Wofford knocks off Liberty in women’s tennis action
March 16, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women’s tennis team tallied a 4-3 victory against visiting Liberty Friday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C. The contest, which was originally slated to begin at 1 p.m., was moved back three hours due to inclement weather.

Two new doubles pairings hit the courts for the Terriers this afternoon and both came away with victories. Freshman McKenzie Carson and sophomore Merry Ellen Henry notched an 8-2 win at the No. 1 position against Martyna Hanusz and Jonita Randolph. A hard-fought, 9-8 (4) win at the No. 2 slot by junior Adriane Hodges and sophomore Cayley Wetzig versus Ekaterina Kuznetsova and Kathy Waldthausen clinched the doubles point.

Wofford (2-6) then tallied victories in three singles matches. At the No. 1 position, Henry registered a 6-3, 6-2 win against Randolph, handing Liberty's (4-5) top singles player her first loss in nine decisions this season.

Wetzig was also triumphant in singles play, recording a 6-3, 6-3 win over Waldthausen at the No. 3 position. Freshman Sabrina Smyers tallied a 6-1, 6-1 victory during the No. 4 contest against Daniela Dimas.

The match marked the first of six-straight home matches for the Terriers, including three this weekend. Wofford will continue play at Noon Saturday when it faces league foe UNC Greensboro. Liberty will also step into conference action, as it will battle Big South opponent Winthrop at 1 p.m. Saturday in Rock Hill, S.C.

Wofford 4, Liberty 3

Singles
No. 1 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Jonita Randolph (LIB), 6-3, 6-2
No. 2 Ekaterina Kuznetsova (LIB) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF), 7-6, 2-6, 10-3
No. 3 Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Kathy Waldthausen (LIB), 6-3, 6-3
No. 4 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Daniela Dimas (LIB), 6-1, 6-1
No. 5 Martyna Hanusz (LIB) def. McKenzie Carson (WOF), 7-5, 6-3
No. 6 Liberty won by default

Doubles
No. 1 Carson/Henry (WOF) def. Hanusz/Randolph (LIB), 8-2
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Kuznetsova/Waldthausen (LIB), 9-8 (4)
No. 3 Liberty won by default

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Women's tennis loses league match to Furman
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SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's tennis team continued Southern Conference play Wednesday afternoon and fell, 7-0, against league co-leader Furman at the Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C. The match was the third of a five-contest homestand for the Terriers, which includes four straight tilts against SoCon opponents.

Wofford (3-7, 1-3 SoCon) split the two doubles matches which were contested. At the No. 2 slot, Terriers’ Adriane Hodges and Cayley Wetzig garnered an 8-3 triumph over the Lady Paladins’ Jacqueline Eckert and Lauren Tomory.

Freshman Sabrina Smyers played arguably the toughest singles match, when she faced Furman's (6-8, 3-0 SoCon) No. 5 player Natasa Manojlovic. Smyers battled through both sets before losing 6-4, 6-2.

Wetzig also had a strong showing, at No. 3, in her 6-2, 6-3 loss to Eckert. Wetzig and Eckert went back-and-forth through numerous deuce points. The point, which was won by Eckert, proved to be match point.

"Furman did a great job today," said Wofford head coach Rod Ray. "They have a good team and they played hard. Although we are obviously disappointed with today’s score, we continue to improve in many specific areas. We tried hard today, but we need to improve before we are ready to beat this team. Overall, I am proud of our team. Their attitude is very good and they are growing individually and as a team. Right now, we need to start mentally preparing for tomorrow's match."

The Terriers continue their current league slate with a 3 p.m. Thursday meeting at the Reeves Tennis Center against Western Carolina.

Furman 7, Wofford 0

Singles
No. 1 Laura Gioia (FUR) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF), 6-1, 6-0
No. 2 Bonnie Baird (FUR) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF), 6-0, 6-1
No. 3 Jacqueline Eckert (FUR) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF), 6-2, 6-3
No. 4 Lauren Tomory (FUR) def. McKenzie Carson (WOF), 6-0, 6-1
No. 5 Natasa Manojlovic (FUR) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF), 6-4, 6-2
No. 6 Furman won by default

Doubles
No. 1 Gioia/Manojlovic (FUR) def. Carson/Henry (WOF), 8-2
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Eckert/Tomory (FUR), 8-3
No. 3 Furman won by default
Terrier women's tennis edged by Lady Mocs
March 25, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's tennis team won three of the five contested singles matches but could not overcome Chattanooga in dropping a 4-3 decision Sunday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center in Spartanburg, S.C.

The Lady Mocs began the match by claiming the doubles point after securing a win at the No. 1 slot. Wofford's No. 2 doubles pairing of junior Adriane Hodges and sophomore Cayley Wetzig, however, earned its fifth victory in as many tries with an 8-4 decision against Bonnie Adams and Beata Knizat. The point fell in Chattanooga's (5-11, 1-3 SoCon) favor after the Terriers had to forfeit the No. 3 contest.

Wetzig was one of three Wofford (4-8, 2-4 SoCon) players to garner a singles triumph. She posted a 6-2, 6-1 victory at the No. 3 position against Knizat. Freshman Sabrina Smyers also tallied a straight-set win in her 6-3, 6-2 victory over Samantha Duggan in the No. 5 tilt.

Fellow rookie McKenzie Carson rallied for a three-set win in the No. 4 match against Adams. Carson dropped the first set then rebounded for a 4-6, 7-6, 10-4 triumph. The wins by Wetzig and Carson tie the pair with sophomore Merry Ellen Henry for the team lead in singles victories with seven.

"Today's match against Chattanooga was disappointing for us," noted head coach Rod Ray. "To their credit, they did a very good job and were better than we were today. Although I think we can play better, I am pleased with our level of effort. We are continuing to make progress in many areas and I still think we are much improved from a month ago. McKenzie, in particular, played a great singles match today."

Today's contest concluded a six-match homestand for the Terriers. They will next hit the road for their next three matchups, beginning at 2 p.m. Friday in Atlanta, Ga., versus Georgia State.

Chattanooga 4, Wofford 3

Singles
No. 1 #46 Anastasia Zhukova (UTC) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF), 6-0, 6-0
No. 2 Lindsey Ballard (UTC) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF), 6-3, 6-3
No. 3 Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Beata Knizat (UTC), 6-2, 6-1
No. 4 McKenzie Carson (WOF) def. Bonnie Adams (UTC), 4-6, 7-6, 10-4
No. 5 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Samantha Duggan (UTC), 6-3, 6-2
No. 6 Celeste Nicholson (UTC) won by default

Doubles
No. 1 Ballard/Zhukova (UTC) def. Carson/Henry (WOF), 8-2
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Adams/Knizat (UTC), 8-4
No. 3 Duggan/Nicholson (UTC) won by default
Wofford women's tennis performs clinic for Boys & Girls Club
April 13, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -- The Wofford women's tennis team, under the direction of head coach Rod Ray, performed a youth clinic Thursday afternoon for members of the Boys & Girls Club of Spartanburg at the Reeves Tennis Center. The clinic was held in conjunction with the Terrier men's tennis match against Furman.

Over 120 youth from the area participated in the event. Members of the Wofford women's team instructed the children on tennis techniques, such as basic swinging movements, proper stance in receiving the ball and racquet position when hitting the ball.

The members of the Boys & Girls Club, combined with the dinner meal by Wofford dining services at the Reeves Tennis Center and other members of the campus community, helped set a new Southern Conference tennis attendance record. A total of 723 spectators witnessed the Terriers in their match against the nationally-ranked Paladins.