

WESTERN CAROLINA

2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW





2007-08 SEASON SCHEDULE – RESULTS AND LEADERS

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| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| ALL GAMES | 10-21 | 8-6 | 1-13 | 1-2 |
| CONFERENCE | 6-14 | 5-5 | 1-9 | 0-0 |
| NON-CONFERENCE | 4-7 | 3-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 |

| DATE | TIME | OPPONENT | SCORE | ATTEND | HIGH POINTS | HIGH REBOUNDS |
|----------|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 11/09/07 | 5:00 pm | vs Bowling Green | W 63-60 | 7723 | (17)ALDRIDGE, Nick | (8)WAGINGER, Brigham |
| 11/10/07 | 7:00 pm | at Cincinnati | 64-66 L | 8119 | (22)ALDRIDGE, Nick | (6)PORRINI, Michael (6)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 11/11/07 | 5:00 pm | vs Belmont | 70-79 L | 7073 | (20)ALDRIDGE, Nick | (7)PORRINI, Michael |
| 11/14/07 | 7:03 pm | METHODIST | W 87-76 | 1731 | (22)ALDRIDGE, Nick | (10)PORRINI, Michael |
| 11/20/07 | 7:03 pm | UNC ASHEVILLE | 73-83 L | 2022 | (19)ROBINSON, Jake | (8)ALDRIDGE, Nick |
| 11/27/07 | 7:00 pm | at Elon | 49-59 L | 916 | (14)GILES, Brandon | (5)PORRINI, Michael (5)GILES, Brandon |
| 12/01/07 | 7:03 pm | COL. OF CHARLESTON | 84-86 L | 1671 | (32)GILES, Brandon | (9)PORRINI, Michael |
| 12/05/07 | 7:03 pm | N.C. CENTRAL | W 84-64 | 857 | (17)PORRINI, Michael | (12)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 12/15/07 | 8:06 pm | at Indiana | 52-100 L | 13143 | (20)PORRINI, Michael | (7)PORRINI, Michael |
| 12/17/07 | 7:00 pm | at Illinois | 35-58 L | 16618 | (13)GILES, Brandon | (9)PORRINI, Michael |
| 12/27/07 | 7:03 pm | PRESBYTERIAN | W 60-57 | 843 | (17)GILES, Brandon | (12)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 12/29/07 | 2:30 pm | at NC State | 62-74 L | 14729 | (25)GILES, Brandon | (6)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 01/03/07 | 7:00 pm | at Furman | 60-64 L | 1554 | (13)GORE, Arnold | (8)GILES, Brandon (8)MILLER, Camden |
| 01/05/08 | 7:00 pm | at Davidson | 73-86 L | 4602 | (14)PORRINI, Michael | (6)MILLER, Camden |
| 01/10/08 | 7:03 pm | FURMAN | W 73-65 | 1017 | (21)GILES, Brandon | (9)McKENNA, Negus |
| 01/12/08 | 3:00 pm | at Chattanooga | 55-85 L | 3706 | (15)GILES, Brandon | (5)McKENNA, Negus |
| 01/21/08 | 7:03 pm | DAVIDSON | 67-82 L | 2125 | (23)GILES, Brandon | (8)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 01/24/08 | 7:03 pm | ELON | W 72-60 | 1344 | (24)McKENNA, Negus | (7)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 01/26/08 | 7:05 pm | at Wofford | 73-83 L | 1142 | (24)GILES, Brandon | (6)GILES, Brandon |
| 01/28/08 | 7:15 pm | GEORGIA SOUTHERN | 58-69 L | 1434 | (17)GILES, Brandon | (6)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 02/02/08 | 7:03 pm | APPALACHIAN STATE | 64-69 L | 2487 | (19)GILES, Brandon | (5)GORDON, Richie (5)McKENNA, Negus |
| 02/04/08 | 7:15 pm | CHATTANOOGA | W 70-64 | 1823 | (20)GILES, Brandon | (9)ROBINSON, Jake |
| 02/07/08 | 7:30 pm | at Georgia Southern | 63-72 L | 1762 | (22)GILES, Brandon | (7)GILES, Brandon |
| 02/14/08 | 7:05 pm | at The Citadel | 51-57 L | 1040 | (15)GORE, Arnold | (6)GORE, Arnold (6)GALLAGHER, Blake (6)GILES, Brandon |
| 02/16/08 | 6:00 pm | at Col. of Charleston | W 65-57 | 3104 | (25)GILES, Brandon | (6)WILSON, Eric |
| 02/21/08 | 7:03 pm | UNC GREENSBORO | 62-74 L | 1237 | (16)ROBINSON, Jake (8)GORE, Arnold | (8)GALLAGHER, Blake |
| 02/23/08 | 3:00 PM | THE CITADEL | W 61-42 | 1453 | (14)WILSON, Eric | (10)WILSON, Eric |
| 02/28/08 | 7:03 pm | WOFFORD | W 62-57 | 1122 | (17)ROBINSON, Jake | (7)McKENNA, Negus (7)WAGINGER, Brigham |
| 03/01/08 | 3:30 pm | at Appalachian State | 63-74 L | 3732 | (19)ROBINSON, Jake | (6)WAGINGER, Brigham |
| 03/03/08 | 7:00 pm | at UNC Greensboro | 55-60 L | 1440 | (19)ROBINSON, Jake | (12)McKENNA, Negus |
| 03/07/08 | 3:00 PM | vs Wofford | 49-58 L | | (14)ROBINSON, Jake | (7)GALLAGHER, Blake |

% = Peggy Cronin Classic (Cincinnati, Ohio)

* = Southern Conference game

| ATTENDANCE SUMMARY | GAMES | TOTALS | AVG/GAME |
|--------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| HOME..... | 14 | 21166 | 1512 |
| AWAY..... | 14 | 75607 | 5400 |
| NEUTRAL..... | 3 | 14796 | 4932 |
| TOTAL..... | 31 | 111569 | 3599 |



2007-08 SEASON STATS – SEASON BOX SCORE

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| ALL GAMES | 10-21 | 8-6 | 1-13 | 1-2 |
| CONFERENCE | 6-14 | 5-5 | 1-9 | 0-0 |
| NON-CONFERENCE | 4-7 | 3-1 | 0-4 | 1-2 |

| ## | Player | GP | GS | Min | Avg | TOTAL | | | 3-PTS | | | REBOUNDS | | | | PF | FO | A | TO | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|----|----|-----|------|-------|------|------|-------|-----|------|----------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| | | | | | | FG | FGA | Pct | 3FG | FGA | Pct | FT | FTA | Pct | Off | | | | | | | | | Def | Tot | Avg |
| 01 | GILES, Brandon..... | 27 | 26 | 771 | 28.6 | 156 | 385 | .405 | 50 | 130 | .385 | 52 | 73 | .712 | 35 | 74 | 109 | 4.0 | 87 | 5 | 41 | 53 | 9 | 18 | 414 | 15.3 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 17 | 17 | 534 | 31.4 | 115 | 278 | .414 | 39 | 100 | .390 | 38 | 48 | .792 | 22 | 57 | 79 | 4.6 | 58 | 4 | 26 | 42 | 5 | 13 | 307 | 18.1 |
| 42 | ROBINSON, Jake..... | 31 | 15 | 755 | 24.4 | 109 | 275 | .396 | 70 | 194 | .361 | 40 | 46 | .870 | 39 | 53 | 92 | 3.0 | 63 | 2 | 38 | 36 | 13 | 13 | 328 | 10.6 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 12 | 528 | 26.4 | 77 | 189 | .407 | 43 | 120 | .358 | 23 | 27 | .852 | 31 | 36 | 67 | 3.4 | 42 | 2 | 30 | 22 | 7 | 9 | 220 | 11.0 |
| 04 | GORE, Arnold..... | 31 | 31 | 739 | 23.8 | 92 | 238 | .387 | 13 | 37 | .351 | 35 | 61 | .574 | 36 | 54 | 90 | 2.9 | 90 | 4 | 42 | 64 | 7 | 26 | 232 | 7.5 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 20 | 525 | 26.3 | 74 | 181 | .409 | 11 | 30 | .367 | 27 | 46 | .587 | 23 | 43 | 66 | 3.3 | 57 | 2 | 36 | 42 | 5 | 19 | 186 | 9.3 |
| 21 | McKENNA, Negus..... | 30 | 0 | 424 | 14.1 | 53 | 106 | .500 | 31 | 70 | .443 | 13 | 19 | .684 | 36 | 59 | 95 | 3.2 | 30 | 0 | 16 | 23 | 10 | 11 | 150 | 5.0 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 0 | 331 | 16.6 | 45 | 82 | .549 | 28 | 55 | .509 | 13 | 19 | .684 | 29 | 45 | 74 | 3.7 | 24 | 0 | 13 | 19 | 7 | 8 | 131 | 6.6 |
| 34 | GALLAGHER, Blake..... | 30 | 15 | 539 | 18.0 | 49 | 104 | .471 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 50 | 75 | .667 | 65 | 87 | 152 | 5.1 | 71 | 0 | 14 | 37 | 4 | 8 | 148 | 4.9 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 10 | 316 | 15.8 | 26 | 65 | .400 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 35 | 54 | .648 | 35 | 42 | 77 | 3.9 | 54 | 0 | 9 | 24 | 1 | 6 | 87 | 4.4 |
| 13 | WAGINGER, Brigham..... | 31 | 14 | 885 | 28.5 | 51 | 146 | .349 | 32 | 109 | .294 | 13 | 21 | .619 | 27 | 90 | 117 | 3.8 | 60 | 1 | 69 | 58 | 3 | 69 | 147 | 4.7 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 6 | 569 | 28.5 | 31 | 84 | .369 | 19 | 63 | .302 | 10 | 16 | .625 | 20 | 53 | 73 | 3.7 | 39 | 1 | 43 | 32 | 3 | 48 | 91 | 4.6 |
| 23 | WILSON, Eric..... | 31 | 23 | 791 | 25.5 | 51 | 135 | .378 | 13 | 46 | .283 | 17 | 23 | .739 | 37 | 60 | 97 | 3.1 | 81 | 3 | 51 | 52 | 4 | 19 | 132 | 4.3 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | 18 | 568 | 28.4 | 38 | 93 | .409 | 9 | 30 | .300 | 14 | 16 | .875 | 23 | 49 | 72 | 3.6 | 54 | 2 | 38 | 40 | 1 | 15 | 99 | 5.0 |
| 50 | GORDON, Richie..... | 29 | 11 | 425 | 14.7 | 43 | 79 | .544 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 20 | 36 | .556 | 31 | 51 | 82 | 2.8 | 81 | 2 | 17 | 30 | 18 | 17 | 106 | 3.7 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 18 | 10 | 327 | 18.2 | 34 | 64 | .531 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 16 | 29 | .552 | 23 | 37 | 60 | 3.3 | 52 | 1 | 14 | 22 | 15 | 12 | 84 | 4.7 |
| 32 | MAGOWAN, Tim..... | 4 | 0 | 13 | 3.3 | 1 | 4 | .250 | 1 | 3 | .333 | 1 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1.0 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 24 | x-ALDRIDGE, Nick..... | 5 | 5 | 162 | 32.4 | 39 | 98 | .398 | 6 | 17 | .353 | 10 | 18 | .556 | 9 | 17 | 26 | 5.2 | 12 | 0 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 94 | 18.8 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 03 | x-PORRINI, Michael..... | 16 | 15 | 506 | 31.6 | 68 | 190 | .358 | 15 | 54 | .278 | 30 | 48 | .625 | 39 | 44 | 83 | 5.2 | 42 | 2 | 53 | 60 | 6 | 31 | 181 | 11.3 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 7 | 7 | 226 | 32.3 | 26 | 83 | .313 | 6 | 28 | .214 | 10 | 17 | .588 | 13 | 18 | 31 | 4.4 | 14 | 0 | 23 | 25 | 4 | 12 | 68 | 9.7 |
| 05 | x-MILLER, Camden..... | 16 | 0 | 190 | 11.9 | 15 | 51 | .294 | 6 | 22 | .273 | 7 | 10 | .700 | 8 | 25 | 33 | 2.1 | 25 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 43 | 2.7 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 6 | 0 | 76 | 12.7 | 2 | 20 | .100 | 0 | 9 | .000 | 3 | 4 | .750 | 6 | 19 | 25 | 4.2 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1.2 |
| TM | TEAM..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | | | | 0 | |
| | Conference-Only..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | 0 | |
| Total..... | | 31 | | | | 727 | 1811 | .401 | 237 | 682 | .348 | 288 | 432 | .667 | 424 | 658 | 1082 | 34.9 | 643 | 20 | 367 | 457 | 82 | 224 | 1979 | 63.8 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | | | | 468 | 1139 | .411 | 155 | 435 | .356 | 189 | 276 | .685 | 265 | 426 | 691 | 34.5 | 405 | 12 | 235 | 280 | 51 | 144 | 1280 | 64.0 |
| Opponents..... | | 31 | | | | 708 | 1594 | .444 | 232 | 670 | .346 | 492 | 677 | .727 | 332 | 734 | 1066 | 34.4 | 462 | 10 | 412 | 456 | 109 | 202 | 2140 | 69.0 |
| | Conference-Only..... | 20 | | | | 448 | 1012 | .443 | 156 | 431 | .362 | 313 | 426 | .735 | 209 | 457 | 666 | 33.3 | 294 | 6 | 254 | 282 | 61 | 132 | 1365 | 68.2 |

x - Denotes an inactive player

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| SCORE BY PERIODS: | 1st | 2nd | Total |
| Western Carolina..... | 949 | 1030 | 1979 |
| Opponents..... | 1004 | 1136 | 2140 |

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| DEADBALL REBOUNDS: | OFF | DEF | TOTAL |
| Western Carolina..... | 66 | 9 | 75 |
| Opponents..... | 73 | 5 | 78 |



