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Ferrara continues strong week as Terriers tie Lady Mocs  
October 20, 2006

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -- Junior Natalie Ferrara tallied her second goal in as many games to give Wofford the early lead but host Chattanooga responded and neither team scored again as the two teams battled to a 1-1 double overtime tie Friday night at the North River Soccer Complex in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ferrara, who scored the game winner against Furman last Sunday at home, put the Terriers on top 1-0 following an assist from freshman Kendra Merchant and junior Whitney Steelman at 30:35. The midfielder was recognized as the TIAA-CREF SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week for scoring her goal against the Lady Paladins.

The assist for Steelman is her 10th of the campaign, moving her into sole possession of second place on the Wofford single-season list. The school record is 11 held by Emily Olmstead in 1999. The pair are the only two Terriers in school history to reach double-digit assists in one year.

Wofford (5-6-3, 2-4-1 SoCon) held onto the lead until the 75:37 mark when the Lady Mocs' Maya Peel tallied the equalizer on an assist from Nikki Brannen.

In the second overtime, the Terriers' goalkeeper Austin Somers stopped a penalty kick situation. Also in the final 10 minutes, Wofford had a chance for the victory when a shot deflected off Chattanooga (3-9-2, 0-6-1 SoCon) goalkeeper Stacey Matthiessen. The Terriers then had two opportunities to put the rebound in the back of the net but were turned away by the Lady Moc defense.

A three-game regular-season ending homestand is next on the docket for Wofford. The Terriers open the stretch at 2 p.m. Sunday against Elon at Snyder Field.

Wofford 1, Chattanooga 1 (2OT)

Scoring Summary:
30:35 -- WOF, Natalie Ferrara (Whitney Steelman, Kendra Merchant)
75:37 -- UTC, Maya Peel (Nikki Brannen)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 27, Chattanooga 13
Corner Kicks -- Chattanooga 7, Wofford 6
Saves -- Chattanooga 10 (Matthiessen 7, Team 3), Wofford 4 (Somers 3, Team 1)
Attendance -- 167

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Elon wins close game with Wofford Sunday
October 22, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- A goal early in the first half was the only mark on the scoreboard as the Elon Phoenix claimed a 1-0 victory Sunday afternoon in Southern Conference women's soccer action against host Wofford at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

The game was played evenly throughout with both sides having several scoring chances, but Elon (6-9-1, 3-4-1 SoCon) was the only team to record a goal. The squads battled to a scoreless tie at halftime, but the Phoenix capitalized early in the second frame for the deciding factor.

Elon gained control of the ball near midfield when the Phoenix's Alisa Petitt slipped a through ball to Katina Boozer down the left flank. Boozer then beat the Terrier defense and placed the ball high in the upper left corner, above a leaping Austin Somers, for the goal at 50:12.

Wofford (5-7-3, 2-5-1 SoCon) nearly tied the contest following a couple Elon fouls near the top of the 18-yard box. Both Terrier attempts sailed just high as the hosts tried to equalize the scoring.

Lizz Johnson registered four saves in the shutout, while Somers stopped six Phoenix shots.

A 6 p.m. Friday match with Georgia Southern is next on the docket for Wofford as it continues its regular-season ending three-game homestand.

Elon 1, Wofford 0

Scoring Summary:
50:12 -- Katina Boozer (Alisa Petitt)

Stats Summary:
Shots -- Wofford 11, Elon 9
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 4, Elon 0
Saves -- Wofford 6 (Somers 6), Elon 4 (Johnson 4)
Attendance -- 262
Steelman among national leaders in assists per game
October 26, 2006

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -- Wofford junior forward Whitney Steelman, a member of the women's soccer team, is among the NCAA Division I leaders for assists per game according to the latest national statistics released this week.

Steelman has tallied a career-high 10 assists on the campaign in the Terriers' 15 games for a 0.67 average. She is tied for seventh on the list with Holly Grogan of Middle Tennessee State.

The Bowling Green, Ky., native set a school record earlier this season when she registered four assists in one game as Wofford knocked off South Carolina State, 6-0, Sept. 19.

She also has moved into sole possession of second place on the Terriers' single-season assist list, one shy of the record held by Emily Olmstead in 1999. Olmstead and Steelman are the only two players in school history to reach the double-digit assist plateau.

