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Katherine Hangstefer joins the Terrier tennis staff
September 3, 2007

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Head men’s and women’s tennis coach Rod Ray has announced the addition of Katherine Hangstefer to the Terrier tennis staff. Hangstefer will provide assistance to both the men’s and women’s squad.

Hangstefer comes to Wofford after serving as the men’s and women’s head tennis coach at Covenant College since Dec. 2006. During her head coaching stint, Hangstefer instructed the Scots men’s tennis group as a club team. In their first year as a varsity sport, Hanfstefer led the women’s squad to a fifth place Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) finish with a record of 2-7. The Lady Scots participated in the AAC tournament before falling in the first round to the fourth seeded Milligan College.

Hangstefer guided the Lady Scouts to receiving the AAC 2007 Champions of Character team award in women’s tennis, an honor for actions on and off the court. Hangstefer mentored Covenant’s No. 1 seeded player, sophomore Rachel Miedema, as she earned post-season Appalachian Athletic All-Conference honors as well as a nomination for the AAC Sportsmanship Award. In addition to Miedema, Hangstefer counseled freshman Catie Ramage to Honorable Mention All Conference recognition. Hangstefer also advised three Academic All-Conference honorees, Midema, Mallory Cowden and sophomore Laura Reisinger.

In addition to her head coaching duties while at Covenant, Hangstefer also served as the director of facilities and operations since Feb. 2007.

Prior to Covenant, Hanfstefer worked at UTC as a tennis instructor teaching beginning and intermediate level classes from August 2002 until April 2003. While in college, she was an instructor in the McCallie tennis clinics and the McCallie tennis camp.

Hangstefer graduated in 2002 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a business management double major. Her concentrations were in general management and human resource management.

Hangstefer is native of Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Wofford women’s tennis opens fall season action
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SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Wofford women’s tennis opened fall season action in the 2007 USC Upstate Tennis Invitational on Friday. Much of Friday was postponed until Saturday due to rain. Three Terriers claimed singles victories in addition to a doubles finals appearance.

Freshman Sonia Anand finished the two day tournament claiming the ‘B’ draw. She advanced with wins over Presbyterian’s Kathryn Kleckley (6-1, 6-1) in round one, Campbell’s Tanya Ahuja (6-0, 4-6, 11-4) in the second, USC Upstate’s Vivian Neuenschwander (6-1, 4-2, ret.) in the third and Campbell’s Liza Bensimon (6-3, 6-2) in the final matchup.

In the Consolation ‘A’ flight junior Merry Ellen Henry walked away with the victory after defeating teammate Adriane Hodges (8-2). To get the win Henry defeated Megan Davis of Presbyterian (8-1).

Also claiming a bracket title was sophomore Sabrina Smyers in the consolation ‘B’. To win the draw Smyers knocked off Presbyterian’s Casey Bookout (6-1, 6-2) in the first round, Campbell’s Cristina Garcia by default in the second round and in the final round Emilia Milavanovic (8-4) of USC Upstate.

In doubles action, Terrier combo of Henry and junior Cayley Wetzig advanced to the final match before being defeated by USC Upstate pairing Milavanovic and Anna Novo. Along the way Henry and Wetzig defeated Campbell’s Ahuja and Cortney Armitano (8-0), teammates Smyers and Hayley Baird (8-1) and USC Upstate’s Diana Martinez and Maria Herrera (9-7).

Wofford’s next fall competition will be September 21-23 in the North Carolina State Fall Classic in Raleigh, N.C.

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Women’s tennis tops UNC Asheville, 6-1
February 28, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford women’s tennis recorded its seventh victory of the season with a 6-1 win over UNC Asheville Thursday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center.

The Terriers opened the match dominating in doubles action sweeping all three matches over the Bulldogs. No. 1 doubles was played by senior Laura Lynn Williams and junior Merry Ellen Henry claiming an 8-5 victory over Leslie Smith and Louise Bottomley. Senior Adriane Hodges and teammate junior Cayley Wetzig defeated Stephanie Schon and Whitney Abbott, 8-3 at the No. 2 spot. Playing at the No. 3 slot, the duo of freshman Haley Baird and freshman Sonia Anand beat Nicole Schon and Tania Mateva 8-2.

In singles action, Henry defeated Smith at the No. 1 position, 6-2, 6-4. At No. 2, Hodges beat Bottomley 6-3, 6-3.

Securing the match victory for Wofford, Baird recorded a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Mateva at No. 5. Sophomore Sabrina Smyers won at No. 3 singles defeating S. Schon 6-1, 6-3.

Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1. “We have been looking forward to this match after having ten days off,” said coach Katie Anand also registered a victory while competing at the No. 6 slot over Abbott 6-2, 6-1.

The Terriers will play host to league opponent Appalachian State Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Reeves Tennis Center in the women’s first Southern Conference match of the season.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

**Wofford 6, UNC Asheville 1**

**Singles**

No. 1 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Leslie Smith (UNCA) 6-2, 6-4
No. 2 Adriane Hodges (WOF) def. Louise Bottomley (UNCA) 6-3, 6-3
No. 3 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Stephanie Schon (UNCA) 7-6, 6-3
No. 4 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Louise Bottomley (UNCA) 6-3, 6-3
No. 5 Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) def. Stephanie Schon (UNCA) 8-3, 6-2
No. 6 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Louise Bottomley (UNCA) 6-3, 6-3
No. 3 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Stephanie Schon (UNCA) 7-6, 6-3
No. 4 Nicole Schon (UNCA) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 7-5, 6-4
No. 5 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Tania Mateva (UNCA) 6-1, 6-2
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Whitney Abbott (UNCA) 6-2, 6-1

**Doubles**
No. 1 Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) def. Smith/Bottomley (UNCA) 8-5
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. S. Schon/Abbott (UNCA) 8-3
No. 3 Baird/Anand (WOF) def. N. Schon/Mateva (UNCA) 8-2

**Records**
Wofford: 7-1
UNC Asheville: 2-2

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Women’s tennis sweeps Appalachian in conference opener

March 2, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – In dominating fashion, the Wofford women’s tennis team defeated Appalachian State at the Reeves Tennis Center Sunday afternoon in the Terriers’ Southern Conference debut.

Wofford opened the match against the Mountaineers capturing the doubles point, collecting its sixth doubles shutout of the season. At No. 1, seniors Merry Ellen Henry and Laura Lynn Williams defeated Anja Gugger and Mallory Cook 8-1. At the No. 2 position the duo of senior Adriane Hodges and junior Cayley Wetzig did not drop a game in their 8-0 victory over Heather Prior and Monica Tomas. Teammates, freshmen Haley Baird and Sonia Anand beat Appalachian State’s Lindsay King and Amanda Cash at the No. 3 spot claiming an 8-2 victory.

The Terriers controlled the match in singles action, closing the No. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 slots with wins in just two sets. At the No. 4 position, down 4-6 after the first set sophomore Sabrina Smyers came back to win the second set 6-3 and eventually the match capturing a 10-8 third set victory. The Terriers controlled the match in singles action, closing the No. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 slots with wins in just two sets. At the No. 4 position, down 4-6 after the first set sophomore Sabrina Smyers came back to win the second set 6-3 and eventually the match capturing a 10-8 third set victory. "Today was a good match,” said coach Katie Hangstefer. "Appalachian played hard. Every team in the Southern Conference is a good team. So starting off with a win today is a good place to be in this conference. We are really starting to come together in doubles. They have been working really hard. I am always proud of our girls and their effort is paying off in wins.”

Wofford will take a break until Monday March 10 when the Terriers will play host to league opponent Georgia Southern at 1:30 p.m. at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Wofford 7, Appalachian 0

Singles

No. 1 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Monica Tomas (ASU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 2 Adriane Hodges (WOF) def. Anja Gugger (ASU) 6-1, 6-3
No. 3 Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Amanda Cash (ASU) 6-1, 6-1
No. 4 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Heather Prior (ASU) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8
No. 5 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Lindsay King (ASU) 7-5, 6-0
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Elizabeth Holland (ASU) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 Henry/Williams (WOF) def. Gugger/Mallory Cook (ASU) 8-1
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Prior/Tomas (ASU) 8-0
No. 3 Baird/Anand (WOF) def. King/Cash (ASU) 8-2

Records
Records

Wofford: 8-1, 1-0 SoCon
Appalachian: 4-4, 0-0 SoCon

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Hodges, women’s tennis clings on to defeat Georgia Southern

March 10, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team held on to claim a 5-2 victory in a close battle over league foe Georgia Southern at the Reeves Tennis Center Monday afternoon. The victory marks the Terriers’ second Southern Conference win of the season and extends its winning streak to six matches.

