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Wofford Volleyball Returns Home Friday and Saturday
Oct. 2, 2003

For only the third and fourth times this season, the Wofford volleyball team will host matches in Benjamin Johnson Arena as it faces Southern Conference in-state rivals the College of Charleston Friday and The Citadel Saturday.

The last home match for the Lady Terriers was Sept. 17 against Furman, following a home opener match Sept. 4 against Savannah State.

Wofford will be looking to rebound from its opening conference weekend at Elon and at UNC Greensboro last weekend. Junior outside hitter Andrea Duke has continued to be the top offensive threat for the Lady Terriers, as she leads the squad in kills (255), total attacks (759), service aces (36), digs (180) and points (298.5).

"Right now, we're trying to work through our injury situation," said head coach Corey Helle. "Having three players not fully healthy has set us back a little, but the rest of the players have really stepped up lately and played well. This weekend will certainly be a test for us, as the College of Charleston is traditionally one of the top teams in the conference and it is again this year. The Citadel is improving from past years. It's record may not indicate it, but progress can be seen in the game scores.

"It's definitely a good feeling to get back home. Everyone seems to play better when we are at home. The little things associated with it are what counts."

Battling injuries for Wofford are starters Duke, Katie Laser and Katie Sobczyk.

Lindsay Lyman, the lone senior on the team, played her best two matches of the season against Elon and UNC Greensboro, recording 14 and 13 digs, respectively, at her libero position.

The Lady Terriers enter the weekend with a 4-10 mark and garnered their last victory against Troy State in the Birmingham-Southern Tournament.
Lady Terriers Lose to the College of Charleston Friday Evening
Oct. 3, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team fell to the College of Charleston in its return home, 3-0, Friday evening. The Lady Terriers battled the Cougars hard but could not sustain momentum when they attained it and fell, 17-30, 20-30 and 17-30.

Junior Katie Laser was the top producer for Wofford, totaling 11 kills, 31 total attacks, .194 hitting percentage and 11 points. Sophomore Katie Sobczyk finished with nine kills, 32 total attacks and 11 points, while sophomore Rhea deJesus posted 24 assists and senior Lindsay Lyman registered 13 digs.

For the College of Charleston, Alisa Long had 10 kills and 14 points, while Sara Davis recorded 11 kills and 13.5 points.

"I thought we played pretty well at times," said head coach Corey Helle. "We were able to win some key points and rallies but were unable to stay with it. There was definitely a couple of windows that we saw where things could have changed in our favor. Charleston is a tough team, but I thought we played pretty well considering the circumstances."

Tonight's match was Wofford's first without leading offensive threat Andrea Duke, who sat out due to an injury.

Wofford drops to 4-11 with the loss, 0-4 in Southern Conference play, while the Cougars improve to 10-4, 3-0 in the league.

The Lady Terriers will next play tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. against The Citadel in Benjamin Johnson Arena.

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Wofford Volleyball Victorious in Five Games Over The Citadel Saturday
Oct. 4, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team rallied from down two games to one to defeat The Citadel, 3-2, Saturday afternoon at Benjamin Johnson Arena. After winning the first game, 30-26, the Lady Terriers dropped the next two, 30-24 and 31-29. Facing defeat in game four, Wofford rebounded to win, 30-27, before taking game five, 15-12.

Despite suffering from an injury, junior outside hitter Andrea Duke was the top Lady Terrier of the match, as she recorded team-highs of 19 kills, .371 hitting percentage, five service aces and 24.0 points. Fellow classmate Katie Laser notched 12 kills, team-high 42 total attacks and 14.0 points, while sophomore Megan Propst played arguably the best game of her career, registering 10 kills, 24 total attacks, .250 hitting percentage and 14.0 points.

Sophomore Katie Sobczyk finished with 10 kills, 24 total attacks, seven digs and 13.5 points, while setter Rhea deJesus garnered 45 assists in the victory.

Lindsay Hodge paced the Bulldogs with 14 kills, 35 total attacks, seven service aces, 10 block assists and 27.0 points.

"Any win in conference is huge," said head coach Corey Helle. "Certainly, we're happy with this win despite the fact we're battling injuries and as a team, we haven't played together that long. We're still shuffling the rotation and lineup. That can disrupt the chemistry a little bit, but this team pulled through and won the points when we needed to and when it counted. To win like this is a direct reflection of the players on how hard they worked. They are all troopers.