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WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Opponent | Date | Score | W/L | TOTAL | | | 3-PTS | | | REBOUNDS | | | | PF | A | TO | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|-----|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | FG | FGA | Pct | 3FG | FGA | Pct | FT | FTA | Pct | Off | | | | | | | | Def | Tot | Avg |
| vs Bowling Green | 11/09/07 | 63-60 | W | 21 | 58 | .362 | 9 | 21 | .429 | 12 | 22 | .545 | 18 | 27 | 45 | 45.0 | 19 | 14 | 20 | 2 | 7 | 63 | 63.0 |
| at Cincinnati | 11/10/07 | 64-66 | L | 22 | 56 | .393 | 8 | 18 | .444 | 12 | 15 | .800 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 37.0 | 25 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 64 | 63.5 |
| vs Belmont | 11/11/07 | 70-79 | L | 26 | 71 | .366 | 8 | 29 | .276 | 10 | 18 | .556 | 19 | 23 | 42 | 38.7 | 23 | 10 | 23 | 1 | 8 | 70 | 65.7 |
| METHODIST | 11/14/07 | 87-76 | W | 38 | 74 | .514 | 5 | 16 | .313 | 6 | 12 | .500 | 16 | 27 | 43 | 39.8 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 87 | 71.0 |
| UNC ASHEVILLE | 11/20/07 | 73-83 | L | 27 | 76 | .355 | 15 | 34 | .441 | 4 | 5 | .800 | 19 | 20 | 39 | 39.6 | 28 | 16 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 73 | 71.4 |
| at Elon * | 11/27/07 | 49-59 | L | 19 | 59 | .322 | 3 | 16 | .188 | 8 | 17 | .471 | 15 | 21 | 36 | 39.0 | 23 | 3 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 49 | 67.7 |
| COL. OF CHARLESTON * | 12/01/07 | 84-86 | L | 31 | 65 | .477 | 8 | 23 | .348 | 14 | 19 | .737 | 14 | 25 | 39 | 39.0 | 16 | 21 | 13 | 1 | 8 | 84 | 70.0 |
| N.C. CENTRAL | 12/05/07 | 84-64 | W | 29 | 64 | .453 | 10 | 28 | .357 | 16 | 28 | .571 | 17 | 29 | 46 | 39.9 | 24 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 84 | 71.8 |
| at Indiana | 12/15/07 | 52-100 | L | 19 | 55 | .345 | 5 | 19 | .263 | 9 | 15 | .600 | 11 | 13 | 24 | 38.1 | 24 | 11 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 52 | 69.6 |
| at Illinois | 12/17/07 | 35-58 | L | 13 | 48 | .271 | 4 | 19 | .211 | 5 | 7 | .714 | 10 | 21 | 31 | 37.4 | 15 | 5 | 22 | 6 | 8 | 35 | 66.1 |
| PRESBYTERIAN | 12/27/07 | 60-57 | W | 20 | 51 | .392 | 5 | 22 | .227 | 15 | 19 | .789 | 14 | 19 | 33 | 37.0 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 60 | 65.5 |
| at NC State | 12/29/07 | 62-74 | L | 25 | 67 | .373 | 10 | 22 | .455 | 2 | 2 | 1.000 | 17 | 12 | 29 | 36.3 | 28 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 62 | 65.2 |
| at Furman * | 01/03/07 | 60-64 | L | 25 | 64 | .391 | 7 | 26 | .269 | 3 | 6 | .500 | 16 | 26 | 42 | 36.8 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 60 | 64.8 |
| at Davidson * | 01/05/08 | 73-86 | L | 25 | 59 | .424 | 11 | 28 | .393 | 12 | 16 | .750 | 10 | 26 | 36 | 36.7 | 30 | 12 | 23 | 4 | 8 | 73 | 65.4 |
| FURMAN * | 01/10/08 | 73-65 | W | 26 | 65 | .400 | 11 | 32 | .344 | 10 | 14 | .714 | 19 | 19 | 38 | 36.8 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 73 | 65.9 |
| at Chattanooga * | 01/12/08 | 55-85 | L | 20 | 71 | .282 | 7 | 29 | .241 | 8 | 10 | .800 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 36.4 | 27 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 55 | 65.2 |
| DAVIDSON * | 01/21/08 | 67-82 | L | 23 | 55 | .418 | 8 | 21 | .381 | 13 | 18 | .722 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 36.2 | 16 | 9 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 67 | 65.4 |
| ELON * | 01/24/08 | 72-60 | W | 25 | 49 | .510 | 12 | 19 | .632 | 10 | 18 | .556 | 13 | 24 | 37 | 36.2 | 11 | 18 | 17 | 3 | 10 | 72 | 65.7 |
| at Wofford * | 01/26/08 | 73-83 | L | 26 | 57 | .456 | 10 | 19 | .526 | 11 | 15 | .733 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 35.6 | 22 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 9 | 73 | 66.1 |
| GEORGIA SOUTHERN * | 01/28/08 | 58-69 | L | 20 | 49 | .408 | 7 | 22 | .318 | 11 | 15 | .733 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 35.4 | 23 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 58 | 65.7 |
| APPALACHIAN STATE * | 02/02/08 | 64-69 | L | 23 | 55 | .418 | 12 | 23 | .522 | 6 | 10 | .600 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 34.9 | 22 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 64 | 65.6 |
| CHATTANOOGA * | 02/04/08 | 70-64 | W | 25 | 60 | .417 | 10 | 27 | .370 | 10 | 16 | .625 | 15 | 20 | 35 | 34.9 | 21 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 14 | 70 | 65.8 |
| at Georgia Southern * | 02/07/08 | 63-72 | L | 22 | 45 | .489 | 10 | 20 | .500 | 9 | 12 | .750 | 9 | 17 | 26 | 34.5 | 22 | 13 | 24 | 1 | 8 | 63 | 65.7 |
| at The Citadel * | 02/14/08 | 51-57 | L | 18 | 52 | .346 | 3 | 17 | .176 | 12 | 22 | .545 | 19 | 26 | 45 | 35.0 | 17 | 9 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 51 | 65.1 |
| at Col. of Charleston * | 02/16/08 | 65-57 | W | 24 | 61 | .393 | 5 | 16 | .313 | 12 | 14 | .857 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 34.8 | 17 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 10 | 65 | 65.1 |
| UNC GREENSBORO * | 02/21/08 | 62-74 | L | 22 | 53 | .415 | 6 | 23 | .261 | 12 | 15 | .800 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 34.7 | 23 | 9 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 62 | 65.0 |
| THE CITADEL * | 02/23/08 | 61-42 | W | 23 | 53 | .434 | 7 | 15 | .467 | 8 | 11 | .727 | 15 | 30 | 45 | 35.0 | 13 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 61 | 64.8 |
| WOFFORD * | 02/28/08 | 62-57 | W | 25 | 53 | .472 | 6 | 16 | .375 | 6 | 10 | .600 | 15 | 23 | 38 | 35.1 | 21 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 62 | 64.7 |
| at Appalachian State * | 03/01/08 | 63-74 | L | 23 | 62 | .371 | 9 | 27 | .333 | 8 | 8 | 1.000 | 17 | 16 | 33 | 35.1 | 23 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 63 | 64.7 |
| at UNC Greensboro * | 03/03/08 | 55-60 | L | 23 | 52 | .442 | 3 | 16 | .188 | 6 | 10 | .600 | 16 | 19 | 35 | 35.1 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 55 | 64.3 |
| vs Wofford | 03/07/08 | 49-58 | L | 19 | 52 | .365 | 3 | 19 | .158 | 8 | 13 | .615 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 34.9 | 19 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 49 | 63.8 |
| Western Carolina | | 1979 | | 727 | 1811 | .401 | 237 | 682 | .348 | 288 | 432 | .667 | 424 | 658 | 1082 | 34.9 | 643 | 367 | 457 | 82 | 224 | 1979 | 63.8 |
| <i>Opponents</i> | | <i>2140</i> | | <i>708</i> | <i>1594</i> | <i>.444</i> | <i>232</i> | <i>670</i> | <i>.346</i> | <i>492</i> | <i>677</i> | <i>.727</i> | <i>332</i> | <i>734</i> | <i>1066</i> | <i>34.4</i> | <i>462</i> | <i>412</i> | <i>456</i> | <i>109</i> | <i>202</i> | <i>2140</i> | <i>69.0</i> |

WCU 2007-08 OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Opponent | Date | Score | W/L | TOTAL | | | 3-PTS | | | REBOUNDS | | | | PF | A | TO | Blk | Stl | Pts | Avg | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|----------|-----|-------|-----|----|----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | | | | FG | FGA | Pct | 3FG | FGA | Pct | FT | FTA | Pct | Off | | | | | | | | Def | Tot | Avg |
| vs Bowling Green | 11/09/07 | 63-60 | W | 21 | 56 | .375 | 2 | 16 | .125 | 16 | 21 | .762 | 10 | 22 | 32 | 32.0 | 20 | 14 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 60 | 60.0 |
| at Cincinnati | 11/10/07 | 64-66 | L | 22 | 49 | .449 | 5 | 19 | .263 | 17 | 24 | .708 | 9 | 23 | 32 | 32.0 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 66 | 63.0 |
| vs Belmont | 11/11/07 | 70-79 | L | 24 | 56 | .429 | 13 | 32 | .406 | 18 | 24 | .750 | 12 | 31 | 43 | 35.7 | 15 | 17 | 23 | 4 | 6 | 79 | 68.3 |
| METHODIST | 11/14/07 | 87-76 | W | 26 | 56 | .464 | 10 | 24 | .417 | 14 | 18 | .778 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 34.2 | 13 | 14 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 76 | 70.2 |
| UNC ASHEVILLE | 11/20/07 | 73-83 | L | 26 | 47 | .553 | 8 | 16 | .500 | 23 | 31 | .742 | 6 | 31 | 37 | 34.8 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 83 | 72.8 |
| at Elon * | 11/27/07 | 49-59 | L | 20 | 45 | .444 | 3 | 10 | .300 | 16 | 24 | .667 | 12 | 29 | 41 | 35.8 | 19 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 59 | 70.5 |
| COL. OF CHARLESTON * | 12/01/07 | 84-86 | L | 28 | 59 | .475 | 10 | 26 | .385 | 20 | 24 | .833 | 9 | 24 | 33 | 35.4 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 86 | 72.7 |
| N.C. CENTRAL | 12/05/07 | 84-64 | W | 21 | 56 | .375 | 6 | 24 | .250 | 16 | 22 | .727 | 9 | 23 | 32 | 35.0 | 22 | 10 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 64 | 71.6 |
| at Indiana | 12/15/07 | 52-100 | L | 36 | 66 | .545 | 8 | 28 | .286 | 20 | 31 | .645 | 21 | 29 | 50 | 36.7 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 100 | 74.8 |
| at Illinois | 12/17/07 | 35-58 | L | 24 | 58 | .414 | 3 | 17 | .176 | 7 | 14 | .500 | 15 | 26 | 41 | 37.1 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 58 | 73.1 |
| PRESBYTERIAN | 12/27/07 | 60-57 | W | 19 | 49 | .388 | 11 | 30 | .367 | 8 | 10 | .800 | 11 | 19 | 30 | 36.5 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 4 | 7 | 57 | 71.6 |
| at NC State | 12/29/07 | 62-74 | L | 21 | 41 | .512 | 5 | 14 | .357 | 27 | 33 | .818 | 10 | 25 | 35 | 36.3 | 11 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 74 | 71.8 |
| at Furman * | 01/03/07 | 60-64 | L | 22 | 58 | .379 | 10 | 31 | .323 | 10 | 15 | .667 | 12 | 25 | 37 | 36.4 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 64 | 71.2 |
| at Davidson * | 01/05/08 | 73-86 | L | 29 | 63 | .460 | 6 | 26 | .231 | 22 | 31 | .710 | 13 | 27 | 40 | 36.6 | 14 | 18 | 17 | 4 | 9 | 86 | 72.3 |
| FURMAN * | 01/10/08 | 73-65 | W | 21 | 50 | .420 | 11 | 27 | .407 | 12 | 17 | .706 | 12 | 21 | 33 | 36.4 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 65 | 71.8 |
| at Chattanooga * | 01/12/08 | 55-85 | L | 26 | 60 | .433 | 6 | 25 | .240 | 27 | 35 | .771 | 18 | 41 | 59 | 37.8 | 11 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 85 | 72.6 |
| DAVIDSON * | 01/21/08 | 67-82 | L | 29 | 60 | .483 | 14 | 30 | .467 | 10 | 12 | .833 | 14 | 24 | 38 | 37.8 | 18 | 19 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 82 | 73.2 |
| ELON * | 01/24/08 | 72-60 | W | 24 | 53 | .453 | 6 | 19 | .316 | 6 | 6 | 1.000 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 36.8 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 4 | 6 | 60 | 72.4 |
| at Wofford * | 01/26/08 | 73-83 | L | 27 | 45 | .600 | 9 | 15 | .600 | 20 | 30 | .667 | 8 | 23 | 31 | 36.5 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 83 | 73.0 |
| GEORGIA SOUTHERN * | 01/28/08 | 58-69 | L | 23 | 49 | .469 | 5 | 13 | .385 | 18 | 29 | .621 | 8 | 24 | 32 | 36.3 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 69 | 72.8 |
| APPALACHIAN STATE * | 02/02/08 | 64-69 | L | 20 | 39 | .513 | 9 | 22 | .409 | 20 | 25 | .800 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 36.0 | 13 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 69 | 72.6 |
| CHATTANOOGA * | 02/04/08 | 70-64 | W | 21 | 50 | .420 | 8 | 19 | .421 | 14 | 18 | .778 | 11 | 23 | 34 | 35.9 | 13 | 12 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 64 | 72.2 |
| at Georgia Southern * | 02/07/08 | 63-72 | L | 24 | 50 | .480 | 3 | 12 | .250 | 21 | 29 | .724 | 14 | 14 | 28 | 35.6 | 13 | 13 | 15 | 0 | 14 | 72 | 72.2 |
| at The Citadel * | 02/14/08 | 51-57 | L | 21 | 51 | .412 | 10 | 31 | .323 | 5 | 7 | .714 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 35.3 | 18 | 16 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 57 | 71.6 |
| at Col. of Charleston * | 02/16/08 | 65-57 | W | 18 | 51 | .353 | 6 | 15 | .400 | 15 | 17 | .882 | 15 | 28 | 43 | 35.6 | 15 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 57 | 71.0 |
| UNC GREENSBORO * | 02/21/08 | 62-74 | L | 22 | 49 | .449 | 9 | 20 | .450 | 21 | 28 | .750 | 14 | 20 | 34 | 35.5 | 16 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 74 | 71.1 |
| THE CITADEL * | 02/23/08 | 61-42 | W | 15 | 47 | .319 | 8 | 31 | .258 | 4 | 5 | .800 | 3 | 18 | 21 | 35.0 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 42 | 70.0 |
| WOFFORD * | 02/28/08 | 62-57 | W | 16 | 43 | .372 | 7 | 22 | .318 | 18 | 25 | .720 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 34.6 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 8 | 57 | 69.6 |
| at Appalachian State * | 03/01/08 | 63-74 | L | 23 | 47 | .489 | 10 | 20 | .5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



