Laser remains with Terrier volleyball program as assistant
August 5, 2005

Wofford head volleyball coach Corey Helle has announced the hiring of former Terrier standout Katie Laser as an assistant coach for the upcoming campaign.

"I am thrilled to have Katie joining the staff," said Helle. "She was a standout student-athlete here at Wofford and will be a great asset for the younger players – as they make that difficult transition from high school to a college athlete."

A former Wofford four-year starter and letterwinner, she joins the sidelines after a record-breaking career with the Terriers. She ranks second among the career leaders in kills (1,229), total blocks (276) and points (816.0). Laser also stands third with 3,366 total attacks.

She also holds school marks for kills in a three-game match (23) and four-game match (26).

Her name is also splashed across numerous other Wofford marks.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to continue with the program and have a chance to coach at my alma mater," said Laser. "Knowing first-hand what a student-athlete goes through on a daily basis will help me relate to the players easier."

A native of Nederland, Texas, Laser served as one of the team's tri-captains last fall and was one of two seniors on the squad.

She received her bachelor's degree in biology in May.

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Terriers sweep Norfolk State Saturday in volleyball opener
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The Wofford volleyball team opened its 2005 campaign with a 3-0 sweep against Norfolk State in neutral-site competition last Saturday in Radford, Va. The Terriers picked up the victory by winning the three games, 30-14, 30-26 and 30-13.

Leading the Wofford (1-0) offensive attack was a pair of freshmen, Lindsey Richardson and Liz Sheets. Richardson hit a match-high 12 kills to go along with 23 total attacks for a match-high 13.0 points in her first collegiate match. Also competing for the first time in collegiate competition was Sheets, who registered 10 kills, a match-high 30 total attacks and 11.5 points.

Junior Christal Carey, returning to Radford, where she played her freshman campaign before transferring to Wofford prior to the beginning of last season, notched eight kills and 23 total attacks with just one error for a match-best .304 hitting percentage. She also added a match-high 14 digs on the defensive end.

Setter Rhea DeJesus recorded 32 assists, while fellow setter Lisa Lindemenn nailed a match-high three service aces.

Afryea Allen led the Spartans (0-1) with four kills and a .167 hitting percentage. Teammate Shea Kersey tallied a team-best 20 total attacks.

The Terriers will head to Riverdale, N.Y., this weekend for the Jasper Invitational. Wofford will face host Manhattan in the first match at 10 a.m. Saturday before awaiting to play either American or Quinnipiac in the second round.

Wofford 3, Norfolk State 0
30-14, 30-26, 30-13

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 41, Norfolk State 13
Total Attacks -- Wofford 110, Norfolk State 98
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .191, Norfolk State -.092
Assists -- Wofford 38, Norfolk State 12
Service Aces -- Wofford 11, Norfolk State 1
Digs -- Wofford 53, Norfolk State 40
Total Blocks -- Norfolk State 10.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Wofford 56.0, Norfolk State 24.0

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Wofford volleyball completes opening weekend in Radford
August 29, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team won its second match of the day last Saturday in defeating host Radford, 3-1, at the Dedmon Center in Radford, Va. The 30-27, 33-35, 30-27, 30-13 victory for the Terriers improves Wofford's record to 2-0 to start the 2005 campaign.

A balanced attack, led by a team season-high 16 kills by freshman Brittany Thompson, keyed the Terrier offense. Thompson, a Richmond, Va., native, hit just three errors among her 38 total attacks for a match-high .342 hitting percentage in returning to her home state.

Also reaching double-figure kills for Wofford were freshman Lindsey Richardson (11), fellow rookie Liz Sheets (10) and junior Christal Carey (10). Carey, who played for Radford her freshman campaign in 2003 before transferring to Wofford, finished with a match-best 41 total attacks and 25 digs.

Senior Rhea DeJesus notched 47 assists while fellow setter Lisa Lindemenn added three service aces.

Radford's (1-1) Christine German posted 10 kills and 36 total attacks for a team-high 10.5 points. Six different Highlanders registered double-digit total attacks. Josie Hanners set 33 assists, while Rachel Newton dug 23 Terrier attacks.

