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Wofford women's tennis home eight times in 2004-05
Sept. 10, 2004

The Wofford women's tennis program and head coach Rod Ray have announced their 2004-05 schedule. The Terriers will have eight home matches during the spring season. Of those eight, five will be against Southern Conference schools.

"The schedule of fall tournaments and spring dual matches is very challenging," said Ray. "There is not one padded match on the slate.

"The Southern Conference will be extremely good this year, possibly its best in years. Our goal is to keep improving all season. If we can do this, then we can compete with the top teams in the league."

In the fall, Wofford will play in five tournaments. Beginning Sept. 24-26 at the UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., the Terriers will then see action in the Charleston Southern Fall Classic in Charleston, S.C., Oct. 8-9.

A busy October slate continues with the Wolfpack Fall Invitational (Oct. 15-17) in Raleigh, N.C., the NCAA Indoor Regional Championship (Oct. 21-24) in Winston-Salem, N.C., and the Southern Intercollegiate (Oct. 29-31) in Columbia, S.C.

The Terriers then open the spring with six consecutive road matches. They will play at Stetson (Jan. 22), Jacksonville (Jan. 23), Georgia State (Jan. 28), Mercer (Jan. 29), Radford (Feb. 4) and ACC institution Virginia Tech (Feb. 5).

Wofford will host Gardner-Webb in its home opener, Feb. 9, before being back on the road for three of its next four matches. The Terriers travel to High Point (Feb. 18) and Elon (Feb. 19) then return home against Chattanooga (Feb. 25) and then play at Georgia Southern (Feb. 27).

A non-conference home contest versus Winthrop (March 9) opens the March schedule. Wofford also travels to College of Charleston (March 16) and Appalachian State (March 20) in the month with Western Carolina (March 17) and Furman (March 24) at home.

The final road non-conference meeting will be April 2 at Charlotte before the Terriers close their home slate with three straight at the Reeves Tennis Center. NCAA Division III power Emory comes to Spartanburg April 9 followed by UNC Greensboro (April 10) and Davidson (April 12). Wofford closes the regular-season with an April 16 match at East Tennessee State.

The Southern Conference Tournament is slated for April 21-24 in Charleston, S.C.

2004-05 Wofford Women's Tennis Schedule:
Sept. 24-26--UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic--Chattanooga, Tenn.
Oct. 8-9--Charleston Southern Fall Classic--Charleston, S.C.
Oct. 15-17--Wolfpack Fall Invitational--Raleigh, N.C.
Oct. 21-24--NCAA Indoor Regional Championship--Winston-Salem, N.C.
Oct. 29-31--Southern Intercollegiate--Columbia, S.C.
Jan. 22--at Stetson
Jan. 23--at Jacksonville
Jan. 28--at Georgia State
Jan. 29--at Mercer
Feb. 4--at Radford
Feb. 5--at Virginia Tech
Feb. 8--Gardner-Webb
Feb. 9--Gardner-Webb
Feb. 18--at High Point
Feb. 19--at Elon*
Feb. 25--Chattanooga*
Feb. 27--at Georgia Southern*
March 9--Winthrop
March 16--at College of Charleston*
March 17--Western Carolina*
March 20--at Appalachian State*
March 24--Furman*
April 2--at Charlotte
April 9--Emory
April 10--UNC Greensboro*
April 12--Davidson*
April 16--at East Tennessee State*
April 21-24--at Southern Conference Tournament--Charleston, S.C.
* - Southern Conference match

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Chattanooga weekend awaits Wofford women's tennis
Sept. 23, 2004

After recording its third straight 11-win campaign last spring, the Wofford women's tennis team will open its fall season this weekend at the UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn. This year's team features one senior and two juniors on a young squad.

"The team is looking great early on in practice," said head coach Rod Ray. "The team's enthusiasm makes it an extremely coachable group. Because of our great attitude and athleticism, I look for us to improve very quickly. The potential exists for an exciting year."

Senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) was one of four players to record double-digit singles victories last spring as she posted an 11-6 mark. Junior Ellen Rogers (Lookout Mountain, Ga.) earned her second-straight All-Southern Conference honor after registering a 14-4 singles record and 13-5 doubles ledger. Fellow junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.) notched six singles victories and nine doubles wins teamming with Hare. Sophomore Kristen Bowman (Copley, Ohio), another returning all-conference performer, will add experience to the court this season. Four freshmen, Adriane Hodges (Peachtree City, Ga.), Lauren Prickett (Columbia, S.C.), Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) look to factor into the mix.