2007-08 SEASON STATS – GAME-BY-GAME, POINTS-REBOUNDS-ASSISTS

| Opponent | Date | Score | W/L | GILES | GORE | WAGINGER | MCKENNA | WILSON | MAGOWAN | GALLAGHER | ROBINSON | GORDON |
|----------------------|----------|--------|-----|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| vs Bowling Green | 11/09/07 | 63-60 | W | 5-3-1 | 3-5-0 | 15-8-2 | 0-1-0 | 0-4-0 | DNP | DNP | 7-5-1 | 2-4-0 |
| at Cincinnati | 11/10/07 | 64-66 | L | 6-1-0 | 2-0-0 | 3-5-3 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-0 | DNP | 6-6-0 | 12-0-0 | 2-2-0 |
| vs Belmont | 11/11/07 | 70-79 | L | 9-3-1 | 0-0-0 | 3-4-2 | 2-3-0 | 4-4-2 | DNP | 6-6-0 | 11-6-0 | 0-0-0 |
| METHODIST | 11/14/07 | 87-76 | W | 13-3-4 | 6-3-0 | 5-6-2 | 3-0-0 | 0-0-1 | 0-1-0 | 6-8-0 | 5-3-0 | 4-3-0 |
| UNC ASHEVILLE | 11/20/07 | 73-83 | L | 9-2-1 | 0-1-1 | 6-2-4 | 5-6-0 | 3-3-1 | DNP | 2-7-0 | 19-3-1 | 4-2-0 |
| at Elon * | 11/27/07 | 49-59 | L | 14-5-1 | 1-2-0 | 5-4-0 | 0-2-0 | 6-3-1 | DNP | 3-4-0 | 3-4-0 | 5-2-0 |
| CHARLESTON * | 12/01/07 | 84-86 | L | 32-4-1 | 15-5-4 | 2-4-2 | 0-1-0 | 0-3-4 | DNP | 11-8-1 | 8-3-1 | 2-2-1 |
| NC CENTRAL | 12/05/07 | 84-64 | W | 10-5-3 | 4-3-0 | 9-3-0 | 5-5-2 | 6-1-3 | 4-1-0 | 11-12-2 | 9-0-1 | 4-6-3 |
| at Indiana | 12/15/07 | 52-100 | L | 0-2-2 | 16-0-0 | 3-0-3 | 0-0-0 | 2-2-2 | 0-0-0 | 2-6-1 | 6-2-1 | 0-0-0 |
| at Illinois | 12/17/07 | 35-58 | L | 13-6-0 | 2-3-1 | 3-2-2 | 0-0-0 | 0-1-0 | 0-0-0 | 2-5-0 | 6-0-0 | 2-0-0 |
| PRESBYTERIAN | 12/27/07 | 60-57 | W | 17-3-1 | 3-4-2 | 3-6-5 | 0-0-0 | 5-4-2 | DNP | 12-12-2 | 11-2-1 | 2-0-0 |
| at NC State | 12/29/07 | 62-74 | L | 25-2-2 | 3-3-1 | 2-2-2 | DNP | 5-2-0 | DNP | 4-6-0 | 8-1-2 | 0-4-0 |
| at Furman * | 01/03/07 | 60-64 | L | 10-8-1 | 13-4-3 | 6-4-0 | 0-1-0 | 4-3-1 | DNP | 2-0-0 | 12-6-2 | 0-1-0 |
| at Davidson * | 01/05/08 | 73-86 | L | 12-2-0 | 4-3-2 | 5-2-3 | 11-4-0 | 6-2-0 | DNP | 6-4-2 | 13-2-2 | 2-2-0 |
| FURMAN * | 01/10/08 | 73-65 | W | 21-5-2 | 4-2-4 | 5-4-1 | 16-9-1 | 2-3-0 | DNP | 7-1-0 | 15-4-3 | DNP |
| at Chattanooga * | 01/12/08 | 55-85 | L | 15-4-1 | 8-3-2 | 9-1-0 | 3-5-1 | 2-3-0 | DNP | 2-2-1 | 6-1-2 | DNP |
| DAVIDSON * | 01/21/08 | 67-82 | L | 23-6-1 | 7-0-1 | 0-1-2 | 4-2-0 | 0-2-1 | DNP | 12-8-0 | 12-3-1 | 0-2-0 |
| ELON * | 01/24/08 | 72-60 | W | 20-6-3 | 7-5-1 | 3-3-7 | 24-6-1 | 0-3-3 | DNP | 3-7-2 | 15-1-1 | 0-2-0 |
| at Wofford * | 01/26/08 | 73-83 | L | 24-6-0 | 10-1-3 | 5-3-2 | 19-2-1 | 2-1-1 | DNP | 4-4-0 | 5-1-2 | 4-4-0 |
| GA. SOUTHERN * | 01/28/08 | 58-69 | L | 17-4-3 | 6-1-0 | 2-2-3 | 10-4-2 | 4-4-1 | DNP | 3-6-0 | 12-2-1 | 4-5-1 |
| APPALACHIAN ST. * | 02/02/08 | 64-69 | L | 19-1-1 | 12-3-2 | 6-0-1 | 3-5-0 | 7-4-3 | DNP | 0-3-0 | 12-3-2 | 5-5-2 |
| CHATTANOOGA * | 02/04/08 | 70-64 | W | 20-5-3 | 8-2-2 | 6-3-4 | 3-1-0 | 13-7-5 | DNP | 1-2-0 | 10-9-1 | 9-3-1 |
| at Ga. Southern * | 02/07/08 | 63-72 | L | 22-7-6 | 14-3-1 | 12-3-2 | 0-1-2 | 9-2-0 | DNP | 0-1-1 | 2-3-0 | 4-5-1 |
| at Citadel * | 02/14/08 | 51-57 | L | 10-6-0 | 15-6-2 | 5-6-1 | 2-2-1 | 2-4-2 | DNP | 11-6-1 | 4-4-2 | 2-4-0 |
| at Charleston * | 02/16/08 | 65-57 | W | 25-3-2 | 14-2-1 | 0-4-0 | 0-0-0 | 7-6-3 | DNP | 0-1-1 | 13-3-0 | 6-3-1 |
| UNC GREENSBORO * | 02/21/08 | 62-74 | L | 10-2-0 | 15-8-1 | 2-5-4 | 0-1-0 | 6-2-2 | DNP | 6-8-0 | 16-1-1 | 7-5-1 |
| CITADEL * | 02/23/08 | 61-42 | W | 13-5-1 | 6-4-2 | 2-5-7 | 6-4-0 | 14-10-4 | DNP | 6-2-0 | 7-6-1 | 7-4-0 |
| WOFFORD * | 02/28/08 | 62-57 | W | DNP | 9-4-3 | 8-7-2 | 11-7-1 | 0-4-4 | DNP | 6-4-0 | 17-5-1 | 11-5-0 |
| at Appalachian St. * | 03/01/08 | 63-74 | L | DNP | 6-5-2 | 6-6-0 | 14-5-1 | 11-5-1 | DNP | 2-4-0 | 19-3-3 | 5-4-5 |
| at UNC Greensboro * | 03/03/08 | 55-60 | L | DNP | 12-3-0 | 2-6-2 | 5-12-2 | 4-1-2 | DNP | 2-2-0 | 19-3-4 | 11-2-1 |
| vs Wofford | 03/07/08 | 49-58 | L | DNP | 7-2-1 | 4-6-1 | 4-6-1 | 8-3-2 | DNP | 10-7-0 | 14-3-1 | 2-1-0 |
| TOTALS | | | | 414-109-41 | 232-90-42 | 147-3-8-69 | 150-95-16 | 132-97-51 | 4-2-0 | 148-152-14 | 328-92-38 | 106-82-17 |



2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 1

Bowling Green 60 vs. Western Carolina 63

Nov. 9, 2007 • Fifth Third Arena – Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio (AP) - Sophomore Nick Aldridge scored a game-high 17 points Friday night, leading Western Carolina to a 63-60 victory over Bowling Green and spoiling Louis Orr's debut as the Falcons coach.

Sophomore guard Brigham Waginger added 15 points, including a 3-pointer that put Western Carolina (1-0) ahead to stay in the closing minutes. Ryan Hamblet missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer for Bowling Green (0-1), which was led by Chris Knight's 16 points and 10 rebounds.

It was the opening game of the Peggy Cronin Classic, a three-day, round-robin tournament honoring the deceased mother of Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin. Cincinnati and Belmont also are playing in the exempted tournament on the Bearcats' home court.

The 6-foot-7 Aldridge led Western Carolina in scoring as a freshman last season, averaging 18.3 points as the Catamounts finished 11-20. He had seven in the first half, which ended with Western Carolina up 29-28.

Freshman Camden Miller scored off a fastbreak alley-oop, and Aldridge had a driving layup off a spin move for a 51-45 lead midway through the second half. Bowling Green's Nate Miller made a layup and a pair of free throws that tied it at 55 with 3:27 to go.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Waginger and Jake Robinson put the Catamounts ahead to stay. Arnold Gore's two free throws with 19.1 seconds left made it 63-60, and Hamblet missed a pair of 3-point shots - the last one off an offensive rebound - in the closing seconds.

GAME 2

Western Carolina 64 at Cincinnati 66

Nov. 10, 2007 • Fifth Third Arena – Cincinnati, Ohio • 8,119

Cincinnati, Ohio (AP) - The Bearcats' Marcus Sikes took a pass off penetration and made a driving layup for his only basket of the game with less than a second to play Saturday, giving Cincinnati a 66-64 victory over Western Carolina.

Deonta Vaughn drove the lane and drew defenders before passing to Sikes, who sneaked in along the left baseline for the pass and made the wide-open layup with 0.3 on the clock.

Marvin Gentry led Cincinnati (1-1) with 19 points, all but three of them in the second half. Gentry was 4-of-5 from behind the 3-point arc. Rashad Bishop and John Williamson each added 11.

The Bearcats lost to Belmont 86-75 on Friday night and had to rally to avoid their first 0-2 start since 1979. The game had 13 ties and eight lead changes.

Western Carolina (1-1) was led by sophomore Nick Aldridge, who had a game-high 22 points. He drove for a layup and was fouled by Adam Hrycaniuk with 23.5 seconds to play. The three-point play tied it at 64 and set up Cincinnati's final shot.

Sophomore Jake Robinson added 12 points, making all of his four 3-point shots. Freshman Michael Porrini had 11 for the Catamounts, who opened the season with a 63-60 win over Bowling Green on Friday.

Earlier Saturday, Bowling Green never trailed while beating Belmont 78-67. The games were part of the Peggy Cronin Classic, a three-day, round-robin tournament honoring the deceased mother of Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin.

GAME 3

Western Carolina 70 vs. Belmont 79

Nov. 11, 2007 • Fifth Third Arena – Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio (AP) - Andy Wicke's 3-pointer gave Belmont the lead for good in the fourth quarter as the Bruins came back after blowing a 17-point first half lead to beat Western Carolina 79-70 on Sunday in the Catamounts' final game of the Peggy Cronin Classic hosted by the University of Cincinnati.

Western Carolina (1-2), which trailed by as many as 17 points in the first half, went up by five with 8:13 left on back-to-back 3-pointers by sophomore Brandon Giles. But Belmont's Matthew Dotson answered by sinking a 3-pointer with 5:58 left and Wicke followed with his go-ahead shot a half-minute later.

Justin Hare made 7-of-8 free throws in the final minute as Belmont (2-1) pulled away. Dotson led the Bruins with 17 points, while Wicke added 15 - seven in the last six minutes - and Hare finished with 13.

Western Carolina's Nick Aldridge led both teams with 20 points, 16 in the first half. Michael Porrini had 18 points and Jake Robinson 11 for the Catamounts.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Bowling Green vs Western Carolina 11/09/07 5:00 pm at Cincinnati, Ohio (Fifth Third Arena)

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Bowling Green 60 and Western Carolina 63.

Summary statistics for Bowling Green vs Western Carolina game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 63 and Bowling Green 60.

Summary statistics for Western Carolina vs Bowling Green game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Western Carolina vs Cincinnati 11/10/07 7:00 pm at Cincinnati, Ohio (Fifth Third Arena)

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 64 and Cincinnati 66.

Summary statistics for Western Carolina vs Cincinnati game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Cincinnati 66 and Western Carolina 64.

Summary statistics for Cincinnati vs Western Carolina game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Western Carolina vs Belmont 11/11/07 5:00 pm at Cincinnati, Ohio (Fifth Third Arena)

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 70 and Belmont 79.

Summary statistics for Western Carolina vs Belmont game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.

Table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Belmont 79 and Western Carolina 70.

Summary statistics for Belmont vs Western Carolina game, including FG%, 3Pt%, FT%, and Rebounds.



2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 4

Methodist 76
at Western Carolina 87

Nov. 14, 2007 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee, N.C. • 1,731

Cullowhee, N.C. - Playing its fourth game in six days, Western Carolina overcame early struggles with a strong second half run to build a double-digit lead, and then held off the feisty Methodist University Monarchs for an 87-76 victory in the 2007-08 home opener in the Ramsey Center.

WCU snapped its two-game losing skid to move to 2-2 on the young season, while also improving its record to 15-6 in home openers since moving into Ramsey in the 1986-87 season.

Sophomore Nick Aldridge posted his 24th-consecutive double figure scoring night with a game-high 22 points to lead the Catamounts. The South Webster, Ohio, native added five rebounds, four assists, three blocked shots and three steals in 29 minutes of action. Freshman guard Michael Porrini finished with his first career double-double tallying 15 points and 10 rebounds, just missing the triple-double with a career-best seven assists and four steals. Rounding out WCU's double-digit scorers was sophomore Brandon Giles with 13 points and four assists.

Using a 9-2 run midway through the first half, Methodist staked itself to a seven-point, 19-12 lead on one five Billy McDade 3-pointers. However, the Catamounts rallied over the next two minutes to reclaim the advantage with eight unanswered points, going inside for four points from Aldridge, a Porrini jumper and a dunk by freshman Richie Gordon.

Tied at 26, a 7-0 spurt by the Catamounts marked the sixth lead change of the opening stanza and gave WCU its largest lead of the half, matching the Monarchs' largest advantage at 33-26. Methodist was able to trim Western's advantage to three at the break, 35-32.

