



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER 2022



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2022 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	-	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	-

NOTES

• The 2022 Southern Conference men's soccer season will commence this week with all six SoCon teams competing on Thursday, Aug. 25, including preseason favorite UNCG, who hosts UNC Asheville for a non-conference match at UNCG Soccer Stadium in Greensboro, North Carolina.

• The Spartans have won the regular season or tournament title three times in the last three years and will be looking to capture their seventh championship title in program history.

• Mercer won the 2021 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship with a 4-3 win over No. 4 seed Belmont in the title game after defeating No. 3 seed Furman in the semifinal round, 4-0. It was the Bears' fourth title since joining the league in 2014.

• Mercer and Furman garnered 19 points each in the preseason poll and have both been predicted to finish second by the conference's coaches, with the Bears earning one first-place following their victory in the championship last season.

• The Spartans received votes in College Soccer News' 2022 preseason poll and are ranked No. 29 following a successful 2021 season as the SoCon regular-season champions.

• The Bears put senior midfielders Ousman Jabang and Dylan Gaither, who earned first-team and second-team all-conference honors, respectively, last season, on this year's preseason squad. Gaither was also named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and joined Ousman on the 2021 All-Tournament team.

• UNCG's JC Ngando, who collected Freshman of the Year, All-SoCon first-team and All-Freshman awards and was named to the United Soccer Coaches' All-South Region Third Team and College Soccer News All-Freshman Team a season ago, will return to the midfield for his sophomore season.

• Mercer graduate forward Trevor Martineau opens the 2022 season as the active career leader in points (75), goals (28), assists (19) and game-winning goals (12).

• UNCG junior goalkeeper Niclas Wild, who was the 2021 Goalkeeper of the Year and an All-SoCon first-team selection a season ago, returns for the 2022 season as the active career leader in wins (19) and shutouts (13), while sitting in second for saves (65).

• The Spartans ended the 2021 season as the national leader in corner kicks per game (8.00), goal differential (38), points per game (8.39), and scoring offense (2.89).

• Two teams will be under new direction this year. David Lilly (ETSU) and Nick Regan (VMI) will lead their respective teams this year for the first time, marking Lilly's and Regan's inaugural campaign as head coaches for the Bucs and Keydets.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Aug. 25 (Thursday)
 VMI at St. Peter's 2 p.m.
 Longwood at ETSU[^] 6 p.m.
 Winthrop at Mercer 7 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Wofford[^] 7 p.m.
 UNC Asheville at UNCG[^] 7:30 p.m.
 Furman at Houston Baptist 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 27 (Saturday)
 Furman at Incarnate Word 6 p.m.

Aug. 28 (Sunday)
 Davidson at ETSU[^] 4 p.m.
 Mercer at Georgia State[^] 7 p.m.
 UNCW at UNCG[^] 7 p.m.

Aug. 29 (Monday)
 Wofford at NC State[^] 7 p.m.

Aug. 31 (Wednesday)
 Longwood at VMI 4 p.m.

* Southern Conference Match
[^] ESPN+

PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – For the second consecutive year, the 2021 regular-season Southern Conference champion, UNC Greensboro, has been selected as the pre-season frontrunner to claim the 2022 SoCon men's soccer title in voting completed by the league's six head coaches. The Spartans, led by head coach Chris Rich, will be looking to capture their seventh championship title in program history and their first since 2020-21.

The Southern Conference men's soccer head coaches also selected an 11-member pre-season all-conference team, with UNCG garnering four selections total, Furman, Mercer and Wofford collecting two each, and ETSU securing one. The coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team or players in the balloting process.

UNCG amassed five first-place votes and finished with a total of 25 points, while Mercer accumulated one first place vote and finished tied for second with Furman, with both teams earning 19 points. ETSU clinched the fourth-place position and was separated from Mercer and Furman by seven points, finishing with a total of 12 points. Wofford (10) and VMI (5) were separated by five points and concluded the poll with a fifth-place and sixth-place finish, respectively.



SoCON PRESEASON INFO

Presason poll School (1st)	Pts.
1. UNCG (5)	25
2. Mercer (1)	19
3. Furman	19
4. ETSU	12
5. Wofford	10
6. VMI	5

Presason all-conference team Pos, Player, school

F Tarik Pannholzer, ETSU
 F Jake Raine, Furman
 F Brandon Oddy, Wofford
 MF Dylan Gaither, Mercer
 MF Ousman Jabang, Mercer
 MF JC Ngando, UNCG
 D Josh Hosie, Furman
 D Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG
 D Marco Milanese, UNCG
 D Amin Mohammadi, Wofford
 GK Niclas Wild, UNCG

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 30.....
Sept. 6.....
Sept. 13.....
Sept. 20.....
Sept. 27.....
Oct. 4.....
Oct. 11.....
Oct. 18.....
Oct. 25.....
Nov. 1.....

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September

Offense.....
Defense.....

October

Offense.....
Defense.....

November

Offense.....
Defense.....