The Terriers took the first point of the match, winning the doubles point two matches out of three. At No. 1 doubles, junior Merry Ellen Henry teamed up with senior Laura Lynn Williams and defeated the Eagles’ Kristi Kegerreis and Christine Caforio 8-4. Freshmen teammates Hayley Baird and Sonia Anand clinched the doubles victory while competing at the No. 3 position by beating Emma Knight and Jessica Matlosz 8-2.

Down 1-1 after losing at the No. 3 singles slot, Baird pulled the Terriers ahead by beating Georgia Southern’s Jessica Fuller at the No. 5 spot 7-6(7), 6-2.

Taking another defeat at the No. 4 singles position, Wofford was again tied with Georgia Southern 2-all. Then Henry captured the win at No. 1 singles over Kegerreis 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 giving the Terriers a 3-2 lead.

Fighting at the No. 2 spot against Melanie Rolle, Hodges’ 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-2 victory secured the match win for the Terriers.

At the No. 6 position, Sonia Anand defeated Knight 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-1.

“We had to fight really hard today to pull through with a win,” said coach Katie Hangstefer. “The girls played so well. We knew that Georgia Southern was going to be very good and they fought hard. We played with a lot of heart and tenacity and came out ready for a battle.”

Wofford will return to action Thursday at 2:30 p.m. as they play host to the Charlotte 49ers at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Women’s Tennis Results

Wofford 5, Georgia Southern 2

Singles
No. 1 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Kristi Kegerreis (GSU) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
No. 2 Adriane Hodges (WOF) def. Melanie Rolle (GSU) 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-2
No. 3 Ali Beavers (GSU) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-2, 6-3
No. 4 Molly Maddox (GSU) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 7-5, 3-6, 6-2
No. 5 Hayley Baird (WOF) def. Jessica Fuller (GSU) 7-6(7), 6-2
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Emma Knight (GSU) 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-1

Doubles
No. 1 Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) def. Kegerreis/Christine Caforio (GSU) 8-4
No. 2 Rolle/Beavers (GSU) def. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) 8-5
No. 3 Baird/Anand (WOF) def. Knight/Jessica Matlosz (GSU) 8-2

Records
Wofford: 9-1, 2-0 SoCon
Georgia Southern: 7-6, 1-2 SoCon
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Hodges dubbed SoCon Women’s Tennis Player of the Month

March 13, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford senior Adriane Hodges was tabbed the Southern Conference women’s tennis player of the month for February as announced by the league office Thursday morning.

During the month of February, Hodges, a Mobile, Ala., native, went 6-1 while competing at the No. 2 singles position. February’s victories came against North Carolina A&T, Mercer, Coastal Carolina, High Point, Emory and UNC Asheville. Hodges’ only defeat during February came at home at the Reeves Tennis Center against USC Upstate.

Also during the award winning month, Hodges teamed up with junior Cayley Wetzig for doubles action at the No. 2 slot and finished with a 5-2 record.

Since the USC Upstate (Feb. 7) loss, Hodges, along with the team, is on a six-match winning streak. Hodges currently holds a singles record of 8-2 overall, while going 2-0 in conference play. A 2007 TIAA-CREF Academic All-Southern Conference Team recipient, Hodges’ eight wins has surpassed her 2007 overall record of six.

Hodges first conference win this season came against Appalachian State’s (March 2) Anja Gugger (6-1, 6-3), as the Terriers swept the Mountaineers in both singles and doubles action. Hodges’ 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-2 victory over SoCon foe, Georgia Southern’s Melanie Rolle (March 10), clinched the match win for the Terriers over the Eagles, and captured hers and Wofford’s second conference win.

The duo of Hodges and Wetzig have posted a 6-4 overall and 1-1 SoCon record. Their conference victory came against the Mountaineers, as Hodges and Wetzig did not drop a game in their 8-0 victory.

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Terriers outlast Charlotte; extend their win streak to seven
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SPARTANBURG, S.C. – After losing a 3-0 lead and with Charlotte catching up 3-2, the Wofford women’s tennis team split the final two matches and held on to extend their win streak to seven matches, as the Terriers defeated the 49ers, 4-3, Thursday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center. Wofford claimed the doubles point winning all three matches, capturing its seventh doubles sweep of the season. Senior Laura Lynn Williams teamed up with junior Merry Ellen Henry at the No. 1 position and defeated Ana Spivakovsky and Koren Fleming 8-4. At the No. 2 spot, the duo of senior Adriane Hodges and junior Cayley Wetzig beat Yudeshnee Pillay and Candace Cunningham 8-3. Freshmen teammates Haley Baird and Sonia Anand claimed an 8-4 victory over Gabi Vergara and Kimber Redfern.

