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Wofford women's soccer sets 2006 schedule
July 11, 2006

The Wofford women's soccer team, along with head coach Amy Kiah, has announced its 2006 schedule which is highlighted by eight home games at Snyder Field. The squad has a home contest on each of the five Sundays during the month of October.

The Terriers open the season with a pair of dates in Virginia before heading to Charleston, S.C., over Labor Day weekend for the Big South/SoCon Challenge hosted by Charleston Southern.

A Sept. 8 meeting with Kennesaw State will open the home slate. The Owls are one of three first-time opponents for Wofford this fall. The Terriers also face South Carolina State (Sept. 19) and Guilford (Oct. 1) in non-conference home dates.

Five Southern Conference foes will travel to Spartanburg, including College of Charleston, Furman, Elon, Georgia Southern and Appalachian State.

The SoCon Tournament will take place in Cullowhee, N.C., Nov. 2-5.

2006 Wofford Women's Soccer Schedule:
Aug. 25 -- at VMI -- 4 p.m.
Aug. 27 -- at Longwood -- 7 p.m.
Sept. 2 -- at Charleston Southern^ -- 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 4 -- vs. Coastal Carolina^ -- 1 p.m.
Sept. 8 -- Kennesaw State -- 6 p.m.
Sept. 15 -- at Western Carolina* -- 7 p.m.
Sept. 19 -- South Carolina State -- 6 p.m.
Sept. 29 -- at UNC Greensboro* -- 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 -- Guilford -- 6 p.m.
Oct. 6 -- at The Citadel* -- 5 p.m.
Oct. 8 -- College of Charleston* -- 2 p.m.
Oct. 12 -- at Davidson* -- 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 -- Furman* -- 2 p.m.
Oct. 20 -- at Chattanooga* -- 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 -- Elon* -- 2 p.m.
Oct. 27 -- Georgia Southern* -- 6 p.m.
Oct. 29 -- Appalachian State* -- 2 p.m.
Nov. 2-5 -- Southern Conference Tournament (Cullowhee, N.C.) -- TBA

Home games at Snyder Field
^ -- Big South/SoCon Challenge (Charleston, S.C.)
* -- Southern Conference game
All times Eastern and subject to change
Trio of goals propels Wofford women's soccer to win
August 25, 2006

LEXINGTON, Va. -- The Wofford women's soccer team opened the 2006 campaign with a 3-0 triumph Friday afternoon at VMI in Lexington, Va., in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

The Terriers jumped on board in the first half when junior Whitney Steelman sent a cross from the right side to senior Jessica Connett. Connett then one-timed the pass and found the back of the net at 22:48 for Wofford's first goal of the season.

After holding the one goal edge at the half, Steelman gave the Terriers a 2-0 advantage with a tally of her own at 60:23. After Keydet goalkeeper Jessica Rheinlander deflected a cross, Steelman gathered the loose ball before firing it into the back of the net.

The final Wofford (1-0) score came just over 10 minutes later, at 70:28, when senior Bernie Sikes discovered another loose ball in the 18-yard box and knocked it home for the game's final tally and to give the Terriers the 3-0 margin.

Senior Austin Somers posted three saves in goal playing the first 79:28 before being relieved by freshman Becca Maloney for the final 10:32. Maloney did not have a save her action.

The Terriers held a 23-5 shot advantage against VMI (0-1), including a 13-1 edge at the half.

Wofford will continue its weekend road trip through Virginia when it plays in Farmville, Va., at 7 p.m. Sunday against Longwood.

Wofford 3, Longwood 0

Scoring Summary:
22:48 -- WOF, Jessica Connett (Whitney Steelman)
60:23 -- WOF, Whitney Steelman (unassisted)
70:28 -- WOF, Bernie Sikes (unassisted)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 23, VMI 5
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 3, VMI 0
Saves -- VMI 7 (Rheinlader 6, Underwood 0, Team 1), Wofford 3 (Somers 3)
Attendance: 213
Women’s soccer drops heartbreaker to Longwood
August 27, 2006

FARMVILLE, Va. -- Two late goals, including the clincher in overtime, provided the Longwood women’s soccer team a 3-2 victory over Wofford Sunday afternoon at the Athletics Complex in Farmville, Va.

The visiting Terriers held a 2-1 edge as regulation time neared its end; however, the Lancers’ Aynsley Birkner scored off a Maddie Stevens assist for the equalizer with 88:47 showing on the clock to knot the score and force the extra time.

