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On the Cover (from left to right): Seniors Jordan Howell, Kristen Deon, Tina Weaver, Felicia Wilson and Lauren Bramlett.

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Quick Facts

Location: Cullowhee, N.C.

Founded: 1889

Enrollment: 7,600

Nickname: Catamounts

School Colors: Purple and Gold

Affiliation: NCAA Division I

Conference: Southern

Chancellor: Dr. John W. Bardo

Athletics Director: Jeff Compher

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Athletics Fax: (828) 227-7688

Athletics Web Site:

..... www.catamountsports.com

Soccer Facility:

..... Charles W. Schrader Field

First Year of Women's Soccer: .. 1999

Overall All-Time Record: 47-29-6

Head Coach: Debbie Hensley

..... (Georgia Southern, 1996)

Record at WCU: 47-29-6 (4 years)

Career Record: same

Asst. Coaches: Jerrod Roh

..... Chris Lenzo

Women's Soccer Phone:

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2002 Overall Record: 10-6-3

2002 Conf. Record/Finish: . 7-1-2/2nd

Starters Returning/Lost: 6/5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: .. 12/9

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2003 Catamount Soccer Team



Outer "V" (from left to right): Natalie Turgeon, Brittany Bennefield, Natasha Moore, Stephanie Svoboda, Megan Chambers, Alesha Row, Emily Pierce, Meghan Reilly, Jennifer Deck, Keevy Harris, Casey Davis, Tammy Jones and Marie Nicolini. Inner "V" (from left to right): Seniors Jordan Howell, Lauren Bramlett, Kristen Deon, Felicia Wilson and Tina Weaver.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown/H.S.
00	Alesha Row	G	5-7	Fr.	Fargo, ND Fargo North
1	Tina Weaver	G	5-5	Sr.	Hendersonville, NC West Henderson
3	Keevy Harris	F	5-5	Fr.	Sophia, NC Randleman
4	Kristen Deon	M	5-6	Sr.	Greer, SC Riverside
5	Natalie Turgeon	M	5-5	So.	Raleigh, NC Cardinal Gibbons
7	Meghan Reilly	M	5-4	Fr.	Lubbock, TX Lubbock
8	Jordan Howell	F	5-2	Sr.	Southern Pines, NC Pinecrest
9	Lauren Bramlett	F/M	5-4	Sr.	Anderson, SC Pendleton
10	Megan Chambers	M/D	5-8	So.	Roswell, GA Roswell
11	Casey Davis	M/D	5-6	So.	Marietta, GA Walton
12	Emily Pierce	D	5-9	So.	Chattanooga, TN Red Bank
13	Tammy Jones	M	5-3	Fr.	Pink Hill, NC East Duplin
14	Brittany Bennefield	D/M	5-6	Jr.	Marietta, GA Walton
15	Felicia Wilson	D/F	5-4	Sr.	Charlotte, NC Myers Park
16	Marie Nicolini	F/M	5-0	So.	Cary, NC Cardinal Gibbons
19	Natasha Moore	F	5-7	So.	Fountain Inn, SC Hillcrest
22	Stephanie Svoboda	F	5-6	Fr.	Cleveland, OH Euclid
24	Jennifer Deck	G/F	5-6	Fr.	Herndon, VA Oakton

Cats By Class

Seniors (5)

Tina Weaver, Kristen Deon,
Jordan Howell, Lauren Bramlett,
Felicia Wilson

Juniors (1)

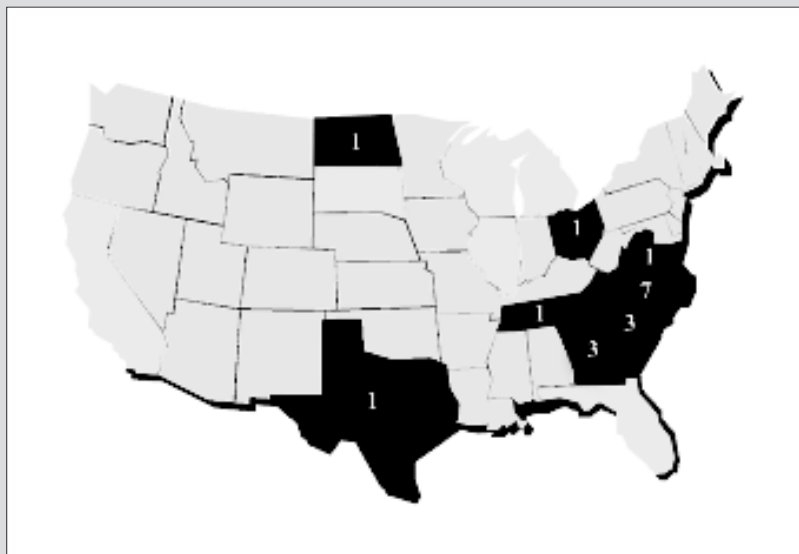
Brittany Bennefield

Sophomores (6)

Natalie Turgeon, Emily Pierce,
Marie Nicolini, Natasha Moore,
Megan Chambers, Casey Davis

Freshmen (6)

Jennifer Deck, Meghan Reilly,
Alesha Row, Stephanie Svoboda
Keevy Harris, Tammy Jones



2003 Season Outlook

The Catamount women's soccer program, fresh off a second place finish in the Southern Conference in 2002 and fourth consecutive winning season, is entering its fifth year of existence among WCU athletic programs. After losing nine seniors last year in the program's first ever graduating class, the Cats have significant holes to fill. Twelve returning letter-winners stand poised and ready to do just that. However, they will be faced with a tough Southern Conference schedule, including the 2002 SoCon champion Furman team, which is returning nearly all of their players. The WCU freshman class will be looked to for immediate depth and a positive impact.

This year, a talented group of seniors take the reins of a team which has finished in the top two of the league the past two consecutive regular-seasons, and are looking to make it three in a row. This class of five seniors includes co-captains Lauren Bramlett and Jordan Howell, as well as Kristen Deon, Tina Weaver, and Felicia Wilson.

"Our senior leadership this year is outstanding," said head coach Debbie Hensley. "They've set a great example for the future of the program with their work ethic and dedication. I'm very proud of what they've accomplished on and off the field over the past three years, and am looking forward to them making this their best season yet."

After finishing her sophomore year as a first team All-SoCon pick and the conference leader in scoring, Howell suffered a torn ACL for the second consecutive year. However, she wasted no time rehabilitating her knee and is ready to lead the Catamounts to another victorious season in her senior year.

Bramlett, a second team All-SoCon selection as a sophomore, returns as a key offensive threat for the Cats. Dangerous from the forward and midfield positions, she is one of the most skillful players in the Southern Conference.

The Cats have suffered the loss of five players from its defensive unit, including first team All-SoCon picks Mandi Tinsley (keeper) and Jamie Pawlik (sweeper). After providing valuable depth at the goalkeeper position for the past three years, senior Tina Weaver returns to fight for the starting spot with two newcomers, Jennifer Deck and Alesha Row.

Returning defenders include sophomore Emily Pierce, who started nearly every match as a freshman; junior Brittany Bennefield, who provides experience in the backfield; and sophomores Casey Davis and Megan Chambers. Senior Felicia Wilson, the fastest Catamount, was trained as a central defender in the spring and will be looked to for leadership in the WCU backfield in 2003. Speedy newcomer Keevy Harris could also compete for a position in the defensive unit.

Sophomore Natalie Turgeon returns to the central midfield position after starting in that position throughout her entire freshman campaign. Davis, along with senior Lauren Bramlett, saw time as a starter in the midfield for the Cats in 2002, and Wilson will also be vying for a starting role in the outside midfield position where she spent the last two years. Senior Kristen Deon and Bennefield both have considerable experience at the outside midfield position. Chambers, sophomore Marie Nicolini and newcomers Meghan Reilly and Tammy Jones will all be competing for starting spots in the midfield.

Bramlett and Howell return to lead the Catamount attack from the forward position, while sophomore Natasha Moore, a starter for most of the 2002 campaign, will be looked to for significant contributions in 2003 as well. Nicolini provided valuable depth at the forward position last year and will compete for a more significant role this season. Wilson also has great experience at the forward position, while freshmen Stephanie Svoboda, Harris and Deck will all compete for playing time up top in 2003.

"This year's sophomore class really set a high standard for all incoming freshman last year and we expect this year's group of newcomers to meet that challenge," Hensley said.

As the Catamount soccer program has set incredible precedences for many years to come, this year's group of athletes strives to achieve greatness and make it to the top of the conference and NCAA - one match at a time.



Senior co-captain Jordan Howell is setting her sights on nothing short of a SoCon championship as she prepares for 2003.



Debbie Hensley

Head Coach Debbie Hensley has truly accomplished something special in the four years she has spent building the Catamount women's soccer program. Not only has she never had a losing season, but in 2002 she had the privilege of coaching nine seniors for their final season as the program said good-bye to its first ever graduating class. For four years, that group gave their all thanks to Hensley's exceptional leadership and determination to produce a winning program.

Western Carolina has not only been a force to be reckoned with in the Southern Conference, but thanks to Hensley and her outstanding assistant coaches, the Catamounts saw national recognition in 2002. The team worked its way into national rankings in goals against average, allowing just 16 goals in 19 matches for a 0.79 average, placing them in 24th on the NCAA's season-ending list. The team also finished the regular-season in the top two in the SoCon for the second consecutive year at 10-6-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the league, which was the fewest number of conference losses the program has seen. Representing the Catamounts, seniors Jamie Pawlik and Mandi Tinsley earned All-Conference first team honors in 2002.

Hensley came to Western Carolina University in February of 1999 to begin piecing together a program that would be competing in NCAA Division I soccer that very next fall. At the time, many people had their doubts about how successful the team could be. Associate Athletic Director Fred Cantler was part of the search committee that found Hensley, the leader of the new Catamount soccer program, back in 1999.

"We had several people tell us that it could not be done here at Western," said Cantler. "Obviously, they were wrong. We had heard about a talented young assistant at Furman. We called down there, and the rest is history. Debbie has done a fantastic job here. We could not have found someone who is a better leader for our soccer student-athletes to follow. We are overjoyed about what her teams have done in the program's fledgling years. We are also happy just to have Debbie's smiling face and competitive spirit in our athletic department. Her attitude is contagious to us all."

Hensley's attitude has rubbed off on those around her as she has produced a winning team in each of her four seasons, including winning a SoCon regular-season title in 2001, changing all those nonbelievers into believers along the way. The Cats also finished as runner-up in the conference tournament that year, making it to the championship match in just their third season of competition, faster than any team in league history. Western lost that match 2-1 in double overtime after entering the tournament as the number one seed, just missing out on an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. During the season the Cats earned their first ranking by a well-respected national body in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, who ranked WCU as high as eighth in the Southeast Region.

Prior to the conference tournament, the announcement was made that Coach Hensley had been named the 2001 Southern Conference Coach of the Year. The announcement surprised no one, as the Cats went from being picked to finish seventh in the conference before the season to winning a championship. There was little doubt of Coach Hensley's worthiness of the award.

"I am certainly proud and honored by this award," said Hensley. "But let's face it, it's my team's hard work and great chemistry that has led to all of the awards that have been bestowed upon us this year. Each of us, players and coaches, will tell you that the most important thing was the championship and the journey we took to get there. Each of us will also tell you that we are extremely hungry for more this year."

In regards to the award given to their leader, second-year assistant coach Jerrod Roh said, "Debbie is one of the best motivators of players that I have had the opportunity to work with. She has the right mix of discipline and fun for these college players. I have learned a lot. She is truly deserving of any awards that come her way."

In addition to her team's success and her individual accolades as a coach, the 2001 season saw many other firsts and many other records broken. Hensley successfully coached sophomore forward Jordan Howell to being the first Catamount to win First Team All-Conference honors in soccer, as well as the first to win SoCon player-of-the-week honors. Howell also led the conference in total points on the season.

Hensley led four other players to individual honors in 2001. Juniors Nardia Moore, Jamie Pawlik and Mandi Tinsley were all tabbed Second Team All-Conference, and all made the All-Southern Conference Tournament Team as well. Sophomore Lauren Bramlett also earned Second Team All-Conference honors under Hensley's tutelage. In addition,



Howell and Moore became the first Western players to garner All-Region honors. Howell was named to the All-Southeast Region's Second Team by Soccer Buzz magazine, while Moore made the Third Team.

As a first year program in 1999, Hensley led Moore to becoming the National Freshman of the Year for First Year Soccer Programs as tabbed by Soccer Buzz magazine. Teammate Kelly Barker joined Moore on the First Year Program All-National Soccer Team named by the same publication.

Hensley is also the founder and director of Western Carolina's Soccer Camps. She is responsible for the initiation of the project as well as promoting youth soccer in the surrounding community throughout the year. The Catamount soccer team and coaches can be found serving food at the community table, rafting down the Tuckasegee River to pick up litter, and volunteering at soccer events throughout the region. This all fits into Hensley's philosophy of building well rounded student Athletes.



"I believe that there is a lot more to a young person's life on campus during their undergraduate years than just playing soccer," said Hensley. "Here at Western, we are interested in seeing our student-athletes become a complete person, ready to contribute to society upon graduation. Our players have had, and will continue to have, a great impact on people in the region as long as I am here."

Prior to coming to Western, Coach Hensley served as an assistant coach at Furman University for three years. While there, Hensley helped turn Furman into a championship caliber program. She also successfully recruited and coached eight all-conference performers in her time at Furman. In addition to her duties there, she worked many collegiate camps and was on the ODP staff for South Carolina.

Coach Hensley earned NSCAA/Umbro Regional All-American honors during a stellar playing career at Georgia Southern University. She was also the Southern Conference's leading scorer for her junior and senior years, and was a three time All-Southern Conference first team selection. After her senior season she was chosen to compete in the prestigious Umbro Select College All Star Classic. In addition the speedy forward was voted team captain her last two years in Statesboro. Her first year playing at Georgia Southern was the first year of sanctioned soccer at the school.