"We'll work hard this week preparing for our match Wednesday. Our goal is to get healthier, but we're taking it one match at a time."

With the victory, the Lady Terriers improve to 5-11, 1-4 in the Southern Conference, while The Citadel drops to 2-11, 0-5 SoCon.

Wofford will next play at rival Furman, Wednesday evening, in Greenville, S.C.
Volleyball Seeks Revenge Against the Lady Paladins
Oct. 7, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team, fresh off a home victory against The Citadel, will travel to Greenville, S.C., Wednesday looking to revenge a hard-fought loss to Furman earlier in the season.

Against the Bulldogs, junior outside hitter Andrea Duke returned from missing Friday’s match against the College of Charleston with an injury to pace Wofford with 19 kills and 35 total attacks as the Lady Terriers evened their home record to 2-2 on the season.

"Our players always play well against Furman, so we’re looking for them to step up again," said head coach Corey Helle. "We’re still really banged up physically, but our younger players have been playing better because they are getting the experience and are working hard in practice. We’ll just have to take it point-by-point and success-by-success and do what it takes to win."

In addition to Duke nursing an injury, fellow starters Katie Sobczyk and Katie Laser continue to play through their own injuries as well.

The Lady Terriers opened Southern Conference action by dropping a 3-2 decision to the Lady Paladins Sept. 17 in Benjamin Johnson Arena, despite out-scoring Furman statistically.
Lady Terriers' deJesus Nominated for Homecoming Queen
Oct. 8, 2003

Sophomore setter Rhea deJesus has been honored as one of 34 nominees for the 2003 Wofford homecoming queen. Each of the contestants will be on the field at halftime of the Terrier football game Saturday afternoon versus Elon and then the winner will be announced.

On the season, deJesus leads Wofford with 570 assists, for an average of 9.66 per game. She has also tallied 34 kills, 120 total attacks, seven service aces, 98 digs, 11 total blocks and 47.5 points for the Lady Terriers.

A native of Geneva, Ohio, she was nominated by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at Wofford.

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Wofford Knocked Off by Furman in Volleyball Action Wednesday  
Oct. 8, 2003

The Lady Terrier volleyball team fell to regional and Southern Conference foe Furman Wednesday night, 3-0, at Timmons Arena in Greenville, S.C.

Wofford kept the first two games close, falling 30-32, 29-31, before losing in the final game, 23-30.

Despite being hampered by an injury, junior outside hitter Andrea Duke was the team's top player, as she posted team-highs of 14 kills, 30 total attacks, five digs and 14.0 points.

Also having double-digit point nights for the Lady Terriers were sophomore Katie Sobczyk, who finished with nine kills, 18 total attacks, four digs and 11.0 points, and junior Katie Laser, who posted nine kills, 15 total attacks, five digs and 10.5 points.

Sophomore Angela Berry added seven kills, 15 total attacks and 8.5 points for Wofford.

With the loss, the Lady Terriers drop to 5-12 overall, 1-5 in the league, while the Lady Paladins improve to 11-10, 6-1 SoCon.

Wofford will next compete in matches three-straight days this weekend. Beginning with a SoCon match at Georgia Southern Friday night, the Lady Terriers will continue play in Georgia Saturday against Savannah State before traveling to face another conference opponent in Davidson Sunday afternoon.

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Wofford Volleyball Prepares for Busy Weekend
Oct. 9, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team is set to hit the road for a busy weekend, in which it will play three matches in three days from Friday through Sunday.

Junior outside hitter Andrea Duke continues to lead the Lady Terriers despite nursing an injury. She paces the team with 288 kills, 824 total attacks, 41 service aces, 193 digs and 336.5 points.

Also playing through a variety of injuries as of late are junior Katie Laser, who has 125 kills, 389 total attacks, 11 service aces and 155.5 points and sophomore Katie Sobczyk, who has recorded 133 kills, 340 total attacks, nine service aces, 75 digs, 15 total blocks and 152.0 points.

The road swing will begin Friday evening with a Southern Conference match at Georgia Southern. The Eagles enter the contest with an 8-9 mark, including a 3-1 showing in league play.

