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Wofford’s Andrew Stubbs garnered the No. 1 seed from the Southeast region for the second consecutive year after capturing the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s (ITA) Southeast College Circuit crown. His performance earns him a trip to the 2006 ITA National Summer Championship in Bloomington, Ind., which will be held August 12-16.

By receiving an automatic bid to the ITA National Championship, Stubbs will have his traveling expenses to the tournament paid for by the U.S. Tennis Association and will also receive a housing stipend.

“I feel good about my chances (in the national tournament),” Stubbs said. “I’m getting back into my stride. I took all of May and June off, so I feel fresh. I’m getting ready to go.”

Stubbs, who is the first Terrier men’s player in school history to earn All-Southern Conference honors twice, competed in three of the four tournaments in the Southeast series in Gainesville, Fla., Chapel Hill, N.C., and Greensboro, N.C.

“His commitment level is good,” said head coach Rod Ray, “and that’s what it takes. He understands the commitment needed to play at this level.”

Stubbs made it to the semifinals of the July 14-16 tournament in Gainesville, Fla., finished second in the July 22-25 event in Chapel Hill, N.C., and reached the quarterfinals of the most recent tournament in Greensboro, N.C., July 28-31. In Greensboro, he lost 6-4, 6-1 to Nathan Sachs of Vanderbilt, who went on to win the tournament.

“It’s really good to be able to compete with these guys,” Stubbs said. “It’s a good indicator of where I’m at.”

Last year in the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, Stubbs earned the No. 1 seed from the Southeast region after winning the singles title in Gainesville, Fla., making it to the quarterfinals in Tallahassee, Fla., and placing second in Chapel Hill, N.C.

In the 2005 ITA National Tournament, Stubbs drew a No. 9 overall seed, but lost in the quarterfinals to No. 2 seed Chris Klingemann from Ohio State, 6-4, 6-4.

During the Terriers’ 2006 season, Stubbs compiled a singles record of 12-8 overall and 5-4 in the conference while playing in the No. 1. He was named SoCon Player of the Week for February 21. He is expected to return to the No. 1 spot his junior season.

Also joining Stubbs in the ITA Nationals will be teammates Richard Cahi, a rising junior, and George Kernodle, an incoming freshman. Senior Hunter Strasburger and incoming freshmen Chris Williams and Forrest Bridges also competed in the Greensboro tournament.

“The majority of our team played a lot this summer,” Ray said. “That will help us the most. They are committed to being a good team. It takes year-round commitment to be a good team.”
Terrier men’s recruiting class ranked 24th
August 14, 2006

The Wofford men’s tennis team’s 2006 incoming freshman class is ranked 24th in the Mid-Major men's recruiting classes according to TennisRecruiting.net.

The class includes four-star recruit George Kernodle (Burlington, N.C./Williams High School) and three-star prepsters Christopher Williams (Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville West High School) and Austin Webb (Chapel Hill, N.C./Chapel Hill High School).

“It’s great to get the recognition,” said Terrier head coach Rod Ray. “We’ve got a great class. These guys all love tennis. They’re going to compliment our returning guys perfectly.

“We’re coming off a pretty good year and these guys are just what we need.”

Kernodle was listed as the ninth best in North Carolina and 144th in the country, while Williams ranked as the second best player in Tennessee and Webb was 15th in North Carolina.

In 2006, Kernodle swept the NCHSAA 3-A Mideast Region Championship after defeating four straight opponents by a score of 6-0, 6-0. He went on to finish second in the state championship, marking the second-consecutive year he reached the final. Kernodle also joined teammates Andrew Stubbs and Richard Cahi in the ITA National Championship in Bloomington, Ind, this past weekend.

Williams was a three-year high school team captain and a three-time district singles champion. He won the regional championship in 2004 and 2006, and finished as runner-up in 2005, earning a spot on the Knoxville News Sentinel’s PrepXtra team each year. He was also the state singles runner-up in 2006.

During his senior year, Webb compiled a 21-0 singles record and a 20-4 doubles record with teammate Chase Helpingstine. Webb was named to the North Carolina 4-A all-state doubles team and also to the PAC-6 all-conference doubles and singles teams. He and Helpingstine were the PAC-6 and Mideast Region doubles champions and finished as runners-up in the 4-A state doubles championship.