Hensley's athletic prowess was not limited to the soccer field. She was also an All-Conference and All-Tournament performer as a softball player at Georgia Southern. She set school career records for runs scored and stolen bases while playing outfield and first base. For her efforts as a two-sport athlete, she was named the Georgia Division IA/ IAA College Female Athlete of the Year for 1995 by the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

Hensley earned a bachelor of science degree in Education from Georgia Southern in 1996, and a master of arts degree in Health and Exercise Science from Furman University.

The Hensley File

Born

April 30, 1973
Leavenworth, Kan.

Coaching Experience

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee N.C.
Head Women's Soccer Coach, 1999-Present

Furman University, Greenville S.C
Assistant Women's Soccer Coach, 1996-98

Playing Experience

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Ga.
1993-95

Hensley as a Head Coach

Western Carolina University

Year	Overall	SoCon
1999	10-9-1	2-7-0
2000	11-8-2	4-4-1
2001	16-6-0	8-2-0
2002	10-6-3	7-1-2
Total	47-29-6	21-14-3

Hensley as an Assistant

Furman University

Year	Overall	SoCon
1996	8-10-3	4-3-1
1997	12-6-2	4-3-0
1998	13-8-0	7-1-0
Total	33-24-5	15-7-1



Jerrod Roh

Third-year assistant coach Jerrod Roh was brought to Western Carolina in August, 2001 to share his goalkeeping expertise with the Lady Catamount keepers. In addition to training the goalkeepers, Roh also assists Head Coach Debbie Hensley with daily team operations and recruiting.

Under Roh's direction, the Catamount goalkeeping effort has improved since his arrival. Former four-year starting goalkeeper Mandi Tinsley has extinguished her eligibility in a Western uniform, but her last two years are quite notable when looking at the impact of Coach Roh on the WCU goalkeeping unit. Prior to Roh's arrival in 2000, Tinsley had a 1.70 goals against average and a save percentage of 77 percent. In Roh's first year, 2001, her goals against average jumped to an impressive 0.99, and her save percentage went up to 80%. In his 2nd year at Western, 2002, Tinsley's numbers improved to 0.87 and 89 percent, respectively. Under Roh's tutelage, Tinsley went from earning no all-conference accolades to earning second team All-SoCon in 2001 and first team All-SoCon in 2002. In addition, she finished the season ranked 15th nationally in saves per game (7.22). Roh is now ready to turn his attention to his three current goalkeepers who will try to replace Tinsley for the 2003 campaign. They include senior returner Tina Weaver, who has also shown improvement under Roh's watch, and newcomers Jennifer Deck and Alesha Row.

"I'm really excited about getting to work with these three exceptional young women this coming fall," said Roh. "Tina has really made some strides, and I am sure Jen and Alesha will push for the starting job as well. It should be pretty interesting."

Roh ran his own goalkeeping camp the last two years he spent in Omaha, Neb. He also trained the goalkeepers of the Dana College men's program in Blair, Neb., as well as the West Omaha/Gladiator Soccer Club. With that track record, one might think that Roh was a goalkeeper in his playing days. On the contrary, he played every position except goalkeeper for the Kansas State University Wildcats.

"I figured in order to be the best coach I could be, that I needed to be comfortable with every position on the field, especially goalkeeper since I had hardly ever played it," said Roh, who went on to study from some of the best and enjoys playing the position now.

Prior to arriving in Cullowhee, Roh had been a science teacher and head boys soccer coach at Papillion-LaVista High School located in Omaha. His team's best finish was third in the state. He instituted youth camps in the community and an academic support program for his soccer players at the school. In addition to directing his own soccer camps, Roh has also served as an instructor at soccer camps all over the country including WCU, Nebraska, Creighton, Duke, Furman, Clemson, UNC-Chapel Hill, Kentucky and U.S. National Team Camps.

Roh also coached the West Omaha/Gladiator Santos club team for two years. When he was assigned this position in the summer of 1999, the Under-15 girls team was the club "B" team. Under Roh's guidance, that same "B" team captured the club state championship that fall. They followed that up with a state runner-up finish the next year. In addition to being a club coach and trainer, Roh also served as the head coach for the under 13 boys Olympic Development Program for the state of Neb. Roh holds a United States Soccer Federation "B" Coaching License, as well as a USSF Goalkeeping License.

Roh was born and raised in Omaha. He captained his high school and club soccer teams, and played football for Nebraska high school coaching legend, the late Jim Kane. Roh earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1995 in secondary education with an emphasis in biological science from Kansas State. He is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration degree at Western. Roh's passion for soccer and traveling most recently led him to South Korea for the 2002 World Cup to cheer on the United States men's team.



Chris Lenzo

Assistant Coach Chris Lenzo joined the Catamount coaching staff in August of 2001. He brings a wealth of knowledge of the technical side of the game that has helped improve the overall technical level of the team. In addition, Lenzo has also been instrumental in designing fitness programs for the team as well as tending to administrative duties and recruiting. He worked intensively with the defense in 2002, which gave up only 6 goals in 10 conference matches, and is looking forward to helping a maturing Catamount offense in 2003.

In addition to his work with the Catamounts, Lenzo has been active as a camp instructor at Duke, Furman and Kentucky, as well as helping Coach Hensley direct Western Carolina's soccer camp. He holds a National "D" coaching license from the U.S. Soccer Federation and plans to pursue his "C" license after the 2003 season.

Lenzo began his playing in California and continued in Minnesota after his family moved. He played intercollegiately for Drake University. The former forward, who also saw time at outside midfield and sweeper, is still active in recreational leagues in Asheville.

Lenzo received a bachelor's degree in English from Drake University in 1992. He went on to receive a master's in American Studies from the University of Alabama, and is currently writing his doctoral dissertation for a Ph.D., in Sociology from the University of Georgia.

In addition to his coaching duties, Lenzo is an adjunct professor of Sociology at Western Carolina University. He is married to Dr. Candace Boan, a professor of Psychology and Director of the Graduate Program in School Psychology at Western Carolina University.

Lauren Bramlett

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Senior
5'4" - Forward
Anderson, S.C.
Pendleton High School

Currently ranks second on WCU's career assists list with 21... Ranks third in career goals (17), game-winning goals (5) and shots (159)... Also ranks fourth in the programs history in career points with 55 to date.

2002: Played in 19 contests and started in 16... Led the team in assists with seven... Ranked sixth in the Southern Conference in both assists (7) and assists per game (0.37)... She also ranked second on the team in points with 13... Pounded in the game-winning goal versus East Tennessee State (10/18) to give the Cats the 1-0 shutout.

2001: Played and started in 21 games... Named to the All-SoCon second team... Recorded 92 shots for the season, which established a WCU single season record... Tied for fifth in the league in points (29), seventh in points per game (1.38) and total goals (10), ninth in goals per game (0.48), tied for third in assists (9) and was fifth in assists per game (0.43)... Finished second on the team in points, goals and game winning goals (4)... Led the team in assists, shots and shots on goal (49)... Fired eight shots on goal and recorded two goals and two assists against The Citadel (9/23), marking a season-high, single-game points total (6).

2000: Began the season coming off ACL reconstructive surgery... Started in 15 of 19 games she played in... Tallied four goals and five assists for the season... Scored WCU's first ever goal in the post season versus Georgia Southern (11/3)... Recorded her first collegiate goal against South Carolina State (9/5).



High School: A member of the 1999 South Carolina State Championship Upstate Girls Soccer Association United Soccer Team... A member of the South Carolina Olympic Development Team... Played for Coach Gary Mohr at Pendleton High School... Recorded five goals and 12 assists playing on the boys varsity team as a junior... As a sophomore, she scored six goals and dished out eight assists... Named "Most Improved Player" as a sophomore.

Club: Played for the USGA United club team... Led them to the 1999 Raleigh Shoot-out Championship and the 1999 South Carolina Championship... Leading scorer with 19 goals and 12 assists.

Personal: Lauren Elizabeth Bramlett, Parents: Steve and Diana Roll, Born: July 21, 1982.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2000	19/15	23	4	5	13	0
2001	21/21	92	10	9	23	4
2002	19/16	44	3	7	13	1
Totals	59/52	159	17	21	55	5

Kristen Deon

4



Senior
5'6" - Midfielder
Greer, S.C.
Riverside High School

Top endurance athlete on the 2003 roster.

2002: Played in 12 games... One of the Cats' most skillful flank players.

2001: Started in eight of 19 games played... Was fourth on the team in shots on goal percentage (.500)... Had a key assist in the overtime victory versus Gardner-Webb (9/12).

2000: Scored her first collegiate goal against Furman (10/1)... Recorded the game-winning goal versus High Point (10/3)... Started in 12 of the 20 games she played at outside midfield.



High School: Named to the all-conference and all-tournament teams as a senior... Also named all-tournament at the Viking Cup... Led the team to the State Championship in 1997 and 1999... One of the team's top assist leaders.

Club: Played for head coach Roger Bachair and the Upstate United in Greenville, S.C... Led the team to a State Championship in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999... Led the team to a Raleigh Elks Tournament Championship in 1999... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Kristen Anne Deon, Parents: Ken and Karen Deon, Born: June 25, 1982.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2000	20/12	10	3	1	7	1
2001	19/8	10	0	1	1	0
2002	12/0	5	0	1	1	0
Totals	51/20	25	3	3	9	1

Jordan Howell

8

Senior
5'2" – Forward
Southern Pines, N.C.
Pincrest High School



Stands as the WCU record-holder as having the most career game-winning goals (10)... Ranks second on Western's career list for goals (29), shots (171) and points (69)... Also ranks fifth in career assists with 11... One of only two Catamounts to ever record a hat trick (three goals in one game).



2002: Started in nine of the 10 matches she played in as her season was cut short due to a torn left ACL during practice... Had three goals on 20 shots, tying for third on the team for shots on goal percentage (.600).

2001: Started in all 21 games played... Howell was named to the *Soccer Buzz Magazine* All-Southeast Region second team... Named to the All-SoCon first team... Was SoCon

player of the Week (9/25)... Selected as an Arby's/Catamount Student-Athlete of the Month for August... Led the conference in points (37) and in game-winning goals with seven, which set a WCU single season record... Was second in the SoCon in shots (86), shots per game (3.91) and goals (14), while ranking third in points per game (1.68), fourth in goals per game (0.64), third in assists (9) and sixth in assists per game (0.41)... Led the team in points, goals and game-winning goals and was second on the squad in assists, shots and shots on goal... Tied for a season-high, single game six points against The Citadel (9/23), while posting the same total against Tennessee Tech (9/21), a match in which she recorded Western's only hat trick of the season, giving WCU a 3-0 victory.

2000: Started in 20 games... Recorded game-winners versus Indiana State (9/9) and Appalachian State (10/6)... Had a team high 26 points for the season... Ranked fourth in the SoCon in shots with 65 in 20 games... Placed sixth in the league in shots per game, averaging 3.25... Recorded 12 goals on the season, good for ninth in the SoCon... Recorded hat tricks versus Coastal Carolina (9/2) and Indiana State (9/9).

High School: A three-time all-conference member... Led her team in goals scored every year... A two-time all-region player... Scored 19 goals as a junior and was named all-conference and all-region... Scored 21 goals as a sophomore... Named "Most Valuable Offensive Player", all-conference first team and honorable mention all-region... Started as a freshman, scoring 19 goals, and was named to the all-conference first team and the "Most Valuable Offensive Player"... Led the team to the Conference Championship.

Club: A member of the North Carolina Olympic Development team for six years... Played for the Raleigh Spartan Speed Club (CASL Elite)... Led the team to the 1999 North Carolina State Cup Championship match... Also led the team to a third place finish in the regional playoff held in Oklahoma City... 2000 North Carolina State Cup Runners-up.

Personal: Jordan Ashley Howell, Parents: Ken and Deborah Howell, Born: June 6, 1982.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2000	20/20	65	12	2	26	2
2001	22/22	86	14	9	37	7
2002	10/9	20	3	0	6	1
Totals	52/51	171	29	11	69	10

Tina Weaver

1

Senior
5'5" – Goalkeeper
Hendersonville, N.C.
West Henderson High School



Has 4.5 career shutouts to rank second on WCU's all-time list.

2002: Started in one of the three games she played ... Recorded one save and posted a 2-0 record... Recorded a key save against Troy State (9/6), turning away a free kick from the top of the box to preserve the shutout... Provided valuable depth at the goalkeeper position.

2001: Played in five games and started in one... Recorded eight saves and two shutouts, allowing only two goals... Registered big saves against both Chattanooga (10/4) and East Tennessee State (10/26) to preserve shutouts.

2000: Played in three games for the Catamounts... Shutout South Carolina State (9/5) while recording a combined shutout against Indiana State (9/9).

High School: Played for West Henderson High School... Named Defensive MVP... Named a Kiwanis All-Star and all-conference performer as a junior... Set school records in most shutout halves as well as saves in a season with 196.

Club: Played for the Highland Football Club Classic Team and the Olympic Development Program as a member of the State Select Team.

Personal: Tina Marie Weaver, Parents: Marianne Weaver, Born: September 15, 1981.

Season	GP/GS	MIN	SU	GA	GAA	SHO
2000	3/1	114:30	1	0	0.0	1.5
2001	5/1	272:40	8	2	.66	2.0
2002	3/1	162:26	1	0	0.0	1.0
Totals	11/3	549:36	10	2	.33	4.5

Felicia Wilson

15

Senior
5'4" - Defender/Forward
Charlotte, N.C.
Myers Park High School



Fastest Catamount on the 2003 roster.

2002: Started in 17 of 19 contests... A key defender from the outside midfielder position... Posted three goals and two assists for the season... Ranked sixth on the team in points (8).

2001: Started in 20 of 21 games played... Played both forward and midfielder for the Cats, scoring seven goals on 55 shots with 22 shots on goal... Added two assists for 16 points to finish fourth on the team in points... Was third on the team in shots and fourth in goals and shots on goal... Scored one game-winner for the season against UTC (10/4)



2000: Recorded her first collegiate goal versus Coastal Carolina (9/2), which proved to be the game-winner... Started all 20 games she played in... Had six assists on the season... Split time between forward and outside midfield.