In singles action, Baird competed at the No. 5 position and defeated Cunningham in a dominating performance, 6-0, 6-1.

Hodges, the Southern Conference women’s tennis player of the month for February, defeated Pillay at the No. 2 position, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, securing the match victory for the Terriers.

“We all knew that today’s match was going to be a tough one,” said coach Katie Hangstefer. “We came out strong in the beginning by getting the doubles point, but really had to fight hard to hold for the win. It was great to win this match against such a tough team.”

Wofford’s next match will be Wednesday against East Carolina at 2 p.m. at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Wofford Women's Tennis Results

Wofford 4, Charlotte 3
Singles
No. 1 Ana Spivakovsky (CHAR) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2
No. 2 Adriane Hodges (WOF) def. Yudeshnee Pillay (CHAR) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
No. 3 Koren Fleming (CHAR) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
No. 4 Candace Cunningham (CHAR) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-2, 7-6(7)
No. 5 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Gabi Vergara (CHAR) 6-0, 6-1
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Kimber Redfern (CHAR), by default

Doubles
No. 1 Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) def. Spivakovsky/Fleming (CHAR) 8-4
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Pillay/Cunningham (CHAR) 8-3
No. 3 Baird/Anand (WOF) def. Vergara/Redfern (CHAR) 8-4

Records
Wofford: 10-1, 2-0 SoCon
Charlotte: 3-8

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Women’s tennis match versus East Carolina cancelled

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SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis match versus East Carolina scheduled for Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Reeves Tennis Center has been cancelled due to the threat of inclement weather on Wednesday. The match will not be rescheduled.

The Terriers will return to action Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Reeves Tennis Center on the campus of Wofford College for Southern Conference action against Elon.

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Elon shatters Wofford’s win streak

March 22, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Elon snapped the Wofford women’s tennis team seven-match win streak Saturday morning in the ‘Terriers’ 5-2 loss at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Although the Phoenix claimed the doubles point by winning two of the three matches, the freshmen duo of Haley Baird and Sonia Anand captured an 8-7 win for the Terriers at the No. 3 position.

Baird and Anand were also the lone Terriers to record wins in singles action, while maintaining their own win streaks. At the No. 5 spot, Baird defeated Whitney Butcher 6-0, 6-3, increasing her win streak to eight-matches. Anand beat Hayley Wahl at the No. 6 slot, 6-7, 6-0, 10-5, extending her current win streak to six matches.

“Elon came out today and played to win,” said coach Katie Hangstefer after the match. “They fought hard and played strong. It is always disappointing to lose, especially conference matches. We just couldn’t come through when we needed to today.”

The Terriers’ next match is Saturday, March 29 in Cullowhee, N.C. as Wofford visits Western Carolina for continued Southern Conference action.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Elon 5, Wofford 2

Singles

No. 1 Deanna Bailey (ELON) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-7(5), 6-4, 10-6
No. 2 Anna Milian (ELON) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-0, 6-1
No. 3 Paige Kensrue (ELON) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-0, 6-2
No. 4 Jenn Tucci (ELON) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-3, 6-2
No. 5 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Whitney Butcher (ELON) 6-0, 6-3
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Hayley Wahl (ELON) 6-7(11), 6-0, 10-5

Doubles

No. 1 Bailey/Milian (ELON) def. Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) 8-5
No. 2 Butcher/Kensrue (ELON) def. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) 8-4
No. 3 Baird/Anand (WOF) def. Tucci/Wahl (ELON) 8-7(4)

Records

Wofford: 10-2, 2-1 SoCon
Elon: 11-6, 3-2 SoCon

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Women’s tennis defeats Western Carolina
March 29, 2008
CULLOWHEE, N.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis squad visited Cullowhee, N.C., Saturday morning and handed Southern Conference foe Western Carolina a 4-2 defeat. Singles action began the match, after the contest was held off the courts due to a three hour rain delay that postponed and eventually cancelled doubles competition. At No. 3 singles, sophomore Sabrina Smyers defeated Amanda Massey 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. Freshman Haley Baird saw action at the No. 4 position for the first time this season and captured a 6-2, 6-1 win against Mariona Trilla Jane. At the No. 5 slot, junior Cayley Wetzig claimed a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Susanna Sjokvist. Freshman Sonia Anand competed at the No. 6 spot and swept Emily Turke 6-0, 6-0. The Terriers will return home to the courts of the Reeves Tennis Center Sunday at 1 p.m. as they compete against non league opponent Georgia State.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results
Wofford 4, Western Carolina 2
Singles
No. 1 Tessie Salame (WCU) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-2, 6-1
No. 2 Trish Hanson (WCU) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 7-6 (8-6), 7-5
No. 3 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Amanda Massey (WOF) 6-2, 4-6, 7-5
No. 4 Haley Baird (WOF) def. Mariona Trilla Jane (WCU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 5 Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Susanna Sjokvist (WCU) 7-5, 6-1
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Emily Turke (WCU) 6-0, 6-0
Doubles
Doubles matches were not played due to rain delay.

