furman hit the field. The event will conclude with a pair of matches Sunday.

Wofford 3, North Florida 2
Scoring Summary:
13:03 -- UNF, Rohan Culley (Matt Williams)
14:40 -- UNF, Shareef Rajkumar (unassisted)
82:40 -- WOF, Brandon Lowery (PK)
86:28 -- WOF, Jesus Arroyo-Peco (PK)
87:42 -- WOF, Brandon Lowery (Jesus Arroyo-Peco)

Team Comparison:
Shots -- Wofford 28, North Florida 17
Saves -- North Florida 12 (Team 7, Frost 5), Wofford 5 (Taylor)
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 11, North Florida 1
Terriers prepare to host Wofford/adidas Invitational

September 22, 2005

For the second-straight season, the Terrier men's soccer team will serve as the host for the Wofford/adidas Invitational at Snyder Field. This year's field for the Sept. 23 and 25 event will feature Cornell, Furman and Georgia State in addition to Wofford.

"We are really excited about the tournament," said head coach Matt Kern. "This year's event features a great field. Cornell will be a difficult test for us and Georgia State is extremely technical and dangerous."

Competition will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday with a neutral site match between Georgia State and Furman. The Terriers play their first contest at 6 p.m. versus Cornell.

The event will conclude Sunday starting with a 1 p.m. neutral site meeting between Furman and Cornell, followed at 3:30 p.m. by Wofford and Georgia State.

"Starting this weekend, our schedule will pick up in terms of the level of competition. We will need to adjust accordingly." The Terriers are 3-1-1 on the season entering the weekend. Wofford tallied a 3-2 comeback victory against North Florida last Sunday in Spartanburg, S.C., in which the Terriers scored their three goals in the final 10 minutes to win the match.
Wofford men's soccer comes back to tie Cornell Friday
September 23, 2005

A Terrier goal with just over three-and-a-half minutes remaining in regulation capped a comeback and forced a tie versus Cornell Friday night at Snyder Field at the Wofford/adidas Invitational in Spartanburg, S.C. Senior Jesus Arroyo-Peco netted his team-high tying fifth goal of the season with 86:23 showing on the clock off a Carter Ladd corner kick.
Wofford (3-1-2) had earlier taken the early lead and halftime advantage with a Joel Kozak tally at 31:47 following a flurry of activity near the Big Red cage.
Cornell then rallied for a pair of goals in the second stanza, including a breakaway shot from Tom Marks at 50:12. The Big Red took the lead, 2-1, at 66:02, when Jarid Siegel found Kyle Lynch's head off a corner kick.
In the overtime, Cornell (1-3-2) seemed to control much of the first session before the Terriers held possession during most of the second extra period.
Both goalkeepers, Wofford's Joey Taylor and the Big Red's Steve Lesser, each collected six saves in playing the full 110 minutes.
Arroyo-Peco led all players with eight shots, as he had one-half of the Terriers' attempts. Cornell was led by three shots from Kuda Wekwete.
The contest was the second of the day at the second annual Wofford/adidas Invitational. In the earlier contest, Furman topped Georgia State, 1-0, on a first half goal by Kevin Norman on a Eliot Paschalis assist from nearly 40 yards out.
Norman's rocket appeared to be going high until the final second when it dropped into the upper left corner of the goal for the game's only tally. The Paladins' Bryan Amos registered two saves for the shutout, while the Panthers' Filipe Carvalho stopped 13 Furman shots.
The tournament will conclude with a pair of matches Sunday. The first contest will pit Furman versus Cornell at 1 p.m., followed by Wofford and Georgia State at 3:30 p.m.
At the conclusion of play Sunday, an all-tournament team will be announced along with Offensive and Defensive MVP awards.
Wofford 2, Cornell 2 (2OT)
Scoring Summary:
31:47 -- WOF, Joel Kozak (unassisted)
50:12 -- CORN, Tom Marks (unassisted)
66:02 -- CORN, Kyle Lynch (Jarid Siegel)
86:23 -- WOF, Jesus Arroyo-Peco (Carter Ladd)
Team Comparison:
Shots -- Cornell 17, Wofford 16
Saves -- Wofford 7 (Taylor 6, Team 1), Cornell 6 (Lesser)
Corner Kicks -- Cornell 8, Wofford 7
Georgia State knocks off Terriers in tournament finale
September 25, 2005

In the final match of the 2005 Wofford/adidas Invitational, Georgia State handed the host Terriers a 3-0 loss Sunday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Panthers put the first mark on the board at 27:35 when Josh Swank scored on a Alberto Villarreal assist.

