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Men's soccer opens season with win over Longwood
August 31, 2007

FARMVILLE, Va. -- The Wofford men's soccer team opened its 2007 campaign with a 1-0 win at Longwood Friday evening in Farmville, Va. It marks the second-straight 1-0 victory against the Lancers to open a season, as the Terriers were victorious in Spartanburg, S.C., August 25, 2006.

Sophomore Moe Kelli netted his first career goal for the game's only score. His shot attempt, one of a team-high three, hit the post before finding the back of the net behind Longwood's (0-1) Bryan Youmans at 11:40.

Wofford's (1-0) starting lineup featured one freshman, Randy McLeod, while three others saw action during the match.

The Terriers also welcomed back keeper Joey Taylor, who played in the first four games last fall before being sidelined with a season-ending injury. The shutout was the fourth of his career, extending his school record for the Division I era (1995-present).

Wofford will next play Friday at 4 p.m. against Georgia State in Atlanta, Ga.
Wofford battles to scoreless draw with Georgia State  
September 7, 2007

ATLANTA -- The Wofford men's soccer team could not find the back of the net on 13 shots but the Terriers also kept the host Georgia State Panthers off the scoreboard as the two teams battled to a 0-0 tie Friday afternoon at the Panthersville Athletic Complex in Atlanta.

The Terriers had chances to score as seven of their 13 shots were on goal. Sophomore Yakov Rubinchik and freshman Armin Kinigadner beat Georgia State (0-1-1) defenders off the dribble, while junior Phil Beene and sophomore Moe Kelli paced Wofford with four shots apiece. Javon Carrington led the Panthers with four shots.

Wofford also had a 9-4 edge on corner kicks with five coming in the first 45 minutes. The second half saw the Terriers mount a flurry of shots with nine of their 13 attempted in the second half.

Junior Joey Taylor gathered four saves in his second-straight shutout to open the season, while Filipe Carvalho stopped six Wofford (1-0-1) shots for the shutout.

The Terriers will open their home slate with a 6 p.m. Sunday match against High Point at Snyder Field.
Taylor, Rubinchik keep Terriers perfect through three games
September 9, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford duo of junior goalkeeper Joey Taylor and sophomore forward Yakov Rubinchik were the deciding factors Sunday evening as they helped lead the Terriers to a 1-0 triumph over High Point in non-conference men's soccer action at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

Taylor, who missed much of last season due to an arm injury, remained unscored upon in 2007 by pitching his third-straight shutout to start the season. He collected three saves against the Panthers to set a school single-season Division I era (1995-present) record for shutouts. His three blankings on the campaign are the most by a Wofford (2-0-1) goalie since Will King also had three during the 1993 season.

Rubinchik scored the game's only goal at 52:24. Following a free kick by teammate Armin Kinigadner, which found the head of a streaking Nick Schuemann only to hit the back post, High Point (0-3-1) attempted to clear the ball out of its own penalty box. The clear, however, was intercepted by Rubinchik, who then proceeded to fire it back into the left side of the net.

The Terriers had numerous other chances to put more points on the board in what resulted in a 14-8 shot advantage. Kinigadner had the game's first chance when he sent a shot just wide six minutes in, while senior Kyle Walker sailed an attempt just high over the left corner with 2:10 remaining before halftime.

In the second half, junior Phil Beene also sent a shot wide at 41:30, while freshman Kentrel Owens was stopped point-blank by Panther goalkeeper Adam Ross seven-and-a-half minutes into the second period.

High Point, however, had a few chances itself, including a Josh Windley shot off the crossbar after he eluded the Wofford defense with just over 20 minutes to play in the opening stanza. He also sent a header high with 11:30 passed in the second half before Matt Tuttle placed a free kick just high from 25 yards out later in the session.

The Panthers continued their offensive attack and pushed for another opportunity to score late, but the Terrier defense stood firm and preserved the shutout.

Wofford was led by two shots each from Schuemann, Beene, Kinigadner, Owens and sophomore Moe Kelli. Tuttle paced High Point with three shots off the bench.

The Terriers will next travel to Columbia, S.C., for a 7 p.m. Tuesday meeting with South Carolina before returning home this weekend to host the Wofford/adidas Invitational and welcoming Furman, UNC Asheville and Robert Morris to Snyder Field.
Men's soccer match with UNC Asheville postponed
September 14, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford-UNC Asheville men's soccer match, as part of the Wofford/adidas Invitational, has been postponed due to a series of lightning strikes occurring in the Upstate area Friday night.

The Terriers and Bulldogs began play at 6 p.m. only to have the first halt called at 10:53 of the first half. Following a near-40 minute delay, the game resumed and then was postponed again nearly 10 minutes later. With a variety of lightning strikes continuing and the game not able to be resumed by the NCAA-imposed 9 p.m. deadline, the game was called by officials, coaches and support staff of both teams.

Furman garnered a 1-0 victory in the earlier match Friday against Robert Morris. Despite the Paladins dominating much of the offensive attack, including holding a 25-11 shot edge, it was not until 68:24 when Furman put the only tally on the scoreboard. Dane Roberts fired an initial shot, which was saved by the Colonial defense right to a wide-open Haris Cekic for the goal.

The Paladins continued to put pressure on the Robert Morris cage despite playing a man down following a red-card situation with just over 18 minutes to play in regulation.