Saturday, the Lady Terriers will venture out of the conference for a match at Savannah State. Earlier in the season, Wofford knocked off Savannah State in its home opener, 3-0, Sept. 4 in front of a season-high 457 in attendance.

Finally, Wofford will conclude its three game weekend with a match at Davidson. The Wildcats are 8-12 overall and 1-3 in league action this season.

The Lady Terriers will return home to Benjamin Johnson Arena Wednesday evening against in-state foe Winthrop.
Lady Terriers Fall in Three Games at Georgia Southern
Oct. 10, 2003

Despite junior Katie Laser recording 11 kills, 42 total attacks and 12.5 points, the Wofford Lady Terrier volleyball team fell at Georgia Southern in three games, 3-0, Friday evening. The Lady Terriers dropped decisions of 18-30, 21-30 and 18-30.

Sophomore Rhea deJesus posted 22 assists, while senior Lindsay Lyman paced the team with seven digs.

The Eagles were led by Martina Veiglova, who registered 13 kills, zero errors, 21 total attacks and 15.5 points.

With the loss, the Lady Terriers drop to 5-13, 1-6 in the league, while Georgia Southern improves to 9-9 overall, 4-1 in the Southern Conference.

Wofford will continue its stretch of three matches in three days as it travels to Savannah, Ga., Saturday for a non-conference match up against Savannah State, a team which the Lady Terriers defeated earlier in the season in their home opener.
Lady Terriers Garner 13th Place Result in Greenville Saturday
Oct. 11, 2003

Led by Ashley Adamson's 81st place time of 22:18.81, the Wofford Lady Terrier cross country team finished 13th out of 15 schools at the Furman Invitational Saturday in Greenville, S.C.

Teammate Katherine Lister finished five slots behind Adamson, as she placed 86th with a time of 22:36.33.

Three runners within five spots of one another rounded out the scorers for Wofford, as Nicole Dahlin finished 95th (23:07.02), Corey Wilson garnered 97th (23:14.86) and Rachel Smithson notched a 99th place result (23:25.01).

Other runners of the day for the Lady Terriers included Amanda Mills (102nd-23:34.53) and Stacey Horton (127th-27:47.80).

Wofford will next compete in the Southern Conference Championship, Nov. 1, at Davidson.

Wofford Women's Cross Country Results (5k)
Place  Runner  Time
81  Ashley Adamson  22:18.81
86  Katherine Lister  22:36.33
95  Nicole Dahlin  23:07.02
97  Corey Wilson  23:14.86
99  Rachel Smithson  23:25.01
102  Amanda Mills  23:34.53
127  Stacey Horton  27:47.80

Finish  School  Team Score
1  Charlotte  38
2  UNC Asheville  45
3  Furman  79
4  High Point  93
5  College of Charleston  150
6  Clayton State  162
7  East Tenn. State  169
8  Elon  204
9  Brevard  270
10  The Citadel  308
11  Warren Wilson  313
12  North Carolina (Club)  360
13  Wofford  371
14  Converse  391
15  Montreat  431

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Lady Terrier Volleyball Match at Savannah State Cancelled  
Oct. 11, 2003

The Wofford at Savannah State volleyball match scheduled for yesterday, Sat., Oct. 11, was cancelled.

The host Lady Tigers were unable secure officials for the contest forcing the cancellation.

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The Wofford volleyball team dropped a 30-23, 30-27, 30-21 decision at Davidson in a SoCon match this afternoon.

Katie Laser and Andrea Duke topped the Lady Terriers with nine and seven kills, respectively. Laser (seven) and Duke (six) were also the leaders in digs. Duke also had a team-high four service aces. Rhea deJesus had a team-best 22 assists.

Davidson improves to 10-12, 3-3. Wofford drops to 5-14, 1-7.

Wofford returns to action Wednesday when it hosts Winthrop in a 7 p.m. match in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.
Volleyball Returns Home in Non-Conference Match Wednesday

The Wofford volleyball team will return to Benjamin Johnson Arena Wednesday evening as it battles with in-state foe Winthrop at 7 p.m.

The Lady Terriers and Eagles faced each other earlier this season in the season-opening Winthrop/Hilton Garden Inn Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C. In the three contests in which Wofford played in the tournament, their only loss came to Winthrop, a team that reached the NCAA Tournament last season.

