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Eleven home matches highlight 2006 Terrier women's tennis slate

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Eleven home matches, including four in Southern Conference action, and an April trip to California highlight the 2006 Wofford women's tennis schedule.

"This year's schedule will be challenging," said head coach Rod Ray. "Our philosophy has always been to schedule matches that make us better and never to schedule wins. In the long run, this is best for the program and once again we have taken this road. Our tough schedule places some urgency on the fall training. So far, our young team has been up to the challenge. This could be the most enthusiastic team we have ever had.

"The 2005-2006 year should be an exciting one for Wofford women's tennis. To date, the team is off to a great start. I am really pleased with the quality of the people on this team. They are considerate, hard working, loyal and competitive. When a team has individuals with these qualities it is much easier for good things to happen."

The Terriers open the campaign with a pair of matches in Florida, starting Jan. 21 at Stetson. The next day Wofford will face Embry-Riddle.

Wofford will return home Feb. 4 for a pair of contests to open play at the Reeves Tennis Center. The Terriers will face East Carolina in the morning before battling Georgia State in the afternoon.

Beginning Feb. 11, Wofford will welcome three-straight nonconference opponents to Spartanburg before hitting the road for four consecutive contests. Highlighting the road trip will be a Feb. 25 match at UNC Greensboro to open league action and a March 5 meeting with ACC foe Virginia Tech for the second-straight season.

A March 12 home date with Northern Colorado will be the first matchup between the two schools. The remaining six matches in March are versus SoCon opponents.

Following an April 1 home tilt with Campbell, the Terriers will travel across country for a pair of contests in California. Wofford will open the trip with an April 4 date at Azusa Pacific and then face Cal State-Northridge the following day.

The Terriers close their home schedule April 8 against College of Charleston and the regular-season ledger April 11 at Davidson.

The Southern Conference Tournament will return to Charleston, S.C., April 20-23.

2006 Wofford Women's Tennis Spring Schedule:

Jan. 21--at Stetson--11 a.m.
Jan. 22--at Embry-Riddle--10:30 a.m.
Feb. 4--East Carolina--10 a.m.
Feb. 4--Georgia State--3 p.m.
Feb. 8--at Gardner-Webb--2:30 p.m.
Feb. 11--Mercer--2 p.m.
Feb. 17--High Point--1 p.m.
Feb. 18--Charlotte--Noon
Feb. 25--at UNC Greensboro*--Noon
Mar. 4--vs. Radford^--3 p.m.
Mar. 5--at Virginia Tech--11 a.m.
Mar. 8--at Winthrop--2:30 p.m.
Mar. 12--Northern Colorado--1 p.m.
Mar. 18--at Chattanooga*--11 a.m.
Mar. 20--Elon*--2 p.m.
Mar. 23--at Furman*--2:30 p.m.
Mar. 25--Appalachian State*--1 p.m.
Mar. 26--Georgia Southern*--Noon
Mar. 29--at Western Carolina*--2:30 p.m.
April 1--Campbell--11 a.m.
April 4--at Azusa Pacific--4:30 p.m.
April 5--at Cal State-Northridge--2 p.m.
April 8--College of Charleston*--TBA
April 11--at Davidson*--2 p.m.
April 20-23--Southern Conference Tournament (Charleston, S.C.)--TBA
* - Southern Conference match
^ - in Blacksburg, Va.

Home matches played at the Reeves Tennis Center

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Youth carries Wofford women's tennis on day one  
September 23, 2005

The younger members of the squad carried the Wofford women's tennis team on day one of competition at the season-opening Residence Inn North Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., Friday.

Sophomore Laura Lynn Williams has advanced to the semifinal round of the B1 singles bracket. In the group, she is the No. 1 seed and earned a bye in the opening round. In the quarterfinals, she rallied for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 win against Armstrong Atlantic's Johanna Dahlback. She will face host N.C. State's Alejandra Guerra in the semifinals Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Classmate Adriane Hodges, the No. 4 seed in the C1 singles flight, also advanced to the semifinals Saturday with a pair of victories Friday. In the opening round, she topped East Carolina's Alex Smith, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4, then garnered a 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 decision versus Whitney Butcher of SoCon foe Elon. Saturday, Hodges will face Yana Stojeva of Charlotte at 1:15 p.m.

In the A3 singles bracket, freshman Cayley Wetzig posted her first collegiate victory in her first collegiate match with a come-from-behind 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 decision over No. 1 seed Elena Besedova of Hampton. Wetzig is set to face Jennifer Tucci of Elon at 1:45 p.m. Saturday in the semifinals.

Fellow freshman, Ashley Page, opened her collegiate career also with a win in the B2 singles bracket, as she posted a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 triumph against James Madison's Anna Khoor. In her second match of the day, Page fell to N.C. State's Neil Barringer, 6-0, 6-0. Page will have Saturday off from singles play before resuming Sunday at 10:15 a.m. versus Kelly Tohman of High Point. In the final set against Khoor, Page trailed 40-love at 5-1 with Khoor serving before mounting the enormous comeback to claim the victory.

In other Terrier singles action, senior Ellen Rogers dropped a hard-fought three-set match to East Tennessee State's Elena Volobeuva, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Rogers will face Suzanne Celensu of High Point at 11:45 a.m. Saturday in the A1 singles flight.

