

# SoCon Men's Soccer

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## 2015 SoCon Men's Soccer Standings – Preseason (Aug. 25)

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Aug. 28 (Friday)

Furman vs. NC State 5 p.m.  
(Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
VMI at Longwood 6 p.m.  
Gardner-Webb at Wofford (SDN) 7 p.m.  
ETSU at Clemson 7 p.m.  
Mercer at South Carolina 7 p.m.  
UNCG at Virginia Tech 8:30 p.m.

### Aug. 30 (Sunday)

Furman vs. Seton Hall 12 p.m.  
(Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
Mercer at Clemson 6 p.m.  
Wofford at Winthrop 7 p.m.

### Aug. 31 (Monday)

UNCW at UNCG (SDN) 7 p.m.

### Sept. 1 (Tuesday)

VMI at Liberty 6 p.m.  
High Point at ETSU 7 p.m.

### Sept. 3 (Thursday)

Mercer at Georgia State 7 p.m.

### Sept. 4 (Friday)

Longwood at UNCG (SDN) 7 p.m.  
Wofford at Davidson 7 p.m.  
Northern Illinois at Furman 7:30 p.m.  
(Diadora/Spinx Gray Griffin Memorial Tournament)

SDN - SoCon Digital Network; All times Eastern

## NEWS & NOTES

• The 2015 regular season opens on Friday, Aug. 28, with all six league schools in action. Wofford hosts Gardner-Webb in the lone home contest, while four squads will face Power 5 opponents. In true road contests, ETSU will take on No. 11 Clemson, Mercer will face South Carolina, UNCG will play at Virginia Tech and VMI will face former Big South foe Longwood. Furman will take on NC State in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

• 2014 SoCon Men's Soccer Championship winner Furman is the preseason favorite to win the 2015 league title (see below). The Paladins edged last year's regular-season winner, Mercer, for the top spot in the poll. Furman also received votes in the NSCAA preseason top 25 poll. The Paladins were ranked as high as No. 19 nationally last season.

• The SoCon produced eight NSCAA/Continental Tire All-South Region selections last season, with six of them returning this season. Wofford's Matthew Aurednik was a first-team selection, while Furman's Sven Lissek and Mercer's Will Bagrou were second-team picks. ETSU forward Joao Ramalho, Furman defender Kevin Edelmann and Wofford forward Nestor Jaramillo were all third-team selections.

• Wofford's Aurednik was named to the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list heading into this season. The junior scored 10 goals for 20 points last season.

## PRESEASON POLL

School (1st)	Pts.
1. Furman (4)	24
2. Mercer (1)	20
3. UNCG	16
4. ETSU (1)	13
5. Wofford	12
6. VMI	5

## PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Pos.	Player, school
F	Joao Ramalho, ETSU
F	Will Bagrou, Mercer
F	Matthew Aurednik, Wofford
M	Jordan Duru, Mercer
M	Lukas Zarges, UNCG
M	Connor Davis, Wofford
D	Kevin Edelmann, Furman
D	Ian Antley, Mercer
D	Eric Gunnarsson, UNCG
D	Kevin Hady, Wofford
GK	Sven Lissek, Furman

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – Defending Southern Conference men's soccer tournament champion Furman was picked to win the league in 2015 in voting among the six league head coaches, who also selected an 11-member preseason all-conference team. Mercer, the defending regular-season champion, and Wofford had three selections each.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams or players in the balloting.

Furman, which received votes in the preseason NSCAA top 25, collected four first-place votes and 24 total points in the preseason SoCon poll, while Mercer was close behind with 20 points and one first-place vote. UNCG finished third in the poll with 16 points, followed by ETSU with 13 points and the remaining first-place vote. Wofford was fifth with 12 points, with VMI (five points) rounding out the poll.



Furman's Sven Lissek

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

## NSCAA TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	PS
UCLA (7)	1
Virginia (15)	2
Georgetown (1)	3
Notre Dame (1)	4
North Carolina	5
Creighton	6
Providence	7
Stanford (2)	8
Michigan State	9
Washington	10
Clemson	11
UMBC	12
Maryland	13
Indiana	14
Syracuse	15
California	16
Charlotte	17
Louisville	18
Xavier	19
UC Irvine	20
Coastal Carolina	21
Saint Louis	22
Penn State	23
Old Dominion	24
Akron	25

## SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 1  
 Sept. 8  
 Sept. 15  
 Sept. 22  
 Sept. 29  
 Oct. 6  
 Oct. 13  
 Oct. 20  
 Oct. 27

## SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September  
 October

## NATIONAL HONORS

**MAC Hermann Trophy Watch List**  
 Matthew Aurednik, Jr., F, Wofford

## ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS (ENTERING 2015 SEASON)

### POINTS SCORED

1.	48	Nestor Jaramillo, Sr., WOF
2.	41	Connor Davis, Sr., WOF
3.	34	Matthew Aurednik, Jr., WOF
4.	29	Will Bagrou, So., MER
5.	27	Lewis Hawke, Jr., FUR