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Wofford women's tennis plays in Chattanooga event  
Sept. 25, 2004

As part of a three-day event, the Wofford women's tennis team saw action on day two Saturday at the UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

In the 'A' singles consolation bracket, freshman Laura Lynn Williams lost to Robin Gorman of Jacksonville State, 5-7, 6-4, 1-0, and senior Delaine Hare fell, 6-7, 6-0, 1-0, to No. 2 seed Marlene Dirstorfer of Memphis.

During the 'B' singles, junior Tara Hartness advanced to the semi-final round after defeating Samrin Tanzeem of UAB, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1. Hartness then lost, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, to Tanzeem's teammate, Nischa Maier-Knapp.

Also in the 'B' singles bracket, in consolation action, freshman Sarah Shelley defeated Chattanooga's Bethany Everett, 6-1, 6-3.

Two Terrier freshmen competed in the quarter-final round of the 'C' singles. Adriane Hodges lost, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, to Belmont's Katie Rhodes while Lauren Prickett fell, 6-3, 6-1, to UT-Martin's Elly Shearman.

Hare and Williams formed Wofford's 'A' doubles pair and garnered one win Saturday in the quarterfinals. The duo defeated Brooke Cowie and Marlene Dirstorfer of Memphis, 8-6, before falling, 8-2, in the semis to Katrina Domela and Sari Nortje of UT-Martin.

In the 'B' doubles bracket, Hartness and Prickett earned an 8-0 win over Francesca Guerrieri and Christy Fazio of Chattanooga. However, the quarter-final round victory would not be enough as the pair then dropped an 8-4 decision in the semi-final round to Casady Pruitt and Christian Hall of Murray State.

The other Terrier duo in the 'B' doubles flight, Hodges and Shelley, suffered a similar fate as they defeated Bethany Everett and Emily Harpe of Chattanooga, 8-4, before falling, 8-2, to UAB's Julia von Samson and Seden Soyalp.

Wofford will conclude play in the tournament Sunday.

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Freshman Shelley captures flight consolation crown 
Sept. 26, 2004

Freshman Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) started her Wofford career off on the right foot by capturing the 'B' singles consolation crown at the season-opening UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

As the lone Terrier in action today, she started off her day by defeating Michelle Dushner of Jacksonville State in the semis, 6-2, 7-6. Then, she handed UT-Martin's Jeanne De Wet a 6-4, 6-2, loss for the flight victory.

Shelley and the rest of the Wofford women's tennis team will continue their season Oct. 8-9 at the Charleston Southern Fall Classic in Charleston, S.C.

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Wofford women's tennis continues season in Charleston
Oct. 7, 2004

The Wofford women's tennis team will continue its season with the Charleston Southern Fall Classic tomorrow and Saturday in Charleston, S.C.

"I anticipate the team will have great results in Charleston," said head coach Rod Ray. "I was very proud of their effort two weeks ago in Chattanooga, and we have improved some since then. Right now, this team is coming together nicely. I am most impressed with their enthusiastic spirit."

The Terriers opened the campaign at the UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn. Freshman Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) won her flight consolation bracket to lead the Wofford effort by posting a 3-1 mark. Junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.) recorded a 2-1 ledger at the tournament.

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Doubles teams carry Wofford women's tennis in Charleston
Oct. 11, 2004

The Wofford women's tennis team was led by its pair of doubles teams this past weekend at the Charleston Southern Fall Classic in Charleston, S.C. The Terriers also recorded nine singles victories in the two-day event.

In the 'A' doubles flight, freshman Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) and senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) won the bracket with three wins. In its first match, the duo defeated Meryem Tazi and Patricia Jeager of the host Buccaneers, 8-3. Williams and Hare then knocked off Coastal Carolina's Marie Matrka and Sarize Coetzee, 8-6. The Terriers advanced to the flight championship and picked up an 8-1 triumph against Campbell's Kathleen Rellet and Georgiana Marta.

Wofford continued its doubles success with freshmen Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and Lauren Prickett (Columbia, S.C.) winning the 'B' doubles flight. In the opening round, the Terrier pair defeated Charleston Southern's Jessica Bair and Ashley Heard, 8-2. They then moved to the championship by default over Campbell's Martina Rezic and Colen Gore. In the finals, Shelley and Prickett was victorious with an 8-2 win against Nicole Lemmerer and Rosemary Younger of Coastal Carolina.

In singles action, Wofford earned four wins in the 'A' flight. Shelley garnered two victories, defeating Rellet (6-7, 6-3, 6-1) and Tazi (6-3, 6-3). Williams also registered a triumph with a 6-0, 6-2 decision over Winthrop's Alexis McDaniel. Junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.) tallied the Terriers' other victory in the bracket with a 6-2, 6-1 win versus Gardner-Webb's Melissa DeJong.