Entering this weekend's play, Steelman paces the Southern Conference with her 10 assists and is tied for the league lead with 18 overall points.

Wofford will conclude its regular-season action this weekend by hosting Georgia Southern at 6 p.m. Friday and Appalachian State at 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Field.
Wofford battles rain, Georgia Southern in win Friday
October 27, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C.--The Wofford women's soccer team scored twice in the first half before withstanding a second-half Georgia Southern aggressive offensive attack in the second half and a driving rain storm the entire contest to earn a 2-1 Southern Conference victory Friday evening at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C. The win also keeps the Terriers league tournament hopes alive entering the final day of play Sunday.

Wofford (6-7-3, 3-5-1 SoCon) came out with a fast pace to start the game and nearly scored the game's first goal just eight minutes in when three shots in a row were sent towards the Lady Eagle cage. Jessica Connett had the first attempt before a rebound by Natalie Ferrara came right back to her and her second shot sailed just off the crossbar.

Connett finally did find the back of the net a short time later, at 10:14, when she drilled the ball into the upper left corner and far post from 30 yards out on an assist from Rachel Hyatt.

Hyatt was on the helping end again for the Terriers' second tally when, standing near the midfield line, fed Kendra Merchant along the right side. Merchant took the pass and controlled the ball by herself, while weaving through the Georgia Southern (7-10-1, 5-5 SoCon) defense for nearly 25 yards and sending a shot past Lauren Santos to give Wofford a two-goal advantage at 31:38.

The Terriers held the 2-0 lead at halftime with an 11-4 shot edge.

In the second half, the Lady Eagles responded similar to the way Wofford had started the contest. Georgia Southern pushed forward on numerous occasions and outshot the home team in the second frame, 12-1.

The Lady Eagles managed to put their own mark on the scoreboard early in the second half. Katie Gosnell sent a corner kick to the near post finding the head of Ashley Toussaint. Toussaint's header slipped just inside the post to bring the margin to one at 50:27.

A defensive effort by the Terriers kept Georgia Southern off the board again with the Lady Eagles' last chance coming just under a minute remaining when Austin Somers smothered a crossing attempt before another shot could be taken.

With the victory, Wofford must win or tie Appalachian State Sunday to have a chance of reaching the Southern Conference Tournament next week. The Terriers also need a Western Carolina triumph over Elon coupled with controlling their own destiny to clinch a spot in the eight-team field. Today's game served as the regular-season finale for Georgia Southern.

Also prior to Sunday's meeting with the Mountaineers, Wofford will honor its three seniors: Connett, Bernie Sikes and Somers as part of Senior Day festivities.

Wofford 2, Georgia Southern 1

Scoring Summary:
10:14 -- WOF, Jessica Connett (Rachel Hyatt)
31:38 -- WOF, Kendra Merchant (Rachel Hyatt)
50:27 -- GSU, Ashley Toussaint (Katie Gosnell)

Stats Summary:
Stats Summary:
Shots -- Georgia Southern 16, Wofford 12
Corner Kicks -- Wofford 5, Georgia Southern 4
Saves -- Wofford 4 (Somers 4), Georgia Southern 1 (Santos 1)
Attendance -- 103
Merchant's PK gives Terriers tie in season finale
October 29, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Freshman Kendra Merchant netted her team-high seventh goal of the season to tie the score in the second half but neither team could add another over the final 50 minutes as Wofford tied Appalachian State, 1-1, in double overtime Southern Conference women's soccer action Sunday afternoon at Snyder Field in Spartanburg, S.C.

Merchant was awarded the penalty kick following a Mountaineer foul inside the 18-yard box. She lined up and placed her attempt in the lower left corner past a diving Emma White to knot the score at 59:43. The PK was the first by a Terrier this season.

Appalachian State (9-8-1, 5-4-1 SoCon) had taken the early lead at 12:28 when Jaclyn Hoffman assisted on a Dana Murphy goal. Murphy's first shot was stopped by Wofford goalkeeper Austin Somers before she put in her own rebound over Somers' head.

Both teams had several other chances to add the game winner but were denied by either goalkeeper or the opposing defense.

The Terriers recognized Jessica Connett, Bernie Sikes and Somers prior to the game as part of Senior Day ceremonies. The trio played their final contest at Snyder Field Sunday.