Records:
Wofford: 11-2, 3-1 SoCon
Western Carolina: 3-12, 0-5 SoCon

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Women’s tennis falls to Georgia State

March 30, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team was handed a 6-1 defeat by the Georgia State Panthers Sunday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Junior Cayley Wetzig collected the lone point for the Terriers with a 6-2, 6-3 victory at the No. 6 singles position over Kiera Strickland.

“Georgia State is a good team,” said coach Katie Hangstefer. “They played really well today. We fought hard but we couldn’t outplay them. We loss to a very good team.”

Wofford’s next match is Tuesday at 2 p.m. as the Terriers will travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., to see action against Southern Conference opponent Chattanooga.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Georgia State 6, Wofford 1

Singles

No. 1 Martina Nitkova (GAST) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-2, 6-2
No. 2 Dariana Kozmina (GAST) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-1, 6-2
No. 3 Kiara Powell (GAST) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4 Rachel Malina (GAST) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-2, 6-3
No. 5 Katerina Gresova (GAST) def. Sonia Anand (WOF) 4-6, 7-5, 11-9
No. 6 Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Kiera Strickland (GAST) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1 Nitkova/Gresova (GAST) def. Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) 8-6
No. 2 Kozmina/Powell (GAST) def. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) 8-1
No. 3 Malina/Strickland (GAST) def. Anand/Baird (WOF) 8-6

Records

Wofford: 11-3
Georgia State: 9-9

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Women’s tennis falls to Georgia State

March 30, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team was handed a 6-1 defeat by the Georgia State Panthers Sunday afternoon at the Reeves Tennis Center.

Junior Cayley Wetzig collected the lone point for the Terriers with a 6-2, 6-3 victory at the No. 6 singles position over Kiera Strickland.

“Georgia State is a good team,” said coach Katie Hangstefer. “They played really well today. We fought hard but we couldn’t outplay them. We loss to a very good team.”

Wofford’s next match is Tuesday at 2 p.m. as the Terriers will travel to Chattanooga, Tenn., to see action against Southern Conference opponent Chattanooga.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Georgia State 6, Wofford 1

Singles

No. 1 Martina Nitkova (GAST) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-2, 6-2
No. 2 Dariana Kozmina (GAST) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-1, 6-2
No. 3 Kiara Powell (GAST) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4 Rachel Malina (GAST) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-2, 6-3
No. 5 Katerina Gresova (GAST) def. Sonia Anand (WOF) 4-6, 7-5, 11-9
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Senior Day, Terriers fall to SoCon leader College of Charleston
Friday, April 04, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – As the Wofford women’s tennis team celebrated senior day during the home finale of the regular season, the Southern Conference’s leader College of Charleston handed the Terriers a 5-2 defeat at the Reeves Tennis Center Friday morning.

Due to the threat of inclement weather, the match began with singles action. Down 1-0, junior Merry Ellen Henry captured a 6-3, 6-3 victory at the No. 1 position over Chelsea Albertz to tie the match. The Cougars rallied for three straight wins to clinch the match. Although down 4-1, freshman Sonia Anand battled for a 6-3, 6-2 win over Amanda Becker at the No. 6 slot to give Wofford its second point. With singles action ending before the rain, the teams had an opportunity to battle in doubles competition. The Cougars swept Wofford to end the match.

“It was definitely a disappointing loss today,” coach Katie Hangstefer expressed after the match. “Charleston is a great team and they played really well to win this match today. We are looking forward to our upcoming matches. They are going to be some of the toughest matches of the year, but I think that with each match we improve, and we are excited about the challenge.”