High School: Named second team all-county, leading her team in scoring as a senior with 15 goals and taking them to the state quarterfinals... Named team MVP as a freshman with 11 goals... Scored 13 goals as a junior and 11 as a sophomore.

Club: Played for head coach Sean Bubb and the Charlotte Soccer Club... Led the team to the 1997-98 and 1999-00 North Carolina State Championships... Participated in the 2000 Regional Tournament, coming in second... A member of the National Honor Society and AIMS (Achievement In Minority Scholastics).

Personal: Felicia Joy Wilson, Parents: Fredrick and Patricia Wilson, Born: August 23, 1982.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2000	20/20	33	2	6	10	1
2001	21/20	55	7	2	16	1
2002	19/17	12	3	2	8	0
Totals	60/57	100	12	10	34	2

Brittany Bennefield

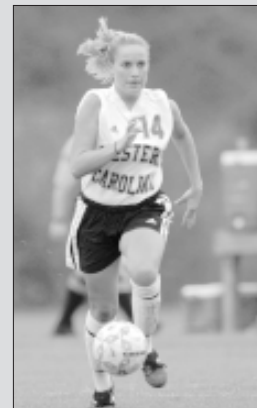
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Junior
5'6" - Defender/Midfielder
Marietta, Ga.
Walton High School



An excellent ball-winner and fierce tackler... Possesses an attacking flair to break down opposing defenses.

2002: Split time between midfielder and defender... A dominating back and tough tackler, she added two goals and two assists to her resume... Had a goal versus Delaware State (10/6) and pounded one in from 30 yards out against UTC (10/30).



2001: Contributed right away for the Cats as a back and outside midfielder, starting 14 of 20 games played... Scored the game-winning goal versus Davidson (10/14) with three minutes remaining in regulation... Added two assists for four points on the season.

High School: Named her team's captain at Walton High School... Led her team to the state playoffs in 1998 and 1999... HS teammate of fellow Catamount Casey Davis.

Club: Played for the Atlanta Hot Shots club under Coach Gavino Astegheve... Led her Under-18 team to the State Championship... Named to the Georgia State Team in 1999 and 2000... Club team won the 1999 Dana Cup in Denmark and the Gothia Cup in Sweden.

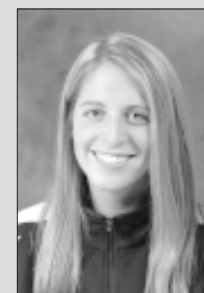
Personal: Brittany Merrill Bennefield, Parents: Mike and Pat Bennefield, Born: November 11, 1982.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2001	20/14	22	1	2	4	1
2002	18/2	9	2	0	4	0
Total	38/16	31	3	2	8	1

Megan Chambers

10

Sophomore
5'8" - Defender/Midfielder
Roswell, Ga.
Roswell High School



Physically strong player who is equally skillful with both feet... Also possesses a great ability to serve the ball in the attack.

2002: Played in nine contests for the Catamounts at the outside midfield position... Had a key assist against Davidson (9/29), which helped tie the game.

High School: Led her team to the quarterfinals in the state tournament... Named to the Georgia All-Star Team her senior year... Was also a Coaches Award winner and named to the all-region first team in 2001.

Club: Played with current Catamount Casey Davis for Metro North Navy, who were the 2000 state runners-up... Was a two-year captain for the team... Her team won the 2001 Miami Orange Classic.

Personal: Megan Moyer Chambers, Parents: Nick and Pam Chambers, Born: September 2, 1983.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	9/0	4	0	1	1	0

Casey Davis

11

Sophomore
5'6" - Defender
Marietta, Ga.
Walton High School



2002: Played in 16 matches for the Catamounts, starting in four... Her versatility allowed her to split time between defender and midfielder... Came in at the end of the season as a starter in the central midfield.

High School: Picked as the team captain her senior year... Named to the Georgia All-Star Team and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* team... An All-State and all-county selection... Also an honorable mention *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* selection both her sophomore and junior seasons... HS teammate of fellow Catamount Brittany Bennefield.

Club: Was the team captain for the Metro North Navy team her junior and senior years with fellow Catamount teammate Megan Chambers... Team finished as the state runners-up her junior year and Orange Classic Champions her senior year.

Personal: Casey Ann Davis, Parents: Brendan and Marylou Davis, Born: August 11, 1984.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	16/4	1	0	0	0	0

Natasha Moore

19

Sophomore
5'7" - Forward
Fountain Inn, S.C.
Hillcrest High School



2002: Southern Conference Player of the Week (9/2)... Started 15 of 19 games played for the Catamounts... Led the team in goals (7) and posted two assists to lead the team in points (16)... Scored a hat trick in her first collegiate match against Florida International to give the Cats the 3-1 win... She was only the second Catamount to ever record a hat trick... Named to the Clemson Invitational All-Tournament team after scoring WCU's only goal against the nationally ranked Tennessee Volunteers (9/13).



High School: A varsity starter for four years... In 1999 she led her team to the State Championship... Recorded 30 goals and 17 assists as a senior... Selected as a McDonald's/Powerade High School All-American.

Club: Led her St. Giles United Storm club team with 156 goals and 90 assists during her career... Led the team to seven South Carolina State Championships.

Personal: Natasha Maria Moore, Parents: Ralston and Beverly Moore, Born: April 4, 1984.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	19/15	34	7	2	16	1

Marie Nicolini

16

Sophomore
5'0" - Forward/Midfielder
Cary, N.C.
Cardinal Gibbons High School



2002: Played in 19 games for the Cats... Scored one goal off 11 shots... The goal, being her first collegiate goal, came against Troy State (9/6)... Also added a game-winning assist against Wofford (10/11) to give her three points for the season.



High School: A four year starter... Selected as a first team all-conference pick and an all-region selection as a sophomore... Co-captain and second team all-conference performer as a junior... Also competed in track and field and was a sprint champion.

Club: Played for the CASL Spartan Elite, leading them to the State Cup Finals along with current teammate Natalie Turgeon... Team was the Raleigh Shootout Champions... Played for the North Carolina Olympic Development Team for four years... Showcased her talents in the State Games of North Carolina Junior/Senior Showcase.

Personal: Marie Celeste Nicolini, Parents: Frank and Grace Nicolini, Born: February 2, 1984.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	19/0	11	1	1	3	0

Emily Pierce

12

Sophomore
5'9" - Defender
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Red Bank High School





2002: Started in 18 of the 19 games played for the Cats... Scored her first collegiate goal against Delaware State (10/6)... She also added another goal against The Citadel (10/27)... Finished her freshman campaign with six shots from her defender position... Was a consistent player all year as a defender and a valuable player in the air.

High School: Voted team MVP as a senior and sophomore... Named to the *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* All-Area first team and All-State first team... Led her team in scoring as a sophomore... Led her team

in assists as a freshman and was selected to the *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* second team as well as being an all-area pick that year.

Club: Played club ball for the Brentwood Lady Express her junior and senior years... Led the team to two State Championships... Team was the 2000 Orange Bowl champions and ranked 12th nationally in 2001... Also, prior to her junior year, she played for the Fury Elite in Memphis, Tenn.

Personal: Emily Lena Pierce, Parents: Lee and Sandi Pierce, Born: September 1, 1983.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	19/18	6	2	0	4	0

Natalie Turgeon

5

Sophomore
5'5" - Midfielder
Raleigh, N.C.
Cardinal Gibbons High School



2002: Started in all 19 matches played for the Cats... Recorded five goals and two assists from her midfield position to rank third on the team in points (12)... She also pounded in three game-winning goals, which tied for second in the SoCon and ties for third on WCU's single season list... Was one goal short of a hat trick versus Delaware State (10/6)... One of her game-winning goals was a golden goal against UTC (10/30) in the second overtime.

High School: Voted the team captain her senior year as well as MVP by her teammates... Varsity starter all four years... Led her team to a regular-season conference championship.. Was All-State, all-conference and all-region as a junior and senior...



Awarded the "Extra Effort" award by WRAL News... Led her team in assists and scoring as a sophomore as well as ranking second in assists and scoring as a freshman when the team finished as the state runners-up... Was also a standout on the basketball court, serving as a team captain.

Club: Played for the CASL Spartan Elite... Led her team to four North Carolina State Championships, a Region 3 Championship, two WAGS championships and two Raleigh Shootout championships... Was her team's assist leader and second leading scorer throughout her club career.

Personal: Natalie Elizabeth Turgeon, Parents: Marilyn and the late Roy Turgeon, Born: January 31, 1984.

Season	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GWG
2002	19/19	17	5	2	12	3

Jennifer Deck

24

Freshman
5'6" - Goalkeeper
Herndon, Va.
Oakton High School



High School: *Washington Post* All-Metro first team member as a junior and senior... Was additionally a first team all-region member and was selected for the Virginia All-Star game... Named to the Coaches all-region first team her junior and senior seasons... A second team All-State selection as a junior... Split time between goalkeeper and forward... Member of the National Honor Society.

Club: Starting goalkeeper for head coach Ashu Saxena on the Braddock Road Electra... Won the 2002 Virginia State Cup Championship... Also on the Olympic Development Program Virginia State Team.

Personal: Jennifer Irene Deck, Parents: John and Yvonne Deck, Born: February 24, 1985.

Keevy Harris

3

Freshman
5'5" - Forward
Sophia, N.C.
Randleman High School



High School: Named the Mid-State 2A Conference Player of the Year as a senior... Four-time all-conference selection and participated in the Summer State Games of N.C., after her sophomore and junior years... Two-time team captain... Named the Trinity Tournament MVP all but her junior year... Posted 38 goals and 10 assists as a senior... Voted team's "Best Offensive Player" her freshman and senior years... Voted her team's MVP during her junior campaign... Was a four-sport athlete at Randleman HS, com-

peting in soccer, track and field, cross country and was also the starting placekicker on the boys varsity football team... Was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Beta Club and the traveling youth choir. **Club:** Played for the PSA Lady Stars... Voted the team captain and MVP, receiving the Spirit of PSA award in 2001.

Personal: Keevy Lynn Harris, Parents: Chuck and Debbi Harris, Born: August 11, 1985.

Tammy Jones

13

Freshman
5'3" - Midfielder
Pink Hill, N.C.
East Duplin High School



High School: Was a three-time all-conference selection and named her team's MVP her sophomore through senior years, serving as a captain her senior season... Named her team's "Offensive Player of the Year" during her senior campaign... Was also a four-sport athlete for East Duplin HS, competing in soccer, basketball, volleyball and track and field... Was the "Defensive Player of the Year" for her basketball team her junior and senior seasons, making the all-conference list her sophomore through junior years... Additionally an all-conference selection her sophomore and junior season with the track team and voted as the MVP of the team her sophomore year... Advanced to the State Championships her sophomore year in the 800 meter run and the 1600 meter relay... Was an all-conference member her senior year for the school's volleyball team and was named the team's "Offensive Player of the Year" in her final season.

Club: Played for the Jacksonville United Club Team, serving as the team's captain for three years... Her team was the Burger King Classic Champions two of the years she played for the club.

Personal: Tammy Denise Jones, Parents: Lisa and Joey Jones, Born: August 12, 1985.

Meghan Reilly

7

Freshman
5'4" - Midfielder
Lubbock, Tex.
Lubbock High School



High School: Named first team all-district as a junior and senior, serving as a captain both years... Received the Coaches Award all four years in high school... Honorable mention all-conference selection as a freshman, playing for the regional champion Shorewood High School in Milwaukee, Wis.

Club: Played for head coach Gary Stull with the Midland (Texas) Fusion club team from 2002-03... Played for the Lubbock Elite team in 2000 and '01, serving as a captain... Prior to her move to Texas, Reilly played for the Whitefish Bay club team in Wisconsin.

Personal: Meghan Leigh Reilly, Parents: Brian and Ginny Reilly, Born: July 27, 1985.

Alesha Row

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Freshman
5'7" - Goalkeeper
Fargo, N.D.
Fargo North High School



High School: All-conference first team selection as a junior for two-time state runner-up and two-time conference champion Fargo North HS... As a junior she recorded 15 shutouts and a save percentage of 97 percent... She was also a member of Fargo North's State champion basketball team.

Club: Started for the four-time State Cup Champion Red River Rumbler, coached by Bob Grabko and Kaye Nelson.

Personal: Alesha Louise Row, Parents: Mary and Jeff Row, Born: February 10, 1985.

Stephanie Svoboda

22

Freshman
5'6" - Forward
Cleveland, Ohio
Euclid High School



High School: Served as a captain her senior year, netting 30 goals and recording 10 assists... Three-time selection to the *Cleveland News Herald* All-Metro first team... Also a three-time *Cleveland Sun Messenger* All-Sun Messenger team selection... Two-time Coaches All-Greater Cleveland first team member... A three-sport athlete who was also the starting kicker on Euclid's boys varsity football team, kicking two game-winning field goals, one as time expired in the game... Additionally a *Cleveland Sun Messenger* All-Sun Messenger shortstop in softball as a junior... Was a member of the National Honor Society.

Club: Played for the Cleveland United Premier and Westside Stars.

Personal: Stephanie Michelle Svoboda, Parents: Bob Svoboda and Dolores Milichi, Born: August 8, 1985.



2002 Season In Review

The 2002 season saw the Western Carolina soccer program's first ever graduating class. Nine Catamount seniors finished their WCU careers, including goalkeeper Mandi Tinsley, defender/midfielder Kyla Deon, midfielder Nardia Moore, midfielder Morgan Foresman, defender Meghan Doherty, defender Sarah Rice, forward/midfielder Kelly Barker, forward Christel Kirkpatrick and defender Jamie Pawlik.

Among the many highlights this group of seniors produced over the four years Western has had a women's soccer program includes never having a losing season, defeating each Southern Conference team at least once, having a 17-match home unbeaten streak, ending the 2002 regular-season with an unbeaten streak of seven SoCon road games, earning the second seed in the 2002 SoCon Championship, reaching the championship match of the 2001 SoCon Tournament and winning the SoCon regular-season title in '01 as well.



Freshman Natasha Moore scored a hat trick in her first ever collegiate match to give the Catamounts a 3-1 victory over Florida International to start the season.