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 PRESEASON POLL

School (1st)	PTS	Record
1. Clemson (8)	200	15-5-3
2. Georgetown	187	18-3-1
3. Washington	186	18-2-2
4. Notre Dame	172	14-5-5
5. Oregon State	167	14-2-4
6. West Virginia	157	12-3-6
7. Pittsburgh	156	13-5-2
8. Kentucky	138	15-2-4
9. New Hampshire	131	17-2-2
10. Saint Louis	125	16-1-4
11. Tulsa	124	16-2-1
12. Duke	109	14-5-1
13. Indiana	104	15-6-1
14. Marshall	89	11-4-3
15. Wake Forest	83	13-7-1
16. Providence	82	12-5-4
17. Hofstra	69	18-2-2
18. FIU	60	12-4-2
19. Missouri State	59	17-2-0
20. Maryland	43	12-4-2
21. Penn State	34	13-7-1
22. Santa Clara	32	12-2-4
23. UCLA	27	11-7-1
24. North Carolina	24	11-7-2
T25. Bowling Green	9	11-6-3
T25. Campbell	9	15-4-2

Also receiving votes: Virginia Tech (5), Grand Canyon University (4), Georgia State University (2), University of Vermont (1), St. John's University (1)

Records shown are final 2021 records

*as of 8/2/2022

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

1. 75	Trevor Martineau, Gr., MER
2. 57	Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
3. 40	Jake Raine, Jr., FUR
4. 30	Tarik Pannholzer, Jr., ETSU
5. 28	Brandon Oddy, Sr., WOF

GOALS

1. 28	Trevor Martineau, Gr., MER
2. 24	Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
3. 18	Jake Raine, Jr., FUR
T4. 13	Tarik Pannholzer, Jr., ETSU
T4. 13	Brandon Oddy, Sr., WOF

ASSISTS

1. 19	Trevor Martineau, Gr., MER
T2. 9	Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
T2. 9	JC Ngando, So., UNCG
4. 8	Ousman Jabang, Sr., MER
5. 7	Josh Hosie, Jr., FUR

GAME-WINNING GOALS

1. 12	Trevor Martineau, Gr., MER
2. 7	Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
3. 3	Jake Raine, Jr., FUR

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

1. 89	Ben Roberts, Sr., FUR
2. 65	Niclas Wild, Jr., UNCG
T3. 57	Trevor McMullen, Jr., MER

T3. 57	Joshua Old, Sr., WOF
5. 30	Brant Zulauf, R-Jr., MER

SAVES PER GAME (MIN. 1 GAME)

1. 4.94	Ben Roberts, Sr., FUR
2. 4.07	Trevor McMullen, Jr., MER
3. 3.75	Brant Zulauf, R-Jr., MER
4. 2.85	Joshua Old, Sr., WOF
5. 2.32	Niclas Wild, Jr., UNCG

WINS

1. 19	Niclas Wild, Jr., UNCG
2. 8	Trevor McMullen, Jr., MER
2. 6	Ben Roberts, Sr., FUR
3. 4	Brant Zulauf, R-Jr., MER
4. 1	Joshua Old, Sr., WOF

SHUTOUTS

1. 13	Niclas Wild, Jr., UNCG
2. 4	Trevor McMullen, Jr., MER
T3. 3	Brant Zulauf, R-Jr., MER
T3. 3	Joshua Old, Sr., WOF
5. 2	Ben Roberts, Sr., FUR

() indicates SoCon career rank

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (Yrs.)	SCHOOL (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
David Lilly, ETSU	42-26-3 (5th)	0-0-0 (1st)	0-0-0 (1st)
Doug Allison, Furman	323-156-59 (27th)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	125-105-2 (15th)	Same	Same
Chris Rich, UNCG	31-16-4 (4th)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	Same
Joel Tyson, Wofford	10-31-3 (4th)	Same	Same

2022 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The 2022 SoCon Men's Soccer Championship will be contested on campus sites on consecutive weekends in November. Times will be confirmed at a later date.

Quarterfinals

Friday, November 4

Semifinals

Sunday, November 6

Finals

Saturday, November 12 or Sunday, November 13



SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

American (0-0-0)

9/9	Mercer at South Florida	7 p.m.
9/13	UNCG at Southern Methodist	8 p.m.
9/20	UAB at Mercer	7 p.m.

Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)

8/29	Wofford at NC State	7 p.m.
9/2	Mercer at NC State	4 p.m.
9/5	Mercer at Virginia Tech	5 p.m.
9/13	ETSU at #24 North Carolina	7 p.m.
9/27	UNCG at Louisville	7:30 p.m.
10/4	Virginia Tech at ETSU	7 p.m.
10/11	UNCG at #1 Clemson	7 p.m.
10/18	Wofford at #15 Wake Forest	7 p.m.
10/18	ETSU at Louisville	7 p.m.

Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

9/5	Jacksonville at Wofford	5 p.m.
9/11	FGCU at Mercer	5 p.m.
9/24	North Florida at Mercer	7 p.m.
9/27	Wofford at Queens	7 p.m.
10/4	Lipscomb at Mercer	6 p.m.
10/5	Queens at UNