



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

2020-21

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
ETSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Furman	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Mercer	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Samford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Chattanooga	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
VMI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Western Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Wofford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1

NOTES

• The Citadel visits Clemson on Saturday in its second contest against a No. 1 FBS team in three seasons.

• The Bulldogs opened the season on Sept. 12 with a 27-6 loss at South Florida, the first of three FBS opponents for The Citadel this fall. Freshman Colby Kintner kicked a pair of field goals for the Bulldogs, while quarterback Brandon Rainey ran for 65 yards and threw for 84. Linebacker Willie Eubanks III posted 12 solo tackles, including three for loss.

• The Citadel last faced Clemson in 2017, when the second-ranked Tigers claimed a 61-3 win.

• The last time the Bulldogs faced the FBS No. 1 team, they were tied 10-10 at the half with Alabama on Nov. 17, 2018, en route to an eventual 50-17 loss.

• Rainey enters Saturday's contest with 1,989 career rushing yards.

• The Citadel has rushed for at least 200 yards in seven of its last eight games against FBS foes.

• The Bulldogs boast a trio of preseason All-Americans in Eubanks, Rainey and running back Alex Ramsey, though VMI transfer Ramsey, who led the SoCon in rushing last season, has opted out of playing in the fall. Eubanks is the reigning SoCon Defensive Player of the Year.

• Seven other SoCon student-athletes also earned preseason All-America honors, including Samford punt returner Montrell Washington, who garnered first-team honors from Athlon Sports, HERO Sports, Phil Steele and Stats Perform. ETSU's Quay Holmes; Furman's Adrian Hope and Devin Wynn; Chattanooga's Chris James and Cole Strange; and VMI's Robert Solderholm have also earned preseason All-America distinction from at least one of those organizations.

• The Citadel also claims a member of the FCS Preseason Punter of the Year Award watch list in junior Matthew Campbell.

• Furman is ranked No. 15 and Wofford is No. 16 in the Stats Perform 2020 Preseason FCS Top 25. The Citadel and Chattanooga also received votes in the poll, with the Bulldogs finishing as the third team out. Stats Perform will not conduct a weekly poll this fall.

• The Citadel was ranked No. 21 in the Athlon Sports and HERO Sports preseason polls.

• Mercer announced last week a slate of three fall games. The Bears will open their season at Jacksonville State on Oct. 10 before visiting FBS Army West Point on Oct. 24. Mercer hosts Abilene Christian on Oct. 31 in its lone home game of the fall.

• Chattanooga faces FBS Western Kentucky on Oct. 24, while Western Carolina visits FBS Liberty on Nov. 14 and FCS Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 21.

• SoCon teams are slated to make four appearances on national television this fall. The Citadel opened its season on ESPNU and will face Clemson on the ACC Network and Army West Point on CBS Sports Network. Mercer will also take on Army West Point on CBS Sports Network.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Date (Day)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Sept. 19 (Saturday)	The Citadel at Clemson	Clemson leads 32-5-1 ACC Network	4 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Saturday)	Eastern Kentucky at The Citadel	First meeting ESPN3/+	1 p.m.
Oct. 10 (Saturday)	The Citadel at Army West Point Mercer at Jacksonville State	Army West Point leads 7-2 First meeting CBS Sports Network ESPN+	1:30 p.m. 3 p.m.
Oct. 24 (Saturday)	Chattanooga at Western Kentucky Mercer at Army West Point	Chattanooga leads 8-5 Army West Point leads 1-0 ESPN3/+ CBS Sports Network	4 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31 (Saturday)	Abilene Christian at Mercer	First meeting TBA	TBA
Nov. 14 (Saturday)	Western Carolina at Liberty	Series tied 3-3 ESPN+	2 p.m.

COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	26-21 (5th)	Same	19-13 (5th)
Randy Sanders, ETSU	11-13 (3rd)	Same	7-9 (3rd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	22-14 (4th)	Same	18-6 (4th)
Drew Cronic, Mercer	47-6 (5th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	153-83 (21st)	32-26 (6th)	35-27 (9th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	6-6 (2nd)	Same	5-3 (2nd)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	11-45 (6th)	Same	6-33 (6th)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	32-60 (9th)	Same	20-42 (9th)
Josh Conklin, Wofford	17-8 (3rd)	Same	13-3 (3rd)

SoCON STATS



NCAA STATS



SCHEDULE NOTE

The Southern Conference Council of Presidents announced on Aug. 13 that the league would postpone conference competition for all fall sports to the spring due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with schools able to participate in nonconference play in the fall at their discretion.

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS opponents (0-1)

American Athletic (0-1)
Sept. 12 South Florida 27, The Citadel 6

Atlantic Coast (0-0)
Sept. 19 The Citadel at Clemson, 4 p.m.

Independents (0-0)
Oct. 10 The Citadel at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 Mercer at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14 Western Carolina at Liberty, 2 p.m.

Conference USA (0-0)
Oct. 24 Chattanooga at Western Kentucky, 4 p.m.

FCS opponents (0-0)

Ohio Valley (0-0)
Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky at The Citadel, 1 p.m.
Oct. 10 Mercer at Jacksonville State, 3 p.m.
Nov. 21 Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky, 3 p.m.

Southland (0-0)
Oct. 31 Abilene Christian at Mercer, TBA

Home team underlined
All times Eastern

SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players were on 2020 opening-week NFL active rosters.

Atlanta Falcons	Younghoe Koo, Georgia Southern
Buffalo Bills	Andre Roberts, The Citadel
Chicago Bears	Buster Skrine, Chattanooga
Cleveland Browns	Kendall Lamm, Appalachian State
Cleveland Browns	Tae Davis, Chattanooga
Denver Broncos	Sam Martin, Appalachian State
Detroit Lions	Nick Williams, Samford
Houston Texans	Keion Crossen, Western Carolina
Kansas City Chiefs	Daniel Kilgore, Appalachian State
Miami Dolphins	Matt Breida, Georgia Southern
Minnesota Vikings	Dakota Dozier, Furman
New York Giants	C.J. Board, Chattanooga
New York Giants	James Bradberry, Samford
San Francisco 49ers	Jaquiski Tartt, Samford
San Francisco 49ers	Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern
Tennessee Titans	Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	234-151-3	.607	71st	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	12-6-0	.667	4th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	173-60-1	.741	38th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	26-16-0	.619	8th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	170-84-4	.667	51st	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	65-59-0	.524	22nd	Finley Stadium
VMI	102-157-3	.395	58th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	129-106-2	.549	45th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	98-35-0	.737	23rd	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	60	35-0 – Wofford (2010)	109
ETSU	45-0 – Gardner-Webb (2018)	19	38-0 – Vanderbilt (2019)	1
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	183	45-0 – Samford (2014)	63
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	51	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	24
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	49	52-0 – Auburn (2019)	1
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	46	45-0 – Tennessee (2019)	10
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	134	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	31
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	135	41-0 – NC State (2019)	11
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	41	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	81

All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	81st	215-300-5	.418
ETSU	29th	79-133-0	.373
Furman	81st	277-215-11	.562
Mercer	6th	18-28-0	.391
Samford	12th	52-42-0	.553
Chattanooga	43rd	151-158-2	.487
VMI	85th	186-313-23	.378
Western Carolina	43rd	115-199-1	.367
Wofford	23rd	114-64-0	.640

Records vs. Ranked FCS Foes

SoCon teams' records vs. ranked FCS opponents since 2016 (including playoffs)

Team	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-0	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-1	3-10	.231
ETSU	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-5	1-2	2-10	.167
FUR	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	0-3	3-9	.250
MER	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-3	3-9	.250
SAM	0-0	2-1	2-1	3-1	0-3	7-6	.538
UTC	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	3-8	.273
VMI	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-4	0-9	.000
WCU	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-7	.125
WOF	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-2	9-6	.600

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 49-59 (.454) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	10-10	.500
ETSU	5-4	.56
Furman	4-10	.286
Mercer	3-2	.600
Samford	3-3	.500
Chattanooga	6-14	.300
VMI*	8-5	.615
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-3	.700
Total	49-59	.454

* includes two losses as a member of the Big South Conference

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STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS
North Dakota State (147)	1
James Madison	2
Northern Iowa	3
Weber State	4
South Dakota State	5
Montana State	6
Montana	7
Villanova	8
Illinois State	9
Kennesaw State	10
Central Arkansas	11
Sacramento State	12
Austin Peay	13
Nicholls	14
Furman	15
Wofford	16
Albany	17
Eastern Washington	18
North Carolina A&T	19
New Hampshire	20
Southeastern Louisiana	21
Sam Houston State	22
Monmouth	23
Southern Illinois	24
Southeast Missouri	25

* Stats Perform will not conduct a weekly poll this fall.

NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS

Athlon Sports Preseason FCS All-America Team

Defense
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel
Special teams
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

FCS Preseason Punter of the Year Award watch list

Matthew Campbell, Jr., The Citadel

HERO Sports Preseason All-America

First team
Offense
ATH – Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel
Special teams
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

Second team
Defense
LB – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman
Special teams
KR – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

Third team
Offense
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman
TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga
AP – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel
Defense
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel
Special teams
LS – Robert Solderholm, Jr., VMI

Phil Steele/DraftScout.com Preseason All-America

First team
Offense
RB – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel
Defense
DL – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel
Special teams
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford
AP – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

Third team
Offense
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman
Fourth team
Offense
OL – Cole Strange, Sr., Chattanooga

Stats Perform Preseason All-America

First team
Offense
RB – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel
Defense
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel
Special teams
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford
AP – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

Second team
Offense
TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga

Third team
Offense
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman
Defense
DL – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman
Special teams
AP – Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel

RECORD WATCH – CAREER (SoCon RECORDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

TOTAL OFFENSE

MOST GAMES 250 OR MORE TOTAL YARDS

Career
38, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18
35, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
28, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
24, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
24, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
17, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2012-15
16, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
16, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16
15, Jamal Jackson (APP), 2010-13
14, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

13, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

PASSING

MOST PASSES COMPLETED

Career
1,310, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18 (NCAA record)
1,168, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
768, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
743, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
739, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
707, Dustin Taliaferro (SAM), 2008-11
703, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16
694, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96
658, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.
657, Reese Hannon (FUR), 2012-16

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS

Career
39, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
39, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18
29, D.J. Campbell (APP), 1989-92
26, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96
24, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
22, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
21, Randy Joyce (APP), 1981-84
21, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
20, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92
20, B.J. Coleman (UTC), 2009-11
20, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

19, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS

Career
30, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18
23, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-2010
12, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
10, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
10, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16
9, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12
9, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
9, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.
7, Tony Petersen (MAR), 1986-87
7, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92
7, Richie Williams (APP), 2002-05

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 400+ YARDS

Career
12, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18
4, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
4, Richie Williams (APP), 2004
3, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92
3, David Rivers (WCU), 2000
3, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
3, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12
3, Andy Summerlin (SAM), 2012-13
3, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

RECEIVING

MOST GAMES WITH 100+ YARDS RECEIVING

Career
28, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09
23, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-12
23, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18
17, Rick Beasley (APP), 1978-80
17, Mark Stock (VMI), 1985-88
17, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
14, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16
13, Brian Quick (APP), 2008-11
13, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18
10, Isaac West (FUR), 2001-04

9, Bryce Nunnally (UTC), 2017-pr.



The Citadel
(0-1, 0-0 SoCon)

S12 at South Florida (ESPN+)L, 6-27
S19 at Clemson (ACC Network) 4 p.m.
S26 EASTERN KENTUCKY (ESPN3/+) 1 p.m.
O10 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.



ETSU
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Furman
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Mercer
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O10 at Jacksonville State (ESPN+) 3 p.m.
O24 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.
O31 ABILENE CHRISTIAN..... TBA



Samford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Chattanooga
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O24 at Western Kentucky (ESPN3/+)4 p.m.



VMI
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Western Carolina
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N14 at Liberty (ESPN+)2 p.m.
N21 at Eastern Kentucky.....3 p.m.



Wofford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

All times Eastern

* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game