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Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Wofford Football Announces 15 Signings

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College football coach Mike Ayers announced on Wednesday the signing of fifteen student-athletes to National Letters of Intent for the upcoming season.

The 2007 Southern Conference Champions will welcome eight players on defense and seven players on offense. The student-athletes are from eight different states, including five from Georgia and four from North Carolina.

On defense, the eight players include three defensive ends, three linebackers and two defensive backs. On offense, the seven players include three offensive linemen, three running backs/halfbacks, and one wide receiver.

“I am very pleased with this year’s class of players,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “All of them are quality student-athletes who we feel will fit right in both academically and athletically at Wofford. The success we have had on the field the past couple seasons has contributed to being able to attract more top-line recruits to our campus.”

The defensive ends include Zach Bobb (Marietta, Ga.), Allen Smith (Columbia, S.C.) and Eric Eberhardt (Suwanee, Ga.). Linebackers are Ricco Braxton (Douglasville, Ga.), TeVon Boards (Bowling Green, Ky.) and Mike Niam (Hudson, Ohio). In the secondary, Bryan Youman (Montverde, Fla.) and Kendall Bratcher (Greensboro, N.C.) will join the Terriers.

On offense, the linemen are Calvin Cantrell (Dacula, Ga.), J.J. Miller (Buford, Ga.) and Jake Miles (Charlottesville, Va.). In the backfield, Lavadrick Farrar (Charlotte, N.C.), Eric Breitenstein (Valle Crucis, N.C.) and Derek Boyce (Knoxville, Tenn.) come aboard. At
wide receiver, Brenton Bersin (Charlotte, N.C.) joins the Wofford offense. In addition, the Terriers have one transfer for the upcoming season. Quarterback Robby Davis (Fayetteville, Ga.) spent the fall semester at the Naval Academy and enrolled at Wofford in January.

Last season the Terriers were 9-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA FCS Playoffs. In 2008, they will open the season August 30 against Presbyterian College at Gibbs Stadium. A full schedule will be released later in February. Spring practice will begin for the Terriers on February 29 and end March 22.

The eligibility of all student-athletes is contingent upon admission to Wofford College and compliance with all NCAA rules, including registration with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Additional student-athletes are expected to be added to the list in the next week.

**2008 Wofford Football Signees**

Brenton Bersin WR 6-4 195 Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Latin
TeVon Boards LB 5-11 201 Bowling Green, Ky./Warren Central High School
Zach Bobb DE 6-3 225 Marietta, Ga./Lassiter High School
Derek Boyce HB 5-10 190 Knoxville, Tenn./The Webb School
Kendall Bratcher CB 5-8 175 Greensboro, N.C./Northeast Guilford High School
Eric Breitenstein RB 5-11 212 Valle Crucis, N.C./Watauga High School
Ricco Braxton LB 6-4 210 Douglasville, Ga./The Lovett School
Calvin Cantrell OL 6-4 260 Dacula, Ga./Dacula High School
Eric Eberhardt DE 6-1 245 Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett High School
Lavadrick Farrar HB 6-0 185 Charlotte, N.C./Vance High School
Jake Miles OL 6-2 250 Charlotteville, Va./Monticello High School
J.J. Miller OL 6-2 275 Buford, Ga./Buford High School
Mike Niam LB 6-3 218 Hudson, Ohio/Hudson High School
Allen Smith DE 6-1 232 Columbia, S.C./Keenan High School
Bryan Youman CB 5-8 183 Montverde, Fla./East Ridge High School

**2008 Newcomers**

Brenton Bersin (WR, 6-4, 195, Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Latin) started three seasons at both wide receiver and defensive back. All three seasons the team won the state championship, including a 13-0 season in 2007. Bersin holds all receiving records at Charlotte Latin. As a senior he had 63 catches for 1006 yards and 25 touchdowns. Named all-conference and all-state as a sophomore, junior and senior. As a senior he was named Offensive MVP of the OASIS Shrine Bowl. He also has played centerfield on the baseball team the last two seasons.