The Terriers will head to Riverdale, N.Y., this weekend for the Jasper Invitational. Wofford will face host Manhattan in the first match at 10 a.m. Saturday before awaiting to play either American or Quinnipiac in the second round.

Wofford 3, Radford 1
30-27, 33-35, 30-27, 30-13

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 60, Radford 46
Total Attacks -- Wofford 193, Radford 183
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .150, Radford .077
Assists -- Wofford 57, Radford 42
Service Aces -- Wofford 6, Radford 3
Digs -- Wofford 89, Radford 73
Total Blocks -- Radford 7.0, Wofford 1.0
Points -- Wofford 67.0, Radford 56.0

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Wofford head volleyball coach Corey Helle has announced the hiring of Tara Brooks as an assistant for the 2005 campaign.

"We are extremely lucky to have Tara joining our Wofford program," said Helle. "Being a former head coach and standout Division I player, she knows exactly what it takes to be a successful student-athlete. Our players and program are lucky to have her."

In each of the past two seasons, she served as the head coach at Converse College in Spartanburg. While under her watch last season, the All-Stars posted 18 victories and competed in a tournament in Puerto Rico.

Brooks is a former four-year standout at Seton Hall, a member of the Big East. While with the Pirates in 2000, she set the school’s kill percentage mark and paced the club in solo and assisted blocks.

She also finished 10th in the league during the 2000 and 2002 campaigns for hitting percentage.

Off the court, Brooks garnered Big East all-academic honors and was a member of the Dean’s List.

A native of Fort Macleod, Alberta, she competed with Team Alberta for three years and was a member of the Lethbridge Volleyball Club.

She graduated from Seton Hall in 2002 with a bachelor’s degree in social and behavioral sciences. This May, she completed her master’s degree in education from Converse.
Wofford volleyball falls to the Jaspers

September 3, 2005

In the opening match of the 2005 Jasper Invitational, host Manhattan knocked off Wofford, 3-0, at Draddy Gym in Riverdale, N.Y. The Terriers were defeated by scores of 30-26, 30-24, 30-28.

Maggie Pfeifer led the hosts with 15 kills, zero errors and 28 total attacks for a hitting percentage of .536 and 18.0 points. Teammate Megan O'Dorisio tallied 14 kills, two errors and 28 total attacks for a .429 hitting percentage. Andrea Reiff made it three Jaspers (1-0) with double-digit kills, as she totaled 10.

Lori Bambauer registered 41 assists and Ashley Watson posted 13 digs.

Leading the Wofford (2-1) attack was freshman Brittany Thompson with nine kills and 37 total attacks. She also paced the club with 13 digs defensively.

Senior Katie Sobczyk hit a team-high .500 on eight kills, one error and 14 total attacks. Classmate Rhea DeJesus notched 30 assists.

Both teams will continue play in the tournament this evening. The Terriers will face Quinnipiac at 5 p.m. in the consolation match, while Manhattan will take on American at 7 p.m. in the championship game.

Manhattan 3, Wofford 0
30-26, 30-24, 30-28

Jasper Invitational (Riverdale, N.Y.)

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Manhattan 55, Wofford 37
Total Attacks -- Manhattan 125, Wofford 120
Hitting Percentage -- Manhattan .304, Wofford .158
Assists -- Manhattan 51, Wofford 34
Service Aces -- Manhattan 9, Wofford 7
Digs -- Manhattan 56, Wofford 45
Total Blocks -- Manhattan 7.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Manhattan 71.0, Wofford 48.0
Volleyball places third at Jasper Invitational
September 6, 2005

After dropping its first match of the day, the Wofford volleyball team rebounded to claim a 3-1 victory against Quinnipiac last Saturday at the Jasper Invitational in Riverdale, N.Y. The Terriers earned the triumph by winning the games, 30-24, 24-30, 30-22 and 30-21.

Leading all players was Wofford's Christal Carey. A junior outside hitter, she posted 19 kills, 44 total attacks and 16 digs. The 16 digs tied classmate Shana Glenn for the match high.

Also turning in a strong performance for the Terriers (3-1) was freshman Brittany Thompson with 16 kills, 34 total attacks, a match-best five service aces, 13 digs and 22.5 points. The five service aces ties her for fourth among Division I players in the program's history for a four-game match.

