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Terriers hold off Penguins in five games Saturday
Sept. 18, 2004

After winning the first two games, the Wofford volleyball team held off a furious Youngstown State rally to win, 3-2, Saturday afternoon at the UMES Tournament in Princess Anne, Md. The Terriers captured the victory with scores of 30-27, 30-26, 32-34, 27-30, 15-12.

Senior Andrea Duke (Saluda, N.C.) led all players with 22 kills, 67 total attacks, five service aces and 28 points while fellow classmate Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas) added 21 kills, 39 total attacks and 23 points.

With 70 assists, junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) set a tournament-high match total. She also contributed 15 digs defensively. Joining Duke and DeJesus as double-double performers was freshman Meredith Brantley (Charlotte, N.C.) with 10 kills, 39 total attacks and 15 digs.

Sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.) tallied the Terriers’ top hitting percentage of .414 on 14 kills and 29 total attacks with only two errors.

Also contributing defensively were sophomore Shana Glenn (Spartanburg, S.C.) with a match-high 24 digs and freshman Simons Swanson (Charleston, S.C.) with 10 digs.

The 70 assists by DeJesus tied her own school record for most in a five-game match while Wofford's team tally of 75 broke the previous school standard by one which was set Oct. 19, 2003, at East Tennessee State.

With the win, the Terriers improved to 4-6 while Youngstown State fell to 7-5.

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The Wofford football team ranked ahead of 30 Division I-A programs in the final Sagarin Ratings that were utilized for the Bowl Championship Series.

The Terriers were No. 97 out of 240 I-A and I-AA teams. Wofford (12-2, 8-0) set a single-season school record for victories in capturing its first Southern Conference championship and advancing to the semifinal round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

Delaware, the I-AA champion who defeated Wofford in the semifinals, is ranked No. 40 -- the highest rating for any I-AA team in at least the last six seasons. The 2003 Blue Hens finished above 78 I-A teams (67 percent), including 17 I-A programs who earned bowl bids. The next closest I-AA team to the Blue Hens was Western Illinois at No. 77.

The creator of the Sagarin Ratings is Jeff Sagarin, an MIT graduate. He produces computer ratings for many professional and collegiate sports and his work is published regularly in the USA Today. The Sagarin football ratings have been included in the BCS formula since its creation, and his basketball ratings have been used by the NCAA Division I men's basketball committee for the last 20 years.

Listed below are the I-A programs who ranked below Wofford:

98. Troy State
101. Arizona
103. Rice
104. Kent State
105. Vanderbilt
106. Iowa State
108. Ball State
109. Tulane
111. Mississippi State
116. Illinois
119. Middle Tennessee
120. Temple
121. Indiana
124. Baylor
125. Utah State
126. Central Florida
127. San Jose State
131. Idaho
132. Central Michigan
133. Eastern Michigan
134. Ohio
136. Louisiana-Lafayette
142. New Mexico State
143. East Carolina
147. Arkansas State
155. Buffalo
160. UTEP
171. Army
172. Louisiana-Monroe
174. SMU
Terriers battle hard against Georgia Southern in volleyball home opener
Oct. 9, 2004

The Wofford Terrier volleyball team hung tough but dropped a 3-0 decision to defending Southern Conference champion Georgia Southern Saturday evening in Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers came up just short in losing the match by the scores, 26-30, 32-34 and 22-30.

Wofford was led by seniors Andrea Duke (Saluda, N.C.) and Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas). The pair each recorded 13 kills with Duke tallying 47 total attacks and Laser posting 29. The duo combined for three of the team's four service aces.

Sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.) picked up the other service ace to go along with nine kills and 19 total attacks for a team-best .368 hitting percentage. She also notched a team-best 10 digs.

Junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) registered a match-high 41 assists.

The Eagles were paced by Iulia Porumbescu, who led all players with 15 kills. She led Georgia Southern with 37 total attacks as the Eagles had five players with double-digit total attacks.

Wofford drops to 6-11 overall and 2-2 in the league with the loss while Georgia Southern improves to 9-4 overall and 5-0 in league action.

The Terriers will resume their season tomorrow at 2 p.m. against Davidson, while the Eagles will play at Furman also at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

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Laser paces Wofford volleyball at Appalachian State
Oct. 17, 2004

Senior Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas) paced the Wofford volleyball team with 10 kills and 29 total attacks but it was not enough as the Terriers fell at Appalachian State, 3-0. The Mountaineers took the match by scores of 30-18, 30-24 and 30-28. Laser also led the team with nine digs and 13 points.

Sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.) and freshman Meredith Brantley (Charlotte, N.C.) each notched six kills while junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) recorded 27 assists.

