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Volleyball hangs tough in loss at Georgia Southern

October 2, 2005

A strong hitting performance in game two helped vault the Georgia Southern volleyball team to a 3-0 victory against visiting Wofford Sunday afternoon in Hanner Fieldhouse in Statesboro, Ga. The Eagles hit .429 in the game, the best outing by either team in the three-game match.

Georgia Southern's (11-5, 4-0 SoCon) Bailey Coleman led all players with 12 kills and finished with 18 digs to record a double-double. She also paced the individuals with three service aces and 15.0 points.

Jennifer Charles and Jennifer Schenk hit above .500 each, as they registered zero errors. Charles had six kills and 10 total attacks, while Schenk added four kills on seven total attacks. Charles finished with eight blocks, including a match-high three solo stops.

Three-time Southern Conference player of the week Iulia Piorumbescu finished with two kills, four errors and 12 total attacks for a -.167 hitting percentage.

Leading the Terrier (7-6, 2-3 SoCon) offense was senior Katie Sobczyk with seven kills and 23 total attacks for a .217 hitting percentage. Freshman Brittany Thompson posted team-highs of nine kills and 32 total attacks for just her third match with less than 10 kills this season. Junior Christal Carey added six kills to the attack and 15 digs defensively.

Senior Rhea DeJesus paced all players with 29 assists.

Wofford will return home at 7 p.m. Wednesday when it hosts former Southern Conference foe East Tennessee State in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Georgia Southern 3, Wofford 0
30-22, 30-20, 30-25

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Georgia Southern 46, Wofford 35
Total Attacks -- Wofford 125, Georgia Southern 116
Hitting Percentage -- Georgia Southern .241, Wofford .096
Assists -- Georgia Southern 43, Wofford 31
Service Aces -- Wofford 5, Georgia Southern 5
Digs -- Georgia Southern 58, Wofford 42
Total Blocks -- Georgia Southern 12.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Georgia Southern 63.0, Wofford 44.0
Volleyball returns home to welcome ETSU
October 4, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team will return to the Benjamin Johnson Arena at 7 p.m. Wednesday as it hosts former Southern Conference foe East Tennessee State. The Terriers were victorious in their last home outing, a 3-1 decision over Furman last Wednesday. In the match, Wofford utilized a large and loud crowd support to down the Lady Paladins for the first time since Sept. 25, 2001. "We are looking forward to another strong match against ETSU," said head coach Corey Helle. "Our home crowds have been great this year, especially during last week's victory against Furman. We hope to continue to provide the type of team that students, parents and fans can be proud of to watch. Although we are young, we have shown a great deal of maturity through the first half of the season."

Wofford is 7-6 overall entering the contest and will be playing its seventh home match in its last eight contests.
ETSU rallies to top Wofford volleyball in five games
October 5, 2005

A rally by East Tennessee State propelled the Lady Bucs to a 3-2 triumph over host Wofford Wednesday evening in volleyball action in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers captured the first two games before ETSU came back to claim the match by scores of 25-30, 20-30, 30-21, 30-18 and 15-11. The Lady Bucs took control after the 10-minute intermission between games two and three. A trio of ETSU players finished with double-digit kills, including a match-high tying 16 from Sara Scandiffio. She finished with 39 total attacks, a .231 hitting percentage and 18.0 points. Joining her with double figure kill efforts were Callie Kisielich (13) and Sarah Buhr (12). Both players finished with double-doubles on the evening, adding 22 and 20 digs, respectively. Jennifer Emerson posted 46 assists, while Michelle Mislan contributed a match-high four service aces, including a stretch of three-in-a-row during game four. Overall, East Tennessee State (11-5) registered 10.0 blocks, including a pair of solo stops by Kisielich and Crystal Palmer. Freshman Brittany Thompson paced Wofford with 16 kills, 51 total attacks, 17.5 points and tied junior Christal Carey for the team-lead with 17 digs. Carey added 12 kills and 49 total attacks on the evening. Senior setter Rhea DeJesus finished with 45 assists, while junior Shana Glenn notched three service aces to lead the Terriers (7-7). Freshman Liz Sheets tallied the hosts’ only solo block, while senior Angela Berry was credited with five assisted blocks. Berry finished with eight kills offensively, one shy of classmate Katie Sobczyk’s total of nine. Wofford will resume Southern Conference action this weekend with a pair of matches on the road. The Terriers play at Elon at 7 p.m. Saturday before taking on UNC Greensboro at 2 p.m. Sunday.

East Tennessee State 3, Wofford 2
25-30, 20-30, 30-21, 30-18, 15-11

Team Comparison:
Kills -- East Tennessee State 66, Wofford 57
Total Attacks -- East Tennessee State 200, Wofford 197
Hitting Percentage -- East Tennessee State .125, Wofford .122
Assists -- East Tennessee State 62, Wofford 54
Service Aces -- East Tennessee State 10, Wofford 7
Digs -- East Tennessee State 94, Wofford 71
Blocks -- East Tennessee State 10.0, Wofford 7.0
Points -- East Tennessee State 86.0, Wofford 71.0
Phoenix knock off Wofford volleyball Saturday
October 8, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team fell, 3-1, Saturday evening at Elon in Southern Conference action in Alumni Gym in Elon, N.C. The host Phoenix captured the match by scores of 30-24, 26-30, 30-28 and 30-26.

Elon's Britany Westphal led all players with 19 kills and was one of three Phoenix players to reach double-digit kills. Emily Lucci hit .500 on the strength of 15 kills and 28 total attacks with just one errors, while Juliena Gigon added 14 kills and 32 total attacks for a .344 hitting percentage.

Ashley Ruckert contributed 11 kills to the offensive effort. Lucci tied Shelley MacBean for the team lead with 14 digs defensively.

Kate Hart posted 57 assists on the Elon (4-13, 2-4 SoCon) attack.

Pacing the Terriers (7-8, 2-4 SoCon) was junior Christal Carey with 16 kills and 46 total attacks. She registered a double-double with a team-high 15 digs. She had a match-high 20.0 points and four service aces.

Senior Katie Sobczyk and freshman Brittany Thompson notched 11 kills apiece, while senior Rhea DeJesus tallied 46 assists.

Wofford will continue its road swing with a 2 p.m. Sunday contest at UNC Greensboro.

Elon 3, Wofford 1
30-24, 26-30, 30-28, 30-26

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Elon 67, Wofford 56
Total Attacks -- Wofford 161, Elon 155
Hitting Percentage -- Elon .245, Wofford .217
Assists -- Elon 62, Wofford 51
Service Aces -- Wofford 10, Elon 7
Digs -- Elon 70, Wofford 49
Blocks -- Elon 7.0, Wofford 6.0
Points -- Elon 81.0, Wofford 72.0
Wofford volleyball picks up SoCon win over UNC Greensboro

October 9, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team earned a split in its weekend road trip with a 3-1 victory Sunday afternoon at UNC Greensboro in Southern Conference action. The Terriers won the match by scores of 30-28, 30-28, 26-30 and 30-22.

In game one, the host Spartans edged ahead 27-23 before Wofford used a 7-1 surge to close the scoring. Game two saw Wofford ahead 23-18 before UNCG posted a rally of its own to knot the contest at 27-27. The Terriers were able to hold on by scoring three of the final-four points.

UNC Greensboro again played strong late, as evidenced by a 5-2 run in game three after Wofford held a 22-21 lead. This time, however, the Spartans (2-15, 1-6 SoCon) were able to capture the game.

In the fourth and final game, the hosts again went on top, 11-8, before the Terriers rattled off eight-straight points to take a 16-8 advantage and never look back. Wofford eventually pushed its lead to as much as 10, 27-17.

Seeing her first action in a Wofford uniform since 2003 was sophomore Megan Propst. Propst, who played with the team as a freshman two years ago, took last year off before rejoining the squad a few weeks ago. She had two total attacks and one assisted block in the outing this afternoon.

The Terriers were led by match-high tying 14 kills from junior Christal Carey and freshman Brittany Thompson. Both players hit at least 50 total attacks with Thompson out-pacing Carey, 56-50. Carey led five Wofford (8-8, 3-4 SoCon) players with double-digit digs with her match-high 23.

Senior Rhea DeJesus posted 36 assists, while sophomore Lisa Lindemann recorded four service aces. Freshman Liz Sheets had an all-around solid match with nine kills, two assists and 10 total blocks, including two solo stops.

Leading the Spartans was Lauren Keiser with 11 kills, while Alysia Rosvold had 21 digs. Adrian Hicks notched 35 assists.

The Terriers will continue their play on the road at 7 p.m. Tuesday when they travel to Greenville, S.C., to face Furman. The two teams met Sept. 28 in Spartanburg with Wofford claiming its first victory over the Lady Paladins since Sept. 25, 2001. The Terriers won the contest, 3-1, in the Benjamin Johnson Arena.

Wofford 3, UNC Greensboro 1
30-28, 30-28, 26-30, 30-22

Team Comparison:
- Kills -- Wofford 50, UNC Greensboro 44
- Total Attacks -- Wofford 191, UNC Greensboro 178
- Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .079, UNC Greensboro .062
- Assists -- Wofford 43, UNC Greensboro 41
- Service Aces -- Wofford 11, UNC Greensboro 9
- Digs -- Wofford 91, UNC Greensboro 88
- Blocks -- Wofford 12.0, UNC Greensboro 7.0
- Points -- Wofford 73.0, UNC Greensboro 60.0
Thompson carries Wofford volleyball to victory over Furman
October 11, 2005

Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate Brittany Thompson had a career night with 24 kills and a .429 hitting percentage as the Terriers defeated the Lady Paladins, 3-1, Tuesday evening in Alley Gym to complete Wofford's first season sweep in the series. The Terriers won the match by scores of 30-28, 26-30, 30-25 and 30-26 and swept Furman this season by virtue of a 3-1 victory in Spartanburg Sept. 28.
Thompson continued her strong season with the totals. Her 24 kills ties for third on the Terriers' Division I chart for most in a four-game match. She finished the contest with just three errors offensively on a match-high 49 total attacks and posted a double-double with a match-leading 14 digs. She also paced all players with 24.0 points.
Joining her in the offensive attack was junior Chantal Carey with her own double-double of 17 kills and 11 digs. Carey's 48 total attacks fell one short of Thompson's sum for the match high.
Senior Katie Sobczyk also played well in the win with 10 kills and 20 total attacks. She finished with a .300 hitting percentage.
Senior Rhea DeJesus' 57 assists ranks in a third-place tie with her own mark for most in a four-game match since Wofford (9-8, 4-4 SoCon) became Division I in 1995.
Also contributing were Liz Sheets (nine kills), Angela Berry (seven kills) and Shana Glenn (11 digs). Sheets and Berry also posted one solo block apiece.
Furman was led by reigning SoCon Player of the Week, Whitney Purser, with 19 kills. Teammates Chibuzo Aguocha (15), Ally Hick (14) and Kerry Wooten (12) also reached the double-digit kill plateau. Hock paced the Lady Paladins (7-11, 3-5 SoCon) with a .444 hitting percentage, while Purser hit .389 on the evening and had the team's only solo block.
Molly Rybak recorded 37 assists and Aguocha and Kim Tonkin led the hosts with 12 digs each.
Wofford will return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Davidson in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers will then complete a pair of home matches over the weekend with a 2 p.m. Sunday contest with Appalachian State.

Wofford 3, Furman 1
30-28, 26-30, 30-25, 30-26

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 69, Furman 69
Total Attacks -- Wofford 161, Furman 161
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .273, Furman .267
Assists -- Furman 62, Wofford 60
Service Aces -- Wofford 4, Furman 1
Digs -- Wofford 58, Furman 50
Points -- Furman 80.0, Wofford 79.0
Davidson hands Terrier volleyball loss Saturday
October 15, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team held leads in three of the four games but could only muster a win in game three before falling, 3-1, Saturday night in the Benjamin Johnson Arena to visiting Davidson. The Wildcats took the Southern Conference match by scores of 30-17, 31-29, 22-30 and 30-24.

Davidson jumped out early and never looked back as it was in solid control throughout game one. In game two, the Terriers mounted an eight-point advantage, 16-8, before the Wildcats rallied and capitalized in the game win.

After the 10-minute break, Wofford showed new energy and held off another Davidson attempt at a comeback before claiming the triumph. Davidson overcame an early deficit in game four to claim the match win in game four.

All-SoCon setter Jenna Dykstra paced all players with a .353 hitting percentage on 10 kills and 17 total attacks. She also had a match-high 44 assists.

Joining her as Wildcat teammates with double-digit kills were Tierney Hodge with 13, while Katie Pierucci added 12 and Liz Williamson posted 11. Williamson had a team-high 42 total attacks, nine more than Hodge’s 33.

Lindsey Woeste paced the visitors with 25 digs. Davidson (9-13, 5-3 SoCon) also received solid blocking numbers, registering 13.0 as a team, including three solo stops.

Pacing the Terrier effort was junior Christal Carey with 15 kills and 52 total attacks. She also had 14 digs for a double-double and tied teammate Tory Macomson with two service aces.

Brittany Thompson tallied 14 kills on 44 total attacks and added 16 digs for a double-double of her own.

Setter Rhea DeJesus led Wofford (9-9, 4-5 SoCon) with a team-high .176 hitting percentage on five kills and 17 total attacks to go with 36 assists.

Freshman Liz Sheets posted the Terriers’ lone solo block of the night.

Wofford will resume its season at 2 p.m. Sunday with a home match against Appalachian State. The Wildcats will play at the same time at Furman in Greenville, S.C.

Davidson 3, Wofford 1
30-17, 31-29, 22-30, 30-24

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Davidson 61, Wofford 50
Total Attacks -- Wofford 195, Davidson 170
Hitting Percentage -- Davidson .165, Wofford .056
Assists -- Davidson 52, Wofford 41
Service Aces -- Wofford 7, Davidson 3
Digs -- Davidson 88, Wofford 68
Blocks -- Davidson 13.0, Wofford 6.0
Points -- Davidson 77.0, Wofford 63.0
Wofford volleyball swept by Appalachian State
October 16, 2005

Appalachian State rallied in game one and then turned up the tempo in games two and three to garner a 3-0 sweep over the Wofford volleyball team Sunday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Mountaineers captured the match by scores of 30-25, 30-21 and 30-20.

After trailing early, ASU rebounded to take game one on the strength of a blocking performance. The Mountaineers finished the match with 14.0 total blocks, including five solo stops. Stefanie Panzer and Dianna Thomas led the visitors with nine kills apiece. Thomas hit .500 with just one error on 16 total attacks and Panzer finished with a .400 hitting percentage with just three errors on 15 total attacks while adding three solo blocks.

Setter Lorelle Rau led Appalachian (13-7, 6-2 SoCon) with a .625 hitting percentage on six total attacks, one error and eight total attacks. She tallied a match-high four service aces and tied Terrier setter Rhea DeJesus with 28 assists.

Kali Rumberger dug a match-high 15 digs for the Mountaineers.

Wofford was led by nine kills from freshman Liz Sheets. Classmate Brittany Thompson, a SoCon Freshman of the Year candidate, did not play due to injury.

Senior Angela Berry added eight kills and Katie Sobczyk and Christal Carey each contributed seven kills to the Terrier attack.

DeJesus posted a team-high two assists and had one of the solo blocks. The other Wofford (9-10, 4-6 SoCon) solo stop came from Sheets.

The Terriers will resume their season at Southern Conference-leading College of Charleston at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Appalachian State 3, Wofford 0
30-25, 30-21, 30-20

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Appalachian State 39, Wofford 38
Total Attacks -- Wofford 123, Appalachian State 102
Hitting Percentage -- Appalachian State .245, Wofford .098
Assists -- Wofford 36, Appalachian State 31
Service Aces -- Appalachian State 9, Wofford 3
Digs -- Appalachian State 49, Wofford 43
Total Blocks -- Appalachian State 14.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Appalachian State 62.0, Wofford 45.0
CHARLESTON, S.C. – The College of Charleston defeated Wofford in volleyball action 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-14) Saturday afternoon in Southern Conference play. With the victory the Cougars move to 21-1 overall and 12-0 in the SoCon. The Terriers fall to 9-11 overall and 4-7 in the SoCon with the loss.

Tiffany Blum had a season-high 21 kills for CofC while hitting for a .528 average. Amanda Timmers finished the match with 12 kills of her own with Rebecca Wieters falling one kill short of reaching double-digits as she finished with nine.

Wofford was led by Katie Sobczyk with eight kills and Angela Berry with seven. Sobczyk also led the Terriers on defense with 14 digs and one block. Rhea Dejesus led the Terriers with 25 assists.

Wofford will play at The Citadel on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

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Wofford volleyball reaches double-digit wins
October 23, 2005

Behind the strength of a trio of players with double-digit kills, the Wofford volleyball team earned a 3-1 victory at The Citadel Sunday afternoon for its 10th win of the campaign. The Terriers handed the Bulldogs a 30-20, 32-30, 25-30, 30-27 defeat in McAlister FieldHouse in Charleston, S.C.
The 10 wins is highest single-season total since 2002 and under head coach Corey Helle. The Terriers' five Southern Conference triumphs equal the most since the same squad in 2002.
Junior Christal Carey paced Wofford (10-11, 5-7 SoCon) with 17 kills and 42 total attacks for a .238 hitting percentage. She also registered a match-high tying 19 digs and tied teammate Katie Sobczyk with 18.5 points. Sobczyk finished with 12 kills and 30 total attacks.
Sophomore Tory Macomson rounded out a Terrier trio to garner double-digit kills with 10 on 38 total attacks. She also added three of the team's 11 service aces. Sobczyk led the squad in the category with four service aces.
Setter Rhea DeJesus collected a match-high .462 hitting percentage on six kills, zero errors and 13 total attacks. She led all players with 43 assists and added 10 digs defensively.
Also chipping in defensively was senior Angela Berry with two solo blocks.
Marina Daniel led The Citadel (3-22, 0-13 SoCon) with 16 kills for a .308 hitting percentage. Teammates Rachel Sanders (13) and Stefanie Farris (12) also registered double-digit kill outings on 44 and 40 total attacks, respectively.
Emily Hill notched four kills on nine total attacks with zero errors for a team-high .444 hitting percentage to lead the Bulldogs. She added 42 assists and 13 digs.
Wofford will step out of Southern Conference action for its next match at 4 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Mercer in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The non-conference meeting will be the open a pair of weekend matches at home for the Terriers. Wofford will then host Georgia Southern at 2 p.m. Sunday.
Wofford 3, The Citadel 1
30-20, 32-30, 25-30, 30-27
Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 58, The Citadel 54
Total Attacks -- The Citadel 182, Wofford 170
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .159, The Citadel .104
Assists -- The Citadel 48, Wofford 47
Service Aces -- Wofford 11, The Citadel 3
Digs -- Wofford 79, The Citadel 67
Total Blocks -- The Citadel 9.0, Wofford 8.0
Points -- Wofford 77.0, The Citadel 66.0

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Volleyball falls in non-conference finale to Mercer

In its final non-conference match of the season, the Wofford volleyball team dropped a 3-1 decision to Mercer Saturday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers fell 30-19, 30-18, 26-30, 30-27 to the Bears.

Mercer's Jackie Viren led all players with a .421 hitting percentage on 18 kills and 38 total attacks with just two errors. Teammate Drennan Dexheimer nearly equaled Viren's totals with 18 kills and 37 total attacks with just three errors for a .405 hitting percentage.

Karen Dorris hit .381 on the strength of 10 kills, 21 total attacks and just two errors. For the match, the Bears (9-15) hit .327 as a team. Kelly Jansen posted 52 assists, while Liz Kane collected 52 digs. Leading Wofford was junior Christal Carey with 14 kills and 52 total attacks. She added five service aces and 15 digs to her team-leading effort.

Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate Brittany Thompson resumed her outside hitter position and contributed 12 kills and 45 total attacks. She had been playing the last few games as the team's libero due to an ankle injury.

Terrier (10-12) senior Katie Sobczyk also reached double-digit kills with 10 on 32 total attacks.