The Wofford/adidas Invitational will continue Sunday at Snyder Field with Wofford hosting Robert Morris in the first match at 1 p.m. Furman and UNC Asheville are set to square off at 3:30 p.m.

The Terriers and Bulldogs have announced they have set a make-up date for tonight's rainout at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15.
Last minute goal pushes Robert Morris past Wofford
September 16, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A goal with under a minute remaining in regulation was the deciding factor as visiting Robert Morris topped Wofford, 2-1, Sunday afternoon in the first match of the day as part of the Wofford/adidas Invitational at Snyder Field.

The Terriers had held much of the possession in the second half but it was a late foul that set up the winning goal for the Colonials. Wofford (2-2-1) was whistled for an infraction 25 yards from its own goal. As the clock continued to tick, it was stopped with :20 seconds left to allow Robert Morris the opportunity.

On the ensuing kick, Jacek Przednowek placed the ball in the upper left corner with :17 seconds showing to give the visitors the victory.

Wofford battled back from a one-goal deficit to knot the score at 1-1 early in the second half. Goalkeeper Joey Taylor punted the ball to midfield, where it was corralled by Armin Kinigadner. Kinigader found fellow freshman Kentrel Owens slipping behind the Colonial defense, who then placed it just inside the net at 46:42.

Przednowek had given Robert Morris (5-2) a 1-0 advantage heading into halftime. He was on the receiving end of a long punt by his goalkeeper, Matt Felice, and then at a difficult angle, slipped it near side past Taylor at 34:34.

The Terriers were led by four shots from senior Kyle Walker, while Przednowek's three attempts paced the Colonials.

Wofford will look to rebound at its second-straight tournament next weekend when it travels to Orlando, Fla., for the UCF Tournament. The Terriers will face Stetson in their first contest at 5 p.m. Friday before tangling with host UCF at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

In the tournament's other Sunday match, No. 22 Furman captured the team title by defeating UNC Asheville, 5-0, behind a pair of goals from Haris Cekic. Eliot Paschalis had two assists for the Paladins, who have a 6-0 start to the season and an identical record in their play at the Wofford/adidas Invitational.
Schuermann, Owens represent Wofford on all-tournament team
September 16, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Sophomore Nick Schuermann and freshman Kentrel Owens were the Wofford representatives on the all-tournament team following the Wofford/adidas Invitational this weekend in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers finished the event 0-1 after dropping a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Robert Morris Sunday. The Wofford-UNC Asheville match slated for Friday night was postponed due to lightning.

Schuermann's all-tournament honor is the second of his career following a place on the squad at the 2006 Broyhill Inn & Suites Conference Center Appalachian Classic in Boone, N.C.

Owens, who scored the Terriers’ only goal of the event, garnered his first all-tournament selection.

Tournament champion Furman had six players receive honors. Haris Cekic was the Offensive MVP, while the Defensive MVP went to the Paladins’ Bryan Amos. Other Furman players on the all-tournament team included Takato Ban, Shea Salinas, Chris Davis and Pat White.

2007 Wofford/adidas Invitational All-Tournament Team:
Offensive MVP - Haris Cekic (Furman)
Defensive MVP - Bryan Amos (Furman)
Kentrel Owens, Wofford
Nick Schuermann, Wofford
Takato Ban, Furman
Chris Davis, Furman
Shea Salinas, Furman
Pat White, Furman
Dwayne Chin, Robert Morris
Matt Felice, Robert Morris
Jacek Przednowek, Robert Morris
Ryan Haupt, UNC Asheville
Alex Morrow, UNC Asheville
Terriers drop UCF Invitational opener to Stetson
September 21, 2007

ORLANDO, Fla. -- The Wofford men's soccer team opened play Friday in the UCF Invitational with a 3-1 defeat against Stetson in Orlando, Fla., at the UCF Soccer Complex.

The Terriers claimed the early 1-0 lead when Kyle Walker sent a cross inside the penalty box to Moe Kelli, who then found the back of the net at 20:44. The score would hold up as Wofford (2-3-1) entered halftime with the lead.

Stetson (4-2) then would overtake the Terriers with a pair of goals just over a minute a part to take the lead and eventual victory. The Hatters' first tally came at 60:49 when Tanner Wolfe nailed a rebound past Wofford keeper Joey Taylor. Just a short time later, Griffin Gilstrap sent a corner kick into the box, which found Eugene Starikov for the go-ahead score.

The home-state team kept the pressure on the Terrier defense and struck again when a strike via the foot of Kirk Labush nicked the underside of the crossbar only to fall over the goal line for the final tally.

Both teams will resume play in the tournament Sunday. Wofford will face host UCF at 2:30 p.m. following the College of Charleston-Stetson match slated for Noon.
Late goal sends UCF past Wofford
September 23, 2007

ORLANDO, Fla. -- A goal with just under five-and-a-half minutes was the deciding factor as host UCF knocked off Wofford, 2-1, in men's soccer action at the UCF Fall Classic Sunday afternoon in Orlando, Fla.

For the second-straight game, the Terriers headed into the lockerroom at halftime ahead 1-0. Freshman Armin Kinigadner sent a free kick into the net behind Golden Knight goalkeeper Sean Johnson for the game's first score at 43:46.

UCF (4-3-1) then rallied for a pair of goals in the second frame to claim the victory. Chris Andaur sent a serve towards Matt Luzunaris, who used his head to push it past Wofford (2-4-1) goalie Joey Taylor for the equalizer at 63:54.

The Golden Knights continued to dominate the offensive attack in the second half, outshooting the Terriers by a 16-2 margin. However, it was Ryan Roushandel's score at 84:37 following a James Georgeff assist as he was streaking inside the penalty box that provided the final score.

Overall, UCF outshot Wofford 22-10 and held a 9-5 edge on corner kicks.

Senior Kyle Walker paced the Terriers with three shots, while Roughandel led all players with seven.

Wofford will next open Southern Conference play with a pair of road matches, beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday in Statesboro, Ga., against Georgia Southern.
Thursday, September 27, 2007
Men’s Soccer Downed 6-2 at Georgia Southern

STATESBORO, Ga. – The Wofford College men’s soccer team was defeated 6-2 on Thursday night by Georgia Southern. It was the first Southern Conference game of the season for both teams. Kentrel Owens and Wilson Hood scored for Wofford. The Terriers are 2-5-1 on the season for both teams. Kentrel Owens and Wilson Hood scored for Wofford. The Terriers

The Eagles scored the opening goal of the season.

4-1 lead.

At 58:54, Danny Hall crossed a pass into the air where Austin Steele was waiting eight yards out to make the one-touch header. The goal gave the Eagles a 5-1 advantage.
As evidenced by eight shots in the second half, the Terriers continued to attack, and in the 74th minute, Wofford’s Wilson Hood created an open spot for himself and fired a rocket 25 yards out for Wofford’s second goal.

The Eagles added an insurance goal at 87:57 after Luigi Clendening dribbled past the Wofford defense and fired a winner from 18 yards out.

Wofford edged the Eagles in total shots, 14-12, while holding a 9-4 advantage in corner kicks.

For the Terriers, goalie Joey Taylor had four saves and six goals against. Georgia Southern goalie Josh Veal had four saves and two goals against. Yellow cards were issued to Georgia Southern’s Austin Steele, Jarryd Nolette and Sean Sandoval. The Eagles had nine offsides, while Wofford had only four.
The Terriers will wrap-up a four game road trip on October 3 when they face Appalachian State at 3:30 pm.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)
Georgia Southern Men’s Soccer 2007
Wofford vs Georgia Southern (Sep 27, 2007 at Statesboro, Ga.)

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| 4       | Mark Beville | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5       | Daniel Smith | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6       | Austin Steele | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 7       | Sean Sandoval | - | - | - | - |
| 8       | Matt Crowell | 1 | 1 | - | - |
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**Cautions and ejections:**

YC-GSU #14 (63:17); YC-GSU #25 (71:13); YC-GSU #15 (85:56)

Officials: Referee: David Mock; Asst. Referee: Joe LeBlanc; Michael Lowry;
Timekeeper: Brenton McCleary; Scorer: Amanda Livingston;
Offsides: Wofford 4, Georgia Southern 9.
Terriers allow two by Livingston in loss to Mountaineers
October 3, 2007

BOONE, N.C. -- Two goals less than a minute apart was all host Appalachian State needed to earn a 2-0 victory against visiting Wofford in Southern Conference men's soccer action Wednesday afternoon at the ASU Soccer Stadium in Boone, N.C.

The two teams entered the half deadlocked at 0-0 with the Terriers nearly matching the NSCAA/adidas South region-ranked Mountaineers in shots, only trailing 9-7 at the break. However, Appalachian State (6-2-2, 2-0 SoCon) would score twice in the second frame for the difference.

Michael Walters sent a corner kick to the near post, where the ball found the head of McCoy Livingston who pushed it past the Wofford (2-6-1, 0-2 SoCon) defense for the game's first tally at 73:07.

Less than a minute later, at 73:48, the pair connected again. Once again, Livingston used his head to put the ball into the net, this time from six yards out, following a Walters free kick.

Freshman Wilson Hood paced the Terriers with four shots, three on goal. Sean Sassano led all players with seven attempts.

Greg Walters collected five saves in net for the Mountaineers for the shutout, while Joey Taylor gathered seven stops in the cage for Wofford.

The Terriers will return to Snyder Field for their next match, a 6 p.m. Saturday meeting with perennial league power UNC Greensboro.
Spartans score twice in each half to defeat Terriers
October 6, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A pair of goals in each half was enough as visiting UNC Greensboro earned a 4-0 Southern Conference men's soccer victory Saturday evening against Wofford at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The three-time defending league regular-season champion Spartans spent no time putting their first tally on the board. Travis Young sent a long pass down the right flank to Thomas Campbell, who then sent a cross in front of the goal to a waiting Tebatso Manyama for the game's first score at 1:11.

The visitors' second mark on the scoreboard came at 8:49. Young fired an initial shot, which deflected off a Terrier defender right to Manyama who then put in the rebound.

Manyama was at it again with Campbell on the third UNCG (5-4-2, 1-2 SoCon) goal. He sent a cross to Campbell, who stalled for a few seconds, freezing the Wofford defense before putting the ball past goalkeeper Joey Taylor at 56:01.

The final score was also recorded by Campbell. Another ricochet, this time on a Tim Masters shot which hit the left post, found Campbell's feet and then the back of the net at 71:22.