Somers finishes her career second in school history with 13 shutouts and third with 247 saves, a 1.32 goals against average and 4790:40 minutes played. Her 1.05 goals against average this season is a career high and ties her with Ileana Moschos's 1996 mark for the third best in single-season school history.

Merchant's seven goals is the most by a Wofford (6-7-4, 3-5-2 SoCon) player since Faith Stewart also tallied seven in 2001 and 2002.

Junior Whitney Steelman finished the campaign with 18 points, one higher than Merchant. The 18 points is the most by a Terrier since Stewart had 35 in 2000. Steelman's 10 assists on the season also fall one short of the single-season school record held by Emily Olmstead in 1999.

Wofford just missed qualifying for the Southern Conference Tournament. The Terriers needed either a win or tie against the Mountaineers coupled with a Western Carolina victory against Elon Sunday. However, the Lady Catamounts and Phoenix also tied, 0-0, giving Elon the tiebreaker over Wofford via a win in the two teams' head-to-head matchup one week ago.
Merchant selected as SoCon Player of the Week
October 31, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford freshman women's soccer forward Kendra Merchant has been recognized as the Oct. 31, 2006, Southern Conference Player of the Week it was announced by the league office Tuesday.

Merchant, a native of New Orleans, La., scored two of the team's three goals during the week, including the game winner versus Georgia Southern Oct. 27. Her goal against the Lady Eagles came after receiving a pass from Rachel Hyatt and dribbling for 30 yards between Georgia Southern defenders before launching her shot past the Georgia Southern goalkeeper.

She added her other tally of the week on a Penalty Kick in the second half versus Appalachian State Sunday as the Terriers tied 1-1 in double overtime.

Merchant becomes the first Wofford player to garner Player of the Week accolades since Austin Somers was honored twice during the 2004 campaign. Overall, six different Terriers have earned the award since Wofford joined the SoCon in 1997.

On the season, Merchant led the Terriers with seven goals, the most in a single season since Faith Stewart also scored seven in the 2001 and 2002 seasons. Merchant also finished second on the team with 17 points and had a team-high 46 shots, including 21 on goal. Her two game-winning goals tied for the team lead.
Connett garners All-SoCon honor to cap career

October 31, 2006

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Wofford senior women's soccer midfielder Jessica Connett has been named to the All-Southern Conference second team it was announced Tuesday by the league office. Connett is the lone Terrier representative on the All-SoCon squads.

Connett, a co-captain this fall, scored a career-best four goals to tie for second on the team. Her 36 shots, including 17 on goal, were second among all Wofford players. She tallied one game-winning goal on the season in the season-opening 3-0 victory at VMI August 25.

Despite not having any assists this season, the Greenville, S.C., native finished her career as one of only 10 players in Wofford history to reach double figures in the statistical category with 11.

The Terriers finished the season 6-7-4 and just missed qualifying for the Southern Conference Tournament.

All-Southern Conference First Team:
F--Deven Beachum, UNC Greensboro
F--Anna Betton, Furman
F--Ashley Toussaint, Georgia Southern
M--Gena Villari, Furman
M--Heather Dittmer, Western Carolina
M--Karla Davis, UNC Greensboro
M--Jessica Patterson, UNC Greensboro
D--Shannon Donovan, UNC Greensboro
D--Nancy Haskell, Davidson
D--Stacy Simpson, Furman
GK--Stacey Mattheissen, Chattanooga

All-Southern Conference Second Team:
F--Kelly Attayek, UNC Greensboro
F--Rachelle Ornelas, The Citadel
F--Teryn Schuetz, College of Charleston
M--Jessica Connett, Wofford
M--Jackie Hoffman, Appalachian State
M--Caroline Wertis, College of Charleston
D--Danielle Jordan, College of Charleston
D--Monica Houseworth, Elon
D--Kate Johnson, Furman
D--Mickey Palanza, Furman
GK--Katherine Ryan, UNC Greensboro

Player of the Year: Shannon Donovan, UNC Greensboro
Co-Freshmen of the Year: Suzanne Sittko, Davidson; Jennifer Bronson, UNC Greensboro
Coach of the Year: Eddie Radwanski, UNC Greensboro

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Wofford women’s soccer announces 2007 signees
April 27, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- Seven new faces have committed to joining the Wofford women’s soccer squad beginning this fall, head coach Amy Kiah has announced. The class is her ninth as the Terriers’ mentor, a position she has held since 1999, the second-longest tenure for a Wofford head coach behind football’s Mike Ayers.