“These guys strengthen our team,” Ray said. “Because of these guys, we’re going to be better this year than we were last year.”
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**Stubbs reaches quarterfinal round of ITA National Tournament**

**August 15, 2006**

Two-time All-Southern Conference men’s tennis player Andrew Stubbs of Wofford reached the quarterfinals of the International Tennis Association’s (ITA) National Summer Championship in Bloomington, Ind. He lost to Jordan DeLass of Georgia Tech 6-2, 6-3 to conclude his tournament.

“There was a lot of good competition,” said Stubbs, a rising junior from Hilton Head, S.C. “There are no easy matches there.”

Stubbs, who earned the ninth seed in the tournament after winning the ITA Southeast Summer Circuit crown, received a bye in the first round. He then defeated Keith Moran of Toledo 6-2, 6-3 and Michael McCarthy of Indiana 7-5, 6-2 to advance to the round of 16.

After knocking off Cornell’s Weston Nichols 6-0, 6-1 to move on to the quarterfinals, rain forced Stubbs indoors for his match against the No. 5 seed DeLass.

“I was really happy with how (the tournament) turned out,” Stubbs said. “I’m not really satisfied that I lost, but it was a good experience and a lot of fun. I think it’ll help me later on in the season.”

Terriers Richard Cahi and George Kernodle also participated in the tournament, but each lost in the first round.
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Wofford announces hiring of new tennis coach
August 31, 2006
Spartanburg, S.C. -- Wofford announced the hiring of Stephen Schram as the new men’s and
women’s assistant tennis coach.
“I am delighted that Stephen Schram will be joining our program as our assistant coach,”
said head tennis coach Rod Ray. “Stephen brings an abundance of tennis knowledge and
enthusiasm to our program and he is passionate about competition. Without a doubt, the
team is going to love his positive and uplifting personality and his ability to communicate
and teach. Stephen is just what we need and I can’t wait to start working with him.”
Schram, a native of Zanesville, Ohio, graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University in April
2006 where he was a four-year letterman on the tennis team. He also played top-three
singles and top doubles for the University of Charleston (Charleston, W.V.).
Schram also spent a year working and playing at a tennis academy in Naples, Fla., where he
gained coaching experience working with children and adults.
“I’m very excited about this opportunity,” Schram said. “I want to help the program out as
much as possible. I want to help the student-athletes on and off the court as much as I can.”
Terriers complete sweep over Flames
March 16, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford men's tennis team captured victories in all six singles matches and two of the three doubles contests to post a 7-0 triumph against visiting Liberty Friday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C. The match, originally slated for 1 p.m., did not begin until three hours later due to inclement weather.

Wofford (6-4) received wins at the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles slot to earn the first point of the tilt. The freshmen pairing of George Kernodle and Christopher Williams handed Sebastian Pena and Juan Reyes a 9-7 defeat at No. 2, while senior Jeff Muthig and sophomore Scott Collins garnered an 8-1 victory at the No. 3 position against Luis Olivera and Fabricio Picanco. It marked the first doubles win of the season for the Kernodle and Williams tandem.

The Terriers continued their momentum with straight-set victories at all six singles slots. Junior Andrew Stubbs, a two-time All-Southern Conference pick, tallied a 6-3, 6-1 win against Jarda Trojan at the No. 1 position, while Kernodle registered a 6-1, 6-0 victory versus Chad Simpson at No. 2.

Collins also won, picking up a 6-1, 6-2 triumph against Pena during the No. 3 contest, while senior Alex Fridzon notched a 6-0, 6-0 blanking over Olivera at the No. 4 slot.

Junior Richard Cahi was also victories for Wofford, defeating Liberty's (3-8) Picanco, 6-3, 6-2 at the No. 5 position. Williams closed the match, completing the sweep, with a 6-2, 6-3 win at the No. 6 slot against Reyes.

The wins earned by Stubbs, Collins and Williams evens each of their singles records on the campaign at 5-5.

Wofford opened a five-match homestand with today's contest and will next welcome Southern Conference foe UNC Greensboro to the Reeves Tennis Center for a 2:30 p.m. match March 24. Liberty travels to Rock Hill, S.C., for a 1 p.m. Saturday meeting with Big South opponent Winthrop.

