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Three-year letterman for coach Cliff Shelton at Greater Atlanta Christian . . . Set the Georgia High School record by making 17 consecutive field goals over a three-year span with 10 from 40 yards or farther . . . The Georgia record was 16 . . . Successful on eight of nine field goal attempts and 56 of 60 PATs as a senior . . . Converted 18 of 21 career field goal attempts . . . Named First Team All-Gwinnett County placekicker by the *Gwinnett Daily Post* . . . Led Gwinnett County in scoring as a senior . . . Ranked as the #22 placekicker nationally by Rivals.com . . . Had 70 career receptions for 1,115 yards . . . Had 34 catches for 605 yards and three touchdowns as a senior and 29 catches for 383 yards as a junior . . . A four-year varsity starter in football and baseball . . . Four-year baseball letterman who earned first team All-Gwinnett County honors as a center fielder from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* . . . Hit .433 with eight home runs as a junior . . . In a Region 8-2A game against East Hall, caught seven passes for 103 yards and a touchdown, converted three PATs and booted a 35-yard field goal . . . Named to Touchdown Club of Gwinnett All-County honorable mention team.

**Coleman Hornaday**  
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Cary, NC (Cary)  
A three-year starter at free safety for Cary HS . . . Played for Coach Ben Kolstad . . . Twice named first team all-conference . . . Three-year letterwinner . . . Also lettered in track . . . Had 140 solo and 228 tackles to go with nine career interceptions . . . Helped the Imps to the second round of the state playoffs as a senior . . . Cary won the conference championship his junior year with an 11-3 record . . . Earned a Time-Warner Player of the Game award in 2005 . . . Led the team with five interceptions as a sophomore and four as a junior . . . Was the only sophomore to start on defense in ‘04.

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Played two seasons at Carmel Catholic High in Mundelein, IL . . . Earned first team all-East Suburban Catholic Conference honors as a senior . . . Also named first team all-area by the Daily Herald and the Pioneer Press and second team all-state by the Chicago Tribune . . . Named IHSA Academic All-State . . . Rushed for 750 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior . . . Totaled 1300 yards, 21 touchdowns, 62 tackles and two interceptions as a senior . . . Averaged 26.5 yards on kickoff returns and 21.2 yards on punt returns as a senior . . . . . . . . . . . . The Corsairs run an offense very similar to Wofford’s . . . Considered an explosive back from his wing back position . . . Scored on his first three carries of the 2006 season in the season opener against Morgan Park . . . Rushed for 103 yards on four carries in the first half . . . Also had a 71-yard touchdown run against McHenry . . . Finished the game with 145 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries . . . Returned a kickoff 87 yards for a score against Marion Catholic, then turned around and ran one in from 54 yards out.

Three year starter for coach Alan Shuckman at Wichita, KS Bishop Carroll . . . Helped Bishop Carroll to district, regional and sectional championships in 2006 . . . The Golden Eagles won three straight district championships . . . Named honorable mention Class 5A all-state and first team All-Greater Wichita Athletic League as a senior . . . First team All-GWAL and honorable mention all-state as a junior . . . Honorable mention All-GWAL as a sophomore . . . Had 55 tackles and 30 tackles for loss as a senior . . . Also recorded four sacks as a senior . . . 37 tackles and two sacks as a junior . . . Was a key part of a defense that yielded just 38 points in 2004 and 67 in 2005.

Three-year starter at left tackle for Bamberg-Ehrhardt High . . . Played for Coach Ron Duncan . . . Named first team all-region and first team Class A all-state as a senior . . . Also started at defensive tackle during a 10-0 regular season as a senior . . . Played every snap of the regional championship game . . . Ranked among the top 100 college prospects in South Carolina by the High School Sports Report (HSSR) . . . Played in the North-South All-Star game . . . Selected to Palmetto Boys State as a junior.

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Three-year starter for Flowery Branch High . . . Caught 49 passes for 975 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior . . . Collected 106 tackles and four interceptions on defense . . . Helped lead the Falcons to a 9-1 overall record and a 4-0 mark in region play . . . Team won the subregion title and reached the second round of the playoffs . . . Also saw action in the
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**Quarterback**
- Mitch Allen

**Running Backs**
- Sean Lees
- Arsenio Parks
- Mike Rucker
- Michael Scott

**Offensive linemen**
- Martin Padgett
- Nathan Page
- Ben Wilmoth

**Wide Receivers**
- Will Johnson
- Devin Reed (also a corner)

**Placekicker**
- Landon Bennett

**Defensive linemen**
- Anthony Naylor
- John Starr

**Linebackers**
- Tommy Irvin
- Jonathon Sharpe
- Keaton Thompson

**Defensive backs**
- Coleman Hornaday
- Jordan Ingman
- Preston Roseboro
Mitch Allen
QB
6-0
185
Cincinnati, OH (Sycamore)
Three-year starter at quarterback for Sycamore High in Cincinnati... Was the Greater Miami Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2006... First team all-league, all-city and all-district selection while earning honorable mention all-state... Wendy's High School Heisman nominee... Directed a Sycamore High offense that ran the spread-option offense... Threw for 1,046 yards and ran for another 1,220 yards as a senior... Third in the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) with a 146.08 QB rating... Led the conference in rushing yards with 1,220... Led the Aviators to a 10-2 overall record (6-1 in GMC)... Named conference’s “Athlete of the Year” along with Colerain’s Eugene Clifford... Named to the Cincinnati Enquirer Division I All-City first team... Earned special mention honors to the AP All-Ohio high school football team... Racked up 87 yards and a TD on 14 carries against Hamilton in a 52-18 win... Rushed 23 times for 63 yards and completed 15-of-28 passes for 152 yards and a TD against Colerain, just days after being diagnosed with mononucleosis... Had 2,535 career rushing yards and 31 touchdowns... Threw for 3,330 yards and 24 scores for his career... Named to the Greater Miami Conference All-Academic team.

Landon Bennett
PK
6-3
190
Duluth, GA (Greater Atlanta Christian)
Three-year letterman for coach Cliff Shelton at Greater Atlanta Christian... Set the Georgia High School record by making 17 consecutive field goals over a three-year span with 10 from 40 yards or farther... The Georgia record was 16... Successful on eight of nine field goal attempts and 56 of 60 PATs as a senior... Converted 18 of 21 career field goal attempts... Named First Team All-Gwinnett County placekicker by the Gwinnett Daily Post... Led Gwinnett County in scoring as a senior... Ranked as the #22 placekicker nationally by Rivals.com... Had 70 career receptions for 1,115 yards... Had 34 catches for 605 yards and three touchdowns as a senior and 29 catches for 383 yards as a junior... Four-year varsity starter in football and baseball... Four-year baseball letterman who earned first team All-Gwinnett County honors as a center fielder from the Atlanta Journal Constitution... Hit .433 with eight home runs as a junior... In a Region 8-2A game against East Hall, caught seven passes for 103 yards and a touchdown, converted three PATs and booted a 35-yard field goal... Named to Touchdown Club of Gwinnett All-County honorable mention team.

Coleman Hornaday
S
6-1
177
Cary, NC (Cary)
A three-year starter at free safety for Cary HS... Played for Coach Ben Kolstad... Twice named first team all-conference... Three-year letterwinner... Also lettered in track... Had 140 solo and 228 tackles to go with nine career interceptions... Helped the Imps to the second round of the state playoffs as a senior... Cary won the conference championship his junior year with an 11-3 record... Earned a Time-Warner Player of the Game award in 2005... Led the team with five interceptions as a sophomore and four as a junior... Was the only sophomore to start on defense in '04.

Jordan Ingman
CB
5-8
170
Port Charlotte, FL (Port Charlotte)
A three-year letterman at Port Charlotte High... Earned the team’s Coach’s Award as a junior and senior... Team captain as a senior... Named to the all-area squad on both offense and defense... Selected to the South-Central All-Star game... Earned a Player of the Week honor as a senior... Earned his team’s Scholarship Award... The Pirates... Class 5A... Played for head coach Joe Woodruff as a senior... Snatched 4 interceptions in 2006 regular season and six total for the year... Had 13 receptions for 161 yards and a touchdown... Had a pair of interceptions and the game-winning touchdown catch in a win over Bayshore.