The Terriers' best chance to score came with 13 minutes left in the first half. Sophomore Branson Hyatt nearly poked one into the near post on the left flank but his shot to the upper left corner was juggled by goalie Nate Berry.

Campbell finished with a game-high seven shots, including five on goal. Freshman Kentrel Owens paced Wofford (2-7-1, 0-3 SoCon) with three shots.

Berry tallied two saves in playing the full 90 minutes for the shutout. Taylor collected six saves before giving way to sophomore Thomas Hunter for the final 10:43. Hunter stopped one Spartan attempt.

All players available for both teams saw action, including the first collegiate playing time for Terrier freshman Scott Redding.

Wofford will return to the field when it travels to Greenville, S.C., for a 6 p.m. Tuesday meeting with Furman.
Wofford battles hard but loses at No. 17 Furman  
October 9, 2007

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- The Wofford men's soccer team surrendered an early goal but continued to battle before dropping a 1-0 decision at No. 17 Furman Tuesday evening in Southern Conference action at Eugene Stone III Stadium in Greenville, S.C.

The Paladins netted their only goal at 5:28 when Shea Salinas and Patrick Murray assisted on Brooks Duff's seventh goal of the campaign. It would prove to be the deciding factor as Wofford (2-8-1, 0-4 SoCon) shut down the nation’s top scoring offense, which averaged 3.09 goals per game entering the contest.

Furman (11-1, 4-0 SoCon), which also boasts the top defense in the country with a 0.36 goals against average entering the match and has surrendered only four goals all season, withstood a Terrier offensive which sent nine shots towards the net, including three consecutive shots wide to end the first half.

Wofford continued to get solid offensive chances in the second stanza, including a header by junior Haskins Howerton which was blocked at the 53:18 mark. Another shot eight minutes later by sophomore Philips Leach was stymied by the Paladin defense.

The Terriers will return to action at 6 p.m. Monday when they host UNC Asheville in a rescheduled contest from the rainout Sept. 14 as part of the Wofford/adidas Invitational.
SPARTANBURG, SC – The Wofford College men’s soccer team picked up a 1-0 shutout win over UNC Asheville on Monday night. The Terriers had a goal by Andrew Eppelsheimer and Joey Taylor had three saves in the shutout. Wofford is 3-8-1 overall and UNC Asheville is 2-9-1 overall.

In the first half, the play was even. The Terrier’s first shot was by Moe Kelli, but it was saved by UNC Asheville’s Phillip Horner. Wofford’s James Fogartie had a header that was saved at the 28 minute mark, while three minutes later UNC Asheville’s Ryan Haupt hit the left post with a shot.

Wofford came out strong in the second half, getting three solids chances in the first five minutes of play. The shots included a ball wide to the right by Moe Kelli and a header that went wide by Armin Kinigadner.

At the 72:07 mark, the stalemate was broken when Armin Kinigadner crossed the ball into the box and Andrew Eppelsheimer put it in the right corner for the goal. It was the first collegiate goal for the freshman.

As time wound down in the second half, the Bulldogs had a shot by Ryan Haupt go wide. UNC Asheville was unable to connect on several strong crosses in the final three minutes.

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Wofford had a thirteen-to-nine lead on shots. UNC Asheville had five corner kicks, all in the second half. The Bulldogs were called for two offsides.

For the Terriers, goalie Joey Taylor had three saves and recorded his sixth career shutout and third this season. Bulldog’s goalie Phillip Horner had six saves and one goal against. The game was a make-up game for a contest postponed on September 14 due to lightning. The Terriers will remain at home for a contest on Wednesday, October 17 when they host VMI at 6:00 pm.

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UNC Asheville vs Wofford (Oct 15, 2007 at Spartanburg, S.C.)

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Officials: Referee: Roni Canales; Asst. Referee: Kenneth Ayers; Alan Correa;
Score: Wofford Sports Info;
Offsides: UNC Asheville 2, Wofford 0.
Taylor's efforts on both ends of field helps Terriers to victory

October 17, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A three-save shutout and the first career goal by Wofford junior goalkeeper Joey Taylor helped the Terriers garner a 3-0 non-conference men's soccer victory Wednesday evening over former Southern Conference foe VMI at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The triumph was Wofford's second straight over a Big South opponent following Monday's 1-0 win against UNC Asheville.

Senior Reed Blair started the scoring in the first half with his first of the season at 19:58. Freshman Kentrel Owens fed a through-ball to Blair, who beat the Keydet defense to the left side before sending his shot back across the goal mouth past VMI (5-6-2) goalie Brian Sowell.

Taylor then capitalized on his opportunity to net his first career score. Following a Wofford (4-8-2) corner kick, a Keydet defender was whistled for a foul inside the 18-yard box. Taylor trotted down field and lined up against his counterpart, Sowell, for the penalty kick situation. He placed the ball in the lower right-hand corner and gave the host Terriers a 2-0 advantage at 72:07.

The final Wofford goal came at 78:54 when freshman Wilson Hood sent a long throw-in from the right sideline into the six-yard box. Junior Callum Easter headed the ball off the ground and bounced it past Sowell for his first score of the campaign.