Fellow rookie Lindsey Richardson registered 12 kills, 37 total attacks and 13.5 points.

Senior Katie Sobczyk rounded out a quartet of Wofford players with double-digit kills with 10 of her own. Rhea DeJesus' 56 assists finishes four shy of her own school record for most in a four-game match and places third in the category in the program's Division I history.

Leading the Bobcat (0-2) offensive effort was Kayln Hundley with 13 kills, 41 total attacks and 15.0 points. Jenna Benigno tallied 10 kills and 25 total attacks, while Ashley Phillips had 46 assists and Amoi Alawoya notched 15 digs.

The victory ensured Wofford a third-place finish in the tournament, behind champion American and host Manhattan. The Terriers will return to action at 7 p.m. Wednesday when they travel to Johnson City, Tenn., to face former Southern Conference foe East Tennessee State.

Wofford 3, Quinnipiac 1
30-24, 24-30, 30-22, 30-21

Jasper Invitational
Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 66, Quinnipiac 53
Total Attacks -- Wofford 172, Quinnipiac 153
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .227, Quinnipiac .216
Assists -- Wofford 64, Quinnipiac 49
Service Aces -- Wofford 9, Quinnipiac 1
Digs -- Wofford 71, Quinnipiac 64
Total Blocks -- Quinnipiac 7.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Wofford 79.0, Quinnipiac 61.0
Thompson named to all-tournament team

September 6, 2005

Freshman outside hitter Brittany Thompson was the lone Wofford representative following Saturday's action at the Jasper Invitational in Riverdale, N.Y. She helped lead the Terriers to a third-place finish in the event.

Thompson registered 25 kills (3.57 per game), 71 total attacks, a .239 hitting percentage, three assists, five service aces, 26 digs, four total blocks and 33.0 points. The total attacks, service aces, digs, total blocks and points were team highs for the two matches.

Against host Manhattan in the first contest Saturday, she nearly posted a double-double with nine kills and 13 digs. Her dig tally and 37 total attacks paced the squad.

In the consolation match versus Quinnipiac, Thompson did record a double-double with 16 kills and 13 digs. She tallied all five service aces against the Bobcats.

Thompson and the rest of the Wofford volleyball team will return to action at 7 p.m. Wednesday when they travel to Johnson City, Tenn., to face former Southern Conference foe East Tennessee State.

2005 All-Jasper Invitational Team
Brittany Thompson, Wofford
Kayln Hundley, Quinnipiac
Maggie Pfeifer, Manhattan
Megan O'Dorisio, Manhattan
Rubena Sukaj, American
MVP: Chelsea Brooks, American
Volleyball loses heartbreaker to former SoCon foe ETSU

September 7, 2005

In the first meeting between Wofford and East Tennessee State as former Southern Conference opponents, host ETSU knocked off the Terriers, 3-2, in volleyball action Wednesday night at Brooks Gym in Johnson City, Tenn. The Lady Bucs rallied for a 26-30, 30-26, 28-30, 30-11, 16-14 triumph over Wofford. ETSU left the league and joined the Atlantic Sun Conference beginning July 1, 2005.

A quartet of ETSU players reached double figures in kills, led by 16 from Sara Scandiffio. Scandiffio also recorded a match-high four solo blocks and 22.0 points. Teammates Callie Kiselich and Sarah Buhr posted 12 kills apiece, while Kiselich's .286 hitting percentage was the top mark in the contest. Rounding out the Lady Buc balanced offense was an 11-kill effort from Jennifer Sartor. Along with 10 digs, she joined Buhr (16 digs) as ETSU (3-1) players with double-doubles.

Jennifer Emerson reached a double-double of another kind with a match-high 46 assists and team-leading 17 digs. Pacing the Terrier (3-2) effort was senior Angela Berry with 14 kills and a .281 hitting percentage. Freshman Brittany Thompson, who earned all-tournament honors at last weekend's Jasper Invitational, continued her strong play by matching Berry with 14 kills but leading the squad with 43 total attacks and 16.0 points. She notched 16 digs for a double-double outing.