Tommy Irvin
OLB
6-1
198
Davidson, NC (North Mecklenburg)
Two-year starter North Mecklenburg for Coach Glen Padgett... Helped the Vikings to the conference championship in 2006 and the second round of the playoffs... Named the Charlotte Observer Defensive Player of the Year in 2006... Totaled 161 tackles as a senior including nine interceptions and 14 pass deflections... Had 105 stops and seven picks as a junior... Was tied for sixth in the state in 2006 with nine interceptions... Named Observer Mecklenburg Defensive Player of the Year and first team as a defensive back... Was part of a North Mecklenburg defense that held 11 opponents to 14 points or fewer in 2006... Had two fourth-quarter interceptions and caught a TD pass in a 26-10 victory in first round of NC playoffs... Clocked at a 4.65 40-yard dash and has a 34-inch vertical jump... Also a pole vaulter on track squad... Received the Holden Cup for excellence in academics, leadership and athletics...

Will Johnson
WR
6-0
185
Fort Mill, SC (Fort Mill)
Played just one season of football at wide receiver... Is more well-known as an outstanding basketball player... Played football for coach Rusty Jester... Caught 34 passes for 569 yards and six touchdowns as a senior... Also averaged 30.5 yards on 11 kickoff returns... Averaged 37.0 yards as a punter... First team All-Region 3-4A at wide receiver and punter... First team All-Upper South Carolina by The Charlotte Observer... Had five catches for 90 yards vs. York... Has been a four-year starter in basketball and helped the Yellow Jackets to a pair of playoff berths and a number one ranking in the state this season... Three-time basketball all-region pick and the leading scorer in Fort Mill history... Has surpassed the 1,000-point mark in career scoring in basketball... Son of Ron and Anne Johnson... Father was an all-ACC defensive back at North Carolina.

Sean Lees
HB
5-11
190
Libertyville, IL (Carmel Catholic)
Played two seasons at Carmel Catholic High in Mundelein, IL... Earned first team all-East Suburban Catholic Conference honors as a senior... Also named first team all-area by the Daily Herald and the Pioneer Press and second team all-state by the Chicago Tribune... Named IHSA Academic All-State... Rushed for 750 yards and 11 touchdowns as a junior... Totaled 1300 yards, 21 touchdowns, 62 tackles and two interceptions as a senior... Averaged 26.5 yards on kickoff returns and 21.2 yards on punt returns as a senior... The Corsairs run an offense very similar to Wofford’s... Considered an explosive back from his wing back position... Scored on his first three carries of the 2006 season in the season opener against Morgan Park... Rushed for 103 yards on four carries in the first half... Also had a 71-yard touchdown run against McHenry... Finished the game with 145 yards and two touchdowns on just five carries... Returned a kickoff 87 yards for a score against Marion Catholic, then turned around and ran one in from 54 yards out.
Anthony Naylor  DL  5-11  245  Wichita, KS (Bishop Carroll)
Three year starter for coach Alan Shuckman at Wichita, KS Bishop Carroll . . . Helped Bishop Carroll to district, regional and sectional championships in 2006 . . . The Golden Eagles won three straight district championships . . . Named honorable mention Class 5A all-state and first team All-Greater Wichita Athletic League as a senior . . . First team All-GWAL and honorable mention all-state as a junior . . . Honorable mention All-GWAL as a sophomore . . . Had 55 tackles and 30 tackles for loss as a senior . . . Also recorded four sacks as a senior . . . 37 tackles and two sacks as a junior . . . Was a key part of a defense that yielded just 38 points in 2004 and 67 in 2005.