Wofford will be looking to earn its second home win in as many contests after defeating Southern Conference opponent The Citadel in its last match at home Oct. 4.

"Traditionally, we'd like to see how we stack up and compare against our opponent if we had played them earlier in the season, as is the case with Winthrop," said Lady Terrier head coach Corey Helle. "But, with our injury situation, it will be different. They (The Eagles) are playing well and have a lot of talent. It will be interesting to see how our freshmen are progressing compared to theirs, since both teams played a lot of freshmen in the earlier matchup. With all of our injuries as of late, it will be a great test for us.

"Anything can happen. That's why we play the game. The players for us that have had a lot of playing time lately have really stepped up and have been playing well. They give it their all."

The match versus the Eagles will be the next-to-last non-conference contest for Wofford this season. A Nov. 12 match versus High Point closes the non-league slate.

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Lady Terriers Fall to Winthrop in Volleyball Action Wednesday Night
Oct. 15, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team returned to Benjamin Johnson Arena Wednesday night and fell to in-state foe Winthrop, 3-0 (30-32, 24-30, 21-30). The Lady Terriers battled hard against the Eagles, a team that reached the NCAA Tournament last season.

Junior Katie Laser was the leading producer for Wofford, recording match-highs of 21 kills, 47 total attacks, five block assists and 23.5 points. Her nine digs tied for the team lead with sophomore Katie Sobczyk with Sobczyk adding 12 kills, 24 total attacks and 14.0 points to the Lady Terrier efforts.

Sophomore Rhea deJesus paced all players with 39 assists, while fellow classmate Megan Propst recorded four service aces.

The Eagles were led by Mary Hock, who topped the team with 12 kills and 13.0 points. Emily Heckl registered 33 assists for the Eagles.

Wofford drops to 5-15 on the season with the loss, while Winthrop improves to 15-8.

The Lady Terriers will be back in action this weekend, as they resume Southern Conference play at Chattanooga Friday and at East Tennessee State Sunday.
Wofford Volleyball Set for Dual Conference Matches This Weekend
Oct. 16, 2003

After battling hard against non-conference opponent Winthrop at home Wednesday night, the Wofford Lady Terrier volleyball team will resume its conference competition with a pair of matches in Tennessee this weekend. The first stop will be in Chattanooga, Tenn., as the Lady Terriers will battle the Lady Mocs before facing the Lady Buccaneers of East Tennessee State Sunday afternoon in Johnson City, Tenn.

In the match last night versus Winthrop, junior Katie Laser recorded match-highs of 21 kills, 47 total attacks and 23.5 points for the Lady Terriers. Sophomore Katie Sobczyk also registered double-digits in kills and total attacks, as she posted 12 and 24, respectively, for 14.0 points.

"I thought we played really well and hard last night," said head coach Corey Helle. "It was definitely our best match since we hosted Furman Sept. 17. It gives us something to look forward to this weekend. Hopefully, Andrea (Duke) will be back and will be able to provide us with a spark."

Duke has been faced with limited playing time due to nagging injuries this season. She did not play in the contest against the Eagles Wednesday night.

"We're just taking things day-by-day and point-by-point," continued Helle. "Last night was a step in the right direction and it could have gone either way. We're striving to get something positive because we know that once we can do that, then things will definitely start looking up."

Wofford enters the weekend with a 5-15 record, including a 1-7 mark in Southern Conference play.
Lady Terriers Fall at Chattanooga in Volleyball Action
Oct. 17, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team fell, 3-1, at Chattanooga Friday evening. The Lady Mocs picked up the match victory with a game one victory of 30-27 before the Lady Terriers rallied to take game two, 31-29. Chattanooga closed the match by winning games three (31-29) and four (30-19).

Junior Katie Laser paced the Lady Terriers for the second straight match with 26 kills and 19 digs, while senior Lindsay Lyman added 23 digs.

Two other Wofford players recorded double-digit kills, as sophomore Angela Berry (11) and freshman Megan Propst (10) reached the mark.

Sophomore Katie Sobczyk tallied 12 digs, seven block assists and nine kills, as fellow classmate Rhea deJesus finished with 52 assists.

With the loss, the Lady Terriers fall to 5-16 overall and 1-8 in SoCon action. Chattanooga improves to 11-9, 6-2 in the conference.