“The group of players we are bringing in this season will complement our existing core very well,” noted Kiah. “Fields Brown, my assistant, has worked tirelessly in targeting players which will fit into our future plans. All seven players have a chance to succeed as we strive to reach the next level in our program.”

Rachael Blackburn · 5-7 · Raleigh, N.C. · Leesville Road High School · CASL ’88 Spartan Elite

Saw much of her playing time with the club program … was a teammate of fellow recruits Lauren Cozzarelli and Katie McChesney on the squad … team captured the North Carolina State Cup in 2006 and was runner-up in 2005 and 2007 … member of the team’s US Club Soccer national championship title run in 2004 … squad was also a 2005 Disney Showcase semifinalist and 2004-06 Super Y League division champion … selected to the North Carolina state ODP team three times and the Super Y ODP Region squad once … attended the Super Y national camp … tabbed as an all-region pick … garnered Cap-7 Conference honors three seasons … received her high school team’s “Iron Pride” Award for most minutes played … also named its Outstanding Defender … a member of the A/B Honor Roll … recipient of various character education awards, including ones for courage, kindness, responsibility and respect … a student choice award winner … member of the Latin Club

Lauren Cozzarelli · 5-2 · Apex, N.C. · Apex High School · CASL ’88 Spartan Elite

Graduated from high school early and has enrolled at Wofford during the Spring 2007 semester … garnered all-conference accolades two seasons … selected to the 2006 All-Region VI squad by the North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association (NCSCA) … named her school’s Defensive Player of the Year … received academic all-conference accolades all three of her playing seasons … scored the game-winning goal in a win over Pinecrest High School … also a member of the same club program with fellow incoming freshmen Rachael Blackburn and Katie McChesney … member of the North Carolina state ODP team … played for the U.S. Club regional champion … won the 2002 and 2006 state championships with her club team … an Academic Emphasis recipient during the 2005-06 school year at her high school

Jackie Dudas · 5-9 · Fruitland, Md. · James M. Bennett High School

A three-sport athlete … tabbed a three-time All-Bayside Conference selection … finished as the runner-up for the conference player of the year in 2006 … received soccer team MVP honors in 2006 … played in the 2006 senior all-star game … started three-straight seasons on her high school team, which posted a 40-7 record over that span … team finished second in the state during the 2004 campaign after winning the region and Bayside Conference titles … also competed in indoor and outdoor track & field and basketball … received the 2005 outdoor track Sportsmanship Award … a first-team all-conference honoree as a freshman and sophomore … named second-team all-conference her junior campaign … member of the 2006 4x800 school-record holding relay team which finished second in the state … school was a six-time conference champion and five-time regional winner in track & field … the 2004 outdoor track & field squad was crowned the state champion … a member of the Spanish Honor Roll, Honor Roll and Minds in Motion … participated as a SGA Parlimentarian … a religious educator in 2003, 2006 and 2007 … performed an Appalachia service project in 2005 and 2006

Daniella Fatti · 5-9 · Charlotte, N.C. · Vance High School · Greensboro Twisters ’88

A two-time all-region choice by the NCSCA and two-time all-conference honoree … has started for the varsity squad since her freshman season … recognized as the team’s Player of the Year in 2005 and Defensive Player of the Year in 2004 and 2006 … serving as the team captain in 2007 … played with the 2006 Greensboro Twisters club team which won the North Carolina State Cup and were finalists in Region III … squad will travel to Oklahoma in June for the regional tournament … a member of the Who’s Who Among High School Students, National Honor Society, A/B Honor Roll, Unity Club and yearbook staff … served as a Junior Marshall for graduation … worked at an after school program at
yearbook staff … served as a junior marshal for graduation … worked at an after-school program at the YMCA