Tinsley and Pawlik were selected to the All-Southern Conference first team at the conclusion of the season. The two anchored a Catamount defense that led the league and ranked 24th in the nation in goals against average, allowing only 16 goals in 19 matches and a 0.79 goals against average. Tinsley also finished first in the SoCon in saves with 130 on the season, which broke WCU's record for single-season saves by 14, set by Tinsley in 2000.

The Cats started off the season at the Florida Atlantic Kickoff Classic in Boca Raton, Fla., to face two national caliber programs. The team came away from it breaking even with a win over Florida International. Freshman Natasha Moore scored a hat trick in her first ever collegiate match with all three goals coming in the second half. After the tournament, the Catamounts headed home to host Troy State. Western brought down the Trojans in a 3-0 defeat, the first of five complete shutouts for Tinsley on the season.

The next stop for the Catamounts was Clemson University for the Tigers' Invitational Tournament. After losing to a nationally ranked Tennessee team, 1-3, and their match against Butler being cancelled due to rain, the Cats returned home to face Georgia Southern and the College of Charleston to kick off conference play. WCU fought hard against the Eagles and brought the match to double overtime. Western Carolina had a 25-13 advantage in shots, but the two teams battled to a 2-2 tie.

After playing 2:45 of the second half against the College of Charleston, play was stopped due to heavy rain

and lightning. After an hour and a half delay, play resumed on a very soggy muddy field with the Cats holding a 1-0 lead thanks to junior forward Jordan Howell. Late in the second, Lauren Bramlett took control of the ball and fired a shot from the top of the box, sending it into the right corner for the unassisted goal and a 2-0 lead, which proved to be the final score.

The Catamounts set off on a four-match road swing that saw them shut out UNC Greensboro, 1-0, and tie Davidson, 1-1, in their second double overtime match of the season. Western then traveled to our nation's capital for the Howard University Invitational Tournament. The team lost a tough battle to Howard, 0-1, and then set their sights on Delaware State. Seven Catamounts combined to score



Freshman Natalie Turgeon scored two of Western Carolina's nine goals against Delaware State to help give the Cats the 9-0 victory. She finished the 2002 season with five goals and two assists for 12 points. She also tallied three game-winning goals on the year to lead WCU and tie for second in the SoCon.

Junior Forward Jordan Howell (left) finished the year with three goals and six points after only 10 matches with a season-ending torn ACL. It was the second such injury in her career.



nine goals on the Hornets, while Tina Weaver picked up the shutout.

Once the team returned home, Western hosted Wofford on Friday, Oct. 11. The Cats were able to hold off the Terriers for the 1-0 shutout, which gave WCU a school and SoCon record 17-match home unbeaten streak and also kept them undefeated in the league for the season. However, the Catamounts faced a relentless Furman team just two days later. The Paladins' Emily Turgeon scored with just over six minutes left in double overtime to give Furman a 2-1 victory over the home team. With the loss, Western Carolina had its home unbeaten streak snapped at 17 matches, posting a 16-0-1 record over the span. Ironically, the last time the Catamounts lost at home prior to that day was a 2-1 decision to Furman on Oct. 1, 2000.

Just two days after the hard loss, the team received the news they had feared. Junior standout Jordan Howell, who had injured her left knee during practice the previous week, was out for the season. An MRI confirmed a torn ACL and she underwent surgery later that week. Just eight months earlier, Howell underwent similar surgery for a torn ACL on her right knee.

The Cats recovered and went on a five-match road tour, first defeating East Tennessee State and then WCU's mountain rival Appalachian State, both in 1-0 shutouts. At the midpoint of their trek, Western squared off against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 25. Western Carolina jumped out to an early lead when freshman Natasha Moore netted her sixth goal of the season to put WCU up, 1-0. After Coastal knotted the score at one apiece early in the second half, the team scored again midway through the second to give the Lady Chants the victory.

Western picked up key wins over The Citadel and Chattanooga before returning to Cullowhee. The Catamounts' 2-1 win over the Mocs clinched a second place finish in the SoCon regular-season. Freshman Natalie Turgeon scored a golden goal off a corner kick by Lauren Bramlett to win in double overtime. The win completed WCU's conference road schedule with a 5-0-1 record.

In the final regular-season match of the year, Western hosted UNC Asheville. After an emotional senior recognition ceremony for the program's first ever graduating class, the Cats took on the Bulldogs in a fierce battle. Freshman Natasha Moore scored her seventh goal of the season to tie the match at 1-1 and send it into overtime. Neither squad was able to score in overtime as the match ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Catamounts faced Wofford in the first round of the Southern Conference Championship on Nov. 7. The Terriers did to the Cats what had been done to them earlier in the season as they plowed their way to a 1-0 shutout of Western Carolina. With the heartbreaking loss, WCU finished the 2002 season at 10-6-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the SoCon. It was the least number of conference losses ever for the program, which finished the regular-season in the top two in the league for the second consecutive year. It was also the first time the program had gone unbeaten on the road in conference action.



The group of nine seniors pictured here finished their careers at Western in 2002 as the program's first ever graduating class. Among their many accomplishments over the four-year time span, they never had a losing season, they defeated each SoCon team at least once, had a 17-match home unbeaten streak, finished second in the 2001 SoCon Championship and won a share of the SoCon regular-season title in 2001 as well.

2002 Match-by-Match Recaps

Aug. 30, 2002 vs. Florida International

Boca Raton, Fla. - Western Carolina's women's soccer team came away with a 3-1 win over Florida International at the FAU Tournament in Boca Raton, Fla. Freshman Natasha Moore recorded a hat trick in her first collegiate match with all three goals coming in the second half. Jordan Howell and Kelly Barker each had an assist.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Natasha Moore (68:24), (75:06), (86:34); Florida Int'l.- Janessa Taddei (70:13)

Assists: WCU- Kelly Barker, Lauren Bramlett; Florida Int'l.- Nicola Bell

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (2); Florida Int'l.- (3)

Sept. 1, 2002 at Florida Atlantic

Boca Raton, Fla. - Western Carolina's women's soccer team fell to Florida Atlantic, 1-0 in their final match of the Florida Atlantic Tournament. The Catamounts came away with a 1-1 record for the weekend after defeating Florida International, 3-1 on Sunday.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: FAU- Kelly Hoffman (41:17)

Assists: FAU- Julie Ferguson

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (11); FAU- Molly Keating (6)

Sept. 6, 2002 Troy State

Cullowhee, N.C. - Western Carolina senior Kelly Barker scored a goal just short of 12 minutes into the match to lead the Catamount women's soccer team (2-1) to a 3-0 victory over Troy State (1-2) at Schrader Field. The contest was the 2002 home opener for the defending Southern Conference Champion Catamounts.

Barker, who had seven shots on goal, took a pass from Natalie Turgeon and found the back of the net. With 27 seconds left in the first half, Turgeon added a goal of her own in the lower left corner off a Jamie Pawlik pass.

Western took control of the game from the opening seconds and kept momentum the entire game. The Cats fired 13 shots on goal in the first half and added 17 shots in the second for a total of 31. Western had several break away opportunities, but Trojan goalkeeper Casey Wiebley, who had 13 saves, was able to turn away most chances. However, WCU freshman Marie Nicolini scored her first career goal on a one-on-one with 15:34 left in the match.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Kelly Barker (11:32), Natalie Turgeon (44:33), Marie Nicolini (74:26)

Assists: WCU- Natalie Turgeon, Jamie Pawlik

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (5), Tina Weaver (1); Troy State- Casey Wiebley (13)

Sept. 13, 2002 vs. Tennessee

Clemson S.C. - Western Carolina's Natasha Moore scored a goal in the second half to help the Cats' cause, but Western couldn't quite overcome the deficit as #16 Tennessee defeated WCU, 3-1, in their first match of the Clemson Invitational.

Western Carolina got on the board at the 57:59 mark as Moore scored her fourth goal of the year with an assist by Kelly Barker. Catamount keeper Mandi Tinsley recorded 17 saves in the match.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU-Natasha Moore (57:59); TEN-Kim Patrick (7:04), (15:19), Jen Laughridge (28:23)

Assists: WCU-Kelly Barker, TEN-Jen Laughridge (2), Lyndsey Patterson, Rhian Wilkerson, Kayla Lockaby

Saves: WCU-Mandi Tinsley (17), TEN Ellen Dean (1)

Sept. 20, 2002 Georgia Southern

Cullowhee, N.C. - After a scoreless first half, Western Carolina (2-2-1 overall, 0-0-1 SoCon) and Georgia Southern (5-1-1; 1-0-1 SoCon) each traded two goals over a 27-minute span as the two teams battled to a 2-2 tie in double overtime on a rainy Friday afternoon at Schrader Field.

The Catamounts, who had not lost at home over their last 14 matches, broke a scoreless tie at the 50:33 mark of the second half. Senior Kelly Barker headed a WCU goal kick forward to Jordan Howell, who outran an Eagle defender and found the lower, right-corner of net for the goal. The goal was the first of the season for Howell. Four and a half minutes later, Georgia Southern's Genevieve Ward scored her second goal of the season off a Mary-Kate Talbot pass to tie the contest.

Western Carolina regained the momentum four minutes later on a Jamie Pawlik goal. Off a WCU corner, Pawlik gathered a rebound from just outside the top of the goalkeeper's box and blasted a goal to the lower right corner.

The Catamounts seemed to have the game in control over the next 20 minutes. However, a Catamount foul led to an Eagle free kick from the left side of the keeper's box. Sarah Farrer fed Ward for her second goal of the game and third of the season. Ward's goal, like her first one, was one to the upper right corner.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Jordan Howell (50:33), Jamie Pawlik (58:10); GSU- Genevieve Ward, (54:31, 77:36)

Assists: WCU- Kelly Barker; GSU- Mary-Kate Talbot, Sara Farrer

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (7); GSU- Tanya Woehner (9), GSU Team- (3)

Sept. 22, 2002 College of Charleston

Cullowhee, N.C. - The Western Carolina women's soccer team kept their home unbeaten streak alive at 15 consecutive matches as they defeated conference foe College of Charleston, 2-0, under rainy and muddy conditions at Schrader Field. With the win, WCU improved their record to 3-2-1 for the season and 1-0-1 in the SoCon, while CofC fell to 2-4-2 (1-1-0).

Jordan Howell scored first for the Catamounts at the 35:21 mark in the first half. Howell warded off a defender and shot the ball from the far left side of the goal box, sending it into the top right corner of the net just out of goalie Emily Brenner's reach. The goal was unassisted and her second of the season.

Late in the second period, Lauren Bramlett took control of the ball and took a shot from the top of the box, sending it into the right corner for the unassisted goal and a 2-0 lead at the 77:28 mark. The goal was her first for the year.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Jordan Howell (35:21), Lauren Bramlett (77:28)

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (6); CofC- Emily Brenner (1), Courtney Nelson (3)

Sept. 27, 2002 at UNC Greensboro

Greensboro, N.C. - Western Carolina used an own goal at 32:35 of the first-half, and then held off UNCG, to slip past the Spartans, 1-0, in Southern Conference women's soccer action from a rain soaked UNCG Soccer Stadium. With the win, the Catamounts upped their record to 4-2-1 (2-0-1 SoCon), while UNCG fell to (4-5-0, 1-2-0 SoCon).

The Catamounts' lone goal came when an attempted cross deflected off of UNCG's Jennifer Kennedy. The Spartans created a couple first-half scoring opportunities, but Mandi Tinsley was equal to the task. The senior netminder made three saves before intermission.

The Spartans continued to push forward in the second period, but Tinsley, along with a tough Catamount defense, kept them scoreless. UNCG out-shot the Cats, 20-7. Tinsley registered eight saves to pick up her second shutout of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Own Goal (32:35) ball deflected off UNCG's Jennifer Kennedy

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (8); UNCG- Angie Rudy (1), Jennifer Stillman (3)

Sept. 29 at Davidson

Davidson, N.C. - Western Carolina's match versus Davidson remained scoreless until the second half when WCU's Natasha Moore placed the ball into the net past sophomore goalie Sarah Hobart, to give the Catamounts a 1-0 lead. The goal marked Moore's fifth of the season. Freshman Megan Chambers and junior Felicia Wilson were both credited with the assist.

With just under nine minutes remaining in the game, the Wildcats were awarded a penalty kick off a Western Carolina foul. Kara Koerhn made the penalty kick to even the score. After playing two overtime periods, in which neither the Catamounts nor the Wildcats could score, the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

With the tie, the Catamounts moved to 4-2-2 (2-0-2 SoCon), while the Wildcats were at 4-5-1 (3-0-1 SoCon).

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Natasha Moore (63:03); DAV- Kara Koerhn (87:07)

Assists: WCU- Megan Chambers/Felicia Wilson

SAVES: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (8); DAV- Sarah Hobart (5)

Oct. 5, 2002 vs. Howard

Washington, D.C. - The Western Carolina women's soccer team fell to Howard University, 1-0, after Michelle Williston scored the game's only goal 8:50 into the match in the first annual Howard University Women's Soccer Classic in Greene Stadium. The win was the second straight for the Bison (3-7-1), while the Catamounts stand at 4-3-2.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: HOW- Michelle Williston (8:38)

Assists: HOW- Krisma Horne

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (4); HOW- Lindsey Walton (7)

Oct. 6, 2002 vs. Delaware State (at Howard)

Washington, D.C. - Natalie Turgeon scored two goals to lead Western Carolina to a 9-0 win over Delaware State in the second round of the first annual Howard University Women's Soccer Classic at Greene Stadium.

