11-1-2003

Volleyball Press Releases November 2003

Wofford College. Sports Information Office

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/sportspr

Recommended Citation

https://digitalcommons.wofford.edu/sportspr/178

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Athletics at Digital Commons @ Wofford. It has been accepted for inclusion in Sports Press Releases by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Wofford. For more information, please contact stonerp@wofford.edu.
Wofford Volleyball Concludes Homestand with Spartans
Nov. 3, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team will play UNC Greensboro Tuesday evening at Benjamin Johnson Arena to wrap up its four-match homestand. The Southern Conference match is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

During the four-match stretch, the Lady Terriers garnered a victory over Western Carolina. In the match, Wofford rallied from down a game to take the final two games and win, 3-2, and setter Rhea deJesus broke her own school record for match assists with 70. Against Elon last Friday evening, the Lady Terriers’ Andrea Duke set the school single-season kills record with 364, five better than Judy Nwajiaku’s 359 mark set in 1989.

"We're looking forward to the match," said head coach Corey Helle. "The last time we faced UNC Greensboro, we were a little banged up. This time around, we're a much different team than what they saw previously. In that regard, we stack up a little bit better against them. They are struggling right now and we don't want them to get well against us. Hopefully, we'll come out and play well and put a lot of pressure on them. We have to show up and play."

Wofford will play two games this coming weekend in Charleston before returning home for its final three regular-season contests of the campaign.

Travis Woods
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director
Wofford College
429 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29303
O: (864) 597-4092
F: (864) 597-4129
H: (864) 585-6724
Laser Leads All-Around Team Effort in 3-0 Volleyball Sweep over UNC Greensboro

Date: November 4, 2003 at 9:01 PM
To: Woods, Travis J. WoodsTJ@wofford.edu
Laser Leads All-Around Team Effort in 3-0 Volleyball Sweep over UNC Greensboro
Nov. 4, 2003

Junior Katie Laser set a school record with 23 kills in three games to lead the Wofford volleyball team to a 3-0 sweep over UNC Greensboro Tuesday evening at Benjamin Johnson Arena. Wofford took the three games by scores of 30-20, 30-23 and 30-21 in a rematch from a Sept. 28 contest in Greensboro, N.C.

In addition to her 23 kills, Laser registered 41 total attacks, a .439 hitting percentage, seven digs and 25.5 points. She was also in on four blocks, one solo, in the match.

Sophomore Angela Berry posted a .500 hitting percentage on nine kills and 16 total attacks, while recording a team-high four service aces, four total blocks and 15.5 points. With 11 kills, 28 total attacks, a .214 hitting percentage, nine digs and 12.5 points, junior Andrea Duke also contributed to the victory.

On the defensive end, senior Lindsay Lyman garnered 10 digs, while sophomore Rhea deJesus notched 45 assists as the Lady Terriers hit .225 as a team.

The Spartans were led by LaJean Morrow, who finished with seven kills and 32 total attacks, while Kim Dayton posted a team-high eight kills with 17 total attacks and a team-high 8.5 points.

"I thought Laser played just awesome tonight," said head coach Corey Helle. "I think this is her best match ever. She was able to play defense, pass and contribute greatly on the offensive end.

"If you look at the stats, this was a total team effort. They had zero service aces, which means our service reception was great. That can be attributed to Lyman and Katie Sobczyk. It's a great way to bounce back from what happened Friday and what happened earlier in the season up there. Five weeks later, the real team showed up and we reversed the tide. We're certainly real happy with the victory."

With the victory, Wofford improves to 8-18 overall and 4-10 in Southern Conference play. UNC Greensboro drops to 7-20, 3-11 SoCon.

The Lady Terriers keep their conference tournament hopes alive and will next play two matches in Charleston, S.C., this weekend against conference foes The Citadel and College of Charleston.

Travis Woods
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director
Wofford College
429 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29303
O: (864) 597-4092
F: (864) 597-4129
H: (864) 585-6724
Weekend Trip to Charleston Awaits Wofford Volleyball
Nov. 7, 2003

After concluding a four-match homestand with a 3-0 sweep over UNC Greensboro Tuesday night, the Wofford volleyball team will travel to Charleston, S.C., for a pair of Southern Conference matches this weekend. The Lady Terriers will kick off the two matches with The Citadel at 2 p.m. Saturday before facing the College of Charleston at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Wofford played the two schools on back-to-back nights, Oct. 3 and Oct. 4, in Spartanburg. In the previous meetings, the Cougars defeated the Lady Terriers Oct. 3 before Wofford responded by defeating The Citadel the next night.