Classmate Tara Hartness advanced with a win in the B2 singles flight over Coastal Carolina's Sofie Ahlburg before dropping a three-set contest to No. 3 seed Luiza Borges of East Carolina, 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.

Sophomore Lauren Pickett, after earning a bye in the opening round of the C2 singles flight, fell 6-0, 6-1 to High Point's Jody Wicks. She now will face Coastal Carolina's Sarize Coetzee at 11:45 a.m. Sunday.

FRESHMAN KENZIE RAKES ALSO SAW HER FIRST COLLEGIATE ACTION SATURDAY. SHE FELL TO ECU'S PRESLEY THOMAS, 6-2, 6-0 ALSO IN THE C2 SINGLES BRACKET. AT 1 P.M. SATURDAY, RAKES WILL FACE SOCON OPPONENT KATHERINE PTKA OF WESTERN CAROLINA.

In doubles action, both Wofford pairs lost 8-6 decisions. In the A1 flight, Rogers and Williams were knocked off by East Carolina's Kirstin Buchanan and Gillie Bailey. The Terrier duo will now face Coastal Carolina's Virginie Dinh and Hayley Rudmen at 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

Hartness and Pickett were defeated by Campbell's Scarlet Alfonso and Nina Surviladze. The tandem will face Coastal's Amy Pazahanick and Petra Janti in the B1 doubles flight.

The two other Wofford doubles sets earned byes and open their play Saturday. The A2 doubles bracket, freshmen Wetzig and Page square off at 8 a.m. Saturday with Charlotte's Ali Piacente and Kathy Robey.

Hodges and Rakes will battle Armstrong Atlantic's Kristen Kelly and Sofia Haggstrom at 8 a.m. Saturday in the B2 doubles flight.
Women's tennis continues play at fall opener in Raleigh
September 24, 2005

The Wofford women's tennis team continued its competition Saturday at the fall opener, the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh, N.C., with a pair of victories in singles and two wins in doubles action. Earning a singles triumph was senior Ellen Rogers. She knocked off High Point's Suzanne Celensu, 5-7, 7-5, 10-4, before falling in the next round to Liberty's Jonita Randolph, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 10-8 in the A1 bracket. The other Terrier singles victory came in the C2 flight when freshman Kenzie Rakes won by default over Cha Young of Hampton. Fellow rookie Cayley Wetzig lost 6-3, 6-3, in her lone match of the day to Elon's Jennifer Tucci in the A3 bracket. Wetzig will face Mary Napier of James Madison at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. In the B1 singles flight, sophomore Laura Lynn Williams was not in action Saturday but resumes play at 9:45 a.m. versus Charlotte's Ali Pincente. Freshman Ashley Page and senior Tara Hartness also will resume their singles action Sunday in the B2 flight. Page will face Kelly Tohman, while Hartness will battle Iris Schabetsberger in a pair of 10:15 a.m. matches versus High Point. Sophomore Adriane Hodges dropped a 6-2, 6-1 decision in her lone match of the day to Yana Stoeva of Charlotte in the C1 flight. Competing with Rakes in the C2 bracket is sophomore Lauren Prickett. She will resume play at 11:45 a.m. Sunday against N.C. State's Allison Barry. In doubles action, Rogers and Williams earned a victory against Coastal Carolina's Virginie Dinh and Hayley Rudman before falling to Auburn's Ashley Cowart and Alex Haney in their next contest of the A1 doubles bracket. Freshmen Wetzig and Page advanced past Charlotte's Pincente and Kathy Robey in the A2 flight before losing 8-0 to the 49ers' Michelle Alexander and Ashleigh Murray in the semifinal round. In the B1 flight, Hartness and Prickett lost to Amy Pazahanick and Petra Jantti of Coastal Carolina. The Wofford pair will face Elena Besedova and Thompson of Hampton at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. In the B2 bracket, Hodges and Rakes lost, 8-1, to Armstrong Atlantic's Kristen Kelly and Sofia Haggstrom. The tandem then dropped an 8-4 decision to Logan Beam and Zandy Overcash of East Carolina. The season-opening tournament will conclude Sunday.
Wofford women's tennis concludes first fall tournament action
September 25, 2005

The Wofford women's tennis team concluded its play Sunday in the Residence Inn North Wolfpack Fall Invitational in Raleigh, N.C. Four singles matches and one doubles contest featuring Terriers were conducted on the final day at the season-opening tournament.

In singles action, freshman Cayley Wetzig garnered Wofford's lone victory with a 6-2, 6-2 decision over James Madison's Mary Napier in the A3 singles flight.

In the B1 singles bracket, sophomore Laura Lynn Williams lost 6-2, 6-0 to Charlotte's Ali Pincente. Senior Tara Hartness fell 6-0, 6-4, to Caroline Grage of Armstrong Atlantic in the B2 singles flight.

Rounding out the Terrier singles play was sophomore Lauren Prickett in the C2 flight. Prickett battled hard before losing 6-4, 2-6, 11-9 to N.C. State's Allison Barry.

The lone Wofford doubles match featured Hartness and Prickett versus Coastal Carolina's Sarize Coetzee and Sofie Ahlberg. The Terriers' duo fell, 8-4, in the B1 bracket.