TeVon Boards (LB, 5-11, 201, Bowling Green, Ky./Warren Central High School) was a four-year letterman at running back and strong safety at Warren Central High School. As a senior he had 181 carries for 1586 yards and 15 touchdowns and added 58 tackles on defense as he earned all-conference and honorable mention all-state honors. During his junior season he had 66 carries for 699 yards and 12 touchdowns along with 68 tackles, earning all-conference accolades. In 2005 the team reached the state semifinals as he ran for 349 yards with four touchdowns on 41 carries.

Zach Bobb (DE, 6-3, 225, Marietta, Ga./Lassiter High School) was a four-year letterman at Lassiter High School, playing defensive end, linebacker, tight end and fullback. As a senior he had 89 tackles with six sacks, eight tackles for loss and 14 hurries. He was named All-Cobb County defensive team and was a preseason all-state defensive selection in 2007. During his junior season he had 70 tackles with five sacks and eleven tackles for loss and was named to the All-Cobb County defensive team.
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**Derek Boyce** (HB, 5-10, 190, Knoxville, Tenn./The Webb School) was a four-year letterman at The Webb School. He played running back, defensive back and was a kick returner. As a senior he rushed for 1386 yards and had 300 yards receiving, with 15 total touchdowns leading to first-team all-state honors. In his junior season he was the leading rusher with 8.3 yards per carry as the team won the state championship. He also lettered five years in track, winning state championships in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays, setting school records in both events. In addition, he is a competitive wakeboarder.

**Kendall Bratcher** (CB, 5-8, 175, Greensboro, N.C./Northeast Guilford High School) primarily played quarterback at Northeast Guilford High School. He earned all-conference honors and all-county honors in 2005, 2006 and 2007. As a senior he set the school passing touchdown record with 16 and was named Offensive Player of the Year. He also runs track, finishing fifth in the state in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

**Ricco Braxton** (LB, 6-4, 210, Douglasville, Ga./The Lovett School) was a four-year letterman at The Lovett School, reaching the state playoffs all four seasons. As a senior captain was named all-state and all-city first team, recording 107 tackles, 14 sacks, 17 tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries. He was also a three-year letterman on the basketball team and led the squad in rebounds as they reached the 2006 State Final Four. In track and field, he competed in the 2005 AAU Indoor National Championship, earning a silver in the triple jump and bronze in the hurdles and pentathlon. He is a National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete.

**Eric Breitenstein** (RB, 5-11, 212, Valle Crucis, N.C./Watagua High School) earned all-conference honors all four seasons at Watagua High School. As a senior he led the team to a conference championship as he posted 2,445 yards and 29 touchdowns. He started at fullback in the Shrine Bowl and was named all-state along with being the runner-up for the Associated Press Player of the Year. As a junior he was named all-state at defensive back with five interceptions. He also was a three-year starter on the baseball team, twice earning all-conference honors. His brother, Seth, is on the football team at Appalachian State.

**Calvin Cantrell** (OL, 6-4, 260, Dacula, Ga./Dacula High School) was a three-year letterman at Dacula High School and two-year starter at offensive tackle. As a senior he was named first-team All-Gwinnett County and Gwinnett County Touchdown Club Player of the Month. In two seasons as a starter he had 131 pancake blocks and did not allow a sack, posting a 91% blocking grade. Also played two seasons of baseball as a pitcher and at first base.

**Robby Davis** (QB, 6-0, 200, Fayetteville, Ga./Starrs Mill High School) spent last fall at the Naval Academy. He was a four-year letterman at Starrs Mill High School. In 2006 Davis was named Fayette County Player of the Year, in addition to earning all-county, all-region and second team all-state honors. He also was named the Atlanta Journal Constitution Fayette/Coweta Offensive Player of the Year. As a junior, he was named all-county and all-region as the team won the Region 4-AAAAA Championship with an 11-2 record. He also lettered one season in track, running the 4x100 relay.