Senior Rhea DeJesus matched her setter counterpart with a double-double of her own by registering 41 assists and 13 digs, while juniors Shana Glenn and Christal Carey dug 19 and 17 Lady Buc attempts, respectively. Glenn also recorded a match-high three service aces.

Wofford will continue its season with its home opener Tuesday, Sept. 13, versus Southern Conference foe Western Carolina. The contest is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in the Benjamin Johnson Arena and will kick off a seven-match homestand for the Terriers featuring the inaugural Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic (Sept. 16 and 17) and four league contests.

East Tennessee State 3, Wofford 2
26-30, 30-26, 28-30, 30-11, 16-14

Team Comparison:
Kills -- ETSU 62, Wofford 55
Total Attacks -- ETSU 189, Wofford 181
Hitting Percentage -- ETSU .148, Wofford .077
Assists -- ETSU 55, Wofford 51
Service Aces -- ETSU 5, Wofford 4
Digs -- Wofford 78, ETSU 73
Total Blocks -- ETSU 17.0, Wofford 7.0
Points -- ETSU 84.0, Wofford 66.0
Wofford volleyball opens home slate Tuesday versus Western Carolina

September 12, 2005

After opening the 2005 campaign with five straight on the road, the Wofford volleyball team will make its season debut in the Benjamin Johnson Arena at 7 p.m. Tuesday versus Southern Conference foe Western Carolina.

The Terriers enter the match with a 3-2 record, including a 1-1 mark at the Jasper Invitational in Riverdale, N.Y., Sept. 3. "We are certainly excited about the chance to finally play at home," said head coach Corey Helle. "The crowds for home matches have traditionally been very strong and we hope this will continue again this fall."

Wofford opened the season with a pair of back-to-back victories in Radford, Va., over Norfolk State and Radford Aug. 27.

After splitting the contests at the Jasper Invitational, the Terriers lost a heartbreaker to former SoCon opponent East Tennessee State last Tuesday.

Three of the team's top five kill leaders are freshmen, headlined by rookie Brittany Thompson's 57. She was named to the all-tournament team following the Jasper Invitational. Lindsey Richardson (40) and Liz Sheets (30) round out the rookies in the top five with third- and fifth-place standings, respectively.
Catamounts rally to post SoCon volleyball win against Wofford
September 13, 2005

Despite winning the first game, the Wofford volleyball team suffered a 3-1 defeat to Western Carolina in Southern Conference action Tuesday night in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Catamounts won the match by scores of 18-30, 30-25, 31-29 and 30-24 in the league opener for both schools.

Heather Koontz keyed the Western Carolina (2-8, 1-0 SoCon) comeback with a team-high 18 kills, 47 total attacks, a .319 hitting percentage and 19.5 points. Ellie Talbot added 15 kills, 42 total attacks, a .238 hitting percentage and 17.0 points.

The Catamounts also received a double-digit kill outing from Danielle Spitzer with 11.

The turning point in the contest came during the third game when Western blocked seven Terrier attempts. For the match, WCU edged Wofford in total blocks, 10.0 to 7.0.

Highlighting the Terrier (3-3, 0-1 SoCon) performances were a pair of school records. Junior Christal Carey set a new team mark for digs in a four-game match with 33, bettering Lyndsay Lyman's standard of 29 which also was set against the Catamounts Sept. 17, 2002.

Senior Rhea DeJesus tied her own Wofford record with 60 assists for a four-game match. Her previous mark came in SoCon action versus Chattanooga Oct. 23, 2004.

Leading the Terrier offense was freshman Brittany Thompson with 21 kills, 55 total attacks and 21.5 points. Her .255 hitting percentage was second on the squad to fellow rookie Liz Sheets' .294 on 12 kills and 34 total attacks.

Carey registered 16 kills, 51 total attacks and 18.0 points, while Wofford senior Angela Berry also reached the double-digit plateau in kills with 11.

The Terriers will return to action Friday as they host the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. Wofford will welcome East Carolina and Charleston Southern in a round-robin format featuring a total of four matches, including three Friday and then one Saturday.

The Catamounts next play Saturday in a pair of matches in Asheville, N.C., versus Samford and at UNC Asheville.