A freshman forward from Raleigh, N.C., Turgeon got the Catamounts (5-3-2) on the board 2:43 into the match on an assist from freshman forward Natasha Moore. From there, the contest was never in doubt as Western Carolina scored four more goals to take a comfortable 5-0 halftime lead against the winless Hornets (0-8), who are in their first season of varsity soccer.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Turgeon (2), Wilson, Kirkpatrick, Nar. Moore, Pierce, Howell, Bennefield, Team Goal

Assists: WCU- Nat. Moore, Wilson, Howell, Bramlett, Ky. Deon

Saves: WCU- Tina Weaver (0); DSU- Amber Oliver (10)

Oct. 11, 2002 Wofford

Cullowhee, N.C. - The Western Carolina women's soccer team held off Wofford in a 1-0 victory to remain unbeaten in the SoCon Friday at Schrader Field. The win also preserved Western's home unbeaten streak at 17 matches. The Catamounts improved to 6-3-2 overall and 3-0-2 in the league while Wofford fell to 4-6-2 overall and 3-1-1 in conference play.

Senior Nardia Moore scored her second goal of the season off a pass by freshman Marie Nicolini at the 22:42 mark in the first half to give WCU the 1-0 edge. The Lady Cats used their defense to keep the Terriers at bay and hang on for the victory.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Nardia Moore (26:42)

Assists: WCU- Marie Nicolini

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (8); WOF- Katie Menegaz (6)

Oct. 13, 2002 Furman

Cullowhee, N.C. - Furman's Emily Turgeon scored with just over six min-

utes left in double overtime to give the Paladins a 2-1 victory over the homestanding Western Carolina Sunday afternoon at Schrader Field. The loss snapped WCU's 17-match home unbeaten streak. Ironically, Furman was the last team to beat Western (2-1 on Oct. 1, 2000).

Furman (7-5-1 overall and 5-0 in the SoCon) jumped out to an early 1-0 lead. Sophomore April Raymer found the back of the net from 35 yards out just 3:19 into the contest. Katie Carson was credited with the assist.

Western (6-4-2, 3-1-2 SoCon) tied the match nearly 14 minutes later. Natasha Moore passed the ball to Lauren Bramlett, who left it for senior Kelly Barker. The goal was Barker's second of the season.

Both teams were held in check in the second half. The Paladins only took four shots in the period, compared to seven in the first, and only took two corner kicks, compared to five in the first. The Catamounts were held to just five shots in both halves.

Neither team managed a shot in the first overtime. However, Furman was able to keep the pressure on in the second with three shots, including Turgeon's game winner.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Kelly Barker (17:04); FUR- April Raymer (3:19), Emily Turgeon (103:42)

Assists: WCU- Lauren Bramlett/Natasha Moore; FUR- Katie Carson, Kat Kelley

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (7); FUR- Andie Hinshaw (5)

Oct. 18, 2002 at East Tennessee State

Johnson City, Tenn. - The Western Carolina soccer team shut out East Tennessee State, 1-0, in Johnson City Friday night. With the win, the Catamounts improved to 7-4-2 (4-1-2 SoCon), while ETSU fell to 5-7-1, (2-4-1 SoCon).

The first period proved to be an offensive struggle for both teams as the period ended scoreless. The game-winning goal came in the 57th minute as Lauren Bramlett received a pass from Kelly Barker and shot the ball through the outstretched hands of Buccaneer keeper Heather Sanden. The goal marked the second for Bramlett for the season. Catamount keeper Mandi Tinsley recorded her fourth shutout of the season with six saves.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Lauren Bramlett (57:55)

Assists: WCU- Kelly Barker

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (6); ETSU- Heather Sanden (9)

Oct. 20 vs. Appalachian State

Boone, N.C. - The Western Carolina women's soccer team shut out Appalachian State, 1-0, at Kidd Brewer Stadium. It was the second shutout of the weekend for the Catamounts.

Western came out strong, connecting on a free kick only 45 seconds into the first half. Lauren Bramlett kicked the ball in to teammate Natalie Turgeon who headed the ball into the net, giving the Catamounts a 1-0 lead. The Mountaineers outshot the Catamounts in the first half with seven shots, five of which were on goal. The Catamounts had three shots, two on goal.

Western Carolina managed to hold off the Mountaineers and posted three more shots in the second half, one on goal. Appalachian could not get back into the match, as the Catamounts went on to win, 1-0. The shutout was goalkeeper Mandi Tinsley's fifth of the season.

Western Carolina improved to 8-4-2 on the year and 5-1-2 in conference play. Appalachian fell to 4-10-1 on the season and 2-5-1 in SoCon action.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Natalie Turgeon (00:45)

Assists: WCU- Lauren Bramlett

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (8); ASU- Breland Meany (1)

Oct. 25, 2002 at Coastal Carolina

Conway, S.C. - Western Carolina dropped a 2-1 decision to Coastal Carolina after Marissa Kovacs scored a goal midway through the second half to break a 1-1 tie and give the Lady Chants the victory at CCU Soccer Stadium.

Western Carolina (8-5-2) jumped out to an early lead when freshman Natasha Moore netted her sixth goal of the season to put WCU up, 1-0. Moore's goal which was unassisted, came at the 38:37 mark.

Coastal Carolina (7-5-3) would even the match at 1-1, when senior Kristen Wisse scored her second goal of the season on a header off a throw-in by Kovacs. Wisse's goal came at the 71:09 mark of the second half.

Kovacs would record the game-winner, just under seven minutes later off an assist from Rachel Devine.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Natasha Moore (38:37); CCU- Kristen Wisse (71:09), Marissa Kovacs (77:49).

Assists: CCU- Marissa Kovacs, Rachel DeVine

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (6); CCU- Candice Doten (5), CCU Team (1)

**Oct. 27, 2002
at The Citadel**

Charleston, S.C. - Western Carolina keepers Mandi Tinsley and Tina Weaver combined forces to shutout The Citadel, 5-0, in Charleston. With the win, the Catamounts improved to 9-5-2 (6-1-2 SoCon). The Citadel fell to 4-10-2 (0-10 SoCon).

The first half was marked by three Catamount goals in the first nine minutes. Nardia Moore, Emily Pierce and Lauren Bramlett tallied those shots with teammate Felicia Wilson kicking in a fourth goal at the 31-minute mark.

In the second half, the Bulldogs came out fighting harder and defending their half of the field. Despite the Bulldogs' efforts, it was at the 69-minute mark that Wilson scored the fifth and final Catamount goal. Western's defense also controlled the game by only allowing one shot by Citadel freshman Julie Austin.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Nardia Moore (3:00), Emily Pierce (4:00), Lauren Bramlett (9:00), Felicia Wilson (31:00, 69:00)

Assists: WCU- Kelly Barker, Lauren Bramlett

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (0), Tina Weaver (0); CIT- Angie Ellenwood (5)

**Oct. 30, 2002
at UT Chattanooga**

Chattanooga, Tenn. - The Western Carolina soccer team grabbed their first double overtime win of the season at Chattanooga, 2-1. With the win, Western improved to 10-5-2 (7-1-2 SoCon) and secured the second place seed in the upcoming conference tournament. The Mocs fell to 8-8-1 (3-6-1 SoCon) and were eliminated from the SoCon Tournament with the loss.

The Catamounts' Natalie Turgeon took a well-placed corner kick from Lauren Bramlett 56 seconds into the second overtime and redirected it past UTC keeper Rawlslyn Ray for a sudden victory win.

Western Carolina scored at the 15:33 mark on an unassisted goal by Brittany Bennefield to take a lead into halftime. The blast from 30 yards out was the second goal of the season for the sophomore. However, UTC outshot the Catamounts 10-2 in the first half of play.

In the second half Chattanooga's Dana Van Winkle took a pass from Diana Jallo at the 82:48 mark to tie the game at 1-1 and send it into overtime.

Chattanooga controlled the ball throughout most of the first overtime, but each team could only get one shot off. However, in the second overtime, WCU's Bramlett dropped the ball in front of the net to a waiting Turgeon for the only shot of the second overtime. WCU senior keeper Mandi Tinsley recorded 12 saves and Ray had two for UTC.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Brittany Bennefield (15:33), Natalie Turgeon (100:56); UTC- Dana Van Winkle (82:48)

Assists: WCU- Lauren Bramlett; UTC- Diana Jallo

Saves : WCU- Mandi Tinsley (12); UTC- Rawlslyn Ray (2)

**Nov. 4, 2002
UNC Asheville**

Cullowhee, N.C. - Western Carolina freshman Natasha Moore scored her seventh goal of the season to tie the match at 1-1 and send it into overtime against UNC Asheville in the Cats' final regular-season match before heading into the SoCon Tournament this weekend. It was also an emotional and historical day for the WCU women's soccer program Monday as the

school's first ever senior class lined up on Charles W. Schrader Field for the last time.

Neither team could put the ball in the net in the first half as WCU senior Mandi Tinsley and UNCA's Michelle Mattos recorded three saves a piece in the first 45 minutes. The Catamounts came out attacking in the second, firing 10 shots. However, it was UNCA who scored first on a shot by Ellen Sims who slipped it past Tinsley off a pass by teammate Kelsey Dawson at the 71:22 mark to record her fifth goal of the season.

Western came back with an answer to the Bulldogs' offensive drive with one of their own just three minutes later. Moore received the pass from teammate Natalie Turgeon and shot the ball just past Mattos' left side into the net at the 74:31 mark. The assist was Turgeon's second of the season.

Moore's goal sent the match into its first overtime. UNCA came out firing, sending off five shots, two of which were on goal. The Cats could not answer offensively and Tinsley made the saves to send the match into double overtime. Both teams got one shot off a piece in the period and Tinsley added a save to bring her total to 10 for the match, but neither team was able to score as the match ended in a 1-1 tie.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WCU- Natasha Moore (74:31); UNCA- Ellen Sims (71:22)

Assists: WCU- Natalie Turgeon; UNCA- Kelsey Dawson

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (10); UNCA- Michelle Mattos (7)

**Nov. 7, 2002
Wofford (SoCon Championship - First Round)**

Greensboro, NC - Western Carolina's soccer team fell short as Wofford's Faith Stewart scored the game's lone goal in the 69th minute to lift Wofford to a 1-0 victory in the first round of the 2002 Women's Soccer Tournament at UNCG Soccer Stadium. WCU finished the 2002 season at 10-6-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the SoCon.

Western Carolina had scoring opportunities early and late in the match, but came up short. Wofford's goalkeeper Katie Menegaz then recorded a huge save in the 84th minute when Morgan Foresman rocketed a shot towards the goal.

Stewart scored the game-winning goal on a header off a Jaime Cutts cross. Menegaz recorded five saves in the match, while Western's all-conference keeper Mandi Tinsley also recorded five to bring her total to 130 for the year, a WCU record. Tinsley led the league in saves and ranked 14th in the nation in saves per game.

"This was a tough way for us to go out and it'll be real hard to see these seniors go," said WCU head coach Debbie Hensley. "This loss definitely doesn't take away from the great accomplishments this group has achieved over the last four years."

Nine Catamount seniors finished their WCU careers in the match tonight. Goalkeeper Mandi Tinsley, defender/midfielder Kyla Deon, midfielder Nardia Moore, midfielder Morgan Foresman, defender Meghan Doherty, defender Sarah Rice, forward/midfielder Kelly Barker, forward Christel Kirkpatrick and defender Jamie Pawlik dressed in their Western Carolina uniforms for the last time.

Among the many highlights this group of seniors has produced over the four years Western has had a women's soccer program includes never having a losing season, defeating each SoCon team at least once, having a 17-match home unbeaten streak, ending this regular-season with an unbeaten streak of seven SoCon road games (which started on 10/21/01), earning the second seed in this year's SoCon Championship, finishing second in last year's SoCon Championship and winning a share of the SoCon regular-season title in 2001.

Individually, the group produced two *Soccer Buzz* All-National Team members for first year programs, a *Soccer Buzz* Freshman of the Year for first year programs, a *Soccer Buzz* All-Southeast Region team member, three All-Conference performers, three All-SoCon Tournament performers and a Verizon Academic All-District III second team member.

SCORING SUMMARY:

Goals: WOF- Faith Stewart (68:35)

Assists: WOF- Jaime Cutts

Saves: WCU- Mandi Tinsley (5), WOF- Katie Menegaz (5)

2002 Stats

Overall Record: 10-6-3 • Conference Record: 7-1-2

Scoring - Overall

Name	Gp-Gs	Sh	G	A	Pts
Natasha Moore	19-15	34	7	2	16
Lauren Bramlett	19-16	44	3	7	13
Natalie Turgeon	19-19	17	5	2	12
Kelly Barker	19-18	41	2	5	9
Felicia Wilson	19-17	12	3	2	8
Nardia Moore	18-14	21	3	0	6
Jordon Howell	10-9	20	3	0	6
Brittany Bennefield	18-2	9	2	0	4
Emily Pierce	19-18	6	2	0	4
Marie Nicolini	19-0	11	1	1	3
Jamie Pawlik	19-19	6	1	1	3
Christel Kirkpatrick	15-3	10	1	0	2
Kyla Deon	19-19	7	0	1	1
Kristen Deon	12-0	5	0	1	1
Megan Chambers	9-0	1	0	1	1
Morgan Foresman	19-11	9	0	0	0
Casey Davis	16-4	1	0	0	0
Sarah Rice	12-1	0	0	0	0
Meghan Doherty	18-5	0	0	0	0
Catamounts	19	254	35	26	96
Opponents	19	254	16	17	49

Scoring - Conference Only

Name	Gp-Gs	Sh	G	A	Pts
Lauren Bramlett	10-10	32	3	4	10
Kelly Barker	10-9	21	1	3	5
Felicia Wilson	10-10	4	2	1	5
Jordan Howell	4-3	7	2	0	4
Nardia Moore	10-7	7	2	0	4
Natalie Turgeon	10-10	8	2	0	4
Natasha Moore	10-8	17	1	1	3
Brittany Bennefield	10-1	4	1	0	2
Jamie Pawlik	10-10	1	1	0	2
Emily Pierce	10-10	3	1	0	2
Megan Chambers	3-0	0	0	1	1
Marie Nicolini	10-0	4	0	1	1
Christel Kirkpatrick	7-2	8	0	0	0
Morgan Foresman	10-8	3	0	0	0
Kristen Deon	6-0	2	0	0	0
Kyla Deon	10-10	2	0	0	0
Casey Davis	7-1	1	0	0	0
Meghan Doherty	10-1	0	0	0	0
Sarah Rice	5-0	0	0	0	0
Catamounts	10	124	17	14	48
Opponents	10	140	6	5	17