In the second half, Western was able to balloon its lead to a game-high 20 points, 74-54, with just under seven minutes remaining on the Ramsey Center clock. However, the Monarchs, who drained a total of 10 3-pointers on the night, chipped away and even cut it to single-digits, 85-76, on a pair of Eric Thomas free throws with 1:24 remaining. Yet, the Catamount defense helped preserve the win forcing five missed shots and a pair of turnovers inside the closing seconds for the final, 87-76, tally.

GAME 5

UNC Asheville 83
at Western Carolina 73

Nov. 20, 2007 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee, N.C. • 2,022

Cullowhee, N.C. - Trailing by a game-high 18 points with just less than seven minutes remaining on the clock, Western Carolina drained five-consecutive 3-pointers as a part of a 15-1 run to slice mountain-rival UNC Asheville's lead to just four, 70-66, with three minutes to play. However, the rally fell just short as the Catamounts only connected on two of their final seven field goals while the Bulldogs made 9-of-10 from the free throw line to outscore WCU, 13-7, down the stretch in an 83-73 loss at the Ramsey Center.

The loss is Western's first at home in the series since 2001 and also snaps its two-game winning streak over the 'Dogs. UNCA remained perfect on the season moving to 5-0 for the first-time ever in school history. The Bulldogs also earned their first point in this season's 2nd Annual Parkway Series to trail 4-1.

Sophomore Jake Robinson found his stroke from long-range in the second half, connecting on five of his game-high six 3-pointers after intermission to lead the Catamounts with 19 points. Front court classmate Nick Aldridge stretched his consecutive double-figure scoring outings to 25 with his fifth-straight double-digit performance of the season finishing with 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Freshman Michael Porrini, who was saddled with early foul trouble, rounded out WCU's leading scorers with 12 points and three assists.

Western held one lead in the game as Porrini stripped Bulldog senior point guard K.J. Garland and raced in for a lay-up one minute in for the early, 2-0, advantage. However, the Bulldogs responded with a 14-0 run, including three 3-pointers, to grab a 14-2 lead they would never relinquish. The first half deficit for WCU ballooned to as many as 14 with four and a half minutes to play before the break and was sustained at 11, 44-33, at intermission.

Aided by Robinson's six triples, Western tied both a school and a WCU Ramsey Center record with 15 made 3-pointers on a record 34 attempts. WCU connected on 15-of-32 last year against Atlanta Christian exactly one-year to the date and attempted 34 against conference-foe, Chattanooga, on Feb. 12.

GAME 6

Western Carolina 49
at Elon 59

Nov. 27, 2007 • Alumni Gym – Elon, N.C. • 916

Elon, N.C. - Despite a season-high scoring performance by sophomore Brandon Giles, the Western Carolina men's basketball team was unable to overcome a second-half scoring slump against the Elon Phoenix falling 59-49 in the Southern Conference opener for both teams.

Giles led the Catamounts with 14 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the field, including hitting two out of his four three-point attempts - the only WCU player to hit more than one from behind the arc in the contest.

Freshman point guard Michael Porrini scored in double-digits for the fifth-straight game after contributing 12 points in addition to leading the team with five rebounds and three steals on the night. Porrini started his rookie campaign with nine points in the season-opener against Bowling Green, and has yet to dip below the ten-point mark since.

The Catamounts (2-4, 0-1 SoCon) played without leading scorer, Nick Aldridge, who did not make the trip due to a violation of team rules.

The two teams came out trading baskets back-and-forth for the majority of the first half, in which neither team led by more than four points until the 3:22 mark when Giles hit a three-pointer to push the Catamount lead to seven. WCU then went on an 11-5 run before halftime to build an eight-point, 26-18, lead at the break.

The Phoenix was able to take advantage of Western's inability to get a constant scoring streak together to chip into the Catamount lead early in the second half. Elon (3-3, 1-0 SoCon) retook the lead by one on Ola Atoyebi's jumper the lane with 14 minutes remaining, and kept the advantage for the remainder of the game.

As a team, WCU shot 29.6 percent from the field in the second half, and just 50 percent from the free-throw line.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Methodist vs Western Carolina
11/14/07 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Score by periods table and technical foul information for Game 4.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
UNC Asheville vs Western Carolina
11/20/07 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Score by periods table and technical foul information for Game 5.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Elon
11/27/07 7:35 pm at Elon, N.C. (Alumni Gym)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Score by periods table and technical foul information for Game 6.



2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 7

College of Charleston.....86
at Western Carolina.....84

Dec. 1, 2007 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,671

Cullowhee, N.C. - Trailing by two in the waning moments, Western Carolina forward Arnold Gore's game-tying lay-up attempt rimmed out just as time expired to cap a frantic finish as the College of Charleston edged Western Carolina, 86-84, in Southern Conference action in the Ramsey Center.

Catamount freshman forward Blake Gallagher boarded an Andrew Goudelock missed free throw, igniting a brief break that featured a coast-to-coast dribble drive by freshman Michael Porrini who dished to Gore on the low block for a contested lay-up. Feeling the pressure from the Cougar defense, Gore circled the rim with a left-handed lay-up that just rimmed out as time expired, relegating WCU to its third-straight defeat on the season.

The loss overshadowed two career performances for the Catamounts, which put four players in double figures. Sophomore forward Brandon Giles posted a career-high 32 points on 14-of-18 shooting, including 4-of-6 from beyond the 3-point arc. Freshmen Porrini and Gallagher scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, with the latter marking the most in Gallagher's young college career. The Monroe, N.C., native also tied his career-high with eight rebounds, while Porrini led the team with nine boards and tied his career-high with seven assists. Gore added 15 points, six of which came from the free throw line.

Western used a 13-0 run midway through the second half to erase a nine-point deficit and claim a three-point advantage over the Cougars, 68-65, with 7:38 remaining.

College of Charleston reclaimed the lead for good with six minutes to play, pushing their advantage to as many as five points during the closing minutes, but the Catamounts clawed back each time.

With 30 seconds to go, down by a pair, WCU ran a play off an inbound to try and spring sharp-shooting sophomore Jake Robinson for a 3-pointer, but under intense defensive pressure the shot just missed and forced the Catamounts to foul, setting up the finishing sequence.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Col. of Charleston vs Western Carolina
12/01/07 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Box score table for Game 7 showing player stats for College of Charleston (86) and Western Carolina (84). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Western Carolina 84 • 2-5, 0-2 ScOcn

Box score table for Game 7 showing player stats for Western Carolina (84) and College of Charleston (86). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Officials: William Choe, Billy Dunlap, Greg Fegenson
Technical Fouls: Col. of Charleston-None, Western Carolina-None
Attendance: 1671

Score by periods table for Game 7 showing scores for Col. of Charleston and Western Carolina in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - COC by 16:54, WCU by 16:18
Largest Lead - COC by 10 16:24-56, WCU by 4 16:17-20

Score by periods table for Game 7 showing scores for Col. of Charleston and Western Carolina in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - WCU by 26:01:07, WCU by 26:00:38
Largest Lead - WCU by 16 17:41, WCU by 29 24:59:20

GAME 8

North Carolina Central.....64
at Western Carolina.....84

Dec. 5, 2007 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 857

Cullowhee, N.C. - Freshman point guard Michael Porrini equaled his previous career best in the first 20 minutes of play, finishing the game with a career-high 17 points as Western Carolina cruised to a 20-point, 84-64, victory over the North Carolina Central Eagles in non-conference action at the Ramsey Center.

Porrini scored 15 points in 17 minutes of action in the first half and established a new benchmark on a slicing drive and lay-in with six minutes remaining in the game to pace three Catamounts in double figures. His front court classmate, Blake Gallagher, tied his career-high for the second-straight game with 11 points while posting his first collegiate double-double with 12 boards in the win.

Coming off a career-high 32 points, sophomore Brandon Giles posted his third-straight double-digit performance tallying 10 to round out WCU's double-digit scorers. Brigham Waginger just missed double figures with nine points and three steals.

Western (3-5) started out well the Catamounts' first four baskets of the game came from behind the 3-point arc. Jake Robinson scored six of his nine points on the night within the opening four minutes, with Porrini sinking the other two treys as WCU rallied from down two, 5-3, to take the lead for good, 6-5, at the 16:40 mark of the first half.

The Catamounts outscored the Eagles 20-to-7 over the final eight minutes of the half after NCCU had trimmed the WCU advantage to just one, 21-20, to lead at the break by 14, 41-27.

Out of halftime, WCU continued to stretch its lead with junior transfer Tim Magowan connecting on his first field goal as a Catamount with a 3-pointer that ballooned the advantage to a game-high 28 with 9:20 remaining in the game. Magowan finished with four points in his first substantial action of the year.

N.C. Central continued to battle, however, and trimmed the lead back into the teens with three-unanswered baskets to pull within 17, 75-58. Yet, WCU used a dunk by Camden Miller and two field goals by Negus McKenna to push the lead back in to the 20s, ending at 84-64.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
N.C. Central vs Western Carolina
12/05/07 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Box score table for Game 8 showing player stats for N.C. Central (64) and Western Carolina (84). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Western Carolina 84 • 3-5

Box score table for Game 8 showing player stats for Western Carolina (84) and N.C. Central (64). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Officials: Das Shryffler, Trent Judd, Terry Hill
Technical Fouls: N.C. Central-TEAM, Western Carolina-MILLER, Camden
Attendance: 857

Score by periods table for Game 8 showing scores for N.C. Central and Western Carolina in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - NCCU by 26:01:07, WCU by 26:00:38
Largest Lead - WCU by 16 17:41, WCU by 29 24:59:20

Score by periods table for Game 8 showing scores for N.C. Central and Western Carolina in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - WCU by 26:00:17, WCU by 26:00:53
Largest Lead - WCU by 16 17:41, WCU by 29 24:59:20

GAME 9

Western Carolina.....52
at #13/14 Indiana.....100

Dec. 15, 2007 • Assembly Hall – Bloomington, Ind. • 13,143

Bloomington, Ind. - Thirteenth-ranked Indiana put three players in double-figures, led by a game-high 26 points from freshman guard Eric Gordon as the Hoosiers handed Western Carolina a 100-52 defeat Saturday night in front of 13,142 fans at Assembly Hall, extending IU's home winning streak to 24, currently the fourth-longest in the nation.

Western put two players in double figures led by freshman guard Michael Porrini, who seemingly chased Gordon all over the court on the defensive end, with a hard-earned, career-high 20 points on 6-of-15 shooting. It was the eighth-straight game the rookie from Massillon, Ohio has scored in double-figures, having reached double digits in all but one game this season. Porrini also led the Catamounts (3-6) with seven rebounds, while also dishing out a pair of assists.

Senior Arnold Gore joined his frosh teammate in double figures with 16 points while freshman Blake Gallagher pulled down six rebounds while battling against the larger Hoosiers.

Western managed to hang close with its nationally-ranked foe for most of the opening 20 minutes before the Hoosiers mounted a late run to build their lead. Gore drained a jumper on a pass from sophomore Brandon Giles to close the deficit to within 10, 28-18 at the 7:36 mark of the first half, but that was as close as the Catamounts would get the remainder of the game.

Sparked by a dunk by senior D.J. White, Indiana (9-1) used an 11-0 run to push its advantage to 21 with four minutes showing before the half. Then, the Hoosiers outscored the Catamounts 13-to-3 over the final 3:49 to take a 28-point, 52-24, lead into intermission.

Out of the halftime locker room, WCU matched buckets with Indiana as both Gore and classmate Eric Wilson tallied lay-ups in the paint inside the first minute of the second half. But, a Catamount cold spell allowed IU to push the game out of reach. Down 26, 54-28, WCU was held without a bucket for four and a half minutes as Indiana tallied 15 unanswered points to go up 41, 69-28, and would eventually take a game-high edge of 51 twice en route to the victory.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Indiana
12/15/07 8:00 pm at Bloomington, Ind. (Assembly Hall)

Box score table for Game 9 showing player stats for Western Carolina (52) and Indiana (100). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Indiana 100 • 9-1

Box score table for Game 9 showing player stats for Indiana (100) and Western Carolina (52). Includes columns for Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Officials: Mike Sarasin, Ed Rothenberger, James Hicks
Technical Fouls: Western Carolina-None, Indiana-None
Attendance: 13143

Score by periods table for Game 9 showing scores for Western Carolina and Indiana in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - WCU by 18:30, IU by 18:30
Largest Lead - IU by 16 17:41, WCU by 29 24:59:20

Score by periods table for Game 9 showing scores for Western Carolina and Indiana in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.

Last FG - WCU by 26:00:17, WCU by 26:00:53
Largest Lead - WCU by 16 17:41, WCU by 29 24:59:20



GAME 10

Western Carolina.....35 at Illinois.....58

Dec. 17, 2007 • Assembly Hall – Champaign, Ill. • 16,618

Champaign, Ill. - Western Carolina shot a season-low 27-percent from the floor and was held to its lowest point output of the season in a 58-35 road loss at Big Ten Conference foe, Illinois, to wrap-up its two-game road swing through the Midwest.

WCU's 35 points marked its lowest single-game output since tallying 30 in an eight-point win at Guilford back in the 1963-64 season. Conversely, the Catamounts also held Illinois to an opponent season-low point total (58).

Sophomore guard Brandon Giles was the only Catamount to reach double-digit scoring on the night finishing with 13 points and six rebounds, while classmate Jake Robinson finished with six on a pair of 3-pointers. Freshman Michael Porrini, who was constantly hounded by larger defenders including U of I's 6-8 forward Brian Randle, had his eight-straight double-figure scoring performances snapped as the rookie from Massillon, Ohio, finished with five points and a game-high nine boards.

Defense reigned supreme through the opening 20 minutes as both teams put the proverbial clamps on the other's offense. WCU (3-7) was held to 17 points on 26-percent shooting, but also limited the Illini to 26 points to trail by just nine at the break. Western was able to manage one lead during the opening 20 minutes, surging ahead by three on a trey from sophomore Brigham Wagering for the 5-2 advantage at 17:45.

Out of the halftime locker room, Illinois was able to run its advantage to 13 before Robinson's back-to-back 3-pointers again pulled the Catamounts to within nine, 32-23. However, that was as close as Western would get the remainder of the game as Illinois outscored the Catamounts 23-to-8 over the next 13 minutes - including limiting WCU to one field goal over a six minute span - to stretch its lead to a game-high 24 points before winning by 23, 58-35.