Katie McChesney · 5-8 · Raleigh, N.C. · St. David’s School · CASL ’88 Spartan Elite
A 2006 All-North Carolina recipient … tabbed as a conference co-player of the year in 2006 … selected to the all-conference squad three-straight seasons … earned a spot on the North Carolina state ODP team in 2003-04 and 2005-06 and its state team pool in 2004-05 … also played for the Georgia state ODP program in 2002-03 and the SE Georgia District Team in 2000-01 and 2001-02 … member of the 2006 Super Y League ODP Divisional Team in 2006 and the ODP Region II/III Team in 2004 … also played cross country and basketball for her high school … saw action on the same club team as fellow recruits Rachael Blackburn and Lauren Cozzarelli … member of the Spanish Club and Honor Roll … served as a church youth group leader

Nikki Siebert · 5-5 · Naperville, Ill. · North High School · Kickers United Football Club Premier
Member of the topdrawersoccer.com National List of Players to Watch Graduating in 2007 … a 2006 honorable mention All-DuPage Valley Conference selection … received second-team all-area honors by the Daily Herald in 2006 … named a Top Player by the Chicago Sun-Times for the 2007 season … serving as the team captain as a senior … her high school’s second-leading scorer in 2005 and 2006 … tabbed as the Naperville Invite Team MVP in 2006 after scoring an overtime goal over Maine South High School during the opening round … an academic all-conference pick in 2005 … started for four seasons on her high school squad … team was the regional champion from 2004-06 … squad also captured the sectional title in 2004 while finishing fourth in the state that season … member of the club team which placed second at the 2006 U.S. Club National Cup … team also was the 2005 Score at the Shore champion and a finalist at the 2005 Illinois State Cup … a 2005 national 3v3 finalist

Megan Wellborn · 5-6 · Decatur, Ga. · Lakeside High School · Gwinnett Soccer Association ’89 Phoenix Red
Currently leading DeKalb County with 13 assists and tied for seventh in the county with 12 goals … serving as her high school team’s captain as a senior … squad finished 2006 ranked No. 8 in the state after posting an 11-8-1 mark … team captured the region championship during her freshman campaign of 2004 … her club team won the state crown in 2005 and 2006 … squad was the Region III semifinalist in 2005 and 2006 … team also placed third at the 2005 Southern Regional Classic … a member of the Key Club, French Club, French Honor Society and Honor Roll … participated in the Miss Lakeside pageant
Women's soccer 2007 slate unveiled

May 16, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's soccer team and head coach Amy Kiah have announced their upcoming 2007 schedule, highlighted by 10 games at Snyder Field. The Terriers will also play Western Kentucky for the first time in program history.

"We are excited about the upcoming season and the opponents on our schedule," said Kiah. "We have a strong nucleus returning coupled with a solid recruiting class that should provide Terrier fans with exciting soccer this fall. We cannot wait to get started."

Wofford opens the 2007 campaign with three straight home games, beginning Aug. 31 against Longwood. Coastal Carolina (Sept. 3) and VMI (Sept. 7) are also foes in the homestand.

On Sept. 14, the Terriers trek to Bowling Green, Ky., for their first ever matchup with WKU. The contest will serve as a homecoming for rising senior Whitney Steelman, who led Wofford with 18 points a year ago, including 10 assists.

Another highlight of the road schedule is a Sept. 23 match at Clemson. The two teams battled at Snyder Field two years ago with the Lady Tigers earning a slim 1-0 victory.

Other non-conference foes coming to Spartanburg will be Charleston Southern (Sept. 21) and High Point (Sept. 30).

August 31 Longwood 2 p.m.
September 3 Coastal Carolina 6 p.m.
September 7 VMI 6 p.m.
September 9 at Kennesaw State 2 p.m.
September 14 at Western Kentucky 2 p.m.
September 18 at South Carolina State 7 p.m.
September 21 Charleston Southern 7 p.m.
September 23 at Clemson 2 p.m.
September 27 UNC Greensboro* 6 p.m.
September 30 High Point 2 p.m.
October 5 The Citadel* 6 p.m.
October 7 at College of Charleston* 1 p.m.
October 12 Davidson* 6 p.m.
October 14 at Furman* 2 p.m.
October 19 Chattanooga* 6 p.m.
October 21 at Elon* 2 p.m.
October 25 at Georgia Southern* 4 p.m.
October 28 at Appalachian State* 2 p.m.
October 31 Western Carolina* 6 p.m.
November 4, 9, 11 Southern Conference Tournament TBA (campus sites/Davidson, N.C.)
* - Southern Conference game
All times Eastern and subject to change
Home games in **bold** played at Snyder Field