**Eric Eberhardt** (DE, 6-1, 245, Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett High School) led the county with 13.5 sacks on the season as a senior. He totaled 105 tackles, 17 quarterback pressures and 24 tackles for loss as he earned Gwinnett Daily Post Defensive Player of the Year honors. He added first-team all-state and first-team all-county honors. The team had a 13-2 record and reached the Class AAAAA state championship game, the first in school history. As a junior, he posted 94 tackles and 13.5 sacks.
Lavadrick Farrar (HB, 6-0, 185, Charlotte, N.C./Vance High School) lettered twice in football at Vance High School. As a senior had 1504 yards on 166 carries and his 9.1 yards per carry average was the best in the state. Named all-conference, All-Charlotte and All-Mecklenburg County his senior season. Played tight end as a junior with four catches for three touchdowns. Also lettered in basketball as a junior, with the team winning the conference and advancing to the state championship game.

Jake Miles (OL, 6-2, 250, Charlottesville, Va./Monticello High School) was a starter at left tackle and defensive end as a senior. He earned first team all-district honors and first team all-region honors at both positions and was named first-team all-state at left tackle. Miles was the captain of the 2007 team that won the state championship. As a junior he was first team all-district at left tackle. He also played lacrosse for four seasons, earning second team all-district honors on defense as a junior.

J.J. Miller (OL, 6-2, 275, Buford, Ga./Buford High School) was a three-year letterman at Buford High School. As a senior, named first-team all-county as the team won the state championship. He also earned all-state honors. Buford High School won region championships all four seasons he played and posted an overall record of 53-3. He also lettered one season in wrestling.

Mike Niam (LB, 6-3, 215, Hudson, Ohio/Hudson High School) lettered three seasons in football at Hudson High School. As a senior was first-team all-conference and all-district at linebacker. He was also named a Football Leader by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and special mention All-Ohio as he led the team with 95 tackles. In addition, he rushed for 231 yards on 35 carries and had 33 receptions for 535 yards and four touchdowns on offense. During his junior season was named first-team all-conference and second-team all-district with 144 total tackles, which led the team. He also lettered twice in basketball at center, earning first-team all-conference honors as a junior when he averaged 11.1 points per game and six rebounds a game.

Allen Smith (DE, 6-1, 232, Columbia, S.C./Keenan High School) set a single-season tackle record with 92 as a senior at Keenan High School. Had 11 sacks, 15 tackles for loss, nine blocked kicks and three forced fumbles in 2007. Named an all-area selection and first-team all-region, along with North/South All-Star honors. In Region IV-AA named Defensive Player of the Year and was also named honorable mention all-state by The State. First-team all-region as a junior with 72 tackles, 12 sacks, ten tackles for loss and three forced fumbles. Also played one season of baseball at catcher and is currently competing in the shot and discus in track.

Bryan Youman (CB, 5-8, 183, Montverde, Fla./East Ridge High School) played wide receiver last year at East Ridge High School, making 25 catches for 561 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, he added 19 tackles and two interceptions. He attends the same high school as Wofford men’s basketball player Corey Godzinski.

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Following the first of two open dates, the Terriers will face South Carolina at Williams-Brice Stadium on September 20. In 2006, the Gamecocks defeated Wofford 27-20. It will mark the eighth time in the last nine seasons the Terriers will play a FBS team.

Opening the Southern Conference season, the Terriers will travel to Georgia Southern on September 27. After the second open date, Wofford hosts Chattanooga on October 11 at Gibbs Stadium for Homecoming.

The month of October will end with a trip to Elon. On November 1, Wofford will travel to Appalachian State to face the three-time defending National Champions. The Terriers and Mountaineers shared the Southern Conference title in 2007, with Wofford gaining the automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs by virtue of a 42-31 win.

After facing The Citadel at home on November 8, Wofford will play at Samford. This will mark the first season in the SoCon for Samford after moving from the Ohio Valley Conference. The Terriers will end the season by hosting Furman on November 22.

All dates and times are subject to change.

2008 Wofford Football Schedule
Aug. 30 PRESBYTERIAN 7:00 pm
Sept. 6 at Charleston Southern TBA
Sept. 13 OPEN
Sept. 20 at South Carolina TBA
Sept. 27 at Georgia Southern * TBA
Oct. 4 OPEN
Oct. 11 CHATTANOOGA * (Homecoming) 1:30 pm
Oct. 18 WESTERN CAROLINA * 1:30 pm
Oct. 25 at Elon * TBA
Nov. 1 at Appalachian State * 3:30 pm
Nov. 8 THE CITADEL * 1:30 pm
Nov. 15 at Samford * TBA
Nov. 22 FURMAN * 1:30 pm
* Southern Conference Games
Aaron Johnson Joins Wofford Football Staff

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College head football coach Mike Ayers announced on Tuesday that Aaron Johnson has joined the staff as running backs coach. Johnson was a four-year letterman at halfback for the Terriers from 2002-05.

“Aaron is a guy that understands our offensive system and also understands Wofford,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “He is a great addition to our staff and we are glad to have him.”

In 2005 as a senior, Johnson played in all eleven games with 13 carries for 68 yards and a touchdown in the season opener against Georgetown (Ky.). He also added five receptions for 34 yards.

As a junior, he had 19 carries for 88 yards and a touchdown along with three catches for 67 yards and touchdowns against South Carolina State and The Citadel. Following his junior and senior seasons he was recipient of the Terriers’ “Unsung Hero Award.”

During his sophomore season, he ran for 186 yards on 47 carries as the Terriers won the Southern Conference Championship. Against Catawba he posted a career-high 92 yards with a touchdown. As a freshman he had a career-best 193 yards on 25 carries with a touchdown.

A native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Johnson has spent the past two years in private business. He graduated from Wofford in 2006 with a degree in business economics. The Terriers will begin spring practice on March 3 and the 2008 season will open on August 31 against Presbyterian.
Thursday, February 28, 2008
Wofford Football Adds Two Signings

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College football coach Mike Ayers announced on Thursday the additional signings of two student-athletes to National Letters of Intent for the upcoming season. Joining the Terriers’ signing class are offensive lineman Josef Grommer and defensive lineman T.J. White.

Grommer, a 6-5, 265 pound offensive lineman, has played the last three seasons at Spartanburg High School. As a senior he moved to offensive line after two years at tight end. In 2007 he was a team captain for head coach Doc Davis and was named Best Offensive Lineman. He also has been a thrower for the track team for the past three seasons, recording top throws in the shot put and discus.

White, a 6-3, 270 pound defensive lineman, was a four-year letterman at Troy High School in Troy, Ohio. As a senior he earned first-team all-conference honors playing both offensive line and defensive line. He also is a four-year letterman in track and field, earning second-team all-conference honors in the discus. White lettered for two seasons as a center for the basketball team.

Wofford has now signed a total of seventeen student-athletes for the 2008 season. The 2007 Southern Conference Champions will welcome nine players on defense and eight players on offense. The student-athletes are from eight different states, including five from Georgia and four from North Carolina.

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford College football team will begin spring practice on Monday, March 3. Overall, the team will have fifteen scheduled practices, including two scrimmages.

Monday, March 3 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 4 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 5 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 6 6:00 pm
Friday, March 7 3:30 pm
Saturday, March 8 10:00 am
Monday, March 10 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12 6:00 pm
Friday, March 14 3:30 pm
Saturday, March 15 10:00 am Scrimmage
Monday, March 17 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 18 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 19 6:00 pm
Friday, March 21 3:30 pm
Saturday, March 22 10:00 am Scrimmage
Monday, March 24 6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 25 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 26 6:00 pm

All practices will take place on the Frank Roberts Fields, located behind Gibbs Stadium, and are open to the public. Times and dates are tentative and can change due to weather or class schedules.