In a game that was very physical and featured a total of six yellow cards, the Terriers held a 16-6 edge on shots with junior Haskins Howerton and first-year Armin Kinigadner each tallying three to lead all players. Barrett Luxhoj attempted a pair to pace the Keydets.

Taylor finished with three saves for his fifth shutout of the season, moving him within one of Mark Buskirk's single-season Wofford record of six set in 1979. Taylor now has eight career blankings, five shy of Will King (1990-93) all-time mark of 13.

Sowell collected four saves in net before being relieved for the final 7:57 by Steve Phillips. Phillips stopped one Terrier shot while in the cage.

Wofford will return to action at 6 p.m. Saturday when it resumes Southern Conference play against Elon at Snyder Field as part of Family Weekend festivities on campus.
Terriers fall at home to Phoenix
October 20, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford men's soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to visiting Elon Saturday evening in Southern Conference action at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Phoenix capitalized in the second half when Aaron Parker sliced through the Wofford (4-9-1, 0-5 SoCon) defense before feeding Daniel Street along the left flank. Street then found a wide-open Justin Wyatt standing at the far post and Wyatt used his chest to redirect the pass and score the game winner at 52:14.

Freshman Armin Kinigander netted his second goal of the season at 38:37 when he received passes from senior Kyle Walker and classmate Kentrel Owens before firing his shot to the lower left corner past Phoenix goalkeeper Clint Irwin to knot the score at 1-1.

Elon (7-3-4, 4-1 SoCon) had taken an early lead, at 7:27, when Stephen Miller found the back of the net on a crossing pass he received from Andrew Johnson, who was fed the ball by Alex Barake. Barake nearly put the Phoenix on top early in the second half, but his hard attempt was tipped high by a leaping Joey Taylor. On the ensuing corner kick, Street sent a bending ball near the net, which was saved off the line by a Terrier defense.

The visitors tallied their next score of the game at 70:06 when Brett Paschall found the back of the net from 20 yards out after receiving the ball on an attempted punch-out clearing by Taylor following an Elon corner kick. Paschall then added his second with 13:48 remaining, at 76:12, on a Penalty Kick following a Terrier foul inside the 18-yard box.

The Phoenix finished with a 15-6 advantage on shots and a 13-1 edge on corner kicks.

Wofford will resume its home schedule with a 6 p.m. Tuesday meeting against College of Charleston to conclude a four-match homestand.
Two second-half goals push Cougars over Terriers
October 23, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A pair of goals in the second half, following a scoreless opening 45 minutes, gave visiting College of Charleston a 2-0 victory against Wofford in Southern Conference men's soccer action Tuesday evening at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Terriers employed an offensive attack in the first half which kept the Cougars off-balance, as the defenders and goalkeeper would often times send the ball deep into the CofC zone for the forwards to run onto it. The strategy paid off in the opening frame as Wofford (4-10-1, 0-6 SoCon) outshot Charleston, 8-7, entering the half. Freshmen Armin Kinigadner and Kentrel Owens, and sophomore Philips Leach each had chances to put the Terriers on the board.

In the second stanza, College of Charleston (9-4-1, 3-1 SoCon) tacked the first mark on the scoreboard at 60:45 when Matt Morris crossed the ball to Kareem Yearwood on the left side of the 18-yard box. Yearwood kept the ball to the near post on his shot past Wofford goalkeeper Joey Taylor.

The Cougars then added another tally at 77:54 when Zach Prince found Wes Knight in the right corner. Knight then crossed to Drew Fuzy, who slipped the ball past Taylor for the game's final score.

Junior Phil Beene had a couple chances to put the Terriers on the board in the second half, including a shot barely missing the left post, but he could not capitalize.

Wofford will return to action with a 1 p.m. Saturday match at Davidson in Davidson, N.C. The contest will conclude the Terriers' regular-season road slate and also their Southern Conference schedule.
Terriers conclude SoCon play with overtime loss to Wildcats
October 27, 2007

DAVIDSON, N.C. -- Wofford jumped out to a 1-0 lead but could not hold off host Davidson as the Wildcats rallied for a 2-1 overtime victory in Southern Conference men's soccer action Saturday afternoon at Alumni Stadium in Davidson, N.C.

The Terriers, playing in their final Southern Conference and road match of the season, put the first mark on the scoreboard at 59:41 when junior Callum Easter forced a turnover, then beat a couple Davidson (4-10-1, 2-3-1 SoCon) defenders before placing the ball high into the net behind Matt McElroy. It was his second goal of the season.

The Wildcats then scored the equalizer as Tom Lavan one-touched a cross from Aaron West at 76:20. Both teams had various other chances to add to their score but the teams ended regulation deadlocked.

As the clock ticked under a minute remaining in the first overtime frame, West sent a corner kick to the near post. His attempt hit off the head of a Wofford (4-11-1, 0-7 SoCon) defender, who was attempting to clear the ball, but instead it trickled into the net for an own goal and a Davidson triumph at 99:22.

Lavan led all players with four shots, while freshman Kentrel Owens paced the Terriers with three.

Wofford will return to Snyder Field for a three-game homestand to conclude the regular season. The Terriers begin the trio of non-conference matches at 6 p.m. Friday against Lipscomb as part of the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge.
Kinigadner leads Terriers past Bisons Friday 
November 2, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Freshman Armin Kinigadner netted one-half of Wofford's goals and tacked on an assist in leading the Terriers to a 4-1 non-conference men's soccer victory over Lipscomb Friday evening at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The match was the first for both teams as part of the weekend's South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge.