"It's hard to believe the season is almost over," said head coach Corey Helle. "As coaches, we have really enjoyed this year with the team. It's been great getting to know the players. It's always tough to play The Citadel at its place. The cadets and overall atmosphere make it an intimidating feeling. Matching up against the College of Charleston is a great opportunity for us since it is the top team in the conference. Both matches will be challenges for us since we won't be at full strength."

The Lady Terriers will conclude their regular-season with three-straight home matches beginning Nov. 12 against non-conference foe High Point.

Travis Woods
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director
Wofford College
429 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29303
O: (864) 597-4092
F: (864) 597-4129
H: (864) 585-6724
Volleyball Drops Road Match at The Citadel Saturday

Nov. 8, 2003

Despite match-highs of 22 kills, 59 total attacks and 28.0 points by junior Andrea Duke, the Wofford volleyball team dropped a 3-1 decision at The Citadel Saturday afternoon in Charleston, S.C.

Sophomore Katie Sobczyk posted eight kills, 27 total attacks and 9.0 points, while fellow classmate Angela Berry registered eight kills, 20 total attacks and 9.0 points. Freshman Megan Propst tallied the Lady Terriers' top hitting performance with seven kills, zero errors, 18 total attacks, a .389 hitting percentage and 10.5 points.

The Bulldogs were led by Lindsey Hodge, who tallied 13 kills and 42 total attacks for 22.5 points, while Audra Ritchie recorded 17 kills, 29 total attacks and 19.5 points.

With the loss, Wofford drops to 8-19, 4-11 in the Southern Conference.

The Lady Terriers will continue their weekend in Charleston with a 2 p.m. match Sunday against the College of Charleston.
Freshman Megan Propst posted a team-best .267 hitting percentage off seven kills and 15 total attacks, but it was not enough as the Wofford volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision at conference leader the College of Charleston Sunday afternoon in Charleston, S.C. Despite Propst leading the Lady Terriers with four service aces and 13.5 points, Wofford dropped the three games 30-23, 30-16 and 30-20. It marked her second strong showing of the weekend, as she registered seven kills, zero errors, 18 total attacks, a .389 hitting percentage and 10.5 points in the Saturday match at The Citadel.

The only Wofford player to record double-digits in kills was junior Andrea Duke, who finished with 11. She paced the squad with 38 total attacks and tallied 12.5 points in the three games. Fellow junior Katie Laser registered eight kills and 32 total attacks for 9.0 points in the match.

The Cougars were led by Stephanie Ballard, who notched a match-high 16 kills and 17.5 points.

With the loss, Wofford drops to 8-20, 4-12 in the Southern Conference, while the College of Charleston improves to 24-5, 15-1.

The Lady Terriers will close the regular-season with three home matches beginning Wednesday evening in a non-conference contest against High Point at 7 p.m.
Lady Terriers Return Home to Face High Point Wednesday
Nov. 11, 2003

With only three regular-season matches remaining, the Wofford volleyball team will conclude the slate at home beginning with a Wednesday night non-conference match up against High Point at 7 p.m.

The Lady Terriers are coming off a conference weekend in Charleston, S.C., in which they were led by freshman Megan Propst. Propst hit error-free in the match against The Citadel before leading the charge against conference-leader the College of Charleston Sunday afternoon.

"We need to have a strong effort to rebound from last weekend," said head coach Corey Helle. "Certainly, we're excited to close the season at home. It gives us a lift whenever our crowds come out and support us. Although High Point is a non-league opponent, we can not overlook what they bring to the table."

Wofford will conclude its regular-season with conference opponents Georgia Southern and Davidson Saturday and Sunday, respectively, at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Travis Woods
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director
Wofford College
429 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29303
O: (864) 597-4092
F: (864) 597-4129
H: (864) 585-6724
Volleyball Drops Non-Conference Match to High Point Wednesday
Nov. 12, 2003

Despite having two players (Andrea Duke and Katie Laser) record over 20 kills, the Wofford volleyball team dropped a 3-2 decision to non-conference foe High Point Wednesday night at Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C.