Western Carolina 3, Wofford 1
18-30, 30-25, 31-29, 30-24

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 69, Western Carolina 63
Total Attacks -- Wofford 208, Western Carolina 187
Hitting Percentage -- Western Carolina .219, Wofford .188
Assists -- Wofford 67, Western Carolina 56
Service Aces -- Wofford 9, Western Carolina 3
Digs -- Western Carolina 94, Wofford 90
Total Blocks -- Western Carolina 10.0, Wofford 7.0
Points -- Wofford 85.0, Western Carolina 76.0
Wofford set to host Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic
September 15, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team will welcome East Carolina and Charleston Southern to the Benjamin Johnson Arena Friday and Saturday for the first Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in Spartanburg, S.C. The three teams will play a round-robin format and a total of four matches over the two days, including three Friday. "We are excited about the opportunity to host such an event on our campus," said Terrier head coach Corey Helle. "All three teams are playing really well right now. The competition should be fierce and provide a great atmosphere."

Action begins at 1 p.m. Friday with East Carolina and Charleston Southern facing off in a neutral-site contest. Charleston Southern then will play again at 3:30 p.m. versus Wofford.

The nightcap of Friday’s schedule features the Terriers versus East Carolina at 7 p.m.

Only one contest is slated for Saturday and will again pit Wofford against Charleston Southern at 1 p.m.

All three teams enter the tournament with .500 records, including the Terriers' 3-3 mark. Both East Carolina and Charleston Southern come in with 4-4 ledgers.
Terrier volleyball opens tournament with victory
September 16, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team opened its play in the 2005 Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic with a 3-0 triumph over Charleston Southern Friday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers won the match by scores of 30-23, 30-22 and 30-26.

The match was the first for Wofford (4-3) in the event and the second of back-to-back contests for the Buccaneers, who earlier dropped a 3-1 decision to East Carolina.

Against Charleston Southern (4-6), the Terriers were led by a .384 hitting percentage on 18 kills and 33 total attacks from freshman Brittany Thompson. She also paced the club with 21.0 points.

Fellow outside hitters Christal Carey and Katie Sobczyk also had strong performances. Carey posted 13 kills and 32 total attacks to go along with a team-high 13 digs. Sobczyk added five kills and 14 total attacks.

Sophomore Lisa Lindemenn registered four of Wofford's 10 service aces, while senior Rhea DeJesus notched 45 assists.

Leading the attack for the Buccaneers was Canan Erdogan with five kills and eight total attacks. She also had zero errors for a match-high .625 hitting percentage. A trio of Charleston Southern players had seven kills with Victoria Owens leading the way with 34 total attacks.

In earlier action against East Carolina, Owens again led the Buccaneers with 21 kills and 57 total attacks. Renae Popovich hit a team-high .421 on nine kills and 19 total attacks against the Pirates.

ECU (5-4) was led by a .619 hitting percentage from Kelley Wernert. She posted 13 kills, zero errors and 21 total attacks. Pam Ferris (20) and Katie Jannusch (13) also reached the double-digit plateau for the Pirates.

The tournament will continue with a 7 p.m. Friday match between Wofford and East Carolina. The event will conclude at 1 p.m. Saturday when Charleston Southern and Wofford face off again.

Wofford 3, Charleston Southern 0
30-23, 30-22, 30-26

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 55, Charleston Southern 36
Total Attacks -- Wofford 135, Charleston Southern 119
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .230, Charleston Southern .101
Assists -- Wofford 52, Charleston Southern 33
Service Aces -- Wofford 10, Charleston Southern 1
Digs -- Charleston Southern 47, Wofford 46
Total Blocks -- Wofford 7.0, Charleston Southern 7.0
Points -- Wofford 72.0, Charleston Southern 44.0
Pirates sweep Wofford volleyball in tournament nightcap

September 16, 2005

A strong hitting performance, resulting in a .348 team percentage, keyed an East Carolina, 3-0, victory over Wofford Friday night in the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Pirates captured the win with scores of 30-21, 30-21 and 30-27.