Kinigadner struck twice within a four-minute span during the first half to give Wofford (5-11-1) a two-goal edge at halftime. Classmate Kentrel Owens was standing near the end line on the left side of the Bisons goal when he fed junior Callum Easter 12-yards out. Easter then one-touched the pass over to Kinigadner and the Simpsonville, S.C., native buried the ball past Lipscomb (5-10-3) goalkeeper Jake Goergen at 26:09 for the game's first score.

Just a short time later, at 29:44, senior Kyle Walker took a shot that was saved by a diving Goergen, but the deflection fell right at Kinigadner's feet and he placed it in the back of the net for his team-high tying fourth of the campaign.

The Bisons then cut the margin to one as Kevin Terry fed Ben Page, who then sliced the ball off the left post behind Wofford goalie Joey Taylor at 47:17.

The Terriers would then counter at 58:20 as another deflection off Goergen's hands proved to enable them another mark on the scoreboard. Easter ripped a shot, which trickled to senior Kyle Walker standing near the left post. Walker corralled the ricochet and added to Wofford's total.

Freshman Kentrel Owens would then match Kinigadner for the team lead in season goals with four but not before being set up by his classmate. Kinigadner dished the ball to Owens for a low shot off the left post for the final tally of the contest at 86:37.

The Terriers outshot the Bisons, 15-10, in a very physical game featuring a total of four cards. Kinigadner led all players with six shots, while Page paced Lipscomb with five attempts.

The four goals Wofford scored are the most in the Matt Kern era (since 2002) and match the effort the 2001 Terriers registered in a pair of games. The last four-goal game came in a 5-4 loss at Davidson November 7, 2001. Wofford also posted four goals in a double-overtime 4-3 victory over The Citadel October 24, 2001.

This weekend marks play for the Terriers, Lipscomb, Belmont and Furman in the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge. In the other Friday matchup, Belmont upset No. 16 Furman, 2-1, in overtime in Greenville, S.C.

Wofford will next welcome Belmont to Snyder Field for a 2 p.m. Sunday match. The Bisons travel to Furman Sunday for the other contest in the tournament.

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Taylor leads Wofford past Belmont
November 4, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Junior goalkeeper Joey Taylor had a solid outing on both ends of the field for the second time this season in leading the Wofford men's soccer team to a 1-0 Senior Day victory Sunday afternoon over Belmont and giving the Terriers the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge tournament title. Wofford clinched the team crown after also defeating Lipscomb Friday.

Taylor registered seven saves in net for his sixth shutout of the season, tying the all-time Terrier single-season record. He matched the record set by Mark Buskirk in 1979, the program's fifth campaign of playing intercollegiate soccer. Taylor also increases his career mark to nine, moving within four of Will King (1990-93) for the school career record of 13.

The game’s only goal also came courtesy of Taylor. After Wofford (6-11-1) freshman Wilson Hood drew a foul inside the 18-yard box, Taylor lined up for the Penalty Kick. He sent his shot past Belmont (7-9-2) goalie Ron Gravely to the right-side netting at 67:09 for his second career goal. Taylor also scored on a PK situation in the Terriers’ 3-0 triumph over VMI Oct. 17, 2007.

Freshman Kentrel Owens led all players with three shots, including a point-blank attempt which was saved by Gravely near the right post. The Bruins were led by Navarda Heath and Justin Mooneyhan with two attempts apiece.

Wofford’s six wins this season are the most since it also collected six under head coach John Blair during the 1996 campaign, the program’s second season playing at the NCAA Division I level.

Prior to the start of the game, the Terriers honored the on and off the field accomplishments of this year’s senior class: Reed Blair, James Fogartie and Kyle Walker who are winding down their careers in a Wofford uniform.

An all-tournament team and offensive and defensive MVPs will be announced Monday.

The Terriers will conclude regular-season competition with a 6 p.m. Wednesday match against Birmingham-Southern at Snyder Field. Wofford will then compete in the Southern Conference Tournament.
Kinigadner named Offensive MVP; four Terriers garner all-tournament accolades
November 5, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford freshman Armin Kinigadner was named the Offensive MVP and Belmont's Eric Susewind was tabbed the Defensive MVP following the conclusion of play at the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge as voted upon by the four head coaches in the tournament. Furman and Lipscomb also participated in the four-game field, which featured a pair of games at Wofford's Snyder Field and two more at Furman's Stone Stadium.

Kinigadner netted two first half goals in the Terriers' 4-1 victory over Lipscomb Friday night, which began a perfect weekend for Wofford resulting in the tournament title. The Terriers also picked up a 1-0 win Sunday afternoon against Belmont.

In action played in Greenville, Belmont defeated host Furman 2-1 in overtime before the Paladins responded with a 3-1 triumph against Lipscomb Sunday.

Teammates Joey Taylor, Kentrel Owens, Kyle Walker and Callum Easter joined Kinigadner in receiving honors for the tournament.

Cy Eaton, Jay Ayres and Mete Ozkan represented Belmont on the all-tournament team.

Furman also had three selections and its honorees included Jon Leathers, Harris Cekic and Chris Davis.