Martin Padgett  OL  6-3  265  Bamberg, SC (Bamberg-Ehrhardt)
Three-year starter at left tackle for Bamberg-Ehrhardt High . . . Played for Coach Ron Duncan . . . Named first team all-region and first team Class A all-state as a senior . . . Also started at defensive tackle during a 10-0 regular season as a senior . . . Played every snap of the regional championship game . . . Named to the top 100 college prospects in South Carolina by the High School Sports Report (HSSR) . . . Played in the North-South All-Star game . . . Selected to Palmetto Boys State as a junior.

Nathan Page  OL  6-2  268  Charlotte, NC (Providence Senior)
Two-year starter for coach Randy Long at Charlotte Providence Senior High . . . Two-time CEBA Player of the Week . . . Helped the Panthers to a 9-4 record as a senior and a 10-2 mark as a junior . . .

Arsenio Parks  FB  5-10  215  Shelby, NC (Shelby)
Two-year starter for Coach Chris Norman at Shelby High School . . . Helped the Golden Lions to back-to-back AA state championships in 2005 and ’06 . . . Is the third-leading all-time rusher at Shelby HS . . . Earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior and was an all-county selection in 2006 . . . Named to the All-Piedmont first team by the Charlotte Observer at running back . . . Shelby was 29-3 his two years as a starter at fullback . . . High school teammate of fellow Terrier signee Preston Roseboro . . . Played his first game in Gibbs Stadium when he participated in the 2006 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas . . . Comes from a high school that runs the double-wing option offense . . . Rushed for 1,565 yards and 21 touchdowns on 225 carries as a senior . . . Had 1,166 rushing yards and 19 scores on 187 carries as a junior . . . Scored 47 career rushing touchdowns . . . Wendy’s High School Heisman nominee . . . Named McDonald’s/WOHS Radio Cleveland County Scholar/Athlete of the Month for December, 2006 . . . Named team offensive MVP in 2006 2A state final in a 27-24 win . . . Ran for 124 yards on 23 carries and scored twice . . . Finished 12th on the all-time Cleveland County rushing list . . . Also saw action at linebacker.

Devin Reed  WR  6-1  175  Flowery Branch, GA (Flowery Branch)
Three-year starter for Flowery Branch High . . . Caught 49 passes for 975 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior . . . Collected 106 tackles and four interceptions on defense . . . Helped lead the Falcons to a 9-1 overall record and a 4-0 mark in region play . . . Team won the subregion title and reached the second round of the playoffs . . . Also saw action in the secondary and as an outfielder on the baseball team . . . Team offensive player of the week against Gilmer County . . . Played for head coach Lee Shaw . . . Had four receptions for 103 yards and a touchdown against West Florence in a season-opening win over White County . . . Team was ranked in the top 10 of Georgia’s Class AAA . . . Had two touchdown catches vs. East Hall . . . Also threw a 57-yard pass off a wide receiver reverse . . . Helped the Falcons to an 11-2 record as a junior and the state’s Elite Eight round of the playoffs . . . Named the team’s most outstanding receiver in each of his three seasons . . . Named to the all-area team as a junior and senior . . . Played in the GACA North-South All-Star Classic . . . Named to the Team Georgia 7-on-7 national all-star team.

Preston Roseboro  CB  5-9  160  Shelby, NC (Shelby)
Three-year letterman for Coach Chris Norman at Shelby High School . . . Helped the Golden Lions to consecutive North Carolina AA state championships . . . Holds the school record with a 93-yard punt return . . . Named all-conference, all-county and All-Piedmont . . . Selected to NC Shrine Bowl roster . . . Platooned with Arsenio Parks and ran for 447 yards and eight touchdowns while collecting 346 yards receiving on 10 catches and six scores . . . Had 793 total offense yards and 15 total touchdowns during his prep career . . . Averaged 25.3 yards on punt returns . . . Caught a 55-yard scoring pass in a win over Gastonia Ashbrook . . . As a cornerback recorded 26 total tackles (16 solo) in 2006 . . . Led the team with 3 interceptions . . . Had one interception return for a score as a junior . . . Also lettered in track.