In addition, the public is invited to attend a special celebration on March 15 in honor of
Mike Ayers’ 20th Anniversary as head coach at Wofford. The event will be held in Benjamin Johnson Arena and begins with a reception at 6:00 pm and concludes with a roast of Coach Ayers. Cost is $25 per person and you can register online at www.wofford.edu/alumni. Coaches are invited to the Coaches Clinic, which will be held from March 13-15. The Wofford wingbone/gun option offense will be highlighted, along with the 50 (3-4) defense. The cost is $35 if registered by March 11 and includes meals on March 14. For more information, please contact Eric Nash at 864-597-4104. The Terriers will open the 2008 season on August 30, hosting Presbyterian College at 7:00 pm at Gibbs Stadium.
All Wofford faculty and staff are cordially invited to join us for Head Football Coach Mike Ayers 20th Anniversary Celebration & Roast

**Saturday, March 15**

Benjamin Johnson Arena

**6:00 pm**

_Casual Dress_

**RSVP and ticket required**

**Faculty and staff can purchase tickets at a special discounted price of $20 per person, which includes the reception and dinner.**

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Athletic Department at ext. 4090, by coming by the Athletic Office in the Richardson Building, or by emailing Terri Lewitt at LewittTL@wofford.edu.

_We hope you can join us for this special evening honoring Coach Ayers!_

For more information go online to alumni.Wofford.edu

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Friday, March 7, 2008

Join the Terriers for a 20th Anniversary Roast of Mike Ayers

SPARTANBURG, SC – On March 15, Wofford College will be celebrating Mike Ayers’ 20th Anniversary as head coach of the football team. The event will feature dinner and a roast of Coach Ayers in Benjamin Johnson Arena.

The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a reception. Dinner will feature several of Coach Ayers’ favorites and will be followed by a roast. Highlighting the roasters are former Air Force head coach and Wofford graduate Fisher DeBerry, former Terrier and current Spartanburg High School head coach Freddie Brown, former Wofford President Dr. Joe Lesesne and offensive lineman Corey McKenna.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the evening for $25 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wofford.edu/alumni or by calling call 864-597-4090.
Wofford Honors Mike Ayers
Announces Commitments and Challenges of $13.2 Million in Support of Athletics

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford College honored Mike Ayers for his 20 seasons as head coach of the football team with a celebration dinner and roast on Saturday, March 15. The nearly 600 attendees from across the country included retired Air Force Academy football coach Fisher DeBerry (Wofford class of 1960), Appalachian State University head football coach Jerry Moore, Spartanburg High School head football coach Fred Brown (Wofford class of 1991) and numerous former players and friends.

In anticipation of Coach Ayers’ 20th anniversary, a specific athletic endowment campaign was begun 18 months ago. During that time, $6.7 million has been committed to the athletic endowment. Wofford President Dr. Benjamin B. Dunlap’s special announcement of a $1.5 million leadership challenge highlighted the evening. The challenge calls on friends and supporters to raise an additional $3 million in endowment, which if successful, could raise the total to $11.2 million.

Two gifts for athletic facilities, $1 million from Joe Taylor of Columbia, S.C. and $1 million from Jerry Richardson from Charlotte, N.C. were also announced at the celebration. The total amount of committed and potential funds announced for the support of Wofford Athletics is at least $13.2 million.

“The celebration honoring the career of this remarkable man was a very special evening,” said director of athletics Richard Johnson. “For those of us who know Mike, the best way to honor him is to provide him with endowed scholarships and facilities to take the program to the next level.”

“What's most remarkable and altogether typical of Mike Ayers is that he's not looking to negotiate a multi-million dollar contract for himself, replete with year-end bonuses and...
negotiate a multi-million dollar contract for himself, replete with year-end bonuses and buyout clauses,” said Dunlap. “The reward he’s hoping for is more scholarships and better facilities for his players. In that regard, he’s a throwback to the days of great selfless coaches like Knute Rocke, who also prepared their players for the game of life. He’s one of the finest teachers we’ve got.”