Lipscomb's Ben Page and Angel Chairez rounded out the all-tournament squad.

2007 South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge all-tournament team:
Callum Easter, Wofford
Kentrel Owens, Wofford
Joey Taylor, Wofford
Kyle Walker, Wofford
Jay Ayres, Belmont
Cy Eaton, Belmont
Mete Ozkan, Belmont
Harris Cekic, Furman
Chris Davis, Furman
Jon Leathers, Furman
Angel Chairez, Lipscomb
Ben Page, Lipscomb

Offensive MVP - Armin Kinigadner, Wofford
Defensive MVP - Eric Susewind, Belmont

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Taylor collects SoCon Player of the Week accolade
November 6, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford junior goalkeeper Joey Taylor has been recognized as the Nov. 6, 2007, Southern Conference Player of the Week it was announced by the league office.

Taylor had 11 saves, a shutout and also scored a goal in leading the Terriers to a 2-0 record during the week as they captured the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge tournament title.

He began his solid play Friday with seven saves against Lipscomb in Wofford's 4-1 victory. Then, in Sunday's match versus Belmont, he posted four saves and added his second career goal -- and second of the season -- on a Penalty Kick which sealed the Terriers' 1-0 triumph and tournament crown.

Taylor, a Spring, Texas, native, was one of four Wofford players on the all-tournament team. He has tied Mark Buskirk's 1979 single-season school record with six shutouts entering Wednesday's regular-season finale.

He joins Joel Kozak as the only Terriers in program history to receive Southern Conference Player of the Week honors. Kozak earned the award Nov. 3, 2003, after tallying a pair of goals against Elon.

Wofford will conclude its regular season with a 6 p.m. Wednesday match-up against Birmingham-Southern at Snyder Field.

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Walker nets hat trick as Terriers close regular season with win
November 7, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Senior Kyle Walker scored the first hat trick in Wofford's Division I era as he led the Terriers to a 5-1 victory in the regular-season finale Wednesday night at Snyder Field.

Walker, who had not scored a goal in his career until the second half of Friday's 4-1 triumph over Lipscomb as part of the South Carolina/Tennessee Challenge, found the back of the net three times becoming the first Wofford (7-11-1) player since Jody Redmond to tally three goals in one game. Redmond scored three at Limestone Oct. 26, 1994 during a season in which he registered 10 goals.

The Inman, S.C., native put the Terriers on top 1-0 at 10:06 after receiving a pass from junior Callum Easter. Easter took an initial shot eight yards from net, which was deflected right back to him and he then one-timed a feed to Walker, who was standing wide-open in front of the cage.

Easter also factored into Wofford's next score when he sent a long through ball from the right side to a streaking Phil Beene. Beene never broke stride and buried the ball past Panther goalkeeper Joe Nasco near the left post at 15:30.

Freshman Kentrel Owens would then tally his team-leading fifth of the season just after halftime, at 46:54, when he corralled his own shot on a defender deflection from 12 yards out.

The only blemish on goalkeeper Joey Taylor's night came at 48:09. Gino Cozzolino converted a Birmingham-Southern (10-10) Penalty Kick following a Terrier foul inside the 18-yard box. Taylor finished with two saves while playing 80:33 before giving way to back-up Thomas Hunter for the final 9:27. Hunter proceeded to not record a save in his second game action of the season.

Walker then returned to the scoreboard five minutes later. Freshman Armin Kinigadner sent a corner kick from the right side to the top of the 18-yard box, which Walker ran up on and his sliding attempt pushed the ball into the net at 53:16.

He then tacked on the game's final score to cap his hat trick efforts, heading in a cross from Owens at 78:10.

The Terriers out-shot the Panthers, 19-14, and held a slim 3-2 edge on corner kicks.

Wofford will next play in the Southern Conference Tournament quarterfinal round at 6 p.m. Saturday when it faces nationally-ranked and top-seed Furman at the Paladins' Stone Stadium in Greenville, S.C.
Prior to joining the Terriers, he spent twelve seasons as the head coach at the University of great students, players and people. The spirit and

“I am proud of the fact that the 2007 men’s soccer team set the record for wins in a season in Wofford’s NCAA era, and I believe the next head coach will be able to elevate the program to even greater success,” said Kern. “While it was extremely difficult to tell the players and parents of my resignation, I am confident that the Wofford men’s soccer team currently has great students, players and people. The spirit and leadership in the group is outstanding, and I wish them all the happiness and success they deserve.”
Prior to joining the Terriers, he spent twelve seasons as the head coach at the University of the South (Sewanee). While there, his teams posted a 126-92-11 record, including a 15-3 mark in his final season.
Wofford College will begin a national search for a replacement immediately.
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Wofford Names Ralph Polson Men’s Soccer Head Coach

SPARTANBURG, SC – Wofford College has named Ralph Polson as head men’s soccer coach. Polson joins the Terriers after eight seasons as associate head coach at the College of Charleston and seventeen seasons as head coach at Presbyterian College.

“We are pleased to have Ralph Polson as head coach of the men’s soccer program at Wofford College,” said Director of Athletics Richard Johnson. “The pool of applicants for the position was incredibly strong. Ralph brings a wealth of experience to the position and is very familiar with the Southern Conference. We hope to build on the progress made this past season by the team in the near future.”