The College of Charleston remains undefeated in the Conference along with current nationally ranked No. 67 Furman. The two are scheduled to battle Saturday to determine the out-right leader in the league standings. The Terriers have postponed Saturday’s match against UNC Greensboro until Sunday April 13 at 1 p.m., making their next match against SoCon foe Furman on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

College of Charleston 5, Wofford 2

Singles
No. 1 Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) def. Chelsea Albertz (COFC) 6-3, 6-3
No. 2 Laura Borza (COFC) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-4, 6-3
No. 3 Link Leskosky (COFC) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-1, 6-3
No. 4 Holly Dowse (COFC) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 6-3, 6-1
No. 5 Anna Lee Evans (COFC) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-3, 6-2
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Amanda Becker (COFC) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles
No. 1 Leskosky/Borza (COFC) def. Henry/ Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) 9-7
No. 2 Dowse/Keely Mulligan (COFC) def. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) 8-5
No. 3 Albertz/Evans (COFC) def. Baird/Anand (WOF) 9-7

Records
Wofford: 12-4, 4-2 SoCon
College of Charleston: 19-2, 6-0 SoCon

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No. 66 Furman downs Wofford

Tuesday, April 08, 2008

GREENVILLE, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team fell 6-1 to nationally ranked No. 66 Furman in Southern Conference action Tuesday afternoon in Greenville, S.C.

Freshman Sonia Anand was the lone Terrier to capture a victory for Wofford with a defeat at the No. 6 position over Christina Swindall 6-4, 4-6, 11-9. Anand’s victory carries her to a 7-0 SoCon winning record.

Wofford will travel to Davidson, N.C., Friday for a 3 p.m. league contest against Davidson.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results
No. 66 Furman 6, Wofford 1

Singles
1. No. #104 Laura Gioia (FUR) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-0, 6-0
2. Monica Arguello (FUR) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-1, 6-1
3. Lauren Osborne (FUR) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-0, 6-0
4. Jessica Preeg (FUR) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-4, 6-1
5. Natasa Manojlovic (FUR) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 6-3, 6-2
6. Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Christina Swindall (FUR) 6-4, 4-6, 11-9

Doubles
1. Gioia/Manojlovic (FUR) def. Henry/Williams (WOF) 8-5
2. Arguello/Osborne (FUR) def. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) 8-0

Records:
Wofford: 12-5, 4-3 SoCon
No. 66 Furman: 14-5, 7-0 SoCon
Women’s Tennis falls to Davidson, 6-1

Friday, April 11, 2008

DAVIDSON, N.C. – Wofford fell 6-1 to Southern Conference foe Davidson in women's tennis action Friday afternoon in Davidson, N.C.

The Wildcats started the match clinching the doubles point by winning two of the three matches. Junior Cayley Wetzig teamed up with senior Adrian Hodges and captured the third doubles victory at the No. 2 slot defeating Michele Fanney and Teresa Wang 8-1.

In singles action, Wetzig claimed her second victory and the Terriers’ lone point of the match with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Fanney at the No. 4 position.

Wofford will wrap up the regular season Sunday when they travel to Greensboro, N.C., for a 1 p.m. SoCon contest against UNC Greensboro. The Terriers will then travel to Charleston, S.C., Thursday, April 17 for the conference tournament hosted by The Citadel.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Davidson College 6, Wofford 1

Singles
1. Kelsey Linville (DAV) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-3, 6-0
2. Virginia Berry (DAV) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-3, 6-1
3. Kim Whelan (DAV) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-4, 6-4
4. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) def. Michele Fanney (DAV) 6-4, 7-5
5. Meredith Skeeters (DAV) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 4-6, 6-3, 10-4
6. Teresa Wang (DAV) def. Sonia Anand (WOF) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles
1. Berry/Linville (DAV) def. Laura Lynn Williams/Henry (WOF) 8-4
2. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Fanney/Wang (DAV) 8-1
3. Alison Rauh/Whelan (DAV) def. Baird/Anand (WOF) 8-4

Records
Wofford: 12-6, 4-4 SoCon
Davidson: 17-4, 7-1 SoCon
Terriers fall in regular season finale

Sunday, April 13, 2008

GREENSBORO, N.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team fell 4-3 in the final match of the 2008 regular season to Southern Conference opponent UNC Greensboro Sunday afternoon in Greensboro, N.C.

The Terriers captured the doubles point winning two of the three matches. At the No. 1 position senior Laura Lynn Williams teamed up with junior Merry Ellen Henry and defeated Alejandra Guerra and Arielle VonStrolley 8-6. The duo of senior Adriane Hodges and junior Cayley Wetzig beat Valerie Behr and Erica Zabkar 8-5 at the No. 2 spot.

In singles action sophomore Sabrina Smyers claimed a victory at the No. 3 slot beating Britney Cloer 6-2, 6-1. At the No. 6 position freshman Sonia Anand defeated Jess Eblen 6-0, 6-2.