Mike Rucker  HB  5-8  170  Winston-Salem, NC (North Forsyth)
Will join the Terriers after rushing for 1,779 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2006 . . . Carried the ball 270 times for a 6.6 yards per carry average . . . Named to 2006 Winston-Salem Journal All-Northwest football team . . . As a junior, rushed for 1,004 yards and 14 touchdowns on 192 carries . . . An all-conference pick as a junior as well . . . All-Northwest pick as a junior and senior . . . Triad Offensive Player of the Year as a senior and runner-up as a junior . . . Ranked among the top 25 prospects in the Triad area . . . Had over 3,500 career rushing yards.

Michael Scott  HB  5-9  205  Geneva, AL (Geneva)
A finalist for the Class 3A Alabama Mr. Football award . . . A Super-12 selection by the Dothan Eagle . . . Played for coach Mike McCombs and helped the Panthers to an 11-1 record before falling in the second round of the class 3A playoffs . . . The Panthers went to the third round of the 4A playoffs in 2005 . . . Also played linebacker . . .

Jonathon Sharpe  LB  6-0  210  Conway, SC (Conway)
Captained the Conway team in 2006 . . . Led the Tigers in total tackles, solo tackles, fumbles caused, fumbles recovered and blocked kicks . . . Named to the North-South game in 2006 . . . An all-zone selection by WPDE . . . Earned offensive player of the game honors vs. West Florence and defensive player of the game vs. Sumter . . . Named all-state by SC Varsity.com and the High School Sports Report . . . Was the Toast of the Coast Defensive Player of the Year . . . Recorded 138 tackles and forced five fumbles as a senior . . . Also helped the Tiger defense allow just 11.5 points per game in 2006 . . . Also an outstanding baseball player ranked 18th in the state by Diamond Prospects . . . Attended Palmetto Boys State in 2006.
John Starr  
DL 6-0 270  
Summerville, GA (Chattoooga)

Four-year starter at Chattoooga High School in Summerville, GA where he played for his father, John Starr. Started at tight end, defensive tackle and fullback. Three-time all-area selection earning second team honors as a sophomore and first team as a junior and senior. Finalist for Northwest Georgia Defensive Player of the Year each of his last two seasons. Three-time Defensive Player of the Week by *The Rome News Tribune*. Two-time honoree. Helped the Indians to a 7-4 record in 2006 and a berth in the state playoffs. Played for his father, John Starr, at Chattoooga High. Rushed for 53 yards on just four carries in a 40-18 win over Darlington that also marked his father’s 100th career victory. Finalist for Northwest Georgia Defensive Player of the Year each of his last two seasons. Three-time Defensive Player of the Week by *The Rome News Tribune*. Two-time honoree. Helped the Indians to a 7-4 record in 2006 and a berth in the state playoffs. Played for his father, John Starr, at Chattoooga High. Rushed for 53 yards on just four carries in a 40-18 win over Darlington that also marked his father’s 100th career victory. Named to the *Rome News-Tribune* Preseason All-Area team as a defensive lineman. As a junior, recorded 61 tackles and was the area leader with 12 sacks. Considered one of the top defensive linemen in the Greater Rome area. Wendy’s High School Heisman nominee. Had 143 solo tackles, 31 assists, 22 sacks, 11 caused fumbles and 10 touchdowns for his career. Helped the Indians to a berth in the state playoffs. Father played at West Georgia where the team won the national championship in 1982.

Keaton Thompson  
LB 6-1 215  
Eastanolle, GA (Stephens County)

A four-year starter at linebacker at Stephens County High. Helped the Indians to three regional championships. As a senior, came back from shoulder surgery to record 105 tackles, five sacks, a forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Named to the Georgia All-Area team by the *Anderson Independent-Mail*. Led the club with 130 tackles including 25 behind the line of scrimmage as a junior. A nominee for the Wendy’s High School Heisman. Helped the Indians to a 10-2 record and the Region 8 3A championship. Played for coach Travis Noland. Three-time all-area selection. Earned all-state honors as a senior. District 8-AAA champs for three seasons. Team Player of the Year as a senior.