Tia Nardella, who tallied the hosts' first goal of the game, found Sarah Fening for the game winner at 95:00. Nardella had earlier found the back of the net for Longwood (1-1) at 67:32 off a Cassie Lynn assist.

Wofford (1-1) freshman Aubrey Thomson gave the Terriers an early 1-0 lead when fellow rookie Blair Green fed her a one-timer from the left side at 36:39. The goal and assist for both players were their first respective collegiate points.

Senior Jessica Connett, unassisted, then added Wofford's next score at 82:45 for her second goal in as many games. The two goals equal her single-season tallies from the past two seasons.

The Terriers held a 9-8 shot advantage and an 8-3 edge on corner kicks against the Lancers.

Wofford will return to action Saturday at Charleston Southern as part of the Big South/SoCon Challenge. It will mark the third-straight road game to open the campaign for the Terriers.

Longwood 3, Wofford 2 (OT)

Scoring Summary:
36:39 -- WOF, Aubrey Thomson (Blair Green)
67:32 -- LONG, Tia Nardella (Cassie Lynn)
82:45 -- WOF, Jessica Connett (unassisted)
88:47 -- LONG, Aynsley Birkner (Maddie Stevens)
95:00 -- LONG, Sarah Fening (Tia Nardella)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 9, Longwood 8
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 8, Longwood 3
Saves -- Wofford 3 (Somers 3), Longwood 3 (Whitmore 3)
Attendance -- 175
Women's soccer earns draw versus Coastal Carolina
September 4, 2006

CHARLESTON, S.C. -- The Wofford women's soccer team scored a goal in the second half to tie the game but neither team could add another tally mark on the scoreboard as the Terriers tied Coastal Carolina, 2-2, Monday afternoon at the Big South/SoCon Challenge in Charleston, S.C.

Junior Whitney Steelman tallied her second goal of the season off assists from classmates Sarah Goolsby and Natalie Ferrara at the 55:26 mark to tie the score. Steelman was open near the left post following a cross from the right side.

The Chanticleers claimed the early advantage when Emily McColl converted a Wofford turnover into the game's first score just 25 seconds into the contest. Coastal Carolina (2-1-1) later added its second goal as Ashleigh Gunning slipped the ball into the open net at 25:10.

Junior Jessica Connett gave the Terriers their first equalizer at 13:19 on a Steelman assist. Steelman's direct kick was headed in by Connett for her third goal of the campaign, setting a personal single-season high.

Steelman paced Wofford (1-2-1) with three shots, while Stepheney Gerhardt led Coastal with four attempts.

The Terriers will return to action at 6 p.m. Friday in their home opener when they host Kennesaw State at Snyder Field.

Wofford 2, Coastal Carolina 2 (2OT)

Scoring Summary:
00:25 -- CCU, Emily McColl (unassisted)
13:19 -- WOF, Jessica Connett (Whitney Steelman)
25:10 -- CCU, Ashleigh Gunning (unassisted)
55:26 -- WOF, Whitney Steelman (Sarah Goolsby, Natalie Ferrara)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Coastal Carolina 14, Wofford 11
Corner Kicks -- Coastal Carolina 6, Wofford 4
Saves -- Wofford 5 (Maloney 4, Somers 1), Coastal Carolina 4 (Stoll 4)
Attendance -- 138
Women's soccer battles to 0-0 tie against Kennesaw State
September 8, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's soccer team, despite being outshot 18-8 in its home opener, held on for a scoreless 0-0 tie versus Kennesaw State Friday evening at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The two schools were meeting for the first time since the Terriers started their program in 1994.

The visiting Owls, listed No. 12 in the Southeast Region in the most recent SoccerBuzz rankings, held the shot advantage; however, both teams had equal scoring opportunities in the contest.

Wofford (1-2-2) had its first chance 21 minutes into the game when senior Jessica Connnett sent a hard shot from 40 yards out into the upper right-hand corner of the goal mouth. The attempt was deflected off Kennesaw State goalkeeper Staci Pugh's hands and then brushed against the crossbar before being cleared by the Owl defense.

The Terriers' junior Whitney Steelman then turned and fired on a ball she corralled following a Connnett header only to be saved by Pugh with just over five minutes remaining in the first stanza.

Wofford's next scoring opportunity occurred just under 13 minutes left in regulation when freshman Erika Bishop sent a direct kick just high over the goal.

