

2023 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-4-1	.438	8	9	L1
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	4-2-1	.643	11	15	T1
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	4-1-3	.688	13	9	T1
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-4-3	.312	6	12	T1
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-2-4	.429	6	7	T3
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-6-0	.250	3	11	W1

Notes

- Mercer forward Barzee Blama was named offensive player of the week for the second time this year

- ETSU defender Chris McKenna was named defensive player of the week for The Southern Conference

- Last Season's regular season and tournament champions UNCG have been selected as preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference regular season title for the third consecutive year.

- Mercer's Barzee Blama leads The Southern Conference with 5 goals scored on the season, averaging .625 goals per game

- Mercer's Nick Wanzer leads the SoCon in assists with 3 for the season

- Mercer and ETSU tied for second place in the preseason poll each garnering 18 points with Mercer receiving one first-place vote.

- Mercer's Trevor McMullen leads The Southern Conference in saves on the season with 25 and is ranked 9th in the NCAA in Goals Against Average with .478 and 4th in the NCAA for save percentage, .893

- Barzee Blama at Mercer is tied for 44th in the NCAA in goal per game averaging .67 and tied for 21st in total goals with 5 on the season

- The first round of The Southern Conference championship will take place Friday, November 3

Upcoming Schedule (All Times Eastern)

September 23 (Saturday)
VMI vs Liberty 1:00 PM
UNCG vs Penn State 7:00 PM
Mercer at Utah Valley 9:00 PM

September 26 (Tuesday)
VMI at Mary Baldwin 4:30 PM.
Furman vs Davidson 7:00 PM.
ETSU at Virginia 7:00 PM.
Wofford vs Winthrop 7:00 PM.
UNCG vs West Virginia 7:00 PM

September 30 (Saturday)
VMI at Mercer 7:00 PM.
UNCG at Furman 7:00 PM.
Wofford at ETSU 7:00 PM.

SoCon Preseason Info

School (1st)	Pts.
1. UNCG	25
2. Mercer	18
ETSU	18
3. Furman	14
4. Wofford	10
5. VMI	5

Preseason All-Conference Team

F Kieran Richards, ETSU
F Nikolai Rojel, WOF
F Tarik Pannholzer, ETSU
F Jake Raine, FUR
MF Dylan Gaitner, MER
MF Basile Marc, UNCG
MF Dylan Lane, FUR
D Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG
D Ethan Conley, UNCG
D Sekou Agard, MER
D Henrik Guenther, ETSU
GK Cole Hunter, ETSU

Men's Soccer Player of the Week

Mercer forward Barzee Blama and ETSU defender Chris McKenna have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Sept. 12-18.

Blama assisted on the first goal of the game in Mercer's 4-0 win over Winthrop on Saturday. The Snellville, Georgia, native also scored the third goal of the game in the 24th minute to extend the Bears' lead over the Eagles. The freshman forward earned an honorable mention on the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week for his performance. Blama is currently tied for first in the SoCon in goals (4) and points (9).

McKenna helped guide the Bucs to a pair of wins last week, scoring his first goal as a Buccaneer in the 19th minute of ETSU's 2-0 victory over Radford on Wednesday. The Glasgow, Scotland, native then scored the game-tying goal against Presbyterian from a cross by Tarik Pannholzer, kickstarting the Bucs' 2-1 comeback victory in which he also assisted on the game-winning goal. The graduate transfer became the fourth Buccaneer in the last four seasons to score in consecutive games.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon Players of the Week

Offensive Players of the Week

Aug. 29 Barzee Blama, Fr., MF, Mercer
 Sept. 5 Nikolai Rojel, So., F, Wofford
 Sept. 12 Dylan Lane, R-Sr., MF, Furman
 Sept. 19 Barzee Blama, Fr., F, Mercer

Defensive Players of the Week

Aug. 29 Nico Kross, Fr., D, ETSU
 Sept. 5 Trevor McMullen, Sr., GK, Mercer
 Sept. 12 Aaron Salinas, Fr., GK, Furman
 Sept. 19 Chris McKenna, Gr., D, ETSU

Active Career Leaders

Points Scored

1. **79** Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. **51** Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
3. **45** Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
4. **43** Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
5. **28** Kadeen Agard, Jr., MER

Goals

1. **30** Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. **23** Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
3. **18** Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
4. **18** Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
5. **10** Kadeem Agard, Jr., MER

Assists

1. **19** Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. **10** Dylan Lane, Sr., FUR
3. **9** Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
4. **9** Josh Hosie, Sr., FUR
5. **8** 4 Players Tied

Game-Winning Goals

1. **8** Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. **5** Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
3. **4** Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
4. **4** Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
5. **3** 4 Players Tied

Saves (min. 1 game)

1. **108** Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
2. **58** Cameron Victor, So. WOF
3. **38** Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU

Wins

1. **14** Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
2. **7** Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU
3. **6** Cameron Victor, So., WOF
4. **2** Connor Cherry, So., VMI

Shutouts

1. **7** Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU
2. **6** Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
3. **3** Cameron Victor, So., WOF
4. **2** Connor Cherry, So., VMI

Goals Against Avg. (min. 2000 minutes)