A $1.5 million challenge from Wofford College trustees Harold Chandler of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., Ed Wile of Atlanta, Ga., and local philanthropists Jimmy and Martha Gibbs was announced. Wofford has been challenged to raise $3 million for endowed athletic scholarships, which will be matched by the $1.5 million. A focal point of the challenge will be contributions to the Mike Ayers Endowed Scholarship Fund.
The leadership challenge is the first step toward the long-term goal of endowing all athletic scholarships at Wofford. Football will be the area of initial emphasis but all sports are to be included.

This approach is patterned after the Reeves Challenge issued by trustee Ed Reeves of Summit, N.J. to endow professorships for distinguished faculty at Wofford.

Wofford alumnus and South Carolina Secretary of Commerce Joe Taylor has donated $1 million for the Joe E. Taylor Athletic Center. The Taylor Center will feature a 7,000 square-foot strength and conditioning facility and offices for athletic department staff. It will be located next to Gibbs Stadium with its renovations to begin this summer. The strength and conditioning facility will provide all student-athletes at Wofford the opportunity to develop physically and competitively in athletics and in their careers beyond.

Carolina Panthers owner and Wofford alumnus Jerry Richardson has made a $1 million donation that will be used for enhancing the Richardson Physical Activities Building. Numerous improvements will be made to the complex to ensure that it is one of the most advanced athletic facilities in the nation. The project will begin in April and will be completed this summer prior to the start of the Carolina Panthers training camp.
Ben Widmyer returned to quarterback and scored on a 17-yard run. Later in the series, Dane Romero picked up another first down. Allen capped the drive with a 40-yard touchdown.

After the halftime break, Mitch Allen completed a first down pass to Andrew Young and Tommy Irvin and a sack by Mitch Clark. Patrick Mugan. However the defense was strong on the drive, with another interception up with a fumble recovery. But the offense got things moving, with a first down by Jeremy Marshall, a twenty-yard gain by Dane Romero and a first down reception by Fenn Allen. Mitch Allen took over at quarterback and the drive ended with a 35-yard field goal by Patrick Mugan. However the defense was strong on the drive, with another interception by Tommy Irvin and a sack by Mitch Clark.

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The Terriers were limited in personnel during the scrimmage. Ten players were either limited or held out of practice, including FB Arsenio Parks, HB Matthew Boggs, LB Keaton Thompson, LB David Babb, OL Ben Miller, OL Derek Wooten, WR Brian Mizelle, TE Johnson Richardson, TE Joseph Inman and DL John Starr.

Wofford has three remaining spring practice dates of the fifteen allowed by the NCAA, which will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Wofford Football Finishes Spring Practice

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford College football team completed the 15-day spring practice schedule on Wednesday with a short scrimmage at Gibbs Stadium. The team went through 60 plays in about 45 minutes.

“There were good plays and bad plays out there today,” said head coach Mike Ayers. “We were not quite as crisp as I would have liked us to be, but I think the numbers have affected what we could do.

“Overall this spring we have made progress but there is still a long ways to go. We could only have 15 practices, and we went all 15 which gives us a good feel for the team heading into the fall. There was a lot of give and take as the veterans did a good job and it took a while for the younger guys to get up to speed at times. As coaches and players we have improved from a knowledge standpoint. There were specific things we wanted to look at and address this spring and we have definitely helped ourselves in that area.”

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For the offense, Devin Reed had two first down completions from Mitch Allen. Gary Blount came up big again when he stopped a reverse in the backfield for a loss of five yards. Mike Rucker added a rushing first down, as did Jeremy Marshall.

With Ben Widmyer back under center, Dane Romero rushed for a 15-yard gain. Mitch Allen completed a 35-yard pass to Sean Lees for the longest play of the day. Mychael Johnson had the day’s first interception when he picked off a halfback pass in the endzone. Hunter
Hobson had the other interception for the defense when he grabbed a pass deep in the secondary. The defense ended the day with a combined tackle for loss by Layton Baker and Anthony Naylor.