Kennesaw State (2-1-1) nearly put a tally on the board with under seven minutes left in the second period when Rebecca Hall blasted a direct kick off the Terrier wall following a Wofford foul just outside the 18-yard box.

The Owls then had two chances in the second overtime frame. The first came with just over eight minutes to go as Caitlin Dingle found herself all alone in front of the net and sent her shot high from 15 yards.

Another direct kick opportunity with just over four minutes remaining by Kennesaw's Laura Tucker sailed just high.

Senior Austin Somers made five saves during the first half before succumbing to freshman Becca Maloney for the final 65 minutes in net for the hosts. The Terrier rookie registered two saves.

Pugh stopped five Wofford shots in playing the full 110 minutes.

The tie is the Terriers' second straight, following a 2-2 deadlock against Coastal Carolina Monday.

Wofford will next play Sept. 15 as it opens Southern Conference action at defending league champion Western Carolina. The match is slated for 7 p.m. in Cullowhee, N.C.

Wofford 0, Kennesaw State 0 (2OT)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Kennesaw State 18, Wofford 8
Corner Kicks -- Kennesaw State 6, Wofford 3
Saves -- Wofford 7 (Somers 5, Maloney 2), Kennesaw State 5 (Pugh 5)
Attendance -- 207
Late UNCG goal knocks off Wofford women
September 29, 2006

GREENSBORO, N.C. -- A goal with just under four minutes left in regulation was the deciding tally as the UNC Greensboro women's soccer team defeated Wofford, 1-0, Friday evening at UNCG Soccer Stadium.

The Spartans put the only mark on the scoreboard at 86:12 as Shannon Donovan tallied her second goal of the season on an assist from Karla Davis. UNCG (3-7-1, 2-0 SoCon) outshot the Terriers 17-4 on the evening.

Wofford (2-4-2, 0-2 SoCon) had its best chance to score in the 65th minute when freshman Laura Trent had back-to-back shots stopped within one second of another near the Greensboro goal. A minute-and-a-half later, at 65:57, junior Kelly Broderick sent her attempt wide of the cage.

The Terriers will return to action against another squad from Greensboro Sunday, as they host Guilford at 6 p.m. at Snyder Field. The contest will be the first of five-straight Sunday home matches for Wofford in October and will begin a season-ending stretch in which the Terriers will play at home during six of their final nine regular-season games.

UNC Greensboro 1, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
86:12 -- UNCG, Shannon Donovan (Karla Davis)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- UNC Greensboro 17, Wofford 4
Corner Kicks -- UNC Greensboro 8, Wofford 3
Saves -- Wofford 7 (Somers 7), UNC Greensboro 2 (Ryan 1, Team 1)
Attendance -- 373

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Women’s soccer scores nonconference win over Guilford
October 1, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Two goals, one in each half, plus a controlling possession attack sparked the Wofford women's soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Guilford Sunday night at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Terriers maintained possession throughout much of the contest and used it to their advantage, as they outshot the Quakers 18-5 including 10-2 in the second half, in the win.

Wofford (3-4-2) put its first tally on the scoreboard at 6:37 when junior Whitney Steelman sliced through the Guilford defense and found the back of the net behind goalkeeper Veronica Zych. The goal was Steelman's third of the season, tying her with senior Jessica Connett and freshman Kendra Merchant for the team lead.

Merchant registered her third of the campaign in the second half after receiving a pass near the top of the 18-yard box, then using a move to get around a Quaker defender before going one-on-one with Zych. Her insurance goal came from 15 yards out at 49:14.

Senior Austin Somers played the opening 45 minutes in goal before being relieved for freshman Becca Maloney at half as the pair combined on the Terriers' fourth shutout of the season. Guilford's (7-4) Zych stopped six Wofford shots, while the Quakers' Jennah Carter had three of her team's five attempts.

Steelman paced all players with four shots with Merchant and senior Bernie Sikes each recording three.

The Terriers will return to Southern Conference action with a 5 p.m. Friday meeting at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Wofford 2, Guilford 0

Scoring Summary:
6:37 -- WOF, Whitney Steelman (unassisted)
49:14 -- WOF, Kendra Merchant (unassisted)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 18, Guilford 5
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 5, Guilford 4
Saves -- Guilford 6 (Zych 6), Wofford 4 (Somers 2, Maloney 1, Team 1)
Attendance -- 131
Steelman's double OT goal gives Terriers win No. 100
October 6, 2006

CHARLESTON, S.C. -- Junior Whitney Steelman scored with just over two minutes left in the second overtime frame to give Wofford a 2-1 victory at The Citadel Friday evening in Charleston, S.C. The win was also the No. 100 overall victory for the Terrier program since its inception in 1994.