Wofford will next play Sunday at East Tennessee State before returning home against Appalachian State next Saturday night at 7 p.m.

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Duke Returns and Guides Lady Terriers to Volleyball Victory

Oct. 19, 2003

Junior Andrea Duke, who sat out the last two matches due to injury, returned to the Wofford volleyball lineup Sunday and ignited a hard-fought five-match victory at SoCon foe East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn. The Lady Terriers won the first game, 32-30 before falling in game two, 28-30. Game three was a 36-34 decision for Wofford before the Lady Terriers again surrendered the following game, losing game four, 25-30. In the fifth and final game of the match, Wofford proved victorious with a 15-8 victory.

Duke finished with 33 kills, 78 total attacks, two service aces, 17 digs and 36.5 points to pace the Lady Terriers. It was the second time this season she has reached the 30 kill barrier following a 35 kill performance against UNC Wilmington earlier this season.

Fellow junior Katie Laser continued her strong play as of late by registering 15 kills, 43 total attacks, seven digs, four solo blocks and 21.0 points, while freshman Megan Propst totaled 12 kills, 23 total attacks, .435 hitting percentage, five digs, three block assists and 14.5 points.

Sophomore Rhea deJesus established a new school record with 67 assists while contributing 11 digs and two solo blocks. Senior Lindsay Lyman led the Lady Terriers with 23 digs and sophomore Katie Sobczyk continued the Wofford offensive attack with eight kills, 26 total attacks, 10 digs, three block assists and 11.5 points with fellow classmate Angela Berry tallying seven kills, 16 total attacks and 8.5 points.

The Lady Buccaneers were paced by Kate Steidle, who finished with 19 kills, 46 total attacks and 25.0 points.

With the victory, Wofford garnered its second league win to improve to 2-8 in the conference and 6-16 overall. East Tennessee State falls to 4-17 overall and 2-7 in the league.

The Lady Terriers will return to action Saturday night as they host Appalachian State at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.
Lady Terriers Will Face Cougars Again This Season
Oct. 23, 2003

After an Oct. 3 meeting in Spartanburg, the Wofford volleyball team will again match up with the College of Charleston Cougars this season.

All previous schedules for the team did not include the match in Charleston, which is slated for Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. It will be part of a two-day, two-match road trip to Charleston for the Lady Terriers.

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Wofford Volleyball Set to Open Four-Match Homestand
Oct. 24, 2003

The Lady Terrier volleyball team will begin a four-match homestand with Appalachian State Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

The Lady Terriers are coming off a five-game victory at East Tennessee State last Sunday in which they set two team school records and one individual school mark.

Led by sophomore Rhea deJesus' new school standard of 67 assists, Wofford finished with a team total of 74, bettering the previous mark by nine. The Lady Terriers also set a school record with 78 kills, one better than the 1993 school record. The kills mark was highlighted by the return of Andrea Duke, who was playing her first match in a week and posted 33 kills. It marked the second time this season she passed the 30 kill barrier, as she recorded a school-record 35 kills versus UNC Wilmington earlier this season.

"We're definitely excited to be back home since we always play well here," said head coach Corey Helle. "Having seven of our last nine matches at home is a plus. The crowds at home have been great, so we're looking for another strong turnout.

"Appalachian is one of the hotter teams in the conference right now. They have a lot of talent and are coached well. It's going to be a test for us, but we're looking forward to it. We think we match up fine against them. We aren't out of the hunt for the conference tournament yet. There's a chance for us to do some good things and at the very least we could play the role of spoiler for a couple teams. But, we're thinking that if we do the right things and win the right matches, then we will make the tournament."

Wofford will continue its homestand with Western Carolina (Tues.), Elon (Fri.) and UNC Greensboro (Nov. 4).
Volleyball Drops Four Game Decision to Appalachian State Saturday
Oct. 25, 2003

After recording eight service aces and taking game one, 30-17, the Wofford volleyball team dropped the next three games to fall, 3-1, to visiting Appalachian State Saturday evening at Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Mountaineers battled back to take the final three games, 30-23, 30-26, 30-21.