Illinois (6-3) put two in double figures led by 13 points off the bench for the 7-foot center Mike Tisdale and 11 from starting center Shaun Pruitt who added a team-best eight rebounds. Randle, who battled foul trouble, finished with nine points while Calvin Brock finished with eight.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Western Carolina vs Illinois 12/17/07 7:30 pm at Champaign, Ill. (Assembly Hall)

Western Carolina 35 - 37. Player stats for GORE, Arnold; GALLAGHER, Blake; ROBINSON, Jake; PORRINI, Michael; WAGNER, Brigham; GILES, Brandon; MILLER, Camden; McKENNA, Negus; WILSON, Eric; MASON, Tim; GORDON, Richie. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

Illinois 58 - 63. Player stats for Alexander, Rodney; Randle, Brian; Pruitt, Shaun; Frazer, Chester; Brock, Calvin; Hicks, Chris; Jordan, Jeff; Holden, Steve; Davis, Mike; Cole, Bill; McCamey, Demetri; Sammis, Richard; Tisdale, Mike. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

Score by periods table for Western Carolina vs Illinois. Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench, Rebound.

GAME 11

Presbyterian.....57 at Western Carolina.....60

Dec. 27, 2007 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 843

Cullowhee, N.C. - Three Catamounts scored in double-figures led by a game-high 17 from sophomore Brandon Giles and the second-career, double-double from freshman Blake Gallagher as Western Carolina held off the Presbyterian Blue Hose, 60-57, at the Ramsey Center.

The Blue Hose took its final one-point lead, 55-54, with 3:21 showing on the game clock before Giles handed the Catamounts back the advantage for good with a jumper 17 seconds later, 56-55. Leading by just one, 58-57, with 14 seconds remaining, WCU sophomore Jake Robinson drained a pair of free throws for two of his 11 points to extend the lead to three. On the ensuing possession, PC's Pat Kiscaden missed a would-be game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer to provide the final tally.

The see-saw affair featured nine lead changes and a tied score on seven separate occasions before WCU was able to pull away down the stretch with defense.

Giles' 17 points came on 7-of-13 shooting, while Gallagher scored a career-best 12 points and pulled down a dozen rebounds for the double-tilt, tying his career-high in boards. Freshman Camden Miller added seven points off the bench for Western which claimed its seventh-straight over Presbyterian in the overall series.

Sophomore Brigham Wagering ran the point in place of freshman guard Michael Porrini, who did not play due to a violation of team rules, finished with three points and six rebounds while dishing out five assists and swiping a season-high five steals.

The Blue Hose outscored WCU 19-to-8 over the final 7:39 of the first half to take a three-point, 27-24, lead into the halftime locker room. Out of intermission, the two teams swapped the lead back-and-forth five times, and were tied an additional five times setting up the frantic finish. The Catamounts appeared to seize control around the six minute mark as Miller drained a pair of free throws to give Western a six point, 51-45, edge. However, Presbyterian's Pierre Miller and Josh Johnson hit consecutive 3-pointers to set up the finish.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Presbyterian vs Western Carolina 12/27/07 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Presbyterian 57 - 115. Player stats for GORE, Arnold; GALLAGHER, Blake; MILLER, Pierre; JOHNSON, Josh; BOSTIC, Bryan; KISSADEN, Pat; SLIGH, Walt; ALLEN, Travis. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

Western Carolina 60 - 47. Player stats for GORE, Arnold; GALLAGHER, Blake; GILES, Brandon; WAGNER, Brigham; WILSON, Eric; MILLER, Camden; McKENNA, Negus; ROBINSON, Jake; GORDON, Richie. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

Score by periods table for Presbyterian vs Western Carolina. Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench, Rebound.

GAME 12

Western Carolina.....61 at North Carolina State.....74

Dec. 29, 2007 • RBC Center – Raleigh, N.C. • 14,729

Raleigh, N.C. - Western Carolina opened with an 8-0 run to stake itself to a lead it would hold for three quarters of the game. However, foul trouble and a subsequent 27 Wolfpack points from the free throw line allowed North Carolina State to escape with a 12-point, come-from-behind 74-62, victory.

NCSU shot 82-percent from the charity stripe, connecting on 27-of-33 while Western drained its only two free throw attempts of the day at the 3:43 mark of the second half.

The Catamounts (4-8) were led by Brandon Giles with 25 points, 16 of which came in the opening 20 minutes. The Auburndale, Fla., native connected on 11 of his career-high 23 field goal attempts including three 3-pointers.

Freshman Michael Porrini and sophomore Jake Robinson added nine and eight points, respectively, off the bench. Porrini added a pair of assists and tied his career-best with four steals.

Western opened the game red-hot from the floor, connecting on its first six 3-pointers en route to building its first of seven first half 10-point leads at 24-14 on a Porrini trey at the 9:32 mark. NC State would only manage to pull to within six, 38-32, the remainder of the half until Robinson buried a triple with 12 seconds showing on the clock for a nine-point Western halftime lead.

Things cooled for Western after the break, however, as the Catamounts missed nine of their first 14 shots as NCSU commenced on a 19-to-4 run to erase the deficit and surge ahead. The Pack took its first lead of the game at the 11:34 mark of the second half, and managed to stretch its lead to six before Giles again flexed his muscle scoring seven-straight for the Cats to knot the game at 55 with seven and a half to play.

Down four, 61-57, Camden Miller hit his second 3-pointer of the contest to bring WCU to within one, 61-60. State scored on the ensuing possession to push the lead back to three before Porrini connected on the Catamounts' lone two free throw attempts of the game to again pull within a point. However, WCU was outscored 11-0, including seven from the charity stripe, over the final 3:42 as NCSU escaped with the win.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Western Carolina vs NC State 12/29/07 7:30 pm at RBC Center, N.C. (RBC Center)

Western Carolina 62 - 48. Player stats for GILES, Brandon; GORE, Arnold; WAGNER, Brigham; WILSON, Eric; PORRINI, Michael; MILLER, Camden; ROBINSON, Jake; GORDON, Richie. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

NC State 74 - 93. Player stats for HICKSON, J.J.; FELLIS, Courtney; GONZALEZ, Javier; GRANT, Gavin; COSTNER, Brandon; HARRIS, Simon; JOHNSON, Marques; HORNER, Dennis; MCCOULEY, Ben. Team totals and FG/FT percentages.

Score by periods table for Western Carolina vs NC State. Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench, Rebound.



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GAME 13

Western Carolina..... 60
at Furman 64

Jan. 3, 2008 • Timmons Arena – Greenville, S.C. • 1,554

Greenville, S.C. - Sophomore Jake Robinson's 3-pointer with 12 seconds showing on the game clock pulled Western Carolina to within a pair, 62-60. But it was as close as the Catamounts would get as Furman's Justin Dehm connected on two-of-four free throw attempts, with George Brozos grabbing an offensive rebound on one of Dehm's misses to keep the ball away from WCU and helping seal the Paladin's four-point Southern Conference victory at Timmons Arena.

Four Catamounts reached double figures on the night led by 13 from senior Arnold Gore, nine of which came in the first half. The White Castle, La., native finished 6-of-9 shooting from the floor and also pulled down four rebounds and dished out three assists. Robinson tallied a dozen points including two 3-pointers to close within five of 10th-place on the all-time career trey chart at WCU, while freshman Michael Porcini finished with 11 points and a team-best four assists.

Sophomore Brandon Giles rounded out WCU's double-digit scorers with 10 points. Giles and freshman Camden Miller each boarded a team-high eight in the loss.

Furman led most of the first half building its largest lead of the game of eight points, 26-18, at the 6:10 mark of the first half. Yet, the Catamounts answered with seven unanswered points to close the gap to one, 26-25, and trailed at intermission by the same margin, 32-31.

Out of the halftime locker room, Western grabbed its first lead of the game at the 18:15 mark on a lay-up by Gore as a part of a 9-0 run that erased a three-point deficit and saw the Catamounts go ahead by six, 40-34.

Inside the final three minutes, the two teams traded 3-point buckets as sophomore Brigham Wagering buried the second of his two 3-pointers to push the Catamounts ahead for the final time, 57-54. However, Furman answered right back with consecutive treys by Bobby Austin and Jordan Miller to give the home standing Paladins a three-point cushion, 60-57, with 1:43 to play setting up the heroics by Furman's Dehm and Brozos.

GAME 14

Western Carolina..... 73
at Davidson..... 86

Jan. 5, 2008 • Belk Arena – Davidson, N.C. • 4,602

Davidson, N.C. — Stephen Curry scored 19 points, Jason Richards added 17 and Davidson beat Western Carolina 86-73 at the Belk Arena in Southern Conference play.

Davidson's Will Archambault added 11 points and Thomas Sander had 10 rebounds for the Wildcats (6-6, 4-0 Southern Conference), who have won their first four league games for the second straight season and fourth time under coach Bob McKillop.

Mostly in part to the Catamounts' tenacious defense, it was an uncharacteristically off night shooting for Curry, the nation's fifth-leading scorer. He was just 1-of-11 from 3-point range and finished 6-of-16 from the field.

Freshman Michael Porcini had 14 points to lead the Catamounts (4-10, 0-4), while sophomore Jake Robinson added 13. His classmate, Brandon Giles, scored 12 and senior Negus McKenna had a season-high 11 for Western Carolina.

Davidson forced 23 turnovers and scored 32 points off those miscues, and held a 40-36 rebounding advantage in improving to 33-18 in the series.

WCU was whistled for a season-high 30 team fouls, including 21 in the first half alone. Despite the disparaging numbers (30-to-14 fouls), Western took its first lead of the game at the 14:26 mark of the first half. Tied at 12, WCU used a 7-1 spurt to claim its largest lead of the game of six at the 10:03 mark of the half.

However, the Wildcats responded by outscoring the Catamounts 24-to-3 over the next six minutes to take their largest lead of the opening 20 minutes at 15, 37-22. During Davidson's run, WCU was called for nine fouls, shot one-for-four and committed seven costly turnovers.

Curry drained a 3-pointer at the first half buzzer to give Davidson a 12-point, 50-38, advantage at intermission.

GAME 15

Furman..... 65
at Western Carolina..... 73

Jan. 10, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,017

Cullowhee, N.C. - Behind a near double-double performance off the bench for senior Negus McKenna - and on a night when sophomore Jake Robinson was the featured player - Western Carolina erased a 13-point halftime deficit to rally for a 73-65 victory in Southern Conference action at the Ramsey Center.

Sophomore Brandon Giles led the three Catamounts in double figures with a game-high 21 as WCU garnered its first league win of the season, snapping a three-game slide. Giles connected on a career-high five 3-pointers - four in the second half - to help spark Western offensively.

McKenna also sparked the Catamounts, namely on the boards. The Montreal, Quebec, native tied his career-high with nine rebounds - the most he has ever recorded in a conference game - while scoring a season-high 16 points. And with WCU celebrating "Canton/Clyde Day," the area's native son, Robinson, chipped in 15 points including three 3-pointers and tied his career-high with three assists.

Western (5-10, 1-4 SoCon) only mustered 28 points on 30-percent shooting - including a 2-for-18, 11-percent showing from behind the 3-point arc in the opening 20 minutes. Defensively in the first half, the Catamounts allowed Furman to shoot a sizzling 56-percent, including nailing 47-percent - or 9-of-19 - from long range.

After intermission, the Catamounts put the clamps down defensively, limiting the Paladins to six made field goals (6-of-23) for just 26-percent in the second half. At the other end, WCU shot 50-percent with nine 3-pointers to erase the halftime deficit and come away with the victory.

Down 41-28, Western Carolina was able to slice the lead to just four, 44-40, at the 16:06 mark with a 12-3 run. Then, on the strength of four-straight 3-pointers, Western erased a seven-point deficit to tie the game. Giles gave the Catamounts their first lead at 8:46 with a jumper in the lane.

All told, Western used on a 22-to-5 run - including five 3-pointers - over a seven minute span to surge ahead for good. The Catamounts would lead by as many as 12 down the stretch.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Furman
01/03/08 7:00 pm at Greenville, S.C. (Timmons Arena)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Furman 64 • 2-11, 1-3 SoCon

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Officials: Doug Simons, Antonio Prety, Gary Maxwell

Table with columns: Score by periods, 1st, 2nd, Total. Includes fouls and technical fouls.

Last FG - WCU 2nd-00:53, FUR 2nd-01:43. Largest lead - WCU by 6 2nd-16:22, FUR by 7 1st-08:10.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Davidson
01/05/08 7:00 pm at Davidson, N.C. (Belk Arena)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Western Carolina 73 • 4-10, 0-4 SoCon

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Officials: Dan Stricker, Quintin Murphy, Mark Chaffin

Table with columns: Score by periods, 1st, 2nd, Total. Includes fouls and technical fouls.

Last FG - WCU 2nd-00:57, DAV 2nd-01:17. Largest lead - WCU by 6 1st-10:03, DAV by 27 2nd-11:56.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Furman vs Western Carolina
01/10/08 7:00 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Furman 65 • 2-13, 1-4 SoCon

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams.

Officials: Sean Hall, Scott Smith, Bill Humes

Table with columns: Score by periods, 1st, 2nd, Total. Includes fouls and technical fouls.

Last FG - FUR 2nd-00:53, WCU 2nd-00:40. Largest lead - FUR by 19 1st-08:08, WCU by 12 2nd-04:20.



GAME 16

Western Carolina.....55
at Chattanooga.....85

Jan. 12, 2008 • McKenzie Arena – Chattanooga, Tenn. • 3,706

Chattanooga, Tenn. - Sophomore Brandon Giles extended his current double-digit scoring streak to seven-straight games, but it was not enough as Chattanooga capitalized on an off shooting performance for the Catamounts in an 85-55 win at the McKenzie Arena.

Giles was the only Catamount to reach double-figure scoring with a team-best 15 points, with frontcourt classmate Brigham Waginger scoring nine points off the bench on three 3-pointers. Senior Arnold Gore added eight points.

Western raced out of the gates, connecting on four of its first five shots including a pair of 3-pointers by Giles to stake itself to an early seven-point edge, 10-3, inside the opening three minutes.

However, Chattanooga managed to chip away at the Catamount advantage over the next seven minutes. UTC guard Kevin Bridgewater forced the game's first tie, 19-19, and pushed the Mocs ahead at the 10:18 mark of the opening stanza by connecting on three-consecutive free throws. Bridgewater's charity tosses ignited a 19-3 Chattanooga run as the Mocs grabbed a 15-point lead, its largest of the first half. WCU sophomore Jake Robinson drained his lone 3-pointer of the contest inside the final minute to trim the deficit to 12, 39-27, at intermission.

Out of the halftime locker room, Chattanooga held the Catamounts scoreless for the first five minutes as a part of a 10-0 run to stretch the lead to 22, 39-27, before senior Eric Wilson snapped the drought with a stick back in the paint after an offensive board to start a mini WCU run. Western scored nine unanswered points to slice its deficit to 13 with 12:41 to play.