In the 'B' flight, Hare reached the finals before being rained out. In her first-round match, she defeated Gardner-Webb's Krystina Sygman, 6-2, 6-1 before handing the Bulldogs' Sarah Zimfeld a 6-0, 6-0 loss. In the semifinals, Hare knocked off Coetzee, 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the bracket championship. Against Iva Stojancev of Campbell, the pair split the first two sets 6-1, 0-6 before being rained out. Hodges also garnered a win in the flight when she defeated Gore, 6-3, 6-1.

Prickett was the lone Terrier competing in the 'C' singles flight. She garnered a 6-0, 6-0 win against Lauren O'Connell of Winthrop.

Wofford will continue its fall tournament season at the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Invitational. The tournament is slated for Oct. 15-17 in Raleigh, N.C.

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Terrier women's tennis travels to Raleigh this weekend
Oct. 14, 2004

The Wofford women's tennis team will travel to Raleigh, N.C., this weekend for the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Invitational, hosted by N.C. State.

"I am extremely pleased with both the level of play and level of commitment that our women have shown this fall," said head coach Rod Ray. "This weekend’s tournament will be a great test for us in every flight. We will face conference level competition, so we will really gain a better understanding of where we are right now. Several of the players are showing tremendous progress, and we are continuing to get better.

"Additionally, this will be Ellen Rogers's first tournament back after a long injury, so it will be nice for her to compete again. The team is excited and ready, and I feel very privileged to work with them."

In the first two tournaments of the season, the Terriers have garnered strong performances from freshman Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) in singles play and the doubles duos of Hare and freshman Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) and Shelley and freshman Lauren Prickett (Columbia, S.C.).

At the season-opening UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., Shelley captured her consolation flight championship while Hare earned a trip to the finals of the Charleston Southern Fall Classic before being rained out.

Also in Charleston, the two doubles teams claimed titles by winning their respective flights.
Terrier women's tennis completes day one in Raleigh
Oct. 16, 2004

The Wofford women's tennis team fought through the rain and came away with two singles and three doubles victories on the first day Friday at the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Invitational.

In singles play, junior Ellen Rogers (Lookout Mountain, Ga.) knocked off East Carolina's Kirstin Buchanan, 6-2, 6-4, in her first match of the fall after returning from injury. Rogers advances to play Mississippi State's Tarryn Rudman today in the quarterfinals of the A1 singles draw.

In the B1 singles flight, freshman Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) advanced after Kristen Mears of UNC Wilmington withdrew. She will face Julia Roach of the host N.C. State in the quarters.

Junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.) moved to the quarterfinals of the A3 bracket after receiving a bye in the first round as the No. 2 seed. She will face Sallie Kiser of UNC Wilmington today in the quarterfinals.

In doubles action, Rogers and freshman Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) handed Cincinnati's Jill Klauck and Madison Reasoner an 8-1 defeat in the opening round of the A1 doubles.

Williams teamed with senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) for an 8-3 triumph over N.C. State's Carmen Torres and Danielle Stadelmann in their opening round matchup of the B1 doubles bracket. The Wofford tandem is the No. 3 seed in the flight.

After earning a bye in the opening round, the No. 2-seeded Terrier duo of Hartness and freshman Adriane Hodges (Peachtree City, Ga.) defeated Colen Gore and Stacey Batkiewicz of Campbell, 9-8, in the quarters of the B2 doubles flight to move on to the semifinals.

Play in the event will continue today and tomorrow in Raleigh, N.C.
Freshmen pair sparkle for Wofford women’s tennis
Oct. 17, 2004

Led by the freshmen duo of Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and Adriane Hodges (Peachtree City, Ga.) in singles play, the Wofford women’s tennis team concluded its play at the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Fall Invitational in Raleigh, N.C.

Shelley captured the A2 singles consolation flight championship. After dropping her opening-round match, she rebounded to defeat UNC Asheville’s Natasha Lucki Saturday, 8-1. Then, in her first match today, she defeated Marquette’s Maria Calbeto, 8-1, to advance to the consolation final. In the final, she knocked off East Carolina’s Mireia Gol, 7-6, 6-1, to claim her second consolation bracket victory of the season. She previously won it at the season-opening UTC Steve Baras Memorial Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Hodges had a run of her own through the consolation flight of the C1 singles draw. She lost her opening-round match to Amanda Paluch of Army. In her next match, she advanced by default past Campbell’s Iva Stojancev. In the semifinals, she knocked off Marquette’s Dominika Dabrowski, 8-1, to move on to the consolation finals versus UNC Asheville’s Mary Katherine Fitzgerald. In the finals, she handed Fitzgerald a 7-6, 6-1, defeat.