Goalkeeping - Overall

Name	Gp-gs	Min	Sv	Ga	Gaa	Sho
Mandi Tinsley	18-18	1657:20	130	16	0.87	5
Tina Weaver	3-1	162:26	1	0	0.00	1
Catamounts	19	1819:46	131	16	0.79	8
Opponents	19	1819:46	112	35	1.73	3

Goalkeeping - Conference Only

Name	Gp-gs	Min	Sv	Ga	Gaa	Sho
Mandi Tinsley	10-10	921:38	70	6	0.59	5
Tina Weaver	1-0	63:00	0	0	0.00	0
Catamounts	10	984:38	70	6	0.55	6
Opponents	10	984:38	54	17	1.55	0

Record

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct</u>
All Games	10	6	3	.605
Conference	7	1	2	.800
Home	3	1	2	.667
Away	5	2	1	.688
Ahead at the Half	8	1	0	.889
Behind at the Half	0	3	0	.000
Tied at the Half	2	2	3	.500
Overtime Games	1	1	3	.500

Attendance

	<u>Gms.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Average</u>
Home	6	895	149
Away	8	1317	165
Neutral	5	395	79
Total	19	2607	393

Scoring by Period

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1OT</u>	<u>2OT</u>	<u>Tot</u>
CATAMOUNTS	18	16	0	1	35
Opponents	6	9	0	1	16

Results

Date	Opponent	W/L/T	Score	Winning Goal
8-30	vs. Florida Int'l	W	3-1	Natasha Moore
9-01	at Florida Atlantic	L	0-1	
9-06	Troy State	W	3-0	Kelly Barker
9-13	vs. Tennessee	L	1-3	
9-20	Georgia Southern*	T	2-2	
9-22	College of Charleston*	W	2-0	Jordan Howell
9-27	at UNC Greensboro*	W	1-0	Team (Own Goal)
9-29	at Davidson*	T	1-1	
10-05	vs. Howard	L	0-1	
10-06	vs. Delaware State	W	9-0	Natalie Turgeon
10-11	Wofford*	W	1-0	Nardia Moore
10-13	Furman*	L2OT	1-2	
10-18	at East Tennessee St.*	W	1-0	Lauren Bramlett
10-20	at Appalachian State*	W	1-0	Natalie Turgeon
10-25	at Coastal Carolina	L	1-2	
10-27	at The Citadel*	W	5-0	Nardia Moore
10-30	at Chattanooga*	W2OT	2-1	Natalie Turgeon
11-04	UNC Asheville	T	1-1	
11-07	vs. Wofford^	L	0-1	

* - Southern Conference Match

^ - Southern Conference Championship at Charleston, S.C.

Catamount Records

Career Top Five

Goals

1. Nardia Moore	1999-2002	38
2. Jordan Howell	2000-present	29
3. Lauren Bramlett	2000-present	17
4. Kelly Barker	1999-2002	14
5. Morgan Foresman	1999-2002	13

Game Winning Goals

1. Jordan Howell	2000-present	10
2. Nardia Moore	1999-2002	7
3. Lauren Bramlett	2000-present	5
4. Kelly Barker	1999-2002	4
5. Natalie Turgeon	2002-present	3
Morgan Foresman	1999-2002	3

Assists

1. Kelly Barker	1999-2002	29
2. Lauren Bramlett	2000-present	21
3. Nardia Moore	1999-2002	20
4. Brandy Ossmann	2000-2001	12
5. Jordan Howell	2000-present	11

Points

1. Nardia Moore	1999-2002	96
2. Jordan Howell	2000-present	69
3. Kelly Barker	1999-2002	57
4. Lauren Bramlett	2000-present	55
5. Felicia Wilson	2000-present	34
Morgan Foresman	1999-2002	34

Shots

1. Nardia Moore	1999-2002	175
2. Jordan Howell	2000-present	171
3. Lauren Bramlett	2000-present	159
4. Kelly Barker	1999-2002	149
5. Felicia Wilson	2000-present	100

Saves

1. Mandi Tinsley	1999-2002	414
2. Tina Weaver	2000-present	10
Allison Rounds	1999	10

Save Percentage

1. Mandi Tinsley	1999-2002	0.804
2. Tina Weaver	2000-present	0.800
3. Allison Rounds	1999	0.714

Shutouts

1. Mandi Tinsley	1999-2002	18.0
2. Tina Weaver	2000-present	4.5
3. Allison Rounds	1999	2.5

Goals Against Average (min. 1000 min.)

1. Mandi Tinsley	1999-2002	1.39
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National and Conference Awards

Soccer Buzz All-National Team First Year Program

Kelly Barker	1999
Nardia Moore	1999

Soccer Buzz National Freshman of the Year First Year Program

Nardia Moore	1999
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Soccer Buzz All-Southeast Region Team

Jordan Howell, second team	2001
Nardia Moore, third team	2001

All-Southern Conference

Lauren Bramlett	2001*
Jordan Howell	2001
Nardia Moore	1999*, 2000*, 2001*
Brandy Ossmann	2000*
Jamie Pawlik	2001*, 2002
Mandi Tinsley	2001*, 2002
* second team	

All-Tournament

Nardia Moore	2000, 2001
Jamie Pawlik	2001
Mandi Tinsley	2000, 2001

Southern Conference Coach of the Year

Debbie Hensley	2001
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Southern Conference Player of the Week

Jordan Howell	9/25/01
Natasha Moore	9/2/02

Schrader Scholarship

Kyla Deon	2001
Lauren Bramlett	2002

Verizon Academic All-District III

Kyla Deon	2002*
* second team	

Yearly Results

1999 • Debbie Hensley 10-9-1

8/27	Furman*	L	0-3
9/1	at UNC Asheville	L	0-3
9/4	at Troy State	W	2-0
9/5	at Clayton State	W	5-0
9/12	Georgia Southern*	LOT	1-2
9/16	Limestone	W	3-0
9/19	Columbia	W	10-0
9/25	Chattanooga*	W	2-1
9/26	Tennessee Tech	W	2-1
10/2	at High Point	T	1-1
10/3	at Guilford College	W	7-1
10/7	Liberty	W	2-1
10/13	at ETSU*	W	1-0
10/17	at UNC Greensboro*	L	0-2
10/23	at Wofford*	L	1-4
10/24	S.C. State	W	9-0
10/27	Coll. of Charleston*	L	0-2
10/29	at Appalachian St.*	L	2-4
10/31	at Davidson*	L	1-6
11/2	vs. Furman ^	L	0-4

* - Southern Conference Match

^ - Southern Conference Championship

2000 • Debbie Hensley 11-8-2

9/2	at Coastal Carolina	W	5-3
9/4	at Charleston Southern	L	1-2
9/5	at S.C. State	W	9-0
9/8	at Morehead State	T	3-3
9/9	vs. Indiana St.	W	5-0
9/11	Troy State	W	3-0
9/14	UNC Asheville	W	2-1
9/17	at Clemson	L	0-4
9/22	at UNC Greensboro*	L	0-1
9/24	at Davidson*	L	1-2
9/29	Wofford*	L	2-3
10/1	Furman*	L	1-2
10/3	High Point	W	2-0
10/6	at Appalachian St.*	W	3-2
10/10	at East Tennessee St.*	W	1-0
10/15	at Chattanooga*	T	1-1
10/18	at Tennessee Tech	L	1-3
10/20	Georgia Southern*	WOT	2-1
10/22	Coll. of Charleston*	W	3-2
11/3	vs. Georgia Southern^	W	3-1
11/4	vs. UNC Greensboro^	L	1-3

* - Southern Conference Match

^ - Southern Conference Championship

2001 • Debbie Hensley 16-6-0

9/1	Coastal Carolina	W2OT	2-1
9/3	Charleston Southern	W	3-0
9/5	at UNC Asheville	W	5-0
9/7	vs. Pittsburgh	L	2-3
9/9	vs. Virginia Tech	L	1-3
9/12	at Gardner-Webb	W2OT	2-1
9/21	Tennessee Tech	W	3-0
9/23	The Citadel*	W	8-2
9/28	at Georgia Southern	L	0-1
9/30	at Coll. of Charleston*	WOT	1-0
10/4	Chattanooga*	W	4-0
10/6	S.C. State	W	7-0
10/12	UNC Greensboro*	W2OT	2-1
10/14	Davidson*	W	3-1
10/19	at Wofford*	L	0-1
10/21	at Furman*	W	3-2
10/26	East Tennessee St.*	W	4-0
10/28	Appalachian St.*	W	1-0
11/3	at Georgia St.	L	1-2
11/8	vs. Wofford^	W	2-1
11/10	vs. Georgia Southern^	W	2-1
11/11	vs. UNC Greensboro^	L2OT	1-2

* - Southern Conference Match

^ - Southern Conference Tournament

2002 • Debbie Hensley 10-6-3

8/30	vs. Florida Int'l.	W	3-1
9/2	at Florida Atlantic	L	1-0
9/5	Troy State	W	3-0
9/13	vs. Univ. of Tennessee	L	3-1
9/20	Georgia Southern*	T	2-2
9/22	Coll. of Charleston*	W	2-0
9/27	at UNC Greensboro*	W	1-0
9/29	at Davidson*	T	1-1
10/5	vs. Howard	L	1-0
10/6	vs. Delaware State	W	9-0
10/11	Wofford*	W	1-0
10/13	Furman*	L2OT	2-1
10/18	at East Tennessee St.*	W	1-0
10/20	at Appalachian State*	W	1-0
10/25	at Coastal Carolina	L	2-1
10/27	at The Citadel*	W	5-0
10/30	at Chattanooga*	W2OT	2-1
11/4	UNC Asheville	T	1-1
11/7	vs. Wofford^	L	1-0

* - Southern Conference Match

^ - Southern Conference Championship

All-Time Letter-Winners

B

Barker, Kelly 1999-2002
Bennefield, Brittany 2001-
Bramlett, Lauren 2000-

C

Chambers, Megan 2002-
 Charcut, Jolene 1999

D

Davis, Casey 2002-
Deon, Kristen 2000-
 Deon, Kyla 1999-2002
 Doherty, Meghan 1999-2002

E

Everheart, Tracy 1999

F

Foresman, Morgan 1999-2002

H

Howard, Lauren 1999
Howell, Jordan 2000-
 Hritz, Kristina 1999

K

Kirkpatrick, Christel 1999-2002
 Knight, Jennifer 1999

L

Latimer, Terri 1999-2000

M

Malter, Kathryn 1999
 Mardis, Stacey 1999-2000
 Moore, Nardia 1999-2002
Moore, Natasha 2002-
 Morton, Yasmin 1999-2000

N

Nicolini, Marie 2002-

O

Ossmann, Brandy 2000-2001

P

Pawlik, Jamie 2001-2002
 Payne, Jennifer 1999
Pierce, Emily 2002-
 Pissott, Tami 2001

R

Rice, Sarah 1999-2002
 Rounds, Allison 1999

S

Sanders, Rebecca 2001

T

Tinsley, Mandi 1999
Turgeon, Natalie 2002-

W

Weaver, Tina 2000-
 White, Ellie 1999-2000
 Williams, Hollie 1999
 Wilson, Emily 1999
Wilson, Felicia 2000-



Former Catamount keeper Mandi Tinsley owns every WCU goalkeeping record and was the primary reason Western Carolina ranked 24th nationally in goals against average (0.79) in 2002.

2003 Opponents

Alabama A&M

Location Normal, AL
Enrollment 6,000
Nickname Lady Bulldogs
Colors Maroon and White
Conference SWAC
Head Coach Frank Davies
Record at A&M 10-41-1 (3 years)
Career Record 25-61-2 (5 years)
2002 Overall Record 6-11-0
2002 Conference Record/Finish N/A
Soccer SID Stephen Underwood
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The Citadel

Location Charleston, SC
Enrollment 1,800
Nickname Bulldogs
Colors Citadel Blue and White
Conference Southern
Head Coach Megan Hjerling
Record at The Citadel 8-28-2 (2 years)
Career Record Same
2002 Overall Record 5-11-2
2002 Conference Record/Finish 0-10/11th
Soccer SID Erica Brammer
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Davidson

Location Davidson, NC
Enrollment 1,650
Nickname Wildcats
Colors Red and Black
Conference Southern
Head Coach Kevin Hundley
Record at DC 112-119-13 (12 years)
Career record Same
2002 Overall Record 8-10-2
2002 Conference Record/Finish 6-3-1/4th
Soccer SID Jeremy Trantham
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Elon

Location Elon, NC
Enrollment 4,432
Nickname Phoenix
Colors Maroon and Gold
Conference Southern
Head Coach Paul Webster
Record at Elon 70-66-9 (8 years)
Career Record Same
2002 Overall Record 6-10-1
2002 Conference Record/Finish(Big South) ... 2-3-1/4th
Soccer SID Chris Rash
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Appalachian State

Location Boone, NC
Enrollment 12,500
Nickname Mountaineers
Colors Black and Gold
Conference Southern
Head Coach Ben Popoola
Record at ASU 44-61-9 (7 years)
Career Record 217-91-13 (20 years)
2002 Overall Record 6-12-1
2002 Conference Record/Finish 2-7-1/10th
Soccer SID Leita Jackson
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Coastal Carolina

Location Conway, SC
Enrollment 5,980
Nickname Lady Chanticleers
Colors Coastal Green, Bronze and Black
Conference Big South
Head Coach Karrie Miller
Record at Coastal 17-24-12 (4 years)
Career Record 41-37-13 (6 years)
2002 Overall Record 8-6-4
2002 Conference Record/Finish 3-3-0/3rd
Soccer SID Sarah Barbee
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East Carolina

Location Greenville, NC
Enrollment 19,470
Nickname Pirates
Colors Purple and Gold
Conference Conference USA
Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth
Record at FCU 42-26-8 (4 years)
Career Record 104-52-17 (9 years)
2002 Overall Record 11-6-4
2002 Conference Record/Finish 5-2-3/3rd
Soccer SID Malcom Gray
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Fax (252) 328-4528
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Furman