Junior Katie Laser paced the Lady Terriers with 12 kills, while fellow classmate Andrea Duke finished with 10 kills, 33 total attacks and a team-high 15.0 points. Laser posted 14.0 points, while sophomore Katie Sobczyk garnered double-digits in points with 10.5 on eight kills and 18 total attacks.

Sophomore Rhea deJesus led Wofford with 33 digs to go along with a .286 hitting percentage, while freshman Megan Propst registered a team-high four service aces and a .214 hitting percentage on five kills and 14 total attacks.

Appalachian State was led by Kali Rumberger, who recorded 17 kills, 29 total attacks, .414 hitting percentage and 17.0 points. Teammates Stefanie Panzer posted 14 kills, 18 total attacks, .611 hitting percentage and 22.0 points, while Amy Lewis notched 10 kills, 19 total attacks, .368 hitting percentage and 10.5 points.

"The first game we came out and served really tough, and they weren't able to adjust," said head coach Corey Helle. "We talked between games one and two how they'd come back and pass better than they did in game one.

"We would put ourselves in position, and then once we got there, we had a hard time executing. That's a mark of a young team, one that has had struggles. But, we are continuing to play better, as we played really hard. Through the injuries we have had to face, it's hard to develop good chemistry. That's what any team needs. Once we establish some good chemistry, our execution will get better at critical moments to win games then win matches. That wasn't there tonight. We could have won this match, but we did not do the things we needed to in order to win. Appalachian State is a good team. We didn't execute when we needed to and that's what hurts the most."

Wofford drops to 6-17, 2-9 in the Southern Conference with the loss, while the Mountaineers improve to 10-14 overall and 9-3 in the league.

The Lady Terriers will continue their four-match homestand with a 7 p.m. match Tuesday against Western Carolina at Benjamin Johnson Arena.
Lady Terriers Continue Homestand with Catamounts Tuesday
Oct. 27, 2003

The Wofford volleyball team will continue its four-match homestand with a 7 p.m. match Tuesday against SoCon foe Western Carolina at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Junior Andrea Duke needs 22 more kills to break the single-season school record of 359 held by Judy Nwajiaku in 1989. In the match versus UNC Wilmington, she broke the school's match record with 35 kills, bettering the previous mark by 10.

"Western (Carolina) has traditionally given us fits," said head coach Corey Helle. "They are playing great and are well coached. It's going to be another good test for us. If we can come out and execute, especially execute at critical moments, then we will be fine. I still like the direction in which our team is heading, although our record may not indicate it. We're certainly doing some good things. We just need to put it all together which is tough when you have injuries and some players can't practice because of those injuries. Chemistry in volleyball is very important. We're working on it and going to try our hardest for sure."

The Lady Terriers are coming off a 3-1 loss to Appalachian State Saturday night. Behind eight service aces, Wofford garnered a victory in game one.

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Lady Terriers Rally to Win Thrilling Volleyball Match Tuesday Night
Oct. 28, 2003

Needing a victory to keep its conference tournament hopes alive, the Wofford volleyball team rallied from down two games to one to take the final two games and defeat Western Carolina, 3-2, Tuesday evening at Benjamin Johnson Arena.

The two teams shared an even contest through the first two games with the Catamounts taking game one, 30-28, only to have the Lady Terriers claw back for a 34-32 victory in game two. Game three saw Western Carolina open up the lead with a 30-20 triumph. Wofford used an early lead in each of the games four and five before holding on for 30-24 and 15-11 wins, respectively.

Both teams reached astonishing numbers in the match, as both teams recorded over 200 total attacks each (Wofford - 234; Western Carolina - 202) and digs nearly totaling 100 for each school (WCU - 97; Wofford - 95).

Freshman Megan Propst recorded the best hitting percentage for the Lady Terriers with a .448 behind 15 kills and 29 total attacks to go along with 17.0 points. Junior Andrea Duke played through pain the entire match but still managed to record team-highs of 18 kills, 61 total attacks, six service aces and 24.0 points.

Fellow junior Katie Laser registered 15 kills, 59 total attacks, 15 digs and 16.5 points, while sophomore Katie Sobcyzk garnered 12 kills, 37 total attacks and 15.0 points. Sophomore Angela Berry posted 14 kills and 30 total attacks for a .267 hitting percentage and 17.5 points.