Ben Wilmoth  
OL 6-0 270  
Arlington, TX (Mansfield Summit)

A two-year starter and three-year letterman at Mansfield Summit High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Helped the Jaguars to a 7-3 regular season record and a #8 ranking in Class 5A. Played for Coach Kyle Geller. A candidate for the 2006 Mayfield Workman Award, an award given by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* to the Arlington area’s top senior football player. Named to the Dallas-Fort Worth District 4-5A team in 2005 and 2006. Member of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram’s* Area Top 50 team. Two-time All-Academic Team honoree. Summit won the district championship with a 9-3 record in 2005. Member of the National Honor Society. Senior Class President. Also lettered in track throwing the shot put.
SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford head football coach Mike Ayers put the Terriers through a 90 minute practice Saturday morning that included some live scrimmaging. Concern for injuries limited the live hitting between the players.

“We’re trying to do as much as we can and be as smart as we can,” said Ayers following the scrimmage. “We still have a week and a half to go (with spring practice).”

Wofford entered Saturday’s scrimmage with a depleted roster in the secondary and on the defensive line. Drew Parks and Filmon Dawkins were the only cornerbacks available for contact while Zac Grey participated in skeleton drills but not live hitting. Defensive linemen Layton Baker and Mitch Clark, both coming off surgeries that ended their 2006 seasons prematurely, were not in uniform on Saturday. Defensive end Justin Treece also did not dress while nursing a tender wrist.

The only injury suffered Saturday was a sprained foot by fullback Austin Palmer.

“We’re trying to become a better football team,” said Ayers. “I was pleased with the throwing game and I thought our wide receivers were unbelievable. Andy Strickland had a phenomenal catch.”

Strickland caught a 40-yard scoring pass and nose tackle Doug Thompson intercepted a screen pass and returned it for a score as well. Quarterback Ben Widmyer connected with halfback Brian Whitehurst for about a 40-yard gain on another passing play.

“We’re making progress,” said Ayers. “The attitude of the guys is great.”

The Terriers plan to practice again on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this coming week with a scrimmage at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24. The final scrimmage of the spring is slated for Thursday, March 29.

NOTES

The father of Wofford defensive back Greg Gasparato, Nick Gasparato, died on Wednesday, March 14 of a heart attack. Services will be held in Pittsburgh. Gasparato was coaching at Dutch Fork High School in Columbia. He was a former college assistant coach at Penn State and South Carolina.

Ayers and his staff had nearly 200 high school coaches from around the nation on campus the last three days for a coaching clinic on the wishbone offense. The clinic started three years ago and has grown each year. This year’s attendees included coaches from Ohio, Kansas, Indiana, Illinois, Georgia and Florida.

“They’re just a group of guys who want to talk about wishbone football,” said Ayers. “(Assistant coach) Eric Nash does a great job of organizing the clinic. And the good thing is that we are able to learn which high school programs are running the wishbone and we know where to look to find guys who are already familiar with our system. And it’s great exposure for our program and Wofford College.”

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Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Thomas Neel leaving Wofford football staff

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford assistant football coach Thomas Neel has resigned his position in order to enter business in the private sector.

Neel spent nine years as Wofford’s outside linebacker coach, having joined the staff in February, 1998. He joined the Terrier staff after two years of coaching at the high school level and one year as an assistant at East Tennessee State.

“Thomas is a guy who did a great deal to help us put the football program in the right direction,” said Wofford head coach Mike Ayers. “He is a great guy and has been a loyal assistant. We will truly miss him. Thomas will be hard to replace.”

“I have had a great experience at Wofford,” said Neel. “We have had some great young men come through the program and it has been an absolute pleasure to be associated with them.”

Neel is expected to take a position in a football-related industry.

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Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Wofford to host Football 101 Clinic for Women

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford football coaching staff will be hosting Wofford Football 101, a football clinic for women in the Upstate of all levels of football knowledge. The clinic, slated for Thursday, June 21, will be open to women only.