The Mocs would balloon their advantage back out to 17 before WCU scored six-straight points, capped by Robinson hitting one of two free throws to trim the margin to 11 with nine and a half to play. That was as close as the Catamounts would get, however, as the Mocs outscored Western 30-to-11 over the final nine minutes to grab the victory. During UTC's decisive run, WCU was held without a bucket for a stretch of 4:17, missing nine shots.

GAME 17

Davidson.....82
at Western Carolina.....67

Jan. 21, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,344

Cullowhee, N.C. – Western Carolina sophomore Brandon Giles posted his eighth-consecutive double-digit scoring outing in Southern Conference play to lead three Catamounts in double figures in an 82-67 home loss to the South Division-leading Davidson Wildcats. Giles finished with a team-best 23 points while playing career-high 36 minutes.

The loss snapped Western's three-game home winning streak and relegated the Catamounts to 5-12 overall, 1-6 in league play. It was Davidson's seventh consecutive victory and 19th-straight regular season league triumph as the Wildcats improved to 11-6 overall and 9-0 in the SoCon.

Western Carolina freshman Blake Gallagher had one of his best overall performances of his rookie season despite being saddled with foul trouble. The Monroe, N.C., native finished with a career-high tying 12 points and a game-high tying eight rebounds in 16 minutes of action. Sophomore Jake Robinson chipped in a dozen points off the bench, all coming from beyond the 3-point arc on 4-of-8 shooting.

Davidson capitalized on a 10-0 spurt inside the final three minutes of the first half to take a 10-point advantage and balloon it to 20 to break open an otherwise tightly contested opening session.

Trailing by just one, 11-10, at the 10:32 mark, Western did not score for a six-minute stretch until Arnold Gore Gallagher alone in the paint for two points. During the same stretch, though, the Catamount defense held Davidson in check, only allowing the Wildcats nine points which staked them to a 10-point edge. Leading by the same margin, 26-16, Davidson exploded for the 10-unanswered points inside the final three minutes to go ahead 20, leading by 19 at intermission, 42-23.

Out of the halftime locker room, Davidson used a 15-4 run in the opening minutes of the second half to push its advantage to 30, 57-27, 4:37 into the frame. Western Carolina would not get closer than 15 points for the rest of the game, pulling to within 16 inside the final minute on a 3-pointer by Gore before Curry answered to provide the final tally.

GAME 18

Elon.....60
at Western Carolina.....72

Jan. 24, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,344

Cullowhee, N.C. - Western Carolina senior Negus McKenna connected on a career-high eight 3-pointers for a career-best tying 24 points to pace three Catamounts in double figures in a 72-60 Southern Conference victory over the Elon Phoenix at the Ramsey Center.

All eight of McKenna's made baskets came from beyond the 3-point arc as the fourth-year guard posted 12 in each half. The Montreal, Quebec, native scored 24 for the third-time in his WCU career to tie his personal benchmark.

Sophomore Brandon Giles ran his consecutive double-digit scoring outings to nine with 20 points, while classmate Jake Robinson added 15 points – including two exclamation point dunks inside the final minute – for the short-handed Catamounts as Western defeated Elon at home for the seventh time in the last eight meetings.

Senior Arnold Gore added seven points for Western, while freshman Blake Gallagher led the Catamounts with seven rebounds, all coming on the defensive end. Brigham Waginger tied a Ramsey Center record by making seven swipes in the win while also dishing out seven assists – both of which tied the best of his career.

The Phoenix took control of the contest in the first half after a short-lived, one-point Catamount lead inside the opening minute. Elon pulled ahead by as many as eight in the first stanza. But Western finished the half with eight-unanswered points, capped by a fast break lay-up and subsequent "and-1" free throw by Waginger to knot the game at 31 at intermission.

The Catamounts then used a 22-to-4 second half run over a six and a half minute span to erase a four-point deficit and grab their largest lead of the game with a 13-point, 56-43 edge with 9:21 to play. Elon was able to whittle away at Western's advantage, trimming the margin to one-possession at three with 1:49 to play.

However, Robinson drained his third triple of the night right in front of the WCU bench to push the lead back to six, 66-60. He added two slam dunks on passes from Gore and Waginger to push the margin back into double figures.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Chattanooga
01/21/08 8:00 pm at Chattanooga, Tenn. (The McKenzie Arena)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 55 and Chattanooga 85.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Chattanooga 85 and Western Carolina 55.

Table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench. Includes totals for Western Carolina and Chattanooga.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Davidson vs Western Carolina
01/21/08 7:55 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Davidson 82 and Western Carolina 67.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 67 and Davidson 82.

Table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench. Includes totals for Davidson and Western Carolina.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Elon vs Western Carolina
01/24/08 7:00 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Elon 60 and Western Carolina 72.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for Western Carolina 72 and Elon 60.

Table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Bench. Includes totals for Western Carolina and Elon.



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GAME 19

Western Carolina.....73 at Wofford.....83

Jan. 26, 2008 • Benjamin Johnson Arena – Spartanburg, S.C. • 1,142

Cullowhee, N.C. - Shooting 71-percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes and tallying 24 points in the paint after the half, the Wofford College Terriers rallied to thwart Western Carolina's bid for back-to-back Southern Conference wins as the Catamounts fell on the road, 83-73.

Wofford (11-8, 4-5 SoCon) finished the game at 60-percent shooting from both the floor and 3-point arc to win its third-straight in SoCon play. Western, which shot 57-percent from the field in the first half, fell to 6-13 on the season, 2-7 in conference play. The Terriers' rally also kept the Catamounts winless on the road this season.

Three Catamounts scored in double figures led by 24 from sophomore Brandon Giles, adding a team-best six rebounds and three steals in the loss. Senior Negus McKenna added 19 points off the bench with classmate Arnold Gore scoring 10.

The two squads battled back-and-forth through much of the opening 20 minutes with neither side able to sustain more than a four-point lead. With seven minutes to play before intermission and WCU up by a point, Giles rattled off six-straight points including a three-point play and a 3-pointer in a minute span to give the Catamounts a seven-point edge, 33-26.

The Terriers would rally, though, and tied the game at 36 with 1:51 before the break. Over the final two minutes of the first half, WCU outscored Wofford 7-0 to take a 43-36 edge into halftime.

Out of the locker room, the Catamounts were able to maintain their advantage, answering each Terrier bucket. At the 13 minute mark, Giles connected from long range to give Western its largest lead of the game at eight, 53-to-45. Yet, over the next four minutes, Wofford held Western scoreless as a part of a 12-0 run to erase the deficit and claim a four-point, 57-53, lead at 9:15.

WCU took its final lead on McKenna's lone field goal of the second half, burying his fifth 3-pointer of the contest to push the Catamounts back in front, 63-62. Unfortunately, the Terriers responded with a 16-to-5 run to surge ahead by 10 with the lead never dipping below eight points the remainder of the game.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Wofford
01/26/08 7:05 pm at Spartanburg, S.C. (Johnson Arena)

| Western Carolina 73 • 6-13, 2-7 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | |
| 4-10 | GORE, Arnold | f | 4-10 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| 34 | GALLAGHER, Blake | f | 1-3 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| 42 | ROBINSON, Jake | f | 2-7 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 31 | GILES, Brandon | g | 8-19 | 3-6 | 3-4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 36 |
| 13 | WILSON, Eric | g | 0-5 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| 13 | WAGINER, Brigham | g | 1-4 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 21 | McKENNA, Negus | g | 7-7 | 5-5 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| 56 | GORDON, Richie | g | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Team | | 28-57 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 28-57 | 10-19 | 11-15 | 10 | 15 | 25 | 12 | 73 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 9 | 200 |
| FG % 1st Half: | | 16.28 | 57.1% | 2nd half: | | 10.59 | 34.5% | Game: | | 26.67 | 45.8% | Double Rebounds | | 2 |
| 3Pt % 1st Half: | | 6.7 | 33.3% | 2nd half: | | 4.12 | 33.3% | Game: | | 15.19 | 52.0% | Fast Break | | 0 |
| FT % 1st Half: | | 6.7 | 71.4% | 2nd half: | | 6.8 | 75.0% | Game: | | 11.15 | 73.3% | Bench | | 5 |

| Wofford 83 • 11-8, 4-5 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | | |
| 25 | WATLEY, Tyler | f | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 23 |
| 10 | MARTIN, Terry | f | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | |
| 42 | GIBSON, Drew | g | 4-8 | 1-2 | 5-7 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 34 | |
| 33 | SALTERS, Junior | g | 8-12 | 5-7 | 5-5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 26 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 34 | |
| 33 | GOZDZINSKI, Corey | g | 1-3 | 0-2 | 5-9 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 32 | |
| 12 | ESTER, Matt | g | 4-5 | 3-4 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | |
| 21 | CROWELL, Drew | g | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| 41 | JOHNSON, Tim | g | 8-9 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 26 | |
| 42 | DAHLMAN, Noah | g | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | |
| Team | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 27-45 | 9-15 | 20-30 | 8 | 23 | 31 | 15 | 83 | 14 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 200 | |
| FG % 1st Half: | | 12.04 | 50.0% | 2nd half: | | 15.21 | 71.4% | Game: | | 27.45 | 60.0% | Double Rebounds | | 5 | |
| 3Pt % 1st Half: | | 6.8 | 69.7% | 2nd half: | | 3.6 | 50.0% | Game: | | 9.15 | 61.0% | Fast Break | | 0 | |
| FT % 1st Half: | | 6.11 | 54.5% | 2nd half: | | 14.19 | 73.7% | Game: | | 20.30 | 66.7% | Bench | | 5 | |

Officials: Gary Neal, Steve Coleman, Lee Kutz
Technical fouls: Western Carolina-None, Wofford-None
Attendance: 1142

| Score by periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Western Carolina | 43 | 30 | 73 |
| Wofford | 36 | 47 | 83 |

Last FR - WCU 2nd 02:02, WOF 2nd 02:04
Largest lead - WCU by 12:02:02, WOF by 15:20:16

| Points | In | Off | 2nd | Fast |
|------------------|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| Team | Paint | TFO | Chance | Break |
| Western Carolina | 22 | 22 | 8 | 7 |
| Wofford | 32 | 12 | 4 | 35 |

Score kept - 5 times
Last changed - 9 times

GAME 20

Georgia Southern.....69 at Western Carolina.....58

Jan. 28, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,434

Cullowhee, N.C. - Connecting on nine of its first 17 field goal attempts, Western Carolina raced to a double-digit first half lead against Southern Conference foe, Georgia Southern. Yet, the visiting Eagles chipped away at WCU's advantage before the half, and used a strong second half run to rally past the Catamounts, 69-58, in the Ramsey Center.

The Eagles scored the game's final 12 points as WCU was held without a field goal over the final six and a half minutes to prevent the Catamounts from claiming consecutive home conference victories.

Western Carolina (6-14, 2-8 SoCon) put three players in double figures led by 17 points from sophomore Brandon Giles, who finished 8-of-11 from the free throw line and extended his double-digit scoring streak to 11 games. Sophomore Jake Robinson hit four 3-pointers for 12 points, while senior Negus McKenna posted his third-consecutive double-figure scoring night, hitting two 3-pointers for a 10-point performance.

The Catamounts pounced on GSU early, grabbing a game-high, 15-point lead midway through the half, 22-7. WCU hit four if its eight 3-point attempts during the opening run. But the Eagles rallied, outscoring Western by the same count - 22-to-7 - over the next nine minutes to erase the deficit and tie the game at 29 at the one minute mark.

Giles connected on 2-of-3 free throw attempts in the closing seconds to push WCU ahead by four, 35-31, at intermission.

Georgia Southern (14-7, 7-4 SoCon) opened the second half with a 15-to-1 run - holding the Catamounts without a field goal until the 14:29 mark of the stanza - to erase WCU's four-point halftime advantage and build a 10-point edge of its own, 46-36. All told, between the two halves, GSU put together a 37-to-8 run to grab the lead.

But the Catamounts did not falter, rattling off a 10-0 run of its own to knot the game at 46 at the 12 minute mark.

Tied at 56 with seven minutes to play, Western was outscored 13-to-2 the remainder of the game with the Catamounts' final points coming on a McKenna slam dunk. During the final stretch, Western committed five of its game-high 18 turnovers and missed five shots including the front end of a one-and-one.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Georgia Southern vs Western Carolina
01/28/08 7:15 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

| Georgia Southern 69 • 14-7, 7-4 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | |
| 33 | FIELDS, Matthew | f | 4-4 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 |
| 46 | GRAHAM, Louis | f | 8-14 | 1-0 | 9-13 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 25 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 33 |
| 01 | FOREMAN, Dwayne | g | 3-9 | 1-6 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 35 |
| 34 | ALLERS, Julian | g | 1-6 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| 20 | POWERS, Willie | g | 3-7 | 2-4 | 1-4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 30 |
| 32 | RUCKER, Johnathan | g | 3-5 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 40 | JOHNSON, Antonio | g | 1-3 | 1-1 | 3-4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| 32 | MARSHALL, Anthony | g | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 45 | WARD, Kenneth | g | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Team | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 23-49 | 5-13 | 18-29 | 8 | 24 | 31 | 16 | 69 | 15 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 200 |
| FG % 1st Half: | | 10.26 | 38.5% | 2nd half: | | 13.23 | 58.5% | Game: | | 23-49 | 46.9% | Double Rebounds | | 5 |
| 3Pt % 1st Half: | | 1-4 | 20.0% | 2nd half: | | 4-8 | 50.0% | Game: | | 5-13 | 38.5% | Fast Break | | 0 |
| FT % 1st Half: | | 19.17 | 58.8% | 2nd half: | | 19.17 | 62.1% | Game: | | 18-29 | 62.1% | Bench | | 5 |

| Western Carolina 58 • 6-14, 2-8 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | |
| 44 | GORE, Arnold | f | 3-7 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 |
| 42 | GALLAGHER, Blake | f | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| 31 | GILES, Brandon | g | 4-14 | 1-4 | 8-11 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 35 |
| 20 | WILSON, Eric | g | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| 42 | ROBINSON, Jake | g | 4-11 | 4-10 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 31 |
| 13 | WAGINER, Brigham | g | 0-2 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 26 |
| 21 | McKENNA, Negus | g | 4-7 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 56 | GORDON, Richie | g | 2-2 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Team | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 27-49 | 7-22 | 11-15 | 7 | 24 | 31 | 23 | 58 | 11 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 200 |
| FG % 1st Half: | | 13.31 | 41.9% | 2nd half: | | 7.18 | 39.9% | Game: | | 20-49 | 40.8% | Double Rebounds | | 2 |
| 3Pt % 1st Half: | | 4.13 | 35.8% | 2nd half: | | 3.9 | 33.3% | Game: | | 7-22 | 31.8% | Fast Break | | 0 |
| FT % 1st Half: | | 5.7 | 71.4% | 2nd half: | | 6.8 | 70.0% | Game: | | 11-15 | 73.3% | Bench | | 5 |

Officials: Charles Inghel, Bryan Kenney, Bruce Bell
Technical fouls: Georgia Southern-None, Western Carolina-None
Attendance: 1434

| Score by periods | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Georgia Southern | 31 | 38 | 69 |
| Western Carolina | 35 | 23 | 58 |

Last FR - GSU 2nd 01:51, WCU 2nd 02:43
Largest lead - GSU by 12:02:04, WCU by 15:21:10

| Points | In | Off | 2nd | Fast |
|------------------|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| Team | Paint | TFO | Chance | Break |
| Georgia Southern | 19 | 19 | 9 | 14 |
| WCU | 16 | 9 | 2 | 16 |

Score kept - 5 times
Last changed - 9 times

GAME 21

Appalachian State.....69 at Western Carolina.....64

Feb. 2, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 2,487

Cullowhee, N.C. - Down by four inside the final minute, Western Carolina sophomore Brandon Giles drained his fourth 3-pointer of the contest to pull the Catamounts to within a point of its arch-rival, Appalachian State. However, the Mountaineers connected on 5-of-6 free throw attempts inside the final 30 seconds to hold off the Catamounts, 69-64, in front of the season's largest Ramsey Center crowd.