After the Panthers jumped on top and took game one, 30-18, the Lady Terriers rallied from down 22-21 in game two and scored six straight points while Duke was serving and hung on for a 30-23 triumph. Wofford sustained its momentum in game three, taking the game, 30-21, before dropping the last two games by scores of 34-32 and 15-11.

Duke led all players with 24 kills, 62 total attacks and 25.5 points, while Laser tallied 23 kills, 56 total attacks and 25.0 points for the Lady Terriers.

Katie Sobczyk also posted double-digit kills and points with 11 and 11.0, respectively, while three other Wofford players totaled double-digits in total attacks in the five-game match.

Lindsey Pickens led the Panthers with 52 total attacks, including 21 kills, for 24.0 points, while Kamarsha Ryan paced the visitors with 23 kills to go along with 49 total attacks and 23.5 points.

With the loss, Wofford drops to 8-21 and High Point improves to 8-25.

The Lady Terriers will conclude their regular-season with a pair of Southern Conference home matches this weekend beginning Saturday at 7 p.m. against Georgia Southern. Sunday's 2 p.m. contest against Davidson will also mark Senior Day, as the program will honor the four-year career of Lindsay Lyman before the match.
Two Conference Matches Signal End of Regular-Season for Volleyball Team
Nov. 14, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team will play its final two regular-season contests of 2003 when it hosts Georgia Southern Saturday at 7 p.m. and Davidson Sunday at 2 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

The Lady Terriers are coming off a hard-fought five-game match against High Point Wednesday evening. Juniors Andrea Duke and Katie Laser each recorded over 20 kills in the match for Wofford.

"With Georgia Southern being first in the conference," said head coach Corey Helle. "it will enable us to get better by playing them. Davidson is a team that we thought we could beat, and we still can. It would be a great building block for us if we could win. It would be a huge boast to the program in the grand scheme of things."

Sunday's match will also mark the final home contest for senior Lindsay Lyman. Lyman, the team's libero the last two seasons, is approaching the school's career digs record. Heading into the weekend, she needs 83 to break the standard of 1387 held by current assistant coach Cristy Carter from 1998-01.

"She's a very smart person, on and off the court," noted Helle of Lyman. "Her contribution to our program has been outstanding. We hope to end her career on a positive note Sunday."

Sophomore Rhea deJesus is also nearing a school record. Thus far, deJesus has posted 1129 assists, just 39 shy of tying the school record of 1168 set by Molly Bushong last season.
Wofford Drops Volleyball Match to Georgia Southern Saturday  
Nov. 15, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team battled hard in games one and three but fell to Georgia Southern, 30-21, 30-13 and 30-28, in Spartanburg, S.C., Saturday evening.

Junior Katie Laser led the Lady Terriers with 12 kills, 46 total attacks and 13.0 points, while sophomore Angela Berry recorded a .636 hitting percentage on seven kills, zero errors and 11 total attacks.

Fellow sophomores Katie Sobczyk tallied eight kills, 22 total attacks and 8.5 points, and Rhea deJesus led all players with 31 assists. Her season assist total now stands at 1160, eight shy of tying the single-season school record of 1168 set by Molly Bushong last season.

Martina Veiglova led all the Eagles with 19 kills, 34 total attacks and 22.0 points.

With the loss, Wofford drops to 8-22, 4-13 in the Southern Conference, while Georgia Southern improves to 23-9 and 16-1 in the league.

The Lady Terriers will conclude their season Sunday at 2 p.m. when they face league foe Davidson at Benjamin Johnson Arena. Prior to the match, the program will recognize the accomplishments of senior Lindsay Lyman, who will be playing her final game in a Wofford uniform.
Lyman, deJesus Highlight Volleyball Season Finale Versus Davidson 
Nov. 16, 2003

Senior **Lindsay Lyman** played her final match in a Lady Terrier uniform and sophomore **Rhea deJesus** broke a school record as the Wofford volleyball team fell, 3-0, to visiting Davidson in its 2003 season finale. After playing the Wildcats tough and losing in game one, 32-30, the Lady Terriers dropped the next two games 30-18 and 30-27.

Lyman tallied five digs and two assists in her final match. A year after setting the school's single-season mark for digs, Lyman finished her career second on the all-time Wofford charts with 1319.

Early in game one, deJesus posted her ninth assist on the contest to set a new school standard for single-season assists and by the time the match was over, she extended the record to 1206. The previous record was 1168 by Molly Bushong set last season.