After taking the 1-0 lead into the half, Georgia State (2-5) added its second goal on 60:00. Goalkeeper Filipe Carvalho puntet a goal kick deep into Wofford territory, which was collected by Dathan Knott before he fired it past Terrier goalkeeper Joey Taylor.

The final tally came at the 82:45 mark when Jeremy Johnson added an unassisted tally.

The Panthers’ Carvalho collected two saves in the shutout, while Taylor stopped six Georgia State shots.

Knott and Johnson led all players with six shots apiece, while senior Jesus Arroyo-Peco paced Wofford (3-2-2) with four shots.

The Terriers will return to action at 6 p.m. Wednesday when they host UNC Asheville in a rescheduled contest from earlier this season.

Georgia State 3, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
27:35--GAST, Josh Swank (Alberto Villarreal)
60:00--GAST, Dathan Knott (Filipe Carvalho)
82:45--GAST, Jeremy Johnson (unassisted)

Team Comparison:
Shots -- Georgia State 17, Wofford 13
Saves -- Wofford 6 (Taylor), Georgia State 4 (Carvalho)
Corner Kicks -- Georgia State 3, Wofford 1
Wofford places two on all-tournament squad
September 25, 2005

Two Terrier men's soccer seniors, Jesus Arroyo-Peco and R.P. Benik, were named to the all-tournament team following the second annual Wofford/adidas Invitational Sunday at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. Arroyo-Peco led the Terriers in their two contests, Friday versus Cornell and Sunday against Georgia State, with 12 shots. He scored Wofford's game-tying goal with just over three-and-a-half minutes remaining to force the 2-2 tie versus Cornell Friday night.

Benik played a key midfield position, helping to shutdown some of the top opposing players from both teams. He collected two shots in the tournament, both coming against Georgia State Sunday afternoon.

Tournament champion Furman had four players selected, followed by three each from Georgia State and Cornell. Both the Offensive and Defensive MVP honors went to Paladins.

The team was selected by the head coaches of each team.

2005 Wofford/adidas Invitational all-tournament team:
Kevin Norman, Furman
Mark Futrell, Furman
Lewis Chaloner, Furman
Dominic Cianciarulo, Furman
Felipe Carvalho, Georgia State
Eze Chamerro, Georgia State
Joe Devito, Georgia State
Kyle Lynch, Cornell
Aaron Vieira, Cornell
Steve Lesser, Cornell
Jesus Arroyo-Peco, Wofford
R.P. Benik, Wofford

Offensive MVP -- Brian Martin, Furman
Defensive MVP -- Jon Leathers, Furman
Terriers close homestand with UNC Asheville
September 27, 2005

The Wofford men's soccer team will close a four-game homestand at 6 p.m. Wednesday when it hosts UNC Asheville at Snyder Field. The two teams were originally scheduled to meet Sept. 3, but the contest was postponed due to travel restrictions following Hurricane Katrina.

"We are excited about hosting UNC Asheville," said head coach Matt Kern. "They will be a big test for us.

"We have scored a few goals this season, but we need to tighten up defensively.

"The Bulldogs have three or four dynamic players that for whom we will need to account."

The Terriers hosted the second annual Wofford/adidas Invitational this past weekend. In the event, Wofford tied Cornell Friday, 2-2, before losing to Georgia State, 3-0 Sunday.

Wofford had two of its players selected to the all-tournament team for the second-straight year. Senior Terriers Jesus Arroyo-Peco and R.P. Benik were named to the squad.
Bulldogs nip Wofford men's soccer on first half goal
September 28, 2005

A first half UNC Asheville goal just before halftime was the deciding margin Wednesday night as the Bulldogs defeated host Wofford, 1-0, at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. Andrew Klerekoper knocked home a Chance Lord assist with 44:13 on the clock for the game's only tally. UNC Asheville (1-4-1) out-shot the Terriers, 10-6, with five shots coming in each half. Bulldog keeper Michael Pereira collected three saves in playing the full 90 minutes in goal. Wofford (3-3-2) goalkeeper Joey Taylor stopped four UNCA shots.

Sophomore Reed Blair led the hosts with two shots, while Caleb Alexander paced all players with three. The Terriers will return to the field at 4 p.m. Saturday as they open Southern Conference play at Davidson in Davidson, N.C.

UNC Asheville 1, Wofford 0
Scoring Summary:
44:13 -- UNCA, Andrew Klerekoper (Chance Lord)

Team Comparison:
Shots -- UNC Asheville 10, Wofford 6
Saves -- Wofford 4 (Taylor), UNC Asheville 3 (Pereira)
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 9, UNC Asheville 4