Mignon Dubenion sparked the attack with a .440 performance on 13 kills and 25 total attacks with just two errors. Teammate Erica Wilson hit an even .500 on eight kills, one error and 14 total attacks, while Pam Ferris added 12 kills, 29 total attacks and just three errors for a .310 percentage. She collected 14 digs for ECU's only double-double of the match. Jaime Bevan also contributed eight kills and 16 total attacks with only two errors for a .375 hitting percentage.

Overall, East Carolina (6-4) had 52 kills and 112 total attacks with just 13 errors. Freshman Brittany Thompson again paced the Terriers with 19 kills, 36 total attacks and a .417 hitting percentage. She was joined by fellow rookie Liz Sheets on a strong hitting match. Sheets tallied five kills and 14 total attacks, to go with zero errors, for a .357 performance.

Junior Christal Carey provided Wofford (4-4) with a pair of hitters with double-digit kills as she recorded 10 on her 30 total attacks.

The four-match, two-day event will conclude tomorrow with a single contest at 1 p.m. The Terriers will host Charleston Southern in the second meeting between the two schools during the tournament. In earlier action Friday, Wofford handed the Buccaneers a 3-0 loss.

East Carolina 3, Wofford 0
30-21, 30-21, 30-26

Team Comparison:
Kills -- East Carolina 52, Wofford 49
Total Attacks -- Wofford 128, East Carolina 112
Hitting Percentage -- East Carolina .348, Wofford .203
Assists -- East Carolina 47, Wofford 44
Service Aces -- East Carolina 6, Wofford 1
Digs -- East Carolina 47, Wofford 36
Total Blocks -- East Carolina 7.0, Wofford 3.0
Points -- East Carolina 65.0, Wofford 53.0
Sobczyk sparks Wofford volleyball victory Saturday
September 17, 2005

A trio of players with double-digit kills, including a match-high 15 by junior Christal Carey, helped lead the Wofford volleyball team to a 3-0 triumph Saturday afternoon against Charleston Southern in the final match of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers won the contest by scores of 30-35, 30-28, 30-25.

Carey finished with a .257 hitting percentage and paced the club with 17.5 points. Joining her with double-digit kills was 10 apiece from senior Katie Sobczyk and freshman Brittany Thompson. Sobczyk registered a .364 hitting percentage, just shy of freshman Liz Sheets’ team-leading .375. Sheets notched eight kills and 16 total attacks.

Junior Shana Glenn tallied 13 digs, one better than Thompson for the Terrier (5-4) lead. Senior setter Rhea DeJesus added 49 assists.

Pacing the Buccaneers was Victoria Owens with 12 kills and 34 total attacks. She posted a double-double with 13 digs, just shy of the match-high 14 by Jillian Worby. CSU’s (4-7) Canan Erdogan posted an even .500 hitting percentage on eight kills and 14 total attacks with just one error.

Wofford will return to action Saturday at 2 p.m. when it hosts Southern Conference leader College of Charleston.

Wofford 3, Charleston Southern 0
30-25, 30-28, 30-25

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 55, Charleston Southern 37
Total Attacks -- Wofford 132, Charleston Southern 120
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .220, Charleston Southern .108
Assists -- Wofford 51, Charleston Southern 35
Service Aces -- Wofford 8, Charleston Southern 1
Digs -- Wofford 48, Charleston Southern 43
Total Blocks -- Charleston Southern 9.0, Wofford 6.0
Points -- Wofford 69.0, Charleston Southern 47.0
Terrier volleyball to face two SoCon foes at home

September 23, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team, who hosted the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Volleyball Classic last weekend, will welcome Southern Conference foes College of Charleston and The Citadel to the Benjamin Johnson Arena Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

"We are excited about having these two opponents on our home floor this early in the season," said head coach Corey Helle. "Both teams will present us with a challenging match, so we will need to be well prepared."

In the tournament last weekend, Wofford went 2-1 in its three matches to improve its overall mark to 5-4. In their Southern Conference opener Sept. 13, the Terriers fell to Western Carolina, 3-1.

College of Charleston enters the contest leading the Southern Conference with a 10-1 overall record and 3-0 mark in league matches. The Cougars have dominated SoCon play over the last five years and have knocked off a pair of nationally-ranked opponents earlier this season. CofC will play at Furman Friday night before heading to Spartanburg.