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Mercer 67, Wofford 59
Total Attacks -- Wofford 177, Mercer 156
Hitting Percentage -- Mercer .327, Wofford .181
Assists -- Mercer 59, Wofford 54
Service Aces -- Wofford 8, Mercer 5
Digs -- Mercer 73, Wofford 62
Total Blocks -- Mercer 11.0, Wofford 4.0
Points -- Mercer 83.0, Wofford 71.0

Terrier volleyball drops match to Georgia Southern Sunday

The Wofford volleyball team fell to visiting Georgia Southern Sunday afternoon, 3-0, in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Lady Eagles garnered the sweep by scores of 30-19, 30-28 and 30-23.

Leading the Georgia Southern attack was Iulia Porumbescu with 14 kills and 31 total attacks with just two errors for a .387 hitting percentage. Bailey Coleman added a .355 hitting percentage, equaling the team's output, with 12 kills and one error on 31 total attacks.

Gorana Bacic hit .444 for the Lady Eagles on the strength of four kills and zero errors on nine total attacks, while Jennifer Charles posted a .350 hitting percentage on 10 kills and 20 total attacks with just three errors.

Natalia Galantini and Mae Chabra shared setting duties for Georgia Southern (18-8, 11-3 SoCon) with 24 and 22 assists, respectively.

Staci Anderson led the visitors with 13 digs on the defensive side of the ball.

Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate Brittany Thompson tallied 12 kills and 32 total attacks to lead Wofford (10-13, 5-8 SoCon) offensively. She was joined by senior Katie Sobczyk with in double-digit kills with 11.

Fellow rookie Liz Sheets hit a career-best .455 on five kills and 11 total attacks with zero errors, while setter Rhea DeJesus hit .538 after posting seven kills with zero errors on 13 total attacks.

DeJesus also led all players with 31 assists, while sophomore Tory Macomson registered a match-high 16 digs.

The Terriers will play at Chattanooga at 7 p.m. Wednesday before returning home for their final two matches in the Benjamin Johnson Arena this season Saturday and Sunday versus Elon and UNC Greensboro, respectively.

Georgia Southern 3, Wofford 0
30-19, 30-28, 30-23

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Georgia Southern 54, Wofford 40
Total Attacks -- Georgia Southern 124, Wofford 119
Hitting Percentage -- Georgia Southern .355, Wofford .252
Assists -- Georgia Southern 52, Wofford 38
Service Aces -- Georgia Southern 9, Wofford 4
Digs -- Georgia Southern 58, Wofford 56
Total Blocks -- Georgia Southern 4.0, Wofford 3.0
Points -- Georgia Southern 67.0, Wofford 47.0
Wofford volleyball almost completes comeback at Chattanooga
November 2, 2005

Host Chattanooga held off a furious Wofford rally to knock off the Terriers in volleyball action, 3-2, Wednesday evening in MacElian Gym in Chattanooga, Tenn. The Lady Mocs took the match by scores of 30-22, 30-26, 26-30, 23-30, 15-6.

Wofford rookie and Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate Brittany Thompson registered fourth match with at least 20 kills, all in league play, with a match-high 21-kill outing. She also added match-highs of 58 total attacks and 22.0 points in addition to her team-best 25 digs. The 25 digs equal her career-best effort set versus The Citadel Sept. 25.

Sophomore outside hitter Tory Macomson led the Terriers with a .324 hitting percentage on 15 kills and 34 total attacks while contributing 13 digs defensively.

Senior Katie Sobczyk posted 16 kills and 38 total attacks and 15 digs to give Wofford (10-14, 5-9 SoCon) three players with double-doubles (kills-digs).

Liz Sheets registered an errorless match with eight kills on 30 total attacks for a .267 hitting percentage. Senior Rhea DeJesus finished with a double-double of her own of 54 assists and 15 digs, while junior Christal Carey also added 15 digs.

The 100 total digs are a team season-high total and the fourth highest mark for a five-game match in the Terriers' Division I history (1995-present).

Leading the Lady Moc attack was a .360 hitting effort from Sarah Bass on 15 kills and 25 total attacks. She was joined by teammates Lindsey Galloway (11), Kelly Ramsay (11), Leslee Ball (10) and Kari Wiedinger (10) in reaching the double-digit kill plateau.

Bethany Herndon and Michaela Huff tallied 34 and 25 assists, respectively, while Lara Newberry notched a match-high 28 digs.

Galloway and Herndon paced Chattanooga (14-13, 9-6 SoCon) with three service aces apiece.

The Terriers will return home for their final two home matches of the season this weekend. Wofford kicks off the two-match set with a 7 p.m. Saturday meeting with Elon before battling UNC Greensboro at 2 p.m. Sunday on Senior Day. DeJesus, Sobczyk and Angela Berry will be honored prior to the match for playing the last four seasons with the Terriers and for stepping onto the court in the Benjamin Johnson Arena for the final time.