Appalachian was keyed by Samantha Giudici's 16 kills and 29 total attacks and Stephanie Panzer's 13 kills and 25 total attacks. Amber Mangrum registered 43 assists while Kali Rumberger chipped in 13 digs.

Wofford drops to 6-14 overall and 2-5 in the Southern Conference with the loss. The Mountaineers improve to 16-6 overall and 8-1 in the league play.

The Terriers will step out of conference action for their next match. Wofford will face ACC foe Clemson Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Clemson, S.C., in a match added last week.

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Terriers fend off ETSU rally for volleyball victory

Oct. 24, 2004

After taking the first two games, the Wofford volleyball team fought through adversity and held on for a 3-2 victory Sunday afternoon versus East Tennessee State in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers won the match by scores of 30-25, 30-26, 24-30, 28-30 and 18-16.

Senior Andrea Duke (Saluda, N.C.) registered match-highs of 25 kills, 59 total attacks, five service aces and 30.5 points to lead the Wofford effort. She also posted team highs of .271 hitting percentage and 17 digs in the match.

Also contributing on the offensive end was sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.) with 17 kills and 45 total attacks while senior Katie Laser chipped in with 18 kills and 45 total attacks.

Six different players registered double-digit dig totals for the Terriers, led by Duke's 17. Carey (16), junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) and sophomore Shana Glenn (Spartanburg, S.C.) with 14, freshman Simons Swanson (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) with 12 and Laser (11) each attained the plateau. DeJesus led all players with 66 assists.

Leading the Lady Bucs was Sara Scandiffio with 23 kills and 47 total attacks for a match-high .447 hitting percentage. Jennifer Sartor also contributed 20 kills and 40 total attacks offensively and Karen Freeburg notched 20 digs defensively. ETSU garnered 62 assists from Brittany Kessel.

Wofford improves its record to 8-15 overall and 4-5 in the Southern Conference while the Lady Bucs fall to 4-17 overall and 3-8 in league action.

The Terriers will next play their final non-conference match of the season when they travel to High Point, N.C., to face the High Point Panthers Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Terriers drop final non-conference volleyball match
Oct. 27, 2004

Despite a double-double by senior Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas), the Wofford volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision at High Point in its final non-conference match of the season. The Terriers fell by scores of 23-30, 22-30 and 28-30.

Laser paced Wofford with 10 kills, 43 total attacks, 12 digs, seven total blocks and 14.5 points. Two of her seven blocks were solo efforts.

Freshman Meredith Brantley (Charlotte, N.C.) tallied seven kills and 24 total attacks for a .208 hitting percentage while junior Angela Berry (Modesto, Calif.) and sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.) chipped in six and five kills, respectively. Junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) set up the Terrier offense with 24 assists.

Defensively, sophomore Shana Glenn (Spartanburg, S.C.) added 11 digs.

Jamie Kaufman (17), Ashley Johnson (14) and Lindsey Pickens (13) led the High Point offense with double-digit kill efforts each.

Wofford drops to 8-16 with the loss while the Panthers improve to 15-12.

The Terriers will next play at Furman in Greenville, S.C., Friday at 7 p.m. as they return to Southern Conference action.

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Terriers capture volleyball victory on Senior Day
Nov. 6, 2004

On a day in which they were recognized for being the senior members of the Wofford volleyball squad, Andrea Duke (Saluda, N.C.) and Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas) also made a dent in the Terrier record books as they helped lead Wofford to a 3-0 sweep of The Citadel this morning in volleyball action in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers completed the Senior Day sweep with scores of 30-20, 30-28 and 30-25.

On the final point of game one, Duke entered the records for the first time in the match with her 17 total attack of the game. She finished with 44 in the match for a career tally of 3,400 to surpass the mark held by Janna Webb (1999-2002), who posted 3,371 in her career. Laser moved into fourth place on the all-time list in the same category after finishing today with 26 total attacks. She now has recorded 3,248 in her four years.

Then, near the end of game two, Duke again broke a Terrier career mark. She moved into sole possession of first place in all-time kills with 1,196 to pass the previous mark of 1,193 by Currie Gossett (1999-2002). Gossett's mark was later matched by Laser as the pair now share a second-place tie in the category.

Duke led all players with 15 kills, 44 total attacks, two service aces and 17 points. Laser contributed with 13 kills, 26 total attacks, a match-high .385 hitting percentage and 14 points.

Also displaying a strong offensive effort for the Terriers was sophomore Christal Carey (Anderson, S.C.). Carey notched 14 kills, 31 total attacks and a .355 hitting percentage with 15.5 points. She tied Duke for second on the team with 12 digs behind leader Meredith Brantley (Charlotte, N.C.).

Junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) tallied a match-high 46 assists, and Wofford added four blocks, including a pair of solo efforts by junior Angela Berry (Modesto, Calif.).