The Citadel continues to improve under former Clemson star Wendy Anderson. The Lady Bulldogs defeated Augusta State, 3-0, in their most recent contest Wednesday in Charleston, S.C. The victory improves The Citadel's record to 2-11.

The weekend action will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday with College of Charleston and the Terriers hitting the court before Wofford meets The Citadel at 2 p.m. Sunday.
SoCon-leader College of Charleston tops Wofford volleyball
September 24, 2005

After battling hard in the opening game, the Wofford volleyball team eventually fell, 3-0, to four-time defending Southern Conference champion College of Charleston Saturday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Cougars, who sit atop the league standings again this season, won the match by scores of 30-28, 30-21, 30-26. The Terriers (5-5, 0-2 SoCon) had a variety of chances to overtake CofC in the first game before losing by the two-point margin. Wofford also displayed a solid effort in games two and three before Charleston pulled away. CofC hit .390 during game two on the strength of 19 kills and 41 total attacks to go with just three errors.

Tiffany Blum led all players with 14 kills and six assisted blocks for a match-high 17.0 points. Rebecca Wieters and Amanda Timmers added 10 kills each to the Cougar offense with Wieters posting a match-high .320 hitting percentage. Timmers was the lone CofC (12-1, 4-0 SoCon) player with a double-double as she collected 12 digs, second on the squad to Marie Dobrenz's 19.

Leading the Terrier offense was a .227 hitting percentage outing by freshman Liz Sheets. Teammates Brittany Thompson (11-18) and Christal Carey (10-16) each posted a double-double of kills-digs. Thompson led all players with three service aces and spearheaded Wofford with 14.0 points.

Wofford will return to action at 2 p.m. Sunday as it hosts The Citadel in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

College of Charleston 3, Wofford 0
30-28, 30-21, 30-26

Team Comparison:
Kills -- College of Charleston 48, Wofford 47
Total Attacks -- Wofford 156, College of Charleston 138
Hitting Percentage -- College of Charleston .196, Wofford .147
Assists -- Wofford 43, College of Charleston 42
Service Aces -- College of Charleston 4, Wofford 3
Digs -- College of Charleston 64, Wofford 63
Total Blocks -- College of Charleston 9.0, Wofford 0.0
Points -- College of Charleston 61.0, Wofford 50.0
Volleyball earns SoCon victory over The Citadel  
September 25, 2005

Five players recorded double-digit kills to lead the Wofford volleyball team to a 3-1 victory over visiting The Citadel Sunday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers earned their first Southern Conference win of the 2005 campaign with a 30-24, 30-26, 25-30, 30-16 triumph over the Bulldogs.

Freshman Liz Sheets paced the hosts with 16 kills, 45 total attacks and 18.5 points. Seniors Angela Berry and Katie Sobczyk each contributed 11 kills while recording a .200 hitting percentage each. Berry registered both of Wofford's solo blocks in the match.

Sophomore Tory Macomson saw her first start of the season and tallied a career-high 10 kills on 29 total attacks for a team-high .310 hitting percentage. She posted her first double-double with 15 digs.

Rookie Brittany Thompson also reached the double-double plateau with 10 kills and a team-high 25 digs. She accumulated four of the team's 14 service aces, one behind the Terrier (6-5, 1-2 SoCon) record for a four-game match. The 84.0 points amassed by Wofford is a team record for a four-game match, bettering the 82.0 effort versus Chattanooga, Oct. 23, 2004, while the 211 total attacks are second in the Terrier record books for a four-game match.

Leading the Bulldog offensive attack was Rachel Sanders with 16 kills, 43 total attacks and a .233 hitting percentage. Sanders posted a double-double with 18 digs, second on the team to Stefanie Farris’ 26. Farris also added 10 kills for The Citadel (2-13, 0-5 SoCon).