### GOALS

1.	16	Nestor Jaramillo, Sr., WOF
2.	15	Matthew Aurednik, Jr., WOF
	15	Connor Davis, Sr., WOF
4.	12	Bobby Edet, Jr., FUR
	12	Lewis Hawke, Jr., FUR
	12	Will Bagrou, So., MER

### ASSISTS

1.	16	Nestor Jaramillo, Sr., WOF
2.	11	Connor Davis, Sr., WOF
3.	8	Tony Santibanez, Sr., FUR
4.	7	Kevin Pahl, Sr., FUR
5.	5	Five tied

### GAME-WINNING GOALS

1.	7	Bobby Edet, Jr., FUR
2.	6	Matthew Aurednik, Jr., WOF
	6	Nestor Jaramillo, Sr., WOF
4.	5	Will Bagrou, So., MER
5.	4	Lewis Hawke, Jr., FUR

### GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

1.	0.71	Sven Lissek, Sr., FUR
2.	1.52	Garrett Closs, Jr., WOF

### SAVES

1.	129	Sven Lissek, Sr., FUR
2.	96	Alex Guerra, Sr., VMI
3.	84	Garrett Closs, Jr., WOF
4.	60	Daniel Adelman, R-So., ETSU
5.	25	Joe Wichmann, Jr., WOF

### WINS

1.	24	Sven Lissek, Sr., FUR
2.	15	Garrett Closs, Jr., WOF
3.	7	Daniel Adelman, R-So., ETSU
	7	Joe Wichmann, Jr., WOF

### SHUTOUTS

1.	21	Sven Lissek, Sr., FUR	(t5)
2.	7	Garrett Closs, Jr., WOF	
3.	4	Joe Wichman, Jr., WOF	
4.	2	Daniel Adelman, R-So., ETSU	

*() indicates SoCon career rank*

## COACHES' RECORDS (ENTERING 2015 SEASON)

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCON (YRS.)
Bo Oshoniyi, ETSU	7-10-1 (2nd)	Same	3-6-1 (2nd)
Doug Allison, Furman	259-112-42 (21st)	Same	101-33-11 (21st)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	58-64-14 (8th)	Same	8-2-0 (2nd)
Justin Maullin, UNCG	41-45-12 (6th)	Same	20-12-5 (6th)
Jon Freeman, VMI	29-35-9 (5th)	0-0-0 (1st)	0-0-0 (1st)
Ralph Polson, Wofford	254-166-37 (24th)	58-62-11 (8th)	23-25-3 (8th)

## 2015 SoCON CHAMPIONSHIP

### CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship will include all six league programs again in 2015. The top two seeds will earn byes into the semifinals, while seeds 3-6 will play quarterfinals matches at the higher seeds on Nov. 7. The tournament moves to ETSU's Summers-Taylor Stadium in Johnson City, Tenn., for the semifinals and final, with the semis being contested on Nov. 13 and the title match on Nov. 15.

### QUARTERFINALS - Nov. 7

Game 1 - No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed  
 Game 2 - No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed

### SEMIFINALS - Nov. 13

Game 3 - Winner Game 1 vs. No. 1 seed  
 Game 4 - Winner Game 2 vs. No. 2 seed

### CHAMPIONSHIP - Nov. 15 (ESPN3)

Game 5 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4



# SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

## American (0-0-0)

9/6 Mercer at UCF 6 p.m.

## Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)

8/28 Furman vs. NC State (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) 5 p.m.

8/28 ETSU at Clemson 7 p.m.

8/28 UNCG at Virginia Tech 8:30 p.m.

8/30 Mercer at Clemson 6 p.m.

9/15 Virginia Tech at VMI 4 p.m.

9/15 Clemson at Furman 7 p.m.

9/15 Wofford at NC State 7 p.m.

9/29 VMI at Pittsburgh 7 p.m.

## Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

9/8 VMI at USC Upstate 6 p.m.

9/12 Wofford at USC Upstate 7 p.m.

9/18 Stetson at Furman 7 p.m.

9/18 North Florida at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/20 Jacksonville at UNCG 3 p.m.

9/26 Lipscomb at Mercer 7 p.m.

## Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

9/4 Wofford at Davidson 7 p.m.

## Big East (0-0-0)

8/30 Furman vs. Seton Hall (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.) 12 p.m.

## Big South (0-0-0)

8/28 VMI at Longwood 6 p.m.

8/28 Gardner-Webb at Wofford 7 p.m.

8/30 Wofford at Winthrop 7 p.m.

9/1 VMI at Liberty 6 p.m.

9/1 High Point at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/4 Longwood at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/5 VMI at High Point 7 p.m.

9/5 ETSU at Radford 7 p.m.

9/6 Winthrop at Furman 2:30 p.m.

9/8 Presbyterian at Wofford 7 p.m.

9/18 Presbyterian at Mercer 5 p.m.

9/19 UNC Asheville at VMI 3 p.m.

9/22 Liberty at ETSU 5 p.m.

9/23 UNCG at High Point 7 p.m.