With time ticking off and the game nearing a tie, freshman Kendra Merchant returned a favor from earlier in the contest as she fed Steelman, who then sent the ball into the open net at 117:46 past Bulldog goalkeeper Brit Bunnell.

Steelman previously set up Merchant for Wofford's (4-4-2, 1-2 SoCon) first goal at 48:06. Just after the second half began, Steelman passed the ball to Merchant, who also beat Bunnell and found the open net for the game's first score.

The pair almost connected a third time when Steelman's shot off the crossbar with 11 minutes left in regulation ricocheted back to Merchant, but the freshman was denied on her put-back attempt by Bunnell.

The Citadel (1-12-1, 0-4 SoCon) put its only mark on the scoreboard at 60:07 on a Rachelle Ornelas penalty kick. The shot, following a foul inside the 18-yard box, beat a diving save attempt by Terrier senior goalkeeper Austin Somers.

After both teams battled defensively in the first half before Wofford opened its offensive attack in the second stanza by dominating the shots, 14-3, during the 45-minute period.

The triumph marks the 100th in program history and 57th under current head coach Amy Kiah. The school's all-time leader in victories, Kiah is in her eighth season as the head coach and 10th overall with the Terriers.

Wofford will return to action at 2 p.m. Sunday when it hosts the College of Charleston at Snyder Field. The tilt is the second of five-straight Sunday home games for the Terriers during the month of October.

Wofford 2, The Citadel 1 (2OT)

Scoring Summary:
48:06 -- WOF, Kendra Merchant (Whitney Steelman)
60:07 -- CIT, Rachelle Ornelas (penalty kick)
117:46 -- WOF, Whitney Steelman (Kendra Merchant)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 21, The Citadel 9
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 4, The Citadel 3
Saves -- The Citadel 7 (Bunnell 7), Wofford 3 (Somers 3)
Attendance -- 102
Cougars score late to top Terrier women's soccer
October 8, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A goal late in the second half was the only mark on the scoreboard Sunday afternoon as visiting College of Charleston squeeked out a 1-0 win against Wofford in women's soccer action at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Cougars' only tally came at 81:12 when Teryn Schuetz broke free down the left-hand side and used her left foot to put her shot high past a leaping Becca Maloney. Schuetz was free down the flank after miscommunication along the backbone of the Terrier defense.

Wofford (4-5-2, 1-3 SoCon) had several chances to score earlier in the second stanza, as it sent crossing passes into the six-yard box only to be stopped by the Cougar defense or goalkeeper Erin Smith. Freshman Ingrid Lesemann had a point-blank attempt saved by a Charleston (5-5-2, 3-1 SoCon) defender with 28 minutes remaining.

The goal surrendered by Maloney, a freshman, was her first of her collegiate career, spanning 269:42.

The two teams saw their offenses attack more aggressively after halftime. Both teams managed just three shots in the opening frame as much of the possession was held near midfield.

The Terriers will return to action at Davidson at 7 p.m. Thursday in Southern Conference play.

College of Charleston 1, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
81:12 -- Teryn Schuetz (unassisted)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- College of Charleston 10, Wofford 9
Corner Kicks -- College of Charleston 9, Wofford 0
Saves -- College of Charleston 5 (Smith 5), Wofford 4 (Maloney 4, Somers 0)
Attendance -- 193
Wofford women's soccer drops road game at Davidson

October 12, 2006

DAVIDSON, N.C. -- Five points by Kristen Koehrn, including two goals, guided Davidson to a 3-0 victory in Southern Conference women's soccer action over visiting Wofford Thursday night at Alumni Stadium in Davidson, N.C.

Koehrn was credited with an assist on the Wildcats' first goal, at 11:11, when she sent a cross to Tracy McCausland for a shot inside the 18-yard box. The score would hold up as the only tally on the scoreboard at the half.

When the second half began, Koehrn added two goals for the deciding margin. Davidson (7-5-2, 3-2 SoCon) increased its lead when Courtney Hart found Koehrn in the six-yard box, who then chipped the ball over the head of Terrier goalkeeper Becca Maloney.

Koehrn contributed the final score when she tallied an unassisted goal on a hard shot just inside the 18-yard box at 58:28.