In the last eight seasons at the College of Charleston, the Cougars reached the Southern Conference semifinals five times and the finals twice. In 2004, the Cougars won the Southern Conference Championship and appeared in the NCAA Tournament. They defeated South Carolina 3-2 in the first round before falling to UNC Greensboro. Polson coached nine All-Southern Conference first-team players while at College of Charleston who earned twelve honors. Overall, the Cougars were 89-59-14 in his eight seasons, which included seven winning campaigns.

“I am very excited to be joining the staff at Wofford,” said Ralph Polson. “The men’s soccer program has tremendous potential and I am pleased to have been chosen to lead the team. The student-athletes have a real desire to improve and win, and we will be committed to do all that we can to become a successful program.”

He began his coaching career at Erskine College as an assistant coach. Polson was named head coach at Presbyterian College in 1983. In his seventeen years at Presbyterian, he posted a 196-104-26 overall record and had fifteen non-losing seasons. He was named NAIA District 6 Coach of the Year in 1986 and 1988. In 1992 and 1996 he earned South Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year honors. Presbyterian won the South Atlantic Conference Tournament in 1991, 1993, 1995 and 1996. In 1995, the Blue Hose participated in the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in school history.

Polson holds a USSF A license and has been a member of the USYSA Region III Olympic Development Program coaching staff since 1983. He is a staff coach for the SCYSA State Select Team Program and also works as a coach for the Bridge Futbol Alliance. Since 1992, he has served as the assistant director of the Ralph Lundy Soccer Academy. He has served as a member of the NSCAA Senior Recognition Committee and served as the NCAA Division II Representative to the NCSAA. Since 2001, he has been NSCAA Division I All-America Committee National Chairman and South Region Chairman. He is also treasurer of the Walt Chyzowych Memorial Fund.

Polson is a 1980 graduate of Erskine College. He was a member of the 1977 men’s soccer team at Erskine that reached the NAIA national semifinals. Polson and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Megan, and son, Ralph.

TRANSACTION: Wofford hires Ralph Polson as men’s soccer head coach.
Polson tabbed NSCAA Secretary
April 3, 2008

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- The National Soccer Coaches Association of America recently elected Wofford head men's soccer coach Ralph Polson to its Secretary position.

Polson, who was announced as the Terriers' fifth mentor in program history in January, has a member of a variety of NCAA and NSCAA positions.

Most recently, he has served as the NCAA Division I All-America Committee Chair for seven years. He also had a five-year tenure as the NCAA Division I South Region All-America Committee Chair.

Polson, who came to Wofford after an eight-year stint as associate head coach at College of Charleston, has been a part of the NSCAA Senior Recognition Committee and when he was the head coach at Presbyterian, served as a representative for NCAA Division II to the NSCAA.

In addition to his current post as NSCAA Secretary, he also is the treasurer for the NSCAA's Walt Chyzowych Memorial Fund.

Polson and the Terriers will begin their first season together in 2008.
Polson, Wofford to host NSCAA event
April 11, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford head men's soccer coach Ralph Polson, the current National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Secretary, has announced a "Breakfast with Tip" event Wednesday morning.

The event, to be held in the AAAS Room of the Burwell Building on Wofford's campus, will be a breakfast and coaching education presentation hosted by Jeff Tipping, the NSCAA's Director of Coaching.

Tipping will give his talk from 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday and the event is open to anyone interested in attending, including the general public, students and media.

Polson, who is set to begin his first season at the helm of the Terrier men's soccer program, has also served as the NCAA Division I All-America Committee Chair for seven years. He currently is the treasurer of the NSCAA's Walt Chyzowych Memorial Fund.

Wofford also will host an NSCAA National and Advanced Diploma Course June 2-8, 2008.
Slagle joins Wofford men's soccer coaching staff
June 12, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford head men's soccer coach Ralph Polson has announced the addition of Barry Slagle to his coaching staff as the Terriers' assistant beginning in 2008. Both coaches will begin their first season with the program this fall.

Slagle comes to Spartanburg after completing one season as the assistant men's and women's soccer coach at Colorado School of Mines (CSM) in Golden, Colo. He helped guide the Orediggers' men's program to an 11-9-2 record and conference championship appearance in 2007. He also helped coach Craig Thompson to a school-record 18 goals. Thompson became the first player in school history to be selected in the MLS Supplemental Draft when he was selected by the Houston Dynamo with the 28th overall pick. Thompson was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Player of the Year and its Academic Player of the Year. He also earned NSCAA/adidas First Team All-Midwest Region.

CSM's women's squad concluded the 2007 campaign with a 12-8-1 mark, including an 8-3-1 record in league action. Slagle helped four players collect post-season All-RMAC accolades for a team which made it to the conference finals as just a three-year program.

He helped bring in the 2008 Orediggers' recruiting class before being appointed by Polson to the post at Wofford.

Slagle is familiar with the Southern Conference, having previously served as an assistant coach at Appalachian State during the 2006 season. Prior to arriving in Boone, N.C., he was an assistant coach at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn., during Spring 2006.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Slagle has worked with club programs such as Real Colorado and with the Raleigh, N.C.,-based Capital Area Soccer League (CASL).

He graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., in 2006. He played for four years with the Tigers after competing at the high school level at North Mecklenburg High in Huntersville, N.C.