Offensively, junior **Andrea Duke** paced the Lady Terriers with 17 kills, 31 total attacks, a .419 hitting percentage and 17.5 points, while her eight digs also led the squad. **Katie Laser** also registered double-digit kills for Wofford with 13 and 31 total attacks for 13.0 points.

Davidson was led by the duo of Jenny Dykstra (13 kills, 26 total attacks, 14.0 points) and Latisha Chapman (13 kills, 21 total attacks, 14.5 points).

"Certainly, if you look at wins and losses, the season seems like a disappointment," said head coach **Corey Helle**. "We've had some success, including breaking a number of school records and recording some good wins, including winning for the first time at East Tennessee State. The Western Carolina victory was also big for the program. There are plenty of positives that we can take away from the season.

"Lindsay has meant a lot to the program these last four years. We're going to miss her tremendously, on and off the court. We just hope we have someone next year that can step up and fill her shoes."

With the loss, Wofford concludes the season with an 8-23 record, including 4-14 in the Southern Conference. Davidson finishes the regular-season at 14-20 and 7-11 in the league.
Duke Garners All-League Recognition
Nov. 22, 2003

Junior outside hitter Andrea Duke represented the Wofford volleyball program as she earned Second Team All-Southern Conference honors it was announced by the league office.

Duke, who battled injuries throughout the second half of the campaign, was arguably the Lady Terriers' top offensive threat.

She led the squad in nearly every offensive category, including setting a new single-season school record with 449 kills. She was also Wofford's leader in total attacks (1273), service aces (67) and points (530.0).

"Andrea had a great season for us," said head coach Corey Helle. "She personifies everything we strive for in this program. She's a special player because she makes her teammates better on the court. It's a great honor for her despite not playing much late in the season due to her injury."

Duke and the rest of the Lady Terriers concluded the season last Sunday in a match against Davidson.

Travis Woods
Assistant Athletic Media Relations Director
Wofford College
429 N. Church St.
Spartanburg, SC 29303
O: (864) 597-4092
F: (864) 597-4129
H: (864) 585-6724
C: (864) 809-8899
Helle inks two to begin play in 2004
Jan. 8, 2004

Wofford head volleyball coach Corey Helle has announced the signing of two high school players to National Letters of Intent for the upcoming 2004 season.

“Both Meredith (Brantley) and Simons (Swanson) were our top choices at their respective positions,” noted Helle. “Both are very skilled and very athletic. Additionally, both come from great programs and have been well coached. We will look forward to getting them on campus in August and having them for four years. We couldn’t be happier with them.”

Meredith Brantley joins the Lady Terriers after a successful high school career as an outside hitter under the coaching of Zoe Bell at Providence High School in Charlotte, N.C. She garnered the Southwestern 4-A Conference Player of the Year award after leading her team in kills (262) and service aces (61).

Her total number of kills rose each of her three years with the squad, from 81 in her sophomore campaign of 2001 to 178 in her junior year of 2002 to 262 in her senior season of 2003.

An All-Conference pick on the court, she showed her versatility by also earning All-Conference honors while playing softball.

“We are very fortunate to have Meredith join our program,” said Helle. “She was the top player on, in my estimation, the best high school team in North Carolina. She is a great young player and will only get better. She was coached by Zoe Bell, who is simply one of the great coaches directing one of the best programs around. We feel Meredith will step in right away and contribute.”

The second signee was Simons Swanson, a Mt. Pleasant, S.C., native. While playing for coach Amelia Dawley at Bishop England High School, Swanson tore through the record books and picked up numerous honors along the way. In her senior season alone, she garnered 2AA All-State recognition and 2AA All-Star honors and was named the 6-2AA Player of the Year and to the First Team All-Low Country. Swanson also was named to the 6-2AA, Wando and Dorman All-Tournament squads. She concluded her final year with 252 kills, 289 digs and 98 aces.

She picked up much of the same accolades her junior campaign of 2002, earning the 6-2AA Player of the Year, 6-2AA All-Region, 2AA All-State, 2-AA CAWS All-Star and All-Low Country.

Swanson was named First Team All-Tournament at the Wando and Pickens events.

The Wofford volleyball program will kick off its 2004 season in late August. The squad will enter its third season under Helle and loses just one senior from this past fall.