Location Greenville, SC
Enrollment 2,500
Nickname Paladins
Colors Purple and White
Conference Southern
Head Coach Brian Lee
Record at Furman 115-66-8 (9 years)
Career Record Same
2002 Overall Record 16-6-1
2002 Conference Record/Finish 10-0/1st
Soccer SID Chris Colvin
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Chattanooga

Location Chattanooga, TN
Enrollment 8,485
Nickname Lady Mocs
Colors Navy and Old Gold
Conference Southern
Head Coach Lisa Rhodes
Record at UTC 159-147 (9 years)
Career Record 256-226 (14 years)
2002 Overall Record 19-14
2002 Conference Record/Finish 6-14/8th
Volleyball SID Don Harris
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College of Charleston

Location Charleston, SC
Enrollment 11,617
Nickname Cougars
Colors Maroon and White
Conference Southern
Head Coach Kevin Dempsey
Record at CofC 15-20-4 (2 years)
Career Record 95-65-11 (9 years)
2002 Overall Record 9-9-3
2002 Conference Record/Finish 4-5-1/5th
Soccer SID Devin Bigoness
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East Tennessee State

Location Johnson City, TN
Enrollment 11,365
Nickname Buccaneers
Colors Navy Blue and Old Gold
Conference Southern
Head Coach Heather Henson
Record at ETSU 18-47-4 (3 years)
Career Record 48-86-9 (7 years)
2002 Overall Record 6-11-1
2002 Conference Record/Finish 3-6-1/9th
Soccer SID Lisa Otradovec
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Georgia Southern

Location Statesboro, GA
Enrollment 15,200
Nickname Eagles
Colors Blue and White
Conference Southern
Head Coach Tom Norton
Record at GSU 112-76-6 (10 years)
Career Record Same
2002 Overall Record 12-5-2
2002 Conference Record/Finish 7-2-1/3rd
Soccer SID Shawn Reed
Office Phone (912) 681-0352
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2003 Opponents

Georgia State

Location Atlanta, GA
 Enrollment 27,500
 Nickname Lady Panthers
 Colors Blue, White, and Red
 Conference Atlantic Sun
 Head Coach Domenic Martelli
 Record at GS 26-28-8 (3 years)
 Career Record Same
 2002 Overall Record 9-6-5
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 6-3-2/5th
 Soccer SID Brett Bahnsen
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UNC Asheville

Location Asheville, NC
 Enrollment 3,200
 Nickname Bulldogs
 Colors Royal Blue and White
 Conference Big South
 Head Coach Michele Cornish
 Record at UNCA 76-73-9 (9 years)
 Career Record Same
 2002 Overall Record 9-8-1
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 2-4/5th
 Soccer SID Leslie Sloan
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Wofford

Location Spartanburg, SC
 Enrollment 1,100
 Nickname Terriers
 Colors Old Gold and Black
 Conference Southern
 Head Coach Amy Kiah
 Record at WC 33-44-3 (4 years)
 Career Record Same
 2002 Overall Record 6-12-3
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 4-5-1/7th
 Soccer SID Travis Woods
 Office Phone (864) 597-4092
 Fax (864) 597-4129
 E-mail WoodtJ@wofford.edu

Liberty

Location Lynchburg, VA
 Enrollment 8,500
 Nickname Lady Flames
 Colors Red, White and Blue
 Conference Big South
 Head Coach James Price
 Record at GS 52-57-7 (6 years)
 Career Record Same
 2002 Overall Record 7-8-2
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 5-0-1/1st
 Soccer SID Bradley Damron
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UNC Greensboro

Location Greensboro, NC
 Enrollment 14,400
 Nickname Spartans
 Colors Gold, White and Navy
 Conference Southern
 Head Coach Eddie Radwanski
 Record at UNCG 22-20-2 (2 years)
 Career Record Same
 2002 Overall Record 7-12-2
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 4-5-1/5th
 Soccer SID Chris Jones
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Youngstown State

Location Youngstown, OH
 Enrollment 12,601
 Nickname Penguins
 Colors Red and White
 Conference Horizon League
 Head Coach Elizabeth Bardey
 Record at YSU 8-60-1 (4 years)
 Career Record 39-80-2 (7 years)
 2002 Overall Record 1-19-0
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 0-6-0/7th
 Soccer SID Terri Ramunno
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Middle Tennessee

Location Murfreesboro, TN
 Enrollment 21,163
 Nickname Blue Raiders
 Colors Royal Blue and White
 Conference Sun Belt
 Head Coach Aston Rhoden
 Record at MT 8-12-1 (1 year)
 Career Record 47-62-2 (6 years)
 2002 Overall Record 8-12-1
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 3-5-0/7th
 Soccer SID Jo Jo Freeman
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USC Spartanburg

Location Spartanburg, SC
 Enrollment 4,500
 Nickname Rifles
 Colors Green, Black and White
 Conference Peach Belt
 Head Coach Kendall Reyes
 Record at UNCG 28-25-5 (3 years)
 Career Record 43-45-7 (5 years)
 2002 Overall Record 5-10-3
 2002 Conference Record/Finish 2-3-2/4th
 Soccer SID Liz Stojetz
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This is Western Carolina

Founded in 1889, Western Carolina University is one of 16 senior public institutions of The University of North Carolina. A comprehensive university offering a broad array of undergraduate and graduate programs, Western Carolina is recognized as a national leader in the application of computer technology in education.

Western attracts students from across North Carolina and the United States, and from around the world, yet the university holds a special sense of responsibility for the people of Western North Carolina. Teaching and learning constitute the central mission of Western. The university seeks to create a community of scholarship in which the activities of its members are consistent with the highest standards of knowledge and practice in their disciplines. As a major public resource for the region, the university assists individuals and agencies through the expertise of its students, faculty and staff.



The 265-acre campus is located in the community of Cullowhee, N.C., in a picturesque valley of the Tuckasegee River between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky mountain ranges, 52 miles west of Asheville. The university lies close to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and some of the nation's most beautiful national forest lands.

The university's academic structure is composed of four undergraduate colleges -- Applied Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education and Allied Professions - - and the Honors College and Graduate School. The Honors College, a community of high-achieving students, is the first of its kind in North Carolina, with accepted students invited to live in one of two honors residences.

Undergraduate students who enroll at Western may choose from more than 120 majors and areas of concentration. Students interested in careers in engineering, law, medicine, dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine and pharmacy may enroll in pre-professional programs.

Through the Graduate School, the university offers graduate degree programs leading to the Master of Accountancy, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Education,

Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Sciences, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Project Management, Master of Public Affairs, Master of School Administration, Master of Science, Master of Science in Nursing, the Education Specialist in Educational Leadership, and the Doctor of Education.

Western's rigorous academic program is led by a full-time faculty of about 335, providing a student-faculty ratio of 15 to 1 for the student body of over 7,000 students. The university also operates resident-credit centers in Asheville and Cherokee. Through credit and noncredit instructional courses, continuing education offerings, and workshop, conference and service programs, the university serves nearly 12,000 people each year.

Western has the distinction of being the first fully networked campus in The University of North Carolina system, and has received widespread acclaim for being on the national cutting edge in the use of computer technology in education. In fall of 1998, WCU became the first public university in North Carolina, and one of the first six public universities nationwide, to require freshmen students to come to campus with personal computers.

Two computer ports in each residence hall room allow students to connect to the Internet and university computer system from the comfort of their rooms. The use of 10 multimedia electronic classrooms on campus puts WCU at the forefront of educational technology. Western has twice been named one of the nation's 100 "most-wired" university campuses by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.

Also, in spring of 2000, WCU was officially designated a National Merit sponsoring university, and now is one of only five institutions of higher education in North Carolina, public or private, to receive that distinction.

Western's emphasis on involving undergraduate students in research is drawing national attention. In recent years, the university has repeatedly ranked in the nation's top 20 in the number of papers presented at the National Undergraduate Research Conference.

WCU faculty members and students participate in a wide range of service and research activity. The university's service centers add impetus to the programs of the colleges and departments and provide significant assistance to the region. Some of those centers include the Center for Regional Development, which maintains a special emphasis on rural economic development; the Mountain Heritage Center, which collects, interprets and disseminates knowledge about the southern Appalachian region and its people; the Developmental Evaluation Center, which provides developmental evaluation, recommendations for services, treatment and guidance for children and their families in seven counties of Western North Carolina and the Cherokee Indian Reservation; and the Office for Rural Education, which helps rural elementary and secondary schools improve the quality of their programs.

Through the Division of Continuing Education and Summer School, the instructional resources of the university are made available to the people, businesses, industries, schools, organizations and agencies of the region and state. The division promotes and coordinates all noncredit and extension-credit courses and programs, as well as the university summer sessions and distance learning, and also provides assistance for all academic and supporting units of the university to extend their resources using a variety of telecommunications technologies. Distance learning resources include computer conferencing, video conferencing and correspondence courses.

Western Carolina's Hunter Library, the largest library in North Carolina west of Charlotte, contains more than 600,000 books and bound periodical volumes and provides access to more than 10,000 electronic books. The journal and newspaper collections includes more than 1,200 print subscriptions and 8,000 full text online journals.

The focal point for many activities is the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center, which seats almost 8,000 people. The largest and most versatile facility of its kind in Western North Carolina, the Ramsey Center has a network of movable curtains and adaptable staging that allows it to convert from a full-scale arena to a large auditorium, or to more intimate areas for meetings.



Dr. John W. Bardo

Western Carolina University Chancellor

Dr. John W. Bardo, Western Carolina University's chancellor since 1995, has propelled WCU into the national spotlight as a university that is preparing students to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Since becoming the 10th chief executive officer in Western's history, Dr. Bardo has been a driving force in the university's growing status across North Carolina and the nation as a leader in the application of the tools of technology to teaching and learning. Through his efforts, Western Carolina University has obtained National Merit Scholar status and has twice been named one of the 100 "most wired" universities by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.

It was at Dr. Bardo's suggestion that the university's faculty, staff, student body and board of trustees began to consider the issue of whether to require incoming freshmen to have a networkable computer as a way to ensure that graduates of Western have the basic skills necessary to compete in an economy that will rely increasingly on information management.

Following months of study, Western in November 1997 took the bold step of becoming the first in the University of North Carolina system to adopt such a requirement. Other UNC institutions, including UNC Chapel Hill, have since announced similar requirements.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Bardo also has engineered a university wide effort to "raise the bar" of academic standards at Western. Faculty members have increased their expectations of student performance, and students are rising to meet those expectations. That emphasis on increased academic quality is earning the attention of some of North Carolina's brightest young scholars, improving the average SAT score of entering freshmen, and increasing the number of National Merit finalists and high school valedictorians interested in Western.

Other academic improvements at Western that have taken place under Dr. Bardo's watch include the creation of a broad-based assessment program of the performance of its senior-level students and the establishment of a residential Honors College for top academic performers.

Under Dr. Bardo's leadership, the university has increasingly turned its attention toward promoting economic development as a means of improving the quality of life for residents of Western North Carolina. Western's new \$8 million Workforce Leadership Development Center is designed to address critical labor force issues facing the region by providing educational programs that will support emerging high-tech, "new economy" industries. Recently developed programs include undergraduate and graduate degrees in entrepreneurship, a degree in construction management, and approval for joint programs in electrical and computing engineering with UNC-Charlotte.

In addition, the university has formed strategic partnerships with several regional universities in the fields of biotechnology, bioinformatics and micro-optics. As construction also continues on Western's \$30 million Fine and Performing Arts Center, the university has taken numerous steps to boost heritage and cultural tourism in the mountain region, including the establishment of a new summer festival of music and art.

Prior to his appointment at WCU, Dr. Bardo had been vice president for academic affairs at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts since 1990. He assumed the dual role of provost of the public institution in 1993. Like Western Carolina, Bridgewater State was founded in the 19th century as a normal school for the training of teachers and today is a state-supported regional, comprehensive institution. Bridgewater has some 3,800 students.

Before moving to Massachusetts, Dr. Bardo held senior administrative posts at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, serving as assistant to the president for planning and as provost and vice president for academic affairs. A sociologist, he had previously accumulated a decade of teaching and administrative experience at Southwest Texas State University and Wichita State University in Kansas.

Dr. Bardo graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1970 with a degree in economics. He holds a master's degree in sociology from Ohio University, and earned a doctorate in the field from The Ohio State University. A graduate of the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University, he also has been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Monash University in Australia and a guest visiting professor at the University College of Wales at Swansea.

Dr. Bardo has written extensively and lectured widely on urban and community sociology, higher education, organizational behavior, economic development, quantitative methods, and the educational applications of technology. In 1994, he was president of the Society for Applied Multivariate Research, and he has been listed in numerous biographical reference books, including Jaycees' Outstanding Young Men in America, Directory of Distinguished Americans, Community Leaders of America, and Who's Who in America.

Dr. Bardo and his wife, Deborah, have one son, Christopher.

University Profile

Location	Cullowhee, N.C.	Calendar	Two semesters
Character	A regional comprehensive university and member of the 16-institution University of North Carolina system.	Faculty	335 full-time
Enrollment	Undergraduate 6,100 Graduate 1,500 Total 7,600	Student/Faculty Ratio	15:1
Academic Programs	More than 120 undergraduate majors and areas of concentration. Graduate degrees in more than 50 areas of study.	Computers	A fully networked campus with 6,000 Internet connections, including two in each residence hall room.
Campus	265 acres of rolling hills in a scenic mountain valley between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains.	A Growing Campus	Western Carolina University is engaged in a \$130 million building boom that includes a fine and performing arts center, a high-tech center, additional athletics facilities, movie theater and expanded food court.

Academic Support

Western Carolina University is committed to helping its student-athletes both on and off the playing field. WCU treasures its outstanding academic reputation and is equally proud of the tradition of its athletic teams. Realizing the important role that sport plays in the lives of our student-athletes, the Office of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes, in conjunction with the Office of Academic Advising assist student-athletes with managing their athletic demands without sacrificing their academic careers. WCU Department of Athletics has always understood the primacy of academics and maintains a close working relationship with both offices of academic support.