Sophomore Rhea deJesus broke the Wofford school record with 70 assists while contributing defensively with 12 digs. Senior Lindsay Lyman paced the Lady Terriers with 28 digs on the evening.

Freshman Shana Glenn spelled Duke throughout the match and recorded five total attacks and four digs.

The Catamounts were led by Kellyn Thaut with 17 kills, 57 total attacks and 18.5 points, while Sara Komosinski posted 15 kills, 43 total attacks and 20.5 points.

"All the credit goes to the team," said head coach Corey Helle. "I really thought the match was over after the third game, but the girls fought through it and came back. Laser stepped up in the fourth game, Glenn came in and filled in great for Duke when she needed to and Duke came back and played well in the clutch when we needed her.

"This was a total team win tonight without question and is certainly something we will build on as it gives us some good momentum and confidence. It's a great win for us."

The last victory for the Lady Terriers over Western Carolina came nearly two years ago, as Wofford used four games to defeat the Catamounts on Nov. 6, 2001.

With the victory, the Lady Terriers improve to 7-17 overall and 3-9 in the SoCon, while Western Carolina drops to 13-12, 5-6 SoCon.

Wofford will continue with its third of four consecutive home matches Friday night against Elon. The match is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.
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Volleyball to Face Elon on Halloween
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Fresh off a come-from-behind victory against Western Carolina Tuesday night, the Wofford volleyball team will play its third consecutive home conference match Friday at 7 p.m. against Elon.

Junior outside hitter Andrea Duke, despite battling an injury the past month, needs just four kills to break the school single-season kills record. Duke has tallied 356 this season to place just behind Judy Nwajiaku's standard of 359 set in 1989.

In the match against the Catamounts Tuesday evening, sophomore Rhea deJesus broke her own school record with 70 assists as the two teams each registered over 200 total attacks (Wofford - 234) and also posted nearly 100 digs (Wofford - 95).

"We'll need to continue to do the things we did well against Western Carolina," said head coach Corey Helle. "The team showed a lot of class by not getting down and battling back to play well the last two games of the match. We showed flashes of what this team is capable of doing. Elon will be another test for us, but I think we'll be ready."

The match will mark the third of four straight at Benjamin Johnson Arena for the Lady Terriers. In the first two matches, Wofford has garnered a 1-1 mark to improve to 7-17 overall and 3-9 in the Southern Conference.

Wofford sports marketing is planning a Halloween promotion for the contest. The first 100 kids, 12 and under, in costume will receive a voucher wrapped around a Hershey bar for a free ticket to the Nov. 8 football game against East Tennessee State. All kids in attendance will have a chance to gather as much candy as they can in one minute between games two and three.

Also, the first 100 Terrier students in costume will be presented with a 10% off coupon good for any entree at Delaney's Irish Music Pub on Morgan Square in downtown Spartanburg.

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Duke Breaks Record as Lady Terriers Fall to Elon on Halloween
Oct. 31, 2003

Junior outside hitter Andrea Duke broke a 14-year old school record, but it was not enough as the Wofford volleyball team was defeated by Elon Friday evening, 3-0, at Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Phoenix swept the games by scores of 30-27, 30-22 and 30-27.

Duke, needing four kills entering the match to break the Wofford single-season kills mark, set the new standard by spiking home the first point of game two. She finished the match with eight to raise the bar to 364, surpassing Judy Nwajiaku's record of 359 set in 1989.

Junior Katie Laser paced the Lady Terriers with 12 kills, 36 total attacks and 12.0 points, while Duke garnered 29 total attacks, three service aces, nine digs and 11.0 points in addition to her eight kills.

Setter Rhea deJesus also led Wofford with a .400 hitting percentage and 33 assists, while libero Lindsay Lyman tied Duke for the team lead with nine digs.

Elon was led offensively by Emily Hayes, who recorded match-highs of 13 kills, 33 total attacks and 15.0 points. Four other players registered double-digit total attacks for the Phoenix.

"I'm really happy for Andrea on breaking the record," said head coach Corey Helle. "It's something we knew was coming up, it was just a matter of time before it happened."

With the loss, the Lady Terriers fall to 7-18 overall and 3-10 in the Southern Conference. Elon improves to 14-14 and 7-6 in league play.

Wofford will conclude its four-match homestand Tuesday evening as it battles UNC Greensboro at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Johnson Arena.