Western (6-15, 2-9 SoCon) put three players in double figures led by the 12th-straight double-digit outing from Giles. The Auburndale, Fla., native finished with a game-high 19 points including four 3-pointers to continue his streak of having reached double figures in each SoCon game this season. Senior Arnold Gore scored all 12 of his points in the first half, including a career-high tying three 3-pointers, with sophomore Jake Robinson also tallying a dozen points on 5-of-8 shooting with one trey.

Senior Eric Wilson scored a season-high seven points and dished out three assists, while freshman Richie Gordon posted a solid all-around performance. The Atlanta, Ga., native tied his personal conference-game highs for points with five, set a SoCon-high for rebounds (5) and a swiped a career-best three steals.

Western continued its recent trend of hot starts, racing out of the gates to grab an early nine-point advantage, 12-3, inside the game's first three minutes. But the Mountaineers, utilizing three, 3-pointers, used a 13-to-4 run to knot the game at 16 at the 12:57 mark, and a fourth trey from Donald Sims gave the Apps their first lead, 19-18. Appalachian State took its largest lead of the opening half at the 7:04 mark, pulling out to a six-point advantage, 26-20.

ASU's Eduardo Bermudez drained a jumper with time dwindling in the opening 20 minutes to knot the score at 40 at halftime.

Tied at 57, Wilson gave Western a three-point advantage with a triple from the left wing with 4:22 to play. The lead stood until Sims drew contact on an apparent 3-point attempt from the left corner in front of the ASU bench and drained all three subsequent free throws. Appalachian scored eight of its final 11 points from the free throw line.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Appalachian State vs Western Carolina
02/02/08 7:05 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

| Appalachian State 69 • 6-15, 2-9 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|--------|-------|----|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----|----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | | |
| 12 | CLAYTON, Jeremy | f | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| 06 | MINTER, Dante | f | 5-8 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 02 | SIMS, Donald | g | 3-8 | 2-6 | 5-5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| 15 | BOOTH, Jeremy | g | 1-4 | 1-3 | 4-4 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 20 | |
| 23 | BRAND, Kellen | g | 3-5 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 26 | |
| 01 | ABRAMHAM, Ryan | g | 3-5 | 3-5 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 28 | |
| 21 | BERMUDEZ, Eduardo | g | 3-4 | 1-2 | 4-4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 21 | |
| 40 | BOWNE, Davis | g | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 | |
| 41 | MCLAUGHLIN-WILLIAMS | g | 1-3 | 0-2 | 1-2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 18 | |
| Team | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | | 20-39 | 9-22 | 20-25 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 13 | 69 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 3 | 201 | |
| FG % 1st Half: | | 13.21 | 57.1% | 2nd half: | | 8.18 | 44.0% | Game: | | 20-39 | 51.3% | Double Rebounds | | 2 | |
| 3Pt % 1st Half: | | 9-14 | 64.3% | 2nd half: | | 5-13 | 38.5% | Game: | | 9-22 | 40.9% | Fast Break | | 0 | |
| FT % 1st Half: | | 7.11 | 63.6% | 2nd half: | | 13-14 | 92.9% | Game: | | 20-25 | 80.0% | Bench | | 2 | |

| Western Carolina 64 • 6-15, 2-9 SoCon | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|------|----------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|----|---|----|-----|----|
| # | Player | Total | 3-Pt | Rebounds | | | Points | | | A | T | Bk | Stl | |
| | | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | Off | Def | PF | TP | | | | | |
| 44 | GORE, Arnold | f | 4-8 | 3-4 | 1-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 28 |
| 42 | ROBINSON, Jake | f | 5-8 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



GAME 22

Chattanooga.....64
at Western Carolina.....70

Feb. 4, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,823

Cullowhee, N.C. - Sophomore Brandon Giles scored 20 points and Western Carolina rode a strong first half to take a 70-64 upset of the Southern Conference's North Division co-leader, Chattanooga, in the Ramsey Center.

After racing to a double-digit lead in the first half that hit a game-high 17 in the second, the Catamounts endured numerous rallies by UTC before sinking seven of its eight free throw attempts inside the final 20 seconds to derail the Mocs. Western led from start-to-finish for the first time this season.

The win avenged a 30-point defeat UTC handed WCU at the McKenzie Arena back on Jan. 12.

Giles stretched his current double-digit scoring streak to 13-consecutive games. Senior Eric Wilson posted seasonal highs with 13 points and seven rebounds for the Catamounts and sophomore Jake Robinson added 10 points and a career-high nine rebounds.

Stephen McDowell led Chattanooga with 15 points. Kevin Bridgewater had 13, and Nichaeus Doaks added 11 points in the loss.

After having its double-digit lead trimmed to five in the first half, the Catamounts held Chattanooga scoreless for the final 5:38 of the opening stanza as a part of a 9-0 spurt to take a 14-point, 33-19, lead into intermission. The Mocs 19 points at halftime tied a season low for Chattanooga and was the second-lowest point total allowed by the Catamounts this season in an opening 20 minutes..

Stephen McClellan scored eight points during a 10-0 run to draw the Mocs to 38-32 with 15:44 to play. The Mocs cut the gap to 51-50 with 7 minutes left on Bridgewater's 3-pointer.

Giles hit back-to-back 3-pointers to pad the Catamounts' lead. The Mocs got the deficit down to a point three more times, but could never overtake the Catamounts.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Chattanooga vs Western Carolina
02/04/08 7:15 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Chattanooga 64 • 14-9, 9-4 SoCon

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes player stats for WATTS, DOAKS, WADDELL, MCDOWELL, BRIDGEWATERS, MCCLELLAN, FARRELL, SMITH, GOWYNE, COFFEY, SAFFORE, and Team totals.

Summary statistics table for Chattanooga vs Western Carolina. Columns: FG % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; 3P % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; FT % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; Rebounds; Points.

Officials: Gary Maxwell, Tim Clougherty, Dwayne Gladson
Technical fouls: Chattanooga-None, Western Carolina-None.
Attendance: 1823

GAME 23

Western Carolina.....63
at Georgia Southern.....72

Feb. 7, 2008 • Hanner Fieldhouse – Statesboro, Ga. • 1,762

Statesboro, Ga. (AP) - Eagle forward Louis Graham scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Georgia Southern to a 72-63 win over Western Carolina at the Hanner Fieldhouse.

Western Carolina tied the game for the last time at 48-48 on senior Eric Wilson's basket with 9:50 left to play. Georgia Southern (16-8, 9-5) then used a 5-0 run to take the lead for good, with Antoine Johnson's basket with 8:32 left extending the lead to 53-48.

Sophomore Brigham Wagering hit three 3-pointers in the closing minutes for Western Carolina to keep the Catamounts in the game. The third came with 1:50 left to cut the margin to three, 66-63, but Western Carolina could come no closer.

Western pulled out to its largest lead of the opening stanza at nine, 24-15, on senior Arnold Gore's second 3-pointer of the contest. But the Eagles outscored WCU 15-to-6 over the next five minutes to knot the game at 30 with two minutes to play before intermission and took a two-point, 35-33, lead to the halftime locker room.

All told, GSU outscored Western Carolina 20-to-9 over the final seven minutes of the first half.

Sophomore Brandon Giles scored 22 points to lead Western Carolina, extending his double-digit scoring streak to 14-straight games. He was joined in double figures by Gore, who finished with 14, a dozen of which came in the opening 20 minutes, while Wagering's three treys gave him 12 points with Wilson just missing double figures with nine in the loss.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Georgia Southern
02/07/08 7:30 pm at Statesboro, Ga. (Hanner Fieldhouse)

Western Carolina 63 • 7-16, 3-10 SoCon

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes player stats for GORE, ROBINSON, GORDON, GILES, BRIDGEWATERS, WAGERING, MCKENNA, GALLAGHER, and Team totals.

Summary statistics table for Western Carolina vs Georgia Southern. Columns: FG % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; 3P % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; FT % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; Rebounds; Points.

Officials: Don Wylie, Mike Cover, Ray Nash
Technical fouls: Western Carolina-None, Georgia Southern-None.
Attendance: 1762

GAME 24

Western Carolina.....51
at The Citadel.....57

Feb. 14, 2008 • McAlister Fieldhouse – Charleston, S.C. • 1,040

Charleston, S.C. – Senior forward Arnold Gore scored 15 points to post his second-consecutive, double-digit scoring outing to lead the Catamounts, but Western Carolina could not overcome late-game shooting woes and 10 made 3-pointers by The Citadel in a 57-51 loss at the McAlister Fieldhouse.

Gore finished 6-of-10 from the field with a 3-pointer, six rebounds and a pair of assists. Freshman Blake Gallagher just missed his career-high in points, tallying 11 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Brandon Giles extended his double-digit scoring streak to 15 games with 10 points.

Trailing by five, 44-39, with nine minutes to play in regulation, Western Carolina held The Citadel scoreless over the next five minutes to claw back and retake a one-point advantage, 45-44. Yet, Bulldogs' leading scorer, freshman Cameron Wells, connected on a pair of free throws at the 3:40 mark to push The Citadel back ahead for good. The lead would balloon to as much as eight before Gore connected on a lay-in inside the final five seconds to provide the final tally, 57-51.

Capitalizing on an 8-0 run to start the game, which included the Bulldogs missing their first eight shots from the field, Western led the entire opening 20 minutes. Sophomore Jake Robinson gave WCU its largest lead with his only field goal of the game – a 3-pointer – to push the Catamounts ahead, 15-5. But an 11-4 swing by the Bulldogs trimmed the lead to three, 19-16, inside of five minutes to play in the opening half.

Wells paced the Bulldogs – which snapped a 21-game SoCon losing skid – with 16 points, adding seven rebounds and seven assists. Backcourt classmates Austin Dahn and Zach Urbanus finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively, with Urbanus matching Wells' seven boards.

Western, which shot 40-percent (12-of-30) from the floor in the first half, only connected on six field goals on 6-of-22 shooting (27.3%) after intermission. The Catamounts commanded the glass, out rebounding The Citadel, 45-to-29, including a 19-to-6 edge on the offensive glass which limited the Bulldogs to just two second-chance points.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs The Citadel
02/14/08 7:05 pm at Charleston, S.C. (McAlister Field House)

Western Carolina 51 • 7-17, 3-11 SoCon

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-P, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes player stats for GORE, ROBINSON, GORDON, GILES, WILSON, WAGERING, MCKENNA, GALLAGHER, and Team totals.

Summary statistics table for Western Carolina vs The Citadel. Columns: FG % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; 3P % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; FT % 1st half, 2nd half, Game; Rebounds; Points.

Officials: John Conr, William Cheek, Timothy Nestor
Technical fouls: Western Carolina-None, The Citadel-None.
Attendance: 1040

Score by periods table with columns: Period, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Total. Includes Western Carolina, WCU, and The Citadel.

Last FG - WCU 2nd-00:54, UTC 2nd-00:51.
Largest lead - WCU by 10 1st-00:55, UT by 2nd-01:14.
Score tied - 1 time.
Lead changed - 7 times.



2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 25

Western Carolina..... 65
at College of Charleston..... 57

Feb. 16, 2008 • Kresse Arena – Charleston, S.C. • 3,104

Charleston, S.C. (AP) - Sophomore guard Brandon Giles scored 25 points to lead Western Carolina past the College of Charleston 65-57 in Southern Conference action at the Kresse Arena.

The victory also was WCU's first road win on the season and just the second time this season it has been victorious away from Cullowhee.

The Catamounts (8-17, 4-11 SoCon) got 24 points off 21 Cougar turnovers and gave the ball up just eight times.

Western Carolina used an 11-5 run to end the half and take a 30-27 lead at the break. But the Cougars came out firing in the second and capped a 9-2 run with a couple of free throws by Marcus Hammond to take a 36-32 lead with 14:05 left.

Donavan Monroe capped a 7-0 run with a dunk to give the Cougars a 45-42 lead with 8:36 left. But, a layup by Arnold Gore, who finished with 14, and two free throws from Giles gave Western Carolina the lead for good at 46-45 with 7:19 left.

The College of Charleston (12-14, 7-9) got 15 points and six rebounds from Andrew Goudelock, who was 3-for-3 from 3-point range. Tony White Jr. had 12 points and Monroe added 11. Jermaine Johnson led all players with 10 rebounds.

Jake Robinson added 13 points for the Catamounts.

GAME 26

UNC Greensboro..... 74
at Western Carolina..... 62

Feb. 21, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,237

Cullowhee, N.C. - Sporadic second half scoring coupled with a 10-to-2 spurt by UNC Greensboro midway through the final 20 minutes lifted the visiting Spartans to a 74-62 win over Western Carolina in Southern Conference action at the Ramsey Center.