1. **1.37** Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER

Coaches' Records

Coach, School	Overall (YrS.)	School (YrS.)	SoCon (YrS.)
David Lilly, ETSU	50-32-9 (6th)	8-6-3 (2nd)	8-6-3 (2nd)
Doug Allison, Furman	320-163-63 (28th)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	133-110-8 (16th)	Same	Same
Chris Rich, UNCG	44-18-10 (5th)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI	2-14-1 (2nd)	Same	Same
Joel Tyson, Wofford	16-40-5 (5th)	Same	Same

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ETSU
(2-4-1, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	GEORGIA SOUTHERN.....	W 1-0
A28	at Kentucky.....	L 0-1
S1	NORTH CAROLINA.....	L 1-2
S5	USC UPSTATE.....	T 2-2
S9	at UNC Wilmington.....	L 0-1
S12	RADFORD.....	W 2-1
S16	at Presbyterian.....	L 2-0
S19	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	6 p.m.
S26	at Virginia.....	7 p.m.
S30	WOFFORD*.....	7 p.m.
O6	UNC GREENSBORO*.....	7 p.m.
O10	at Gardner-Webb.....	6 p.m.
O14	at VMI*.....	2:30 p.m.
O17	WINTHROP.....	7 p.m.
O21	at Furman*.....	7 p.m.
O28	MERCER*.....	7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Furman
(4-2-1, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A25	at Elon.....	W 2-1
A27	at Duke.....	L 0-6
S4	at Wake Forest.....	L 5-1
S8	WINTHROP.....	W 2-1
S11	at Coastal Carolina.....	W 3-0
S16	GARDNER-WEBB.....	W 2-1
S19	CHARLESTON.....	T 1-1
S26	DAVIDSON.....	7 p.m.
S30	UNC GREENSBORO*.....	7 p.m.
O3	USC UPSTATE.....	7 p.m.
O7	at VMI*.....	1 p.m.
O14	at Mercer*.....	7 p.m.
O17	PRESBYTERIAN.....	6 p.m.
O21	ETSU*.....	7 p.m.
O24	at UNC Asheville.....	7 p.m.
O28	at Wofford.....	7 p.m.

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Mercer
(4-1-3, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	CAL ST. FULLERTON.....	L 1-6
A27	at Southern Indiana.....	W 2-0
S1	at South Florida.....	W 2-0
S5	JACKSONVILLE.....	W 2-1
S8	at Wisconsin.....	T 0-0
S10	at Bradley.....	T 1-1
S16	at Winthrop.....	W 4-0
S19	at Georgia Southern.....	T 1-1
S23	at Utah Valley.....	9 p.m.
S30	VMI*.....	7 p.m.
O4	GEORGIA STATE.....	7 p.m.
O7	at Wofford*.....	7 p.m.
O14	FURMAN*.....	7 p.m.
O17	LIPSCOMB.....	6 p.m.
O21	UNCG*.....	7 p.m.
O24*	NORTH FLORIDA.....	6 p.m.
O28	at ETSU*.....	7 p.m.

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UNCG
(1-4-3, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	CALIFORNIA.....	T 1-1
A27	at Maryland.....	L 0-2
S1	LOUISVILLE.....	L 0-2
S5	CAMPBELL.....	T 1-1
S9	at Charlotte.....	W 2-1
S13	DAVIDSON.....	L 0-1
S16	at High Point.....	L 1-3
S19	at Coastal Carolina.....	T 1-1
S23	PENN STATE.....	7 p.m.
S26	WEST VIRGINIA.....	7 p.m.
S30	at Furman*.....	7 p.m.
O6	at ETSU*.....	7 p.m.
O10	at UNC Wilmington.....	7 p.m.
O14	WOFFORD*.....	7 p.m.
O21	MERCER*.....	7 p.m.
O25	VCU.....	7 p.m.
O28	VMI*.....	6 p.m.

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VMI
(2-6-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at Robert Morris.....	L 0-5
A28	at Navy.....	L 0-3
S2	MARITIME COLLEGE.....	W 0-2
S4	at LIU.....	L 0-4
S9	PRESBYTERIAN.....	L 0-1
S12	at Campbell.....	L 0-1
S16	at UNC Asheville.....	L 0-2
S19	RADFORD.....	W 1-0
S23	LIBERTY.....	1 p.m.
S26	at MARY BALDWIN.....	4:30 p.m.
S30	at Mercer*.....	7 p.m.
O3	at Longwood.....	7 p.m.
O7	FURMAN*.....	1 p.m.
O11	REGENT.....	4 p.m.
O14	ETSU*.....	2:30 p.m.
O18	at Howard.....	7 p.m.
O21	at Wofford*.....	5 p.m.
O25	at Queens (Charlotte).....	5 p.m.
O28	at UNC Greensboro.....	6 p.m.

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Wofford
(1-2-4, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at Gardner-Webb.....	L 0-1
A28	CHARLOTTE.....	L 0-1
A31	at Duke.....	T 2-2
S5	at Georgia State.....	T 2-2
S12	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	T 1-1
S16	RADFORD.....	W 1-0
S19	QUEENS (CHARLOTTE)....	T 0-0
S26	WINTHROP.....	7 p.m.
S30	at ETSU*.....	7 p.m.
O3	at Presbyterian.....	7 p.m.
O7	MERCER*.....	7 p.m.
O10	at Wake Forest.....	7 p.m.
O14	at UNCG*.....	7 p.m.
O21	VMI*.....	2 p.m.
O24	at USC Upstate.....	7 p.m.
O28	FURMAN*.....	7 p.m.

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