Chattanooga 3, Wofford 2
30-22, 30-26, 26-30, 23-30, 15-6

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 70, Chattanooga 67
Total Attacks -- Wofford 216, Chattanooga 205
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .176, Chattanooga .176
Assists -- Chattanooga 64, Wofford 62
Service Aces -- Chattanooga 8, Wofford 3
Digs -- Wofford 100, Chattanooga 88
Total Blocks -- Chattanooga 9.0, Wofford 8.0
Points -- Chattanooga 84.0, Wofford 81.0
Volleyball closes home slate this weekend
November 4, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team will close its 2005 home schedule this weekend with a pair of Southern Conference matches in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers will open play at 7 p.m. Saturday versus Elon before welcoming UNC Greensboro to Spartanburg at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"We are excited about hosting two quality opponents in our final home matches of the season," said head coach Corey Helle. "Both contests should be competitive as every team in the league is fighting for seed positioning in the upcoming Southern Conference Tournament."

Prior to Sunday's match, Wofford will honor Angela Berry, Rhea DeJesus and Katie Sobczyk as part of Senior Day ceremonies. The trio was Helle's first recruiting class and features a four-year starter (Sobczyk) and two three-year starters (Berry and DeJesus).

"This year's class has left an impact on the program for years to come. The accomplishments they have achieved speak over the last four seasons for themselves."

Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate Brittany Thompson paced the Terriers in their last match, a hard-fought 3-2 loss at Chattanooga Wednesday. Thompson posted 21 kills and 25 digs versus the Lady Mocs.
Volleyball picks up SoCon win over Elon
November 5, 2005

A 6-0 run to open game four helped push the Wofford volleyball team past visiting Elon, 3-1, Saturday evening in Southern Conference action in the Benjamin Johnson Arena. The Terriers captured the match in Spartanburg, S.C, by scores of 30-25, 24-30, 30-24 and 30-19.

After Wofford took the 2-1 lead following game three, it started the final game with a 6-0 lead keyed by three consecutive service aces from freshman Liz Sheets. Her service aces provided points four, five and six and forced Elon to call a timeout. Sheets finished the match with four total service aces along with seven kills and one error on 19 total blocks for a .316 hitting percentage. She also added 11 digs and four total blocks, including one solo stop, and 13.5 points.

Fellow rookie Brittany Thompson, a Southern Conference Freshman of the Year candidate, led the Terriers with 16 kills and 41 total attacks for a .244 hitting percentage to go along with two service aces. She tallied 10 digs and three assisted blocks on the defensive end.

The top hitter of the match was Wofford's senior Katie Sobczyk with a .350 hitting percentage on eight kills and one error among 20 total attacks.

Junior Christal Carey also had a productive night for the Terriers with 13 kills and 34 total attacks, while posting a team-high 14 digs and two solo blocks.

Wofford (11-14, 6-9 SoCon) also received 42 assists from senior setter Rhea DeJesus, while classmate Angela Berry contributed seven kills on 20 total attacks and five total blocks.

Leading the Phoenix was an 18-kill and 47-total attack night by Britany Westphal. Juliena Gigon added 12 kills and 25 total attacks, while Ashley Ruckert provided Elon (7-21, 5-11 SoCon) with 30 total attacks.

Libero Brooke Pickard paced all players with 17 digs, while Natalie Moore notched 32 assists for the visitors. The pair each registered two service aces on the night.

The Terriers will close their home schedule with a 2 p.m. match Sunday versus UNC Greensboro. Prior to the contest, Wofford will recognize Berry, DeJesus and Sobczyk as part of Senior Day ceremonies. The Phoenix next play at home versus North Carolina A&T at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Wofford 3, Elon 1
30-25, 24-30, 30-24, 30-19

Team Comparison:
- Kills -- Elon 57, Wofford 55
- Total Attacks -- Elon 155, Wofford 150
- Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .247, Elon .129
- Assists -- Elon 53, Wofford 47
- Service Aces -- Wofford 8, Elon 7
- Digs -- Elon 67, Wofford 53
- Total Blocks -- Wofford 11.0, Elon 4.0
- Points -- Wofford 74.0, Elon 68.0
Terriers sweep UNCG on Senior Day to close home schedule

November 6, 2005

In its final home contest of the season, the Wofford volleyball team swept visiting UNC Greensboro, 3-0, Sunday afternoon in the Benjamin Johnson Arena in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers held off a Spartan squad that did not back down from any challenge in winning the match 30-27, 30-20 and 31-29. The hosts used a balanced offensive attack to earn the victory. No player had more than nine kills while the six starters each had at least five kills and 10 total attacks.

In her final home match, senior Rhea DeJesus led all players with 32 assists while hitting a match-high .400 on five kills and 10 total attacks with just one error. She was matched with five kills and 10 total attacks from classmate Angela Berry. Joining the pair in her final home contest was Katie Sobczyk. Sobczyk posted eight kills and 23 total attacks, while recording a team-high 10 digs.

The Wofford (12-14, 7-9 SoCon) offensive leader was junior Christal Carey with nine kills on 31 total attacks with three service aces. In game three with the Terriers trailing 14-11, Carey stepped in to serve and mounted a five-point surge as Wofford reclaimed the lead 16-14 and never looked back in closing out the sweep.

Freshman Liz Sheets hit .353 on the strength of seven kills and one error on 17 total attacks with nine digs and a match-high two solo blocks.

Fellow rookie Brittany Thompson tallied seven kills on 29 total attacks and added seven digs defensively.