In other singles action for the Terriers, junior Ellen Rogers (Lookout Mountain, Ga.) reached the quarterfinals of the A1 draw, junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.), who was playing as the No. 2 seed in the A3 bracket, advanced to the flight’s semifinals, freshman Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) reached the B1 quarterfinals, senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) participated in the B2 consolation quarterfinals and freshman Lauren Prickett (Columbia, S.C.) played strongly into the C2 consolation semifinals.

Hartness and Hodges teamed to form Wofford’s top doubles duo at the tournament. The pair, seeded No. 2 in the B2 draw, advanced to the flight’s final before dropping an 8-6 decision to No. 1 seed Cary Wyeth and Lauren Fillietz of UNC Wilmington.

The other two Terrier doubles teams, Rogers and Shelley and Williams and Hare each won their opening-round matches in the A1 and B1 brackets, respectively.

The Wofford women’s tennis team will conclude its fall tournament season Oct. 29-31 at the Southern Intercollegiate in Columbia, S.C.

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Terrier doubles duo captures crown to conclude fall season
Nov. 2, 2004

Led by the doubles duo of junior Tara Hartness (Greenville, S.C.) and freshman Sarah Shelley (Myrtle Beach, S.C.), the Wofford women's tennis team concluded its fall tournament season at the Southern Intercollegiate in Columbia, S.C., last weekend.

The pair won the C1 doubles draw with an 8-4 victory over East Carolina's Gillie Bailey and Alex Smith. Hartness and Shelley advanced to the semifinals after their quarterfinal round opponents withdrew. In the semis, they defeated Gemma Halim and Jewel Aldea of East Tennessee State, 8-2.

The other two Wofford doubles teams captured seventh place in their respective flights. In the B2 doubles bracket, senior Delaine Hare (West Columbia, S.C.) and freshman Laura Lynn Williams (Knoxville, Tenn.) dropped a pair of matches before advancing past UT-Martin’s Jeanne De Wet and Monica Bertram, 8-2, for seventh place. Freshmen Lauren Prickett (Columbia, S.C.) and Adriane Hodges (Peachtree City, Ga.) also dropped two contests before claiming seventh place in the C2 doubles draw after Presbyterian's Lisa Moyer and Western Carolina's Sarali withdrew.

Hodges gave the Terriers their best finish in singles play with a sixth-place result in the C1 flight. She won her opening match, 7-6, 6-2, over East Carolina's Hannah Priest before being defeated in the quarterfinals. However, Hodges bounced back and knocked off Jessica Rowan of College of Charleston, 6-2, 6-2, before losing to South Carolina's Justine Walsh, 6-1, 6-1, for sixth place.

In the B1 singles bracket, Hartness lost her opening round match before winning three straight to earn a ninth-place finish. She defeated Charleston Southern's Jessica Bair, 6-2, 6-3, in the consolation quarterfinals and then garnered a 6-1, 7-6 (4), victory over Jennifer Ward of Murray State in the consolation semifinals. In the consolation finals, she handed UT-Martin's Eleanor Shearman a 6-3, 6-4, defeat.

In the B2 singles flight, Hare finished 12th. She dropped her opening round match before defeating Katherine Ptak of Western Carolina, 6-1, 6-1, in the consolation quarterfinals. She then lost her next two contests but still claimed the 12th-place result.

Shelly competed in the A1 singles draw and earned a 13th-place finish. She dropped her first two matches of the bracket and then advanced past Gabriela Moreira of College of Charleston for a contest in the 13-14 match. In the match, Shelley defeated Western Carolina's Trish Hanson, 6-3, 6-2.

The other two Terrier singles competitors, Williams and Prickett, each garnered 15th-place results in their respective flights. In the A2 bracket, Williams defeated Charleston Southern's Patricia Jaeger, 7-5, 6-4, while Prickett defeated Bertram, 6-0, 6-0, in the C2 singles draw.

Wofford concludes its fall tournament season with the tournament. The Terriers will begin their spring campaign Jan. 22 at Stetson in DeLand, Fla.

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Tennis programs announce spring schedule changes
Nov. 29, 2004

The Wofford tennis teams and head coach Rod Ray have announced a couple time changes to the 2005 spring schedules.

The men's team will face Georgia State Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. instead of the previously slated 2 p.m. start. The time change will also be reflected on the women's schedule, as the Terriers and Panthers face each other.

Also, the women's squad's contest Feb. 25 versus Southern Conference foe Chattanooga will be played at Noon, instead of the previously scheduled 2 p.m. start.

Both teams will open their spring seasons Jan. 22 at Stetson in DeLand, Fla.

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