Sophomore guard Jake Robinson led three Catamounts in double figures, tallying a team-high 16 points off the bench. The Canton, N.C., native drained four 3-pointers, including a perfect 3-for-3 in the first half alone, on 5-of-10 shooting from the floor.

The opening 20 minutes saw five ties and neither team able to secure more than a four-point advantage. UNCG senior Kyle Hines scored on an inside lay-up inside the final eight seconds of the first half to apparently give the Spartans a three-point edge entering the halftime locker room.

The Spartans broke the game's sixth tie early in the second half with an 8-to-1 spurt to grab a seven-point advantage, 43-36, keeping WCU without a field goal for a five minute stretch. The Catamounts clawed back, though, using a small 9-4 advantage to trim the deficit to a pair.

After the missed lay-up, UNC Greensboro outscored Western 10-to-2 over the next four minutes to push its advantage to 10, 59-49. The Spartans were able to balloon the advantage to as many as 13 points, with a Wilson triple inside the final minute dipping the game to as few as nine.

The Spartans were led by Kevin Oleksiak with 19 points, 10 of which came from the free throw line. Hines scored 13 points off the bench for UNCG for his 76th consecutive double-digit scoring outing.

GAME 27

The Citadel..... 42
at Western Carolina..... 61

Feb. 23, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,453

Cullowhee, N.C. - Fueled by a 24-to-8 run to open the second half, the Western Carolina men's basketball team cruised to a 61-42 Southern Conference victory over The Citadel at the Ramsey Center.

The Catamounts were led by senior guard Eric Wilson, who turned in his best performance of the year with only the second double-double of a career. The Lincolnton, N.C., native scored a season-high 14 points to compliment his career-high-tying 10 rebounds.

Sophomore Brandon Giles contributed 13 points for WCU, extending his consecutive double-digit scoring streak to a career-best 18 games. Many of those scoring opportunities came as the direct result of classmate Brigham Wager's passing, helping the point guard tie a career-high with seven assists, with just one turnover.

Western came out of the gates hot, scoring 11 unanswered points to start the game before The Citadel was able to get on the board at the 11:51 mark of the first half. The Cats, which never trailed on the day, led by double-digits for 29 of the game's 40 minutes.

The second half started almost exactly as the first with Western hitting their first four shots and not allowing the Bulldogs to knock down a shot from the field in the opening five minutes of the final stanza.

The Bulldogs (6-21, 1-17 SoCon) were led by freshman Zach Urbanus, who scored a game-high 23 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the field including five 3-pointers.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Col. of Charleston
02/16/08 6:00 pm at John Kresse Arena

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Summary statistics table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
UNC Greensboro vs Western Carolina
02/21/08 7:35 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Summary statistics table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
The Citadel vs Western Carolina
02/23/08 3:00 PM at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Table with columns: Player, FG, 3-P, Rebounds, FT, PF, TP, A, TO, Blk, Stl, Min. Includes totals for both teams and game statistics.

Summary statistics table with columns: Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast, Points, In, Off, 2nd, Fast.



GAME 28

Wofford.....57
at Western Carolina.....62

Feb. 28, 2008 • Ramsey Center – Cullowhee • 1,122

Cullowhee, N.C. - Trailing by one with two and a half minutes to play, the Western Carolina Catamounts held Wofford scoreless the remainder of the half, scoring six unanswered points to claim its second-consecutive win, 62-57, on Senior Night in Southern Conference action at the Ramsey Center.

Three Catamounts scored in double figures in the win led by a team-high 17 points from sophomore Jake Robinson. Freshman post Richie Gordon finished with a career-high 11 points, nearly surpassing his previous career-best of nine in the first half.

Senior Negus McKenna finished 5-of-7 from the field for 11 points, while classmate Arnold Gore added nine points in the win. McKenna and sophomore Brigham Wagering each tallied a team-high seven rebounds.

Western seized control in the first half utilizing a 12-to-1 run—including eight-straight points from Robinson—to erase a three-point deficit to take an early eight-point lead, 14-6. The Catamounts stretched their lead to a game-high 11 points on a trey from Wagering to lead 28-17 with four minutes to play before intermission. McKenna capped the opening 20 minutes with a lay-up in the paint to give WCU a nine-point, 32-23, lead at the break.

Out of the halftime locker room, the Terriers sliced Western's advantage to a pair with an 11-to-4 spurt. Around the seven minute mark, six-straight points by the Terriers handed Wofford its first lead since the opening moments of the game, 49-47.

Leading by one, WCU forced a missed lay-up by Gibson with Robinson grabbing the defensive board and starting the rush the other way. Wagering pulled the string on a 3-point attempt, but managed to sneak through the defense to corral his own rebound where he found the sharp-shooting Robinson alone beyond the 3-point arc. Robinson misfired from long range, but McKenna beat the defense to tip the rebound into the cylinder for a 3-point advantage with 17 seconds to play. After two missed charity tosses, Robinson was fouled following a defensive board, hitting two free throws to seal the win.

All told, Wofford was held scoreless over the final two and a half minutes.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Wofford vs Western Carolina
02/28/08 7:05 pm at Cullowhee, N.C. (Ramsey Center)

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Johnson, Doherty, Gordon, Nichols, Shore, Gozdzinski, Sattler, Estep, Crowell, and Martin.

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Gore, Robinson, Gordon, Wagering, Wilson, McKenna, and Gallagher.

Summary table with columns: FG %, 3P %, FT %, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes team and game statistics.

GAME 29

Western Carolina.....63
at Appalachian State.....74

March 1, 2008 • Holmes Convocation Center – Boone, N.C. • 3,732

Boone, N.C. – Sophomore Jake Robinson led a trio of Catamounts in double figures with a game-high 19 points, but it was not enough as Appalachian State wrapped up its regular season with 74-63 win over Western Carolina from the Holmes Center.

Robinson scored in a myriad of ways on the afternoon, draining two 3-pointers while also side-stepping defenders and posting up smaller guards to tie his season-high point total.

Senior Negus McKenna hit a game-high four 3-pointers to finish with 14 points, posting back-to-back double-digit outings, while his classmate Eric Wilson scored 11 in the loss. Freshman post Richie Gordon finished with five points while also dishing out a career-best five assists.

Appalachian State closed the first half with an 11-to-2 scoring spurt to break open an otherwise closely contested first half that saw three ties and two lead changes.

McKenna pulled the Catamounts to within a point, 27-26, on a triple with three and a half to play before intermission. However, that would be WCU's last bucket until Wilson's stick-back at the buzzer trimmed the deficit to 10 points. ASU capitalized on six Catamount misses and four fouls, including a technical on the WCU bench. Of the Mountaineers' final 11 points of the first half, five came from the free throw line, leading 38-28 at the break.

The Catamounts continued to scrap in the second half and were poised to make a late run, sparked by a three-point play by Gordon. The Atlanta, Ga., native took a pass from McKenna and drew the fourth foul on ASU senior Dante Minter, forcing him to the bench. Gordon made the charity toss to trim the deficit to six, 53-47, just under the 11 minute mark.

The Catamounts were only able to cut App's lead into single digits one additional time – a 3-pointer by McKenna inside the final minute – as the Mountaineers held on for the 11-point victory, sealing it with 4-of-6 shooting from the foul line over the last minute.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs Appalachian State
03/01/08 7:05 pm at Boone, N.C. (Holmes Center)

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Gore, Robinson, Wagering, Wilson, McKenna, and Gallagher.

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Clayton, McWilliam, Bovine, McLaughlin-Williams, Minter, Sells, Arsham, Archer, Booth, Bermudez, Brand, and Butts.

Summary table with columns: FG %, 3P %, FT %, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes team and game statistics.

GAME 30

Western Carolina.....55
at UNC Greensboro.....60

March 3, 2008 • Fleming Gym – Greensboro, N.C. • 1,440

Greensboro, N.C. (AP) - UNC Greensboro senior Kyle Hines scored 11 of his 17 points in the second half as UNC Greensboro recovered from poor shooting in the first half to record a 60-55 victory over Western Carolina at Fleming Gym on Senior Night. The win was the fourth-straight for UNCG.

Managing just a 5-for-19 effort in the opening 20 minutes, the Spartans trailed 10-1 in the first 7 1/2 minutes after missing their first six shots. After cutting the gap to 14-13, the Catamounts (10-20, 6-14) went on a 7-0 run and took a 25-21 halftime lead.

UNCG took command by hitting nine of its first 10 shots in the second half. The last basket in the run was part of a three-point play by Hines which gave the Spartans a 44-33 lead with 9:52 to go. The Spartans managed a 11-of-15 start en route to building a lead in which they would never relinquish down the stretch in the second half.

Western Carolina, which shot 44 percent in both halves, got no closer than the final deficit.

Hines scored in double figures for the 79th straight game. Kevin Oleksiak added 14 for the Spartans, who have won five of their last six.

Sophomore Jake Robinson had a game-high 19 points for the Catamounts, leading WCU for the third-straight game with the absence of leading scorer, Brandon Giles. Senior Arnold Gore scored 12 and freshman post Richie Gordon had 11 for Western Carolina, tying his career-high.

Off the bench, senior Negus McKenna posted his first double-digit rebound performance of his career with a dozen boards as WCU commanded the glass against the Spartans, 35-to-26 for the game.

The Spartans' final field goal came at the 3:22 mark, helping to leave the door open for the Catamounts. Gordon made one of two free throws to trim the deficit to five with 1:27 to play. On his miss, McKenna gathered in the rebound but Robinson misfired on a 3-pointer that could have made it a one possession game.

UNCG made 4-of-5 free throws in the final minute to preserve the win.

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics
Western Carolina vs UNC Greensboro
03/03/08 7:05 pm at Greensboro, N.C. (Fleming Gym)

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Gore, Robinson, Gordon, Wagering, Wilson, McKenna, and Gallagher.

Table with columns: #, Player, FG, 3-Pt, FT, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes player stats for Stuyall, Hines, Kyles, Johnson, Koivisto, Mikko, Olexiak, Sells, Oliver, Toney, Galic, and Brown.

Summary table with columns: FG %, 3P %, FT %, Rebounds, PF, TP, A, TO, Bk, St, Min. Includes team and game statistics.



2007-08 SEASON IN REVIEW

GAME 31

No. 9 Western Carolina49 vs No. 8 Wofford58

March 7, 2008 • North Charleston Coliseum - North Charleston, S.C.

North Charleston, S.C. - After clawing back from down as many as six in the second half, ninth-seeded Western Carolina was outscored 15-to-4 over the final seven minutes as No. 8 Wofford erased the Catamounts two-point advantage en route to a nine-point, 58-49, win in the opening round of the 2008 Southern Conference Basketball Championship.

The loss ends Western Carolina's season at 10-21 overall, while Wofford advances to face the overall top seed in the tournament, No. 1 Davidson.

Over the first 33 minutes of the game, Wofford, which entered the game ranked 39th in the country in 3-point percentage (38.8%), was limited to a 1-for-12 showing (8.3%). However, during the final run, the Terriers connected on four of their five 3-pointers on the afternoon, including back-to-back 3's by Corey Godzinski to pull away for the win.

Jake Robinson scored 14 points to lead the Catamounts while Blake Gallagher finished with 10 off the bench, adding a team-high seven rebounds. Robinson finished the season with four-straight, double-figure scoring games.

Wofford grabbed an early lead, capitalizing on its work on the glass. The Terriers pulled down the game's first five boards - three of which came on the offensive end. Western Carolina was able to claw back and knot the game a nine at the 13 minute mark of the opening stanza.

However, Wofford kept the Catamounts off the scoreboard for nearly four minutes to seize a five-point edge, stretching its first half lead to as many as nine, 23-14, before Gallagher connected in the paint at the buzzer to trim the deficit to five, 26-21, at the break.

Trailing by six, 33-27, with 14:33 to play, the Catamounts embarked on a 9-to-1 spurt to erase the deficit and take its first lead of the game by two, 36-34. The lead was traded back-and-forth over the next five minutes with WCU taking what would prove to be its final advantage, 45-43, at 7:09 before Wofford began its scoring run to close the game.

Long-range shooting woes plagued the Catamounts, which tied a seasonal-low for 3-pointers made in a game (3) while shooting its lowest percentage from beyond the arc this season (3-of-19, 15.8%).

Official Basketball Box Score - Game Totals - Final Statistics Western Carolina vs Wofford 03/07/08 5:00 PM at North Charleston, S.C.

Western Carolina 49 - 10-21, 6-14 SoCon. Box score table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Wofford 58 - 16-15, 8-12 SoCon. Box score table with columns for Player, FG, 3Pt, FT, Rebounds, and Points.

Officials: Zebon Sheed, Tony Greene, Mike Nance Technical fouls: Western Carolina None, Wofford None.

Score by periods table showing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Total scores for both teams.

Lead FG: WCU 2nd-03:40, WOF 2nd-01:25. Largest lead: WCU by 2 2nd-11:50, WOF by 11 2nd-00:15.

2007-08 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FINAL STANDINGS

North Division

Table of North Division final standings with columns for W, L, Pct., PF, PA, H, A, N.

South Division

Table of South Division final standings with columns for W, L, Pct., PF, PA, H, A, N.

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Results of the First Round tournament games.

Quarterfinal Round - March 8 North Charleston Coliseum

Results of the Quarterfinal Round tournament games.

Semifinal Round - March 9 North Charleston Coliseum

Results of the Semifinal Round tournament games.

Championship - March 10 North Charleston Coliseum

Results of the Championship tournament game.

COACHES ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TEAM

- Stephen Curry, Davidson
Kyle Hines, UNC Greensboro
Louis Graham, Georgia Southern
Jason Richards, Davidson
Donte Minter, Appalachian State
Niccheaus Doaks, Chattanooga
Stephen McDowell, Chattanooga
Drew Gibson, Wofford
Brandon Giles, Western Carolina
Brett James, Elon

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

- Andrew Goudelock, College of Charleston
Donald Slms, Appalachian State
Willie Powers, Georgia Southern
Austin Dahn, The Citadel

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

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FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR:

Cameron Wells, The Citadel

COACH OF THE YEAR:

Bob McKillop

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Brandon Giles, Western Carolina
Stephen McDowell, Chattanooga
Jermaine Johnson, College of Charleston
Andrew Goudelock, College of Charleston

Third Team:

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Ola Atoyebi, Elon
Thomas Sander, Davidson
Drew Gibson, Wofford
Jeremy Clayton, Appalachian State

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- Cameron Wells, The Citadel
Andrew Goudelock, College of Charleston
Donald Slms, Appalachian State
Willie Powers, Georgia Southern
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