Sophomore Lisa Lindemenn led all players with four service aces and classmate Tory Macomson saw time as a libero for the Terriers in game three.

Pacing the Spartans were Hilary Overby and Lauren Richards with eight kills apiece. Overby also collected a team-high three service aces.

Setter Adrian Hicks led UNC Greensboro (4-23, 2-14 SoCon) with a .333 hitting percentage on five kills and one error on 12 total attacks. Hicks finished with 31 assists for the visitors.

Alysia Rosvold notched a match-high 17 digs while Kaitlyn Nortz and Hicks led UNCG with three blocks apiece.

Wofford will close its season with a pair of road league matches next weekend starting at 7 p.m. Friday at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. The Terriers then travel to Davidson, N.C., to end the regular season at 7 p.m. Saturday versus Davidson.

Wofford 3, UNC Greensboro 0
30-27, 30-20, 31-29

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 41, UNC Greensboro 39
Total Attacks -- UNC Greensboro 116, Wofford 110
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .218, UNC Greensboro .095
Assists -- Wofford 37, UNC Greensboro 35
Service Aces -- Wofford 8, UNC Greensboro 5
Digs -- Wofford 43, UNC Greensboro 42
Total Blocks -- Wofford 5.0, UNC Greensboro 4.0
Points -- Wofford 54.0, UNC Greensboro 48.0
Davidson posts 3-0 win over Wofford volleyball (Saturday)

DAVIDSON, N.C. - The Wildcat volleyball team honored its lone senior, Erin Balak (San Clemente, Calif.), before the start of the match on Senior Day and she took care of the rest, leading Davidson to a 3-0 sweep of Wofford in its final regular season match on Saturday afternoon in Belk Arena. Balak had season highs in kills (12) and hitting percentage (.385), while just missing out on a double-double with nine digs. Her .385 hitting percentage paced the team.

Davidson ended the regular season on a three-match win streak, moving its record to 15-17 overall and 11-7 in the SoCon. Wofford ended its regular season of play at 12-16 overall and 7-11 in the SoCon.

Game scores were 30-18, 30-27, 30-27.

The Wildcats placed two other players in double-digits in kills led by junior Liz Williamson's (Austin, Texas) match-high 16 and sophomore Kate Pierucci (Bakersfield, Calif.) chipped in with 10. Williamson had her 13th double-double of the season with a team-high 14 digs. Junior setter Jenna Dykstra (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) just missed out on 50-assist match, earning a game-high 47. It was the ninth time she has finished a match with 40 or more assists.

After hitting .321 in Friday night's match, Davidson continued its hot-hitting in both games one and three by swinging at .312 and .340 clip for the 30-18 and 30-27 wins. The Wildcats combined for only 10 errors in both games.

Game two saw Wofford tie things up at 23-all on a kill by Rhea DeJesus after Davidson had led by as many as four points. After head coach Tim Cowie took a timeout, the Wildcats' Williamson and Pierucci picked up four of the next six points on kills and Davidson led 27-24. The Terriers came back and tied it at 27-27, but Balak stepped in and hammered home two kills, combined with an attack error by DeJesus, for a 30-27 Wildcat win.

The Terriers were led by six players who had six or more kills. DeJesus finished with team-high honors, getting eight kills and earning 29 assists.

Davidson will now ready itself for the Southern Conference tournament next week in Statesboro, Ga. on the campus of Georgia Southern. The first round of play starts on Thursday, Nov. 17 and the championship match will be played on Sunday, Nov. 20.

**Appalachian State defeats Wofford 3-0 in volleyball (Friday)**

BOONE, N.C. - Three Mountaineers hit in double-digits as Appalachian State University completed a season sweep of Wofford College with a 3-0 (30-18, 30-20, 30-23) win over the Terriers Friday, Nov. 11 at the Holmes Center.

With the win the Mountaineers improve to 21-8 overall and 14-3 in the Southern Conference. The Terriers fall to 12-15 on the season and 7-10 in conference play. With the win Appalachian clinches second place in the conference and the No. 2 seed in the Southern Conference Tournament next weekend.

Appalachian out-hit its opponent, 54-27, and held a .328 to .034 advantage in hitting percentage. Led by senior Stefanie Panzer’s (Mt.
Gilead, N.C.) seven blocks, the Mountaineers recorded 12 total blocks, marking the 14th time this season they have compiled double-digit blocks.

Panzer, in her first match back from an injury, added 13 kills, a .550 attack percentage and two service aces to her seven blocks. Sophomore Dianna Thomas (Mobile, Ala.) led the hitting corps with 13 kills and two errors on 17 attempts for a .647 attack percentage. Fellow sophomore Brittany Zahn (Charlotte, N.C.) came one dig short of her fifth double-double of the season as she tallied 13 kills, nine digs and two aces.

Senior Kali Rumberger (Spokane, Wash.) and freshman Ashley Fliehr (Charlotte, N.C.) led the backcourt with 13 and 10 digs, respectively. Rumberger added a service ace, while Fliehr chipped in four kills and three block assists.