Wofford (4-6-2, 1-4 SoCon) had just three shots in the contest, all in the second half. Maloney, who was making her first start of the season, stopped three shots before giving way to Sharayah Davis for the final 23:36. Davis recorded a career-high three saves and not surrendering a goal in seeing her most playing time of the campaign.

The Terriers will return to action at 2 p.m. Sunday when they host Furman at Snyder Field.

Davidson 3, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
11:11 -- Tracy McCausland (Kristen Koehrn)
51:37 -- Kristen Koehrn (Courtney Hart)
58:28 -- Kristen Koehrn (unassisted)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Davidson 16, Wofford 3
Corner Kicks -- Davidson 9, Wofford 0
Saves -- Wofford 4 (Davis 3, Maloney 1), Davidson 2 (English 2)
Attendance -- 179

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Terriers garner monumental win over Lady Paladins
October 15, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's soccer team played one of its most complete games of the season as the Terriers knocked off Southern Conference co-leader Furman, 2-1, Sunday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

Wofford (5-6-2, 2-4 SoCon) earned its first win against the Lady Paladins since an exact score victory Oct. 13, 1997, in Greenville, S.C. Current head coach Amy Kiah was in her first year as an assistant with the Terriers that season under mentor Josef Lorenz.

The Terriers struck first at 26:47 when junior Whitney Steelman sent a heading-cross to freshman Kendra Merchant, who then fired the ball from 30 yards out to the far post. The tally would stand as Merchant's first game-winning goal of the season and her team-leading fifth of the campaign.

Shortly after halftime, Steelman was again on the assisting end when she sent a long serve to classmate Natalie Ferrara. Ferrara, who received the ball in stride near the top of the 18-yard box, beat Furman (7-7-1, 5-1-1) goalkeeper Briana da Mota in a one-on-one situation to give Wofford the 2-0 edge at 50:34.

The Lady Paladins, however, did not back down from an aggressive offensive attack. Furman had several chances to score before the first mark on the visitor side of the scoreboard was posted at 81:51 by Anna Betton. Betton had an initial shot deflect off the right post directly back to her, then she repositioned herself in front of the goal and found the back of the net past Austin Somers.

Wofford also staved off a Lady Paladin attack in the final five minutes. With just over two minutes remaining in regulation, Sara El-Shami sent a shot just high over the crossbar.

Steelman, who entered the contest leading the Southern Conference with seven assists and 15 points, continued her career-best campaign with her two assists, giving her nine on the season. The nine is the most by a Terrier in a single season since Emily Olmstead had a school-record 11 in 1999. Steelman's season tally also ties Amanda Berman in 1999 for the second most in a campaign behind Olmstead.

Furman came into the match tied with UNC Greensboro atop the SoCon standings; however, with the Spartans winning today coupled with a Western Carolina victory, the loss drops the Lady Paladins into a second-place tie with the Lady Catamounts.

Wofford will return to action at 7 p.m. Friday at Chattanooga in league play.

Wofford 2, Furman 1

Scoring Summary:
26:47 -- WOF, Kendra Merchant (Whitney Steelman)
50:34 -- WOF, Natalie Ferrara (Whitney Steelman)
81:51 -- FUR, Anna Betton (unassisted)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Furman 12, Wofford 6
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 3, Furman 1
Saves -- Wofford 2 (Somers 2), Furman 2 (da Mota 2)
Attendance -- 231
Ferrara tabbed TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week
October 18, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford junior women's soccer player Natalie Ferrara has been named the Oct. 18 TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week it was announced by the league office.

Ferrara, a Mt. Pleasant, S.C., native, garners the honor after scoring the game-winning goal in the Terriers’ 2-1 home triumph over Furman Sunday, Oct. 15. Her tally came early in the second half and gave Wofford a two-goal edge at the time in its first win over the Lady Paladins since Oct. 13, 1997.

The midfielder has three goals and seven points on the campaign, both career bests. She is one of four players to score at least three goals this season.

Ferrara also becomes the third player in Terrier women's soccer history to earn the accolade, following Eve Van Harpen (Sept. 17, 2003) and Bernie Sikes (Oct. 19, 2005).

In the classroom, she carries a 3.55 grade point average, while majoring in biology.

Wofford will return to action at 7 p.m. Friday when it plays at Southern Conference foe Chattanooga. The Terriers then will be home for their final three regular-season contests, all in league action, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday against Elon.