The Office of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes reports to the Athletic Director and is committed to: (1) Ensuring that each student-athlete at WCU continues to make academic progress towards graduation as well as maintaining athletic eligibility. (2) Ensuring that every student-athlete be provided the necessary resources needed to be academically successful. (3) Striving to assist each student-athlete with reaching their fullest potential as young adults in achieving their career and life goals. The Academic Support Services staff is responsible for monitoring the academic progress and class attendance of all student-athletes and coordinating the Academic Enhancement Program.

The Academic Enhancement Program offers academic resources to its student-athletes to give them the best opportunity for continued success in the classroom. All first semester freshmen and transfers and any student-athlete who is experiencing academic difficulty is required to participate in the program. Catamount student-athletes are provided with tutorial services, supplemental text and equipment, and educational and career workshops.

The Office of Academic Advising is part of a larger academic support program known as the Office of Advising and Retention Services which has a fundamental responsibility for enhancing the educational experience for all students.

All freshmen athletes are advised by the academic advisor for student-athletes through enrollment in USI 130, Academic and Career Planning, a one-hour elective course. Through this course, students learn about WCU academic programs and policies, NCAA academic regulations, gain a better understanding of the meaning of higher education, learn more about themselves, and make new friends. All student-athletes are advised by the athletic advisor until they formally declare a major.

Exemplifying their commitment to academic excellence, WCU student-athletes posted a 3.00 cumulative GPA and a 3.02 GPA for the Spring 2003 semester. One hundred five WCU student-athletes qualified for the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll, which honors student-athletes who have participated in at least one sport and have earned a 3.0 or better grade point average during the past academic year. Western had four Verizon Academic All-District III honorees, including Jason Whaley, Yoneko Allen, Sara Komosinski and Kyla Deon, and more than 30 student-athletes on the TIAA-CREF SoCon All-Academic teams for winter and spring, posting a 3.2 GPA and participating in at least 50 percent of their team's competitions.

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WCU Intercollegiate Athletics Role and Mission

The Department of Athletics at Western Carolina University is an integral program of the institution and exists solely to complement the central University mission of teaching and learning. The University seeks to create a community of scholarship in which the activities of its members are consistent with the highest standards of knowledge and practice in their disciplines. The athletics program reflects this commitment to highest standards and shares the responsibility of achieving the goals of the University.

The activities of the athletics program provide an environment in which student, coaches faculty, staff and administrators jointly assume the responsibility for the success on and off the field of play. The athletics program embraces the concept that student-athletes are first and foremost students possessing academic goals, personal interests, and vocational ambitions not unlike those of any other student. The athletics program complements other University programs by enhancing the educational, social, career and athletic opportunities of the students who participate in athletics. This environment also fosters a commitment to high standards of personal and professional conduct by all members of the athletic community manifested in the highest level of sportsmanship.

Western Carolina University is committed to ensuring equitable participation and treatment of men and women of all races and ethnic origins. The athletics program actively promotes an environment in which fair play and equitable distribution of athletic opportunities, benefits, and resources are available to all athletics program participants, and in which any person is free from discrimination.

The athletics program provides significant contributions to the University by enhancing loyalty to the alma mater, strengthening the pride and enthusiasm of alumni, fostering a strong sense of community, and serving as a positive public relations tool for the University.

The Southern Conference

The Southern Conference, which enters its 83rd season of intercollegiate competition in 2003-04, has become known as one of the nation's leaders in emphasizing the development of the student-athlete and defining the league's role in helping to build lifelong leaders and role models.

The Southern Conference has excelled as the premier Division I-AA football conference since earning that classification in 1981. The Conference currently consists of 12 members in five states throughout the Southeast and sponsors 19 varsity sports and championships that produce participants for NCAA Championships.

The Southern Conference is the nation's fourth oldest collegiate athletic association. Only the Big Ten (1896), the Missouri Valley (1907) and the Pac-10 (1915) conferences are older in terms of origination.

Throughout its history, the Southern Conference has been an innovator in college athletics. The Southern Conference was the first "super conference" with its charter membership including the likes of Alabama, Auburn and North Carolina. The SoCon, as it has come to be known by headline writers throughout the country, is the league that gave birth to the three-point shot in college basketball and was the college home of such sporting greats as Arnold Palmer, Jerry West and Dick Groat.

Academic excellence has been a major part of the Southern Conference's tradition. League athletes have been recognized countless times on Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America and district teams. Two of the five members of the Academic All-America men's basketball first team in 2001 played in the SoCon. Eighteen Rhodes-Scholar winners have come out of the conference.

The Southern Conference currently declares champions in 10 men's sports - football, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, baseball, tennis and golf - and nine women's sports - soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, tennis, golf and softball.



Jeff Compher
Western Carolina University
Director of Athletics

C. Jeffrey Compher enters his fourth year as Western Carolina University director of athletics, coming to Cullowhee in the spring of 2000.

In his short tenure, Compher has made an immediate impact on Catamount athletics. The athletic department will have seen its scholarship allocation from the University increase by over \$500,000, which has benefited each of

WCU's 15 sports. Compher has also played a key role in growth of the Catamount Club, WCU's fund-raising branch, with record-setting membership and contributions since his arrival.

Through Compher's leadership, Western athletes have every opportunity to have well-rounded experience. Student-athletes have steadily improved in the classroom, posting a cumulative grade point average (3.01) in the spring of 2001 and a 3.022 in the spring of 2003, which is the highest in WCU history. In fact, at the conclusion of the 2003 spring semester, WCU's student-athletes combined cumulative GPA was 3.007. Also, through the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, student-athletes are prepared for life after college, learning such things as how to prepare resumes and how to interview for jobs.

While learning to excel off the field, on the field, Catamount teams are winning at an unprecedented rates. The women's soccer program, which has never had a losing season, won the Southern Conference championship in just its third year of competition in 2001. Also, the women's basketball program has improved each season over the past three years, winning a school-record 21 games in 2003. This past spring, the baseball and women's golf teams each won Southern Conference titles and played in the NCAA Regionals. Thanks to the success of the baseball and women's golf teams, Western Carolina placed 171st in the 2002-03 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Directors' Cup standings. The finish is the highest ever for the Catamounts and their first appearance in the standings since the 1996-97 season.

Also under Compher's watch, Western Carolina facilities have undergone significant improvement, including a new state-of-the-art football playing surface, renovation of Camp Lab Gym – now known as the Catamount Athletic Center – irrigation and a resurfacing of the grass football practice field and irrigation and new sod added to the soccer field. Compher has also played a major role in the athletics department's vision for the future with the formation of a strategic plan to make WCU the model program in the Southern Conference.

Starting in the fall of 2002, Western's campus began to show dramatic changes with multi-phase projects to athletic's facilities. First, the sports medicine offices have undergone major renovations to accommodate the Carolina West Sports Medicine clinic. Also, a new team meeting room opened in the fall of 2002. Projects more visible to the general public include expansion and renovation of the Jordan-Phillips Field House, lights for the baseball program at Hennon Stadium/Childress Field and construction of stands on the west side of Whitmire Stadium/Waters Field. Phase two, which has already begun, includes a track/soccer/tennis complex and renovations to the baseball playing surface. Also, Compher will oversee the addition of a women's varsity sport within the next two-to-three years.

WCU Chancellor John Bardo was prophetic when he hired Compher saying, "The university is moving forward and gaining recognition on many fronts. (With the hiring of Jeff), we are taking an important step to assure that the University's intercollegiate athletics program not only keeps pace, but perhaps steps up the pace and leads the way."

Compher's career in intercollegiate athletics administration began at North Carolina State in 1986 when he joined the staff of then athletic director Todd Turner. As assistant director of athletics, Compher played a major role in establishing the university's first student-athlete life skills program and in developing such organizations as the Captain's Table and the Varsity Club to give current and former student-athletes a voice in the department.

Compher served as assistant director of athletics at N.C. State until 1992, when he began a brief stint in pharmaceutical sales. He returned to higher education in 1993 as director of the Chancellor's Circle at N.C. State, a fund- and friend-raising organization in the university's advancement division. In 1994, he was selected by then-Chancellor Larry K. Monteith to serve as assistant to the chancellor, a key administrative post.

Compher remained in that position at N.C. State through 1996, when he accepted the position of associate director of athletics at Vanderbilt, joining his former athletics department supervisor at N.C. State, Todd Turner. He was promoted to senior associate director of athletics at Vanderbilt in 1998.

At Vanderbilt, Compher was credited with revamping the university's NCAA compliance program and opening up lines of communication within the athletics department, inviting input from coaches, students, student-athletes, staff, alumni and supporters.

Compher oversaw weekly, monthly and quarterly meetings for all athletics department administrators and coaches, and he had direct supervision, budget preparation and line responsibilities for several programs, including NCAA compliance, academic support, life skills for student-athletes, strength and conditioning, and equipment.

In 1998, he was promoted to senior associate director, where he was responsible for overall management of all external components within Vanderbilt's athletics program, including annual giving through the National Commodore Club, media relations, marketing and promotions, corporate sponsorship sales, radio and television properties and broadcast rights and ticket sales. He also supervised the merchandising and licensing efforts.

He holds a bachelors degree in psychology from James Madison University and a master's degree in college counseling from Shippensburg University.

He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons, C.J. (11) and David (9).



Fred Cantler
**Senior Associate AD/
 Internal Affairs**

Fred Cantler is in his 25th year as a member of the athletics department staff and his sixth as officer for compliance, eligibility and all internal affairs.

He had served as the department's head trainer for 18 years before he moved into his present position in 1996. He was promoted to senior associate athletics

director in 1995 and currently handles compliance and eligibility, scheduling, and summer camp organization.

He is a 1978 graduate of Western Kentucky University and came to WCU in August 1978. He was born in Logan County, Ky. and grew up in Bowling Green, Ky.

He and his wife Katrina, who is a teacher at Smoky Mountain High School in Sylva, have two children; Natalie, 17, and Clay, 14.



Dr. H. Gibbs Knotts
**WCU Faculty Athletics
 Representative**

Dr. Gibbs Knotts accepted the Chancellor's appointment to become the next Faculty Athletics Representative for the Athletics Department this past spring.

Knotts has a very impressive academic and athletic background. He is originally from Shiloh High School in Lithonia, Ga., where he won seven individual state

championships in AA and AAAA competition. He additionally was a member of two team state championship teams.

Knotts attended North Carolina from 1989-1993, where he ran cross country and indoor/outdoor track, earning three varsity letters. He competed in the 1991 NCAA Cross Country Championships and his team won the 1992 ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Knotts graduated Phi Beta Kappa at UNC and won several prestigious scholar athlete awards including the ACC's James H. Weaver Post-Graduate Scholarship, the top academic honor given to a student-athlete in the ACC.

Knotts is currently an Assistant Professor in Political Science and Public Affairs and the Director of the MPA Program. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University in Atlanta. He is often described by colleagues and students as an active student oriented faculty member who is an excellent teacher.

Knotts and his wife Stacy are the parents of one daughter, Whitney, who was born this past July.

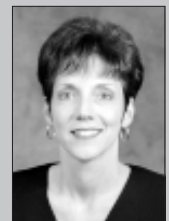
Other Administrative Staff



Hunter Yurachek
 Sr. Assoc. AD/
 External Affairs



Maria Ochoa
 Assist. AD/Sr. Woman
 Administrator



Cheryl Plemmons
 Executive Assistant



Mike Cawood
 Asst. AD/Media Relations



Rebecca Vick
 Director of Media Relations



Kim Jamison
 Athletics Secretary

Athletics Training/Strength & Conditioning



Thomas Mallette
Head Athletics Trainer



Tobias Jacobi
Strength &
Conditioning Coordinator



Myles Christian
Assistant Strength &
Conditioning Coach

Not Pictured:

Jenn Mroz
Assistant Athletics
Trainer

Carolina West Sports Medicine

Carolina West Sports Medicine is a collaborative effort between Western Carolina University, Sylva Orthopaedic Associates, PA, and WestCare Health System. The program incorporates physicians, physical therapists and athletic trainers and offers evaluation and treatment for injuries to athletes of all ages - from youths to weekend warriors - in Western North Carolina.

Clinics are held in the newly renovated and expanded WCU athletics training room of the Ramsey Center on Mondays, Thursday, and Saturdays from 8:30 am to Noon. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Carolina West Sports Medicine clinic is held in WestCare Medical Park of Sylva from 1-5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the clinic at (828) 586-7934 or toll-free at (866) 283-3036.

The purpose of Carolina West Sports Medicine is to have sports medicine physicians evaluate injuries within 48 hours of initial contact, utilizing all necessary diagnostics. Based on the evaluation, appropriate steps are taken, which may include surgery, casting, bracing or rehabilitation. If rehabilitation is required, a physical therapist will be present at all clinics to begin and program and outline further steps to recovery. Carolina West Sports Medicine also administers an outreach program, placing athletic trainers in area schools. This program is a much-needed and critical service, as many schools do not have such personnel available to evaluate and treat sports injuries on staff. Staff trainers are also available to cover community related athletic events.

"We see this as a real positive partnership with two organizations that have been providing service to us for a long time," said WCU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher. "This will allow our relationship to be an integral service for both student-athletes and the community. We are proud to be associated with this group that will ultimately benefit everyone involved."

Physicians staffing the clinics include orthopaedic surgeons Clifford Faull, M.D., Quayle Neslen, Jr. M.D., Paul Pflueger, M.D., and Lawrence W. Supik, M.D. of Sylva Orthopaedic Associates, PA; Daryl Rosenbaum, M.D., a primary care physician with sports medicine training, from The Center for Family Medicine in Franklin; and Richard Jones, M.D. Carlyle Schomberg is a licensed physical therapist and Director at Carolina West Sports Medicine. He returns to Sylva after three years in Birmingham, Ala., where he worked at Health South Sports Medicine, treating numerous high school, college and professional athletes. He returns to Sylva after three years in Birmingham, Ala., where he worked in a sports medicine facility.

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Dr. Jeff Davis
Western Carolina
University Physician



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Carolina West
Sports Medicine



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