## Colonial (0-0-0)

8/31 UNCW at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/11 Furman at Coll. of Charleston 7 p.m.

9/22 VMI at James Madison 7 p.m.

## Conference USA (0-0-0)

8/28 Mercer at South Carolina 7 p.m.

9/8 UNCG at South Carolina 7 p.m.

9/16 Kentucky at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/22 Charlotte at Wofford 7 p.m.

## Mid-American (0-0-0)

9/4 Northern Illinois at Furman 7:30 p.m.

9/26 UNCG at West Virginia TBA

## Sun Belt (0-0-0)

9/3 Mercer at Georgia State 7 p.m.

9/9 ETSU at Appalachian State 7 p.m.

## Western Athletic (0-0-0)

9/11 Mercer vs. UNLV (Orem, Utah) 6 p.m.

9/11 Texas Rio Grande Valley at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/13 Mercer at Utah Valley 3 p.m.

**Total ..... (0-0-0)**

**Home team is underlined**

**Rankings = NSCAA/Soccer America**

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### ETSU

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	at Clemson	7 p.m.
S1	HIGH POINT	7 p.m.
S5	at Radford	7 p.m.
S9	at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
S16	KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
S22	LIBERTY	5 p.m.
S29	at Wofford* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O3	VMI*	7 p.m.
O6	at UNCG* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O10	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O13	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O17	at VMI*	2 p.m.
O20	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O23	at Furman*	8 p.m.
O27	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O31	UNCG*	7 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match  
All times Eastern



### Furman

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	vs. NC State#	5 p.m.
A30	vs. Seton Hall#	12 p.m.
S4	NORTHERN ILLINOIS^	7:30 p.m.
S6	WINTHROP^	2:30 p.m.
S11	at College of Charleston	7 p.m.
S15	CLEMSON (SDN)	7 p.m.
S18	STETSON (SDN)	7 p.m.
S26	at VMI*	2 p.m.
O3	UNCG*	1:30 p.m.
O6	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O10	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O13	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O17	at UNCG* (SDN)	7:30 p.m.
O20	VMI*	7 p.m.
O23	ETSU*	8 p.m.
O27	at Wofford* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O31	MERCER*	7 p.m.

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# Aaron Olitsky Classic (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
^ Diadora/Spinx Gray Griffin Memorial Classic (Greenville, S.C.)  
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### Mercer

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	at South Carolina	7 p.m.
A30	at Clemson	6 p.m.
S3	at Georgia State	7 p.m.
S6	at UCF	6 p.m.
S11	vs. UNLV#	6 p.m.
S13	at Utah Valley#	3 p.m.
S18	PRESBYTERIAN	5 p.m.
S26	LIPSCOMB	7 p.m.
S29	at UNCG* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O3	WOFFORD*	2 p.m.
O6	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O10	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O13	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O17	at Wofford* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O20	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O24	VMI*	12 p.m.
O27	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O31	at Furman*	7 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match  
# Holiday Inn Express Invitational (Orem, Utah)  
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### UNCG

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	at Virginia Tech	8:30 p.m.
A31	UNCW (SDN)	7 p.m.
S4	LONGWOOD (SDN)	7 p.m.
S8	at South Carolina	7 p.m.
S11	TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY (SDN)	7 p.m.
S18	NORTH FLORIDA (SDN)	7 p.m.
S20	JACKSONVILLE (SDN)	3 p.m.
S23	at High Point	7 p.m.
S26	at West Virginia	TBA
S29	MERCER* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O3	at Furman*	1:30 p.m.
O6	ETSU* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O10	at VMI*	2 p.m.
O13	at Wofford* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O17	FURMAN* (SDN)	7:30 p.m.
O20	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O24	WOFFORD* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O27	VMI* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O31	at ETSU*	7 p.m.

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### VMI

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	at Longwood	6 p.m.
S1	at Liberty	6 p.m.
S5	at High Point	7 p.m.
S8	at USC Upstate	6 p.m.
S15	VIRGINIA TECH	4 p.m.
S19	UNC ASHEVILLE	3 p.m.
S22	at James Madison	7 p.m.
S26	FURMAN*	2 p.m.
S29	at Pittsburgh	7 p.m.
O3	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O6	at Wofford* (SDN)	6 p.m.
O10	UNCG*	2 p.m.
O13	MERCER*	4 p.m.
O17	ETSU*	2 p.m.
O20	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O24	at Mercer*	12 p.m.
O27	at UNCG* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O31	WOFFORD*	2 p.m.

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### Wofford

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A28	GARDNER-WEBB (SDN)	7 p.m.
A30	at Winthrop	7 p.m.
S4	at Davidson	7 p.m.
S8	PRESBYTERIAN (SDN)	7 p.m.
S12	at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
S15	at NC State	7 p.m.
S22	CHARLOTTE (SDN)	7 p.m.
S29	ETSU* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O3	at Mercer*	2 p.m.
O6	VMI* (SDN)	6 p.m.
O10	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O13	UNCG* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O17	MERCER* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O20	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
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