With 46 assists Friday, sophomore Lorelle Rau (Oakland Park, Fla.) now holds seventh place in the ASU record books for career set assists with 1,284. She is also 10th for assists in a season with 1,180.

The Terriers were led by freshman Liz Sheets with seven kills and eight digs. Junior Christal Carey had a team-high 10 digs, while seniors Angela Berry and Katie Sobczyk each chipped in four block assists. Fellow senior Rhea DeJesus tallied a team-high 19 assists in the loss.

The Mountaineers conclude the 2005 regular season as they host Furman for ‘Senior Night,’ Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. The three ASU seniors, Panzer, Rumberger and Becky Sorensen will be honored before the match. The Terriers conclude their regular season at Davidson Saturday.

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Volleyball to open SoCon Tournament versus Elon

November 16, 2005

The Wofford volleyball team will open action in the Southern Conference Tournament at 10 a.m. Thursday versus Elon. The Terriers finished as the No. 8 seed, while the Phoenix enter the field as the No. 9 seed.

Wofford garnered a 12-16 overall record during the regular season, its highest single-season win total since the 2002 campaign. The seven SoCon victories are the second most in school history behind nine in 2001.

Freshman Brittany Thompson paces the Terriers with 334 kills, 988 total attacks and 382.5 points. She is also among the team leaders with a .169 hitting percentage, 32 service aces, 346 digs and 29 total blocks.

Six players, including Thompson, reached the century mark in kills, while eight had at least 100 total attacks.

Senior setter Rhea DeJesus surpassed the 1,000-assist plateau for the third-straight season and will finish her career second on the Wofford Division I-era assist chart.

The Terriers and Elon split the two regular-season meetings, with Wofford earning a 3-1 triumph in the last match Nov. 5 in Spartanburg.
Thompson powers Wofford volleyball past Elon
November 17, 2005

Freshman outside hitter Brittany Thompson had a career match to lead the Wofford volleyball team to a thrilling come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Elon Thursday afternoon in the opening round of the Southern Conference Tournament in Hanner Fieldhouse in Statesboro, Ga. The Terriers, seeded No. 8, trailed in the match 2-1 before winning the final two games to claim the victory over the No. 9 seed Phoenix 23-30, 30-28, 26-30, 30-18 and 15-13.

Thompson had her best outing of her young season with the program with career-high totals of 28 kills, 62 total attacks and 28.0 points. Her 25 digs tied for the match-high with Elon's Brooke Pickard.

The 28 kills are the third highest in a five-game match in school history and just seven shy of Andrea Duke's school record 35 versus UNC Wilmington Aug. 30, 2003.

Both teams traded opportunities to put the other away throughout the contest before Wofford opened 4-0 leads in the final two games and never looked back.

Wofford (13-16) also received double-digit kill performances from junior Christal Carey and freshman Liz Sheets, who finished with 11 and 10, respectively. Both players joined Thompson in giving the Terriers a double-double (kills-digs) trio with 16 and 12.

Seniors Rhea DeJesus and Angela Berry posted team-high totals of assists (51) and total blocks (five), while sophomore Tory Macomson led all players with four service aces.

Leading the Phoenix was a .333 hitting performance by Emily Downing on 12 kills and one error with just 33 total attacks. Teammate Brittany Westphal finished with 20 kills but hit .056 after also collecting 15 errors.

Natalie Moore led Elon (9-23) with a match-high 53 assists and Juliena Gigon notched 13 total blocks, including 12 assisted stops, to the team defensively.

The victory is Wofford's first in Southern Conference Tournament action.

The Terriers will next play in the quarterfinal round at 12:30 p.m. Friday versus No. 1 seed and regular-season champion College of Charleston. The Cougars received a bye in the opening round, have lost just one match all season and tallied an overall record of 27-1 with a perfect 18-0 slate in league action.

No. 8 Wofford 3, No. 9 Elon 2
23-30, 30-28, 26-30, 30-18, 15-13
Opening Round of Southern Conference Tournament

Team Comparison:
Kills -- Wofford 68, Elon 62
Total Attacks -- Wofford 217, Elon 208
Hitting Percentage -- Wofford .143, Elon .135
Assists -- Wofford 62, Elon 58
Service Aces -- Wofford 8, Elon 4
Digs -- Elon 97, Wofford 95
Total Blocks -- Elon 15.0, Wofford 9.0
Points -- Wofford 85.0, Elon 81.0
Top-seeded College of Charleston shutout the Wofford volleyball team 3-0 on Friday, Nov. 18, in the second round of the Southern Conference Volleyball Championship being played at Hanner Fieldhouse on the campus of Georgia Southern University. Charleston won by scores of 30-15, 30-22, and 30-18.
Liz Sheets led the Terriers with seven kills and added eight digs. Christal Carey had a team—high 14 digs while Rhea DeJesus added six kills. The Cougars’ All-SoCon players, Tiffany Blum and Kaycie Carr, led CofC’s strong effort. Blum finished with 11 kills while Carr, the SoCon Player of the Year, had five kills and 10 digs.
Wofford had advanced to the second round by defeating Elon on Thursday. The Terriers finish their season with a 13-17 overall record.
Charleston will face fourth-seed Chattanooga on Saturday in the first semifinal.
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