The Terriers finished the season 12-7 overall and 4-5 in league action. Wofford will next compete in the conference tournament set to begin Thursday, April 17, hosted by The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

UNC Greensboro 4, Wofford 3

Singles

No. 1 Alejandra Guerra (UNCG) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-3, 6-1
No. 2 Arielle VonStrolley (UNCG) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-0, 6-1
No. 3 Sabrina Smyers (WOF) def. Britney Cloer (UNCG) 6-2, 6-1
No. 4 Valerie Behr (UNCG) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-1, 6-4
No. 5 Erica Zabkar (UNCG) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 7-6, 6-1
No. 6 Sonia Anand (WOF) def. Jess Eblen (UNCG) 6-0, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 Henry/Laura Lynn Williams (WOF) def. Guerra/VonStrolley (UNCG) 8-6
No. 2 Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Behr/Zabkar (UNCG) 8-5
No. 3 Cloer/Eblen (UNCG) def. Baird/Anand (WOF) 8-4

Records

Wofford: 12-7, 4-5 SoCon
UNC Greensboro: 12-9, 6-3 SoCon

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Women’s Tennis No. 6 in SoCon Tournament

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – As announced by the league office, the Wofford women’s tennis team will enter the Southern Conference tournament as the No. 6 seed in the conference tournament after concluding the regular season 12-7 overall and 4-5 in the league. Hosted by The Citadel, the tournament is set to begin Thursday, April 17 in Charleston, S.C.

At the No. 6 slot, the Terriers earn a first round bye and play Friday against the No. 3 seeded Davidson Wildcats. Not earning a bye, No. 8 Chattanooga and No. 9 Appalachian State open the tournament on Thursday, along with Georgia Southern at the No. 7 spot against the No. 10 seeded Western Carolina. The winner of No. 8 versus No. 9 will see action Friday against the No. 1 seed Furman. The No. 2 seeded College of Charleston will battle against the winner of No. 7 and No. 10 on Friday. Also competing on Friday, after receiving a first round bye is No. 4 UNC Greensboro against the No. 5 seeded Elon.

The Terriers opened the season on a roll going undefeated in the first three matches beating Gardner Webb, 4-3 and sweeping both North Carolina A&T and Mercer 7-0. Spartanburg native USC Upstate snapped the streak as Wofford fell 5-2, but the Terriers never looked back. Wofford went on seven match win streak, while going 2-0 in league action. SoCon foe Elon ended the streak, handing the Terriers a 5-2 loss. Bouncing back, Wofford defeated Western Carolina, 4-2, and Chattanooga, 5-2 but lose to Georgia State in between.

Wofford met with Davidson recently on April 11 during the regular season where the Wildcats captured the match victory 6-1 over the Terriers. The loss for Wofford was among four consecutive defeats that the Terriers suffered to conclude the season during their toughest stanza, a 2-5 loss to the College of Charleston, then nationally ranked No. 66 Furman, 6-1, Davidson and ending with UNC Greensboro, 3-4.

In her first year as assistant and taking majority control over the women’s program, Katie Hangstefer mentored the Terriers to 12 victories, surpassing their 2007 overall record of six. Wofford logged seven doubles shutouts and compiled a record of 7-4 at home and 5-3 on the road.

“I think this year has been a good season for us,” said Hangstefer. “The team has worked very hard. I came in expecting a lot out of them, and they definitely stepped up and worked really hard and gave me all they had. They took the opportunity to beat some teams that they lost to last year, which was so exciting for them. We are all excited about going to Charleston and we are going to give it all we’ve got.”

In their first campaigns in a Terrier uniform, freshmen Sonia Anand and Hayley Baird have paced Wofford to a winning season. The freshman duo combined at the No. 3 doubles spot to log a second best team record of 8-6 overall and 4-4 in conference standings.

Anand leads the Terriers in singles victories with a 12-3 overall record while capturing an 8-1 conference slate, with all but one match played at the No. 6 position. She prevented the team from being swept against league opponent, then Nationally ranked, No. 66 Furman, claiming the lone point of the match over Christina Swindall. Anand remained undefeated in the league with only two matches remaining in the regular season, but fell against Davidson in her only defeat.

Baird has tried action in three different spots in the Terrier lineup, playing one match at the No. 3 slot, three at No. 4 and primarily at the No. 5 position to register a 11-7 overall and 5-4 SoCon record. Baird had a nine-match win streak, tallying wins over league opponents, Appalachian State, Georgia Southern, Elon and Western Carolina.