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The Terriers will take part in the strength and conditioning program upon returning from spring break. The 2008 season begins on August 30 when Wofford hosts Presbyterian at Gibbs Stadium.
Monday, April 7, 2008

Wofford Football Adds Three Signings

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College football coach Mike Ayers announced on Monday the signings of three additional student-athletes to National Letters of Intent for the upcoming season. Joining the Terriers’ signing class are defensive back Trey Diller, defensive lineman Alex Goltry and defensive lineman Ameet Pall.

Diller, a 6-2, 198 pound defensive back, played for three seasons at The Woodlands College Park High School. In 2007, he earned first-team all-district and first team all-county honors at wide receiver and also earned first-team all-district honors as a return specialist. Overall he had 59 catches for 1,046 yards and 23 touchdowns, three punt return touchdowns, two interceptions and two sacks. He also averaged 31 yards per kickoff return and 18 yards per punt return. As a junior he was first-team all-district and first-team all-county as a wide receiver. He also runs track, competing in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays and the triple jump.

Goltry, a 6-1, 220 pound defensive lineman, played for Bearden High School in Knoxville, Tennessee. In 2007 he was named All-Region as an offensive lineman and a defensive tackle. He made 78 tackles - 31 for loss - and nine sacks in leading the Bulldogs to a district championship and the Class 5A state semifinals as a senior. In three seasons, he posted 129 tackles and 13 sacks.

Pall, a 5-11, 235 pound defensive lineman, played the last two seasons at Vanier College in Montreal, Quebec. In 2007, the team won their second straight Bol d’Or trophy, which goes to the champion of the CEGEP Triple-A football league. Pall was named MVP of the Bol d’Or in both 2006 and 2007 and also received all-league honors. He holds the school’s all-time and single season sack records. Vanier College also produced former Carolina Panther Tshimanga Biakabutuka.

Wofford has now signed a total of twenty student-athletes for the 2008 season. The 2007...
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Last season the Terriers were 9-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA FCS Playoffs. In 2008, they will open the season August 30 against Presbyterian College at Gibbs Stadium.

The eligibility of all student-athletes is contingent upon admission to Wofford College and compliance with all NCAA rules, including registration with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

**2008 Wofford Football Signees**

Brenton Bersin WR 6-4 195 Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Latin
TeVon Boards LB 5-11 201 Bowling Green, Ky./Warren Central High School
Zach Bobb DE 6-3 225 Marietta, Ga./Lassiter High School
Derek Boyce HB 5-10 190 Knoxville, Tenn./The Webb School
Kendall Bratcher CB 5-8 175 Greensboro, N.C./Northeast Guilford High School
Eric Breitenstein RB 5-11 212 Valle Crucis, N.C./Watauga High School
Ricco Braxton LB 6-4 210 Douglasville, Ga./The Lovett School
Calvin Cantrell OL 6-4 260 Dacula, Ga./Dacula High School
Trey Diller DB 6-2 198 The Woodlands, Texas/The Woodlands College Park
Eric Eberhardt DE 6-1 245 Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett High School
Lavadrick Farrar HB 6-0 185 Charlotte, N.C./Vance High School
Alex Goltry DE 6-1 220 Knoxville, Tenn./Bearden High School
Josef Grommer OL 6-5 265 Spartanburg, S.C./Spartanburg High School
Jake Miles OL 6-2 250 Charlottesville, Va./Monticello High School
J.J. Miller OL 6-2 275 Buford, Ga./Buford High School
Mike Niam LB 6-3 218 Hudson, Ohio/Hudson High School
Ameet Pall DE 5-11 235 Pierrefonds, Quebec/Vanier College
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Wofford Appalachian State Football Game To Air On ESPN2

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The football game between Wofford College and Appalachian State, originally scheduled for November 1, has been moved to Friday, October 31 to accommodate a live national broadcast on ESPN2. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. at ASU’s Kidd Brewer Stadium.