The Bulldogs were paced by 11-kill showings by Audra Ritchie and Marina Daniel. Ritchie led the team with a .219 hitting percentage while Stefanie Farris dug 16 Terrier attacks.

"Duke and Laser showed a lot of heart out there today," said head coach Corey Helle. "I'm proud of them both, as well as our whole team for pulling through in this victory. It was only fitting for the both of them to play the way they did on Senior Day."

With the victory, Wofford improves to 9-19 overall and 5-8 in the Southern Conference. The Citadel drops to 12-18 overall and 3-12 in league action.

The Terriers will next play Tuesday at 6 p.m. when they host Furman in their final home match of the season. The Bulldogs will host Charleston Southern Tuesday also in their final
home contest of the campaign in McAlister FieldHouse.

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Terriers drop home volleyball finale to Furman
Nov. 9, 2004

Senior Katie Laser (Nederland, Texas) led the Wofford volleyball team with 11 kills, but it was not
enough as the Terriers suffered a 3-0 defeat to Furman Tuesday evening in the Benjamin Johnson

Laser finished her home career with 44 total attacks, four digs and 11 points. Fellow senior Andrea
Duke (Saluda, N.C.) closed concluded her home playing season with 10 kills, 35 total attacks, three
service aces, six digs and 13 points.

Junior Rhea DeJesus (Geneva, Ohio) surpassed her own single-season school record for assists. She
tallied 33 in the match to give her 1,235 for the campaign. The previous record was set last year with
1,206. DeJesus also paced Wofford with 10 digs defensively.

Lady Paladin Julia Fredrickson hit .500 in the match, registering 16 kills and 28 total attacks with only
two errors. Chibuzo Aguocha also reached the double-digit plateau in kills with 11.

The Terriers drop to 9-20 overall and 5-9 in the Southern Conference with the loss. Furman improves to
14-13 overall and 8-6 in the league.

Wofford will continue its season at 7 p.m. Saturday at Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga. The Lady
Paladins will face Davidson in Davidson, N.C., Saturday at 5 p.m.

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Mister named to all-tournament team
Nov. 29, 2004

Junior forward Nakia Mister (Irmo, S.C.) played well in both games this past weekend to earn all-tournament honors at the Sheraton Roundball Classic in Birmingham, Ala.

Mister scored 20 points in the two contests, including a game-high 17 versus host Birmingham-Southern Saturday. She shot a team-best 69.2 percent (9-of-13) from the field and was the Terriers’ second-leading rebounder with nine boards.

She averaged the most minutes (21.0) of any Wofford player off the bench and contributed a pair of steals and an assist over the weekend.

For the season, she ranks third among Terriers with a 7.8 scoring average and is tied for second with 4.2 caroms per game. Her 68.0 percent (17-of-25) shooting from the field is second on the squad, while her eight steals places third.

Wofford will continue its season at top-five North Carolina Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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Weurding cracks top 10 on national list
Dec. 15, 2004

According to the latest statistics released by the NCAA, through the Dec. 13 games, Wofford sophomore center Jenny Weurding (Atlanta, Ga.) ranks ninth out of all individuals with 3.2 blocks per game. Montana's Hollie Tyler is the national leader with 4.7 blocks per contest.

On the season, Weurding has collected 29 blocks in the Terriers' first nine games. She leads the Southern Conference individuals with Appalachian State's Jessica Jank placing second with 11. The 29 blocks are also more than nine of the other 10 teams in the league.

At her current pace, Weurding is set to surpass her season total of 62 from last year. The 62 blocks in 2003-04 set a Wofford single-season record. The 91 she has recorded in her career stands in sixth place on the Terriers' all-time chart, just behind Elizabeth Wells' (1995-99) total of 95 for fifth place.

Weurding and the rest of the Wofford women's basketball team will resume their season at 2 p.m. Saturday at East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn.

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Weurding maintains top-15 national ranking
Jan. 6, 2005

Wofford sophomore center Jenny Weurding (Atlanta, Ga.) is in a three-way tie for 12th place among all Division I individuals for blocks per game with a 3.0 average in the latest statistics released by the NCAA.

In contests through Jan. 3, Weurding is tied with Jessica Davenport of Ohio State and Morehead State’s Shelly Johnson.

She raised her season total to 42 last night with three in the Terriers’ game at Furman. Weurding is ahead of her pace from a year ago when she set a single-season school record with 62.

Her career tally of 104 ranks in fourth place on Wofford’s all-time chart.

As a team, the Terriers are 34th among the 324 Division I institutions in blocked shots per game with a 5.0 average. Wofford is also in the top 100 with a 77th-place standing with 10.5 steals per game.

Weurding and the rest of the Terrier women’s basketball team will return to action with a home contest at 7 p.m. Monday versus Appalachian State.

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