The complete tournament bracket, along with all times and updated scores and matchups can be found on the Southern Conference website at www.soconsports.com under the Championship section of the men’s tennis tab. For immediate information on the Terriers’ post match performance at the tournament look on Wofford’s athletics website at www.athletics.wofford.edu.

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Terriers fall to Davidson in SoCon Tourney

Friday, April 18, 2008

CHARLESTON, S.C. – The Wofford women’s tennis team fell 4-0 to Davidson in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament Friday afternoon in Charleston, S.C., falling out of contention for the SoCon Championship title.

Hosted by league foe The Citadel, the Southern Conference tournament only requires that a team capture four match points, starting with doubles action. Doubles competition is called once a team has won two of the three matches.

The No. 3 seeded Wildcats started the match with an advantage by winning the doubles point with the first two matches in their favor. The No. 6 seeded Terriers battled in singles play, but Davidson pulled the edge winning the necessary three matches at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles to clinch the match and move on to the next round of the league tournament.

No. 3 Davidson will play the No. 2 seeded College of Charleston Friday at 12:20 p.m.

Wofford finished the season with a 12-8 overall record, while going 4-6 in the SoCon.

Wofford Women’s Tennis Results

Davidson College 4, Wofford 0

Singles
1. Kelsey Linville (DAV) def. Merry Ellen Henry (WOF) 6-0, 6-2
2. Virginia Berry (DAV) def. Adriane Hodges (WOF) 6-2, 6-2
3. Michele Fanney (DAV) def. Sabrina Smyers (WOF) 6-3, 6-1
4. Kim Whelan (DAV) def. Cayley Wetzig (WOF) 6-1, 4-3 DNF
5. Meredith Skeeters (DAV) def. Haley Baird (WOF) 6-2, 2-2 DNF
6. Teresa Wang (DAV) def. Sonia Anand (WOF) 6-5 DNF

Doubles
1. Berry/Linville (DAV) def. Laura Lynn Williams/Henry (WOF) 8-4
2. Hodges/Wetzig (WOF) def. Fanney/Wang (DAV) 8-3
3. Alison Rauh/Whelan (DAV) def. Baird/Anand (WOF) 5-4 DNF

Match Notes
Order of Finish: Doubles: 1, 2, 3; Singles, 1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6

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Hangstefer promoted to head women’s tennis coach
May 14, 2008

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Wofford athletics director Richard Johnson announced today the promotion of Katie Hangstefer to head women’s tennis coach. Hangstefer had joined the Terrier tennis staff in September 2007 as an assistant to head coach Rod Ray.

“Katie has come in and done a great job,” said Johnson. “She has past head coaching experience and did a great job working with the team this past year. We are thrilled to offer her this opportunity and look forward to building a long-term relationship with her in the position.”

Hangstefer primarily oversaw the women’s program during her first year with Wofford. She guided the Terriers to an 11-2 start and eventual opening round bye in the Southern Conference Tournament.

Senior Adriane Hodges was tabbed the league’s February Athlete of the Month, while the Wofford starting lineup featured a pair of freshmen.

“I’m very excited to have been named the head women’s tennis coach,” said Hangstefer. “It’s a great honor. I really enjoyed this past season working with the women’s team. They are a wonderful group of young ladies, and I look forward to the future with them.

“Wofford has been a remarkable place to work and I’m so thankful to have this opportunity.”

Hangstefer came to Wofford after serving as the men’s and women’s head tennis coach at Covenant College since December 2006. In its first year as a varsity sport in 2007, she led the women’s squad to a fifth-place Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) finish and berth in the AAC Tournament. The men’s team was still a club sport under her direction.

The Lady Scots received the 2007 AAC Champions of Character team award, an honor for actions on and off the court. The No. 1 singles player garnered Appalachian Athletic Conference accolades as well as a nomination for the AAC Sportsmanship Award. A freshman on the team also was recognized as an honorable mention all-conference performer. Three of Hangstefer’s players collected Academic All-Conference honors.

Hangstefer also served as the director of facilities and operations at Covenant, a post she assumed in February 2007.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., native worked in her hometown as a tennis instructor teaching beginning and intermediate level classes from August 2002-April 2003.

She graduated in 2002 from fellow Southern Conference school Chattanooga, where she received a business management double major with concentrations in general management and human resource management. While in college, she was an instructor at the McCallie tennis clinics and camps.