Wofford will continue its season at 7 p.m. Wednesday versus Furman in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Wofford 3, The Citadel 1
30-24, 30-26, 25-30, 30-16

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 64, The Citadel 51
Total Attacks -- Wofford 211, The Citadel 187
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .161, The Citadel .128
Assists -- Wofford 58, The Citadel 44
Service Aces -- Wofford 14, The Citadel 3
Digs -- The Citadel 97, Wofford 96
Total Blocks -- The Citadel 10.0, Wofford 6.0
Points -- Wofford 84.0, The Citadel 64.0
Volleyball attempts to break attendance record versus Furman
September 27, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team will return to the Benjamin Johnson Arena at 6 p.m. Wednesday to close a six-match homestand versus Southern Conference foe Furman.

The Terriers will use the match in an attempt to break the school-record attendance mark. In last season's contest against Davidson Oct. 10, a program-record 646 came out in support of the team.

"Furman is coming in playing really well," said head coach Corey Helle. "The Lady Paladins have as much talent as anyone in the league. We need to come out and play well. We are also hoping there will be a great crowd in attendance."

Wofford opened its SoCon slate last weekend with a pair of home matches. After dropping the opener Saturday to league-leader College of Charleston, the Terriers bounced back Sunday to take a 3-1 decision over The Citadel to improve their record to 6-5 overall and 1-1 in the SoCon.
Wofford volleyball knocks off Furman before large crowd
September 28, 2005

Behind a loud Benjamin Johnson Arena crowd of 559, the Wofford volleyball team rallied to knock off visiting Furman Wednesday evening, 3-1, in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers fell in the first game before mounting the comeback and claiming the victory by scores of 26-30, 30-27, 32-30 and 30-18. The crowd was aided by a special dinner meal served by Wofford's dining services in the area which attracted many students to the event.

The triumph was also the first victory by the Terriers over Furman since a 3-2 decision in Spartanburg Sept. 25, 2001. It marked head coach Corey Helle's first win against the Lady Paladins as Wofford's mentor.

In the contest, both teams traded several points in all four games. The Terriers edged ahead 26-22 in game one before the Lady Paladins scored the final eight points to take the early lead.

In game two, both teams again would not let the other increase its lead beyond three. Wofford (7-5, 2-2 SoCon) used a balanced offensive and defensive attack to hold off Furman to tie the match heading into the 10-minute intermission.

After the break, the Terriers and Lady Paladins again fiercely competed for the opportunity to go up by a game. Furman mounted a late surge to force the extra points but could not prevail as Wofford scored the deciding point on an attack error by a Lady Paladin.

The Terriers pulled away early in game four and never looked back. A late run by Furman closed the margin from 15 (26-11) to 11 (28-17) before junior Christal Carey recorded the final kill for the victory.

Freshman Brittany Thompson led all players with 20 kills, 58 total attacks and 22.0 points. Carey was one of three other Wofford players to collect double-digit kills with her total of 13 on 42 total attacks. She registered a double-double with a match-high 17 digs.

Also reaching the double-digit kill plateau was freshman Liz Sheets (12) and senior Katie Sobczyk (10). Senior Angela Berry led the Terriers with a .353 hitting percentage on eight kills and 17 total attacks.

Defensively, junior Shana Glenn notched 16 digs. Senior Rhea DeJesus' 56 assists ties her own mark for fourth most in a four-game match since Wofford moved to the Division I era in 1995. DeJesus also led all players with three service aces.

Leading the Furman (5-8, 1-2 SoCon) attack was Celestee Wilson with 16 kills and a match-high .467 hitting percentage. She was joined by teammate Whitney Purser (12) in double-figure kills.

Courtney Stewardson added 45 assists, while Kim Tonkin posted a team-high 15 digs.

The Terriers will return to action at 2 p.m. Sunday at Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga. The Lady Paladins next play also against the Eagles this weekend but at 2 p.m. Saturday in Hanner Fieldhouse.

Wofford 3, Furman 1
26-30, 30-27, 32-30, 30-18

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 67, Furman 55
Total Attacks -- Wofford 179, Furman 160
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .207, Furman .156
Assists -- Wofford 59, Furman 50
Service Aces -- Wofford 7, Furman 2
Digs -- Furman 70, Wofford 69
Total Blocks -- Furman 10.0, Wofford 7.0
Points -- Wofford 81.0, Furman 67.0