The contest pits the defending Southern Conference co-champions and is the first between the two teams since Appalachian had its 17-game winning streak snapped by Wofford, 42-31, last September 22 in Spartanburg, S.C. ASU rebounded from the loss to claim its third-straight NCAA Division I national championship, while Wofford earned the SoCon’s automatic postseason bid and advanced to the national quarterfinals.

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The Mountaineers and Terriers are among the Carolinas’ and SoCon’s winningest programs in this decade. Appalachian has the best record of any Division I institution in North or South Carolina at 79-27 (.745) and the best SoCon record of any conference member (46-14, .767) since the beginning of the 2000 season. Wofford ranks third overall in the Carolinas (62-32, .659) and fourth in the SoCon (39-21, .650) during the same stretch. This will mark the second time that Wofford football has appeared on ESPN2. The first appearance was on December 13, 2003 against Delaware in the national semifinals. The Terriers men’s basketball team faced Wisconsin on ESPN2 this past season as well. The Terriers will open the 2008 season on August 30, hosting Presbyterian College at 7:00 pm at Gibbs Stadium. For season ticket information, please call 854-597-4090.
Southern Conference Announces Television Schedule

SPARTANBURG, SC – The Southern Conference has announced the league television schedule that will air on SportSouth this fall. Wofford will be featured in three conference games, giving the Terriers a total of six televised games this season.

Wofford will appear on SportSouth against Chattanooga, at Elon and against The Citadel. All three SportSouth games will begin at 3:00 pm. In addition, the games at Wofford will appear on SportSouth against Appalachian State, three time defending NCAA Division I FCS national champions Appalachian State, three match-ups with Southern Conference co-champions Wofford, new SoCon member school Samford and a rivalry match-up between Georgia Southern and Furman on Saturday, November 15.

2008 Southern Conference Football Telecast Schedule on SportSouth

Saturday, October 4 – The Citadel @ Appalachian State – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, October 11 – Chattanooga @ Wofford – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, October 18 – Appalachian State @ Georgia Southern – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, October 25 – Wofford @ Elon – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, November 1 – Furman @ Samford – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, November 8 – The Citadel @ Wofford – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, November 15 – Georgia Southern @ Furman – 3 p.m. ET
Saturday, November 22 – Appalachian State @ Western Carolina – 3 p.m. ET
The Southern Conference includes 12 schools from five states – Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee – all of which fall within the SportSouth distribution area. League members include Appalachian State University, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Davidson College, Elon University, Furman University, Georgia Southern University, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Samford University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

FSN South, the nation’s largest regional sports network, reaches more than 12 million cable and satellite homes in seven states in the Southeast. SportSouth reaches more than nine million cable and satellite homes across a six-state region. Through its affiliates and other Fox Networks Group-owned networks, FSN reaches more than 70 million homes through 16 owned-and-operated networks. Headquartered in Los Angeles, FSN serves as the television home to more than half of all MLB, NHL and NBA teams based in the United States and produces close to 5,000 live local events each year, including more than 1,600 in high-definition.

Below is the updated Wofford schedule, with television outlets and game times. All dates and times are subject to change.

**2008 Wofford Football Schedule**

Aug. 30 PRESBYTERIAN 7:00 pm
Sept. 6 at Charleston Southern 1:30 pm
Sept. 13 OPEN
Sept. 20 at South Carolina TBA
Sept. 27 at Georgia Southern * 7:00 pm CSS
Oct. 4 OPEN
Oct. 11 CHATTANOOGA * (Homecoming) 3:00 pm SportSouth
Oct. 18 WESTERN CAROLINA * 1:30 pm
Oct. 25 at Elon * 3:00 pm SportSouth
Oct. 31 at Appalachian State * 8:00 pm ESPN2
Nov. 8 THE CITADEL * 3:00 pm SportSouth
Nov. 15 at Samford * TBA
Nov. 22 FURMAN * 12:00 pm CSS
* Southern Conference Games

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