Wofford 7, Liberty 0

Singles
No. 1 Andrew Stubbs (WOF) def. Jarda Trojan (LIB), 6-3, 6-1
No. 2 George Kernodle (WOF) def. Chad Simpson (LIB), 6-1, 6-0
No. 3 Scott Collins (WOF) def. Sebastian Pena (LIB), 6-1, 6-2
No. 4 Alex Fridzon (WOF) def. Luis Olivera (LIB), 6-0, 6-0
No. 5 Richard Cahi (WOF) def. Fabricio Picanco (LIB), 6-3, 6-2
No. 6 Christopher Williams (WOF) def. Juan Reyes (LIB), 6-2, 6-3

Doubles
No. 1 Simpson/Trojan (LIB) def. Fridzon/Stubbs (WOF), 8-6
No. 2 Kernodle/Williams (WOF) def. Pena/Reyes (LIB), 9-7
No. 3 Jeff Muthig/Collins (WOF) def. Olivera/Picanco (LIB), 8-1
Wofford men's tennis continues strong stretch  
March 25, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford men's tennis team garnered its fourth win in five tries, including the third straight, by posting a 5-2 victory in Southern Conference action Sunday afternoon against Georgia Southern at the Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C. The Terriers rebounded with five singles triumphs after falling behind early when they lost the doubles point.

Wofford's (8-4, 3-1 SoCon) closest score in doubles play came at the No. 1 slot where senior Alex Fridzon and junior Andrew Stubbs dropped a 9-7 decision to Joris De Weerdt and Emmanuel Nkoueleue.

Both Terriers were joined by three teammates in winning straight-set singles matches to clinch the victory. Stubbs tallied a 6-2, 6-1 triumph at the No. 1 position against De Weerdt, while Fridzon won 6-3, 7-6 over Matthew Sands at the No. 4 slot.

Freshman George Kernodle defeated Greg Bekkers 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 2 meeting and sophomore Scott Collins handed Nkoueleue a 7-6, 6-1 loss at No. 3.

Junior Richard Cahi was the final Wofford player to win in singles. He recorded a 6-0, 6-3 triumph at No. 5 against Georgia Southern's (4-12, 1-4 SoCon) Philip Prins.

"Today's match was very good athletic competition," said head coach Rod Ray. "Georgia Southern came out and took it to us in doubles. We played smart and hit good shots, but I thought they volleyed very well. I am proud of the way we responded after losing the doubles matches. In singles play, we got off to a good start and never let up. We had a very good weekend of tennis by defeating two tough opponents."

The Terriers will continue their five-match homestand with a third-straight league contest at 2 p.m. Friday versus Chattanooga.

Wofford 5, Georgia Southern 2

Singles
No. 1 Andrew Stubbs (WOF) def. Joris De Weerdt (GSU), 6-2, 6-1
No. 2 George Kernodle (WOF) def. Greg Bekkers (GSU), 6-2, 6-3
No. 3 Scott Collins (WOF) def. Emmanuel Nkoueleue (GSU), 7-6, 6-1
No. 4 Alex Fridzon (WOF) def. Matthew Sands (GSU), 6-3, 7-6
No. 5 Richard Cahi (WOF) def. Philip Prins (GSU), 6-0, 6-3
No. 6 Borja Malet (GSU) def. Christopher Williams (WOF), 6-4, 5-7, 10-7

Doubles
No. 1 De Weerdt/Nkoueleue (GSU) def. Fridzon/Stubbs (WOF), 9-7
No. 2 Malet/Prins (GSU) def. Kernodle/Williams (WOF), 8-5
No. 3 Neil Shine/Sands (GSU) def. Jeff Muthig/Collins (WOF), 8-1

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Wofford men's tennis receives second-straight recruiting ranking

June 19, 2007

MARIETTA, Ga. -- The Wofford men's tennis program and head coach Rod Ray have received their second-straight top-25 ranking for incoming recruits by the website tennisrecruiting.net. The site ranks the Terriers at No. 24 for the second-straight year in the mid-major category.

"I am very proud of this year's class," said Ray. "They give is what we need to go to another level. Several of them will have the opportunity to make an immediate impact and I surely hope they do."

Highlighting this year's class is four-star product Paul Bartholomy (Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Catholic HS). He is joined by a quartet of three-star players, including fellow Tar Heel state native Alan Donald (Wilmington, N.C./New Hanover HS).

Also among the three-star recruits are Michael Schecter (Rome, Ga./The Darlington School), Luke Whiteside (Columbia, S.C./A.C. Flora HS) and Anthony Will (Pinecrest, Fla./Palmer Trinity HS).

Last year's class, which also placed 24th in the listing, featured Southern Conference Freshman of the Year George Kernodle. He was joined by Christopher Williams, a SoCon Player of the Week, Austin Webb and Forrest Bridges.