The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Richardson Physical Activities Building on the Wofford campus. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the Wofford football coaching staff, learn about NCAA football rules and regulations and have a demonstration on football uniforms and equipment.

The clinic will include segments on offensive, defensive and special teams play; a study of game films and a pre-game pep talk. There will also be sample football drills held on the field of Gibbs Stadium including a demonstration of Terrier Tag.

Tickets for the Football 101 clinic are $25 in advance and $30 at the door for individuals. A group of eight can attend for a group price of $175. Each participant will receive a pre-game meal, a football playbook, a tour of the facilities and a Wofford Football 101 T-shirt. There will also be door prizes awarded.

Participants should dress in casual and comfortable attire including tennis shoes so as to be able to participate in on-field drills.

For more information, contact the Wofford Terrier Club at (864) 597-4090.

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Friday, June 15, 2007
Wofford football uniforms ranked sixth best in NCAA
SPARTANBURG, SC – According to SI.Com, the web site for *Sports Illustrated*, Wofford’s football uniforms are the sixth best in NCAA Division I college football.
The photo display highlighting the Wofford uniform includes a picture of senior halfback Kevious Johnson pulling away from several South Carolina State defenders in the 2006 season opener, a 28-21 win for the Terriers.
Last week, *Sports Illustrated On Campus* (SIOC) highlighted the 10 ugliest uniforms in college football.
The top 10 best uniforms in college football according to SIOC:
   1 Texas
   2 Michigan
   3 Auburn
   4 Yale
   5 Notre Dame
   6 Wofford College
   7 Ohio State
   8 Georgia Southern
   9 Southern Cal
   10 Georgia
The link to the SIOC photo essay:
http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/multimedia/photo_gallery/0706/campus.bestuniforms/content.5.html
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Spartanburg, S.C. – The Wofford College ticket office now has tickets available for the football contest at North Carolina State on September 15, 2007. Tickets are $32 each and may be purchased by calling (864) 597-4090.

It is important to note, that due to North Carolina State ticket policy, fans are encouraged to purchase tickets for this game BEFORE August 1, 2007. The vast majority of the Wofford ticket allotment for the game must be returned at that time. The game is slated for a 6:00 p.m. kickoff at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, N.C. and may be viewed on ESPN360, a subscription online video service of ESPN. All tickets for the North Carolina State game will be mailed at the same time as Wofford season ticket orders, currently scheduled to arrive in mailboxes in early August.

Season ticket packages for the upcoming 2007 Terrier football campaign are also on-sale. Wofford football season tickets continue to be one of college football’s best values at $100 per seat. To order, call the Wofford athletic ticket office at (864) 597-4090. Individual game tickets for the six home football games at Gibbs Stadium will go on-sale to the general public in August.

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Monday, June 25, 2007

**Wofford ranked fifth in Lindy’s preseason poll**

SPARTANBURG, SC – Lindy’s, which annually publishes a preseason NCAA football magazine, has ranked Wofford fifth in the nation in its preseason Football Championship Subdivision poll.

Wofford is coming off a 7-4 season in 2006 in which the Terriers closed the season with five straight wins and with victories in six of its final seven games.

Lindy’s has Appalachian State as its preseason number one team in the country followed by Montana at number two, Massachusetts at three, McNeese State at number four and the Terriers at number five.

Wofford is followed in the poll by New Hampshire, Portland State, Illinois State, North Dakota State and South Dakota State.

Lindy’s also has Wofford picked to finish second in the Southern Conference this fall with Appalachian State being the early choice to repeat as conference champion.

Wofford will return 53 lettermen from last year’s team including eight starters on offense and eight starters on defense.

The Terriers open the 2007 season at home on Sept. 1 against Georgetown College of Kentucky. Wofford will host Appalachian State on Sept. 22 and play at Furman on Sept. 29.

1 Appalachian State
2 Montana
3 Massachusetts
4 McNeese State
5 **Wofford**
6 New Hampshire
7 Portland State
8 Illinois State
9 North Dakota State
10 South Dakota State
11 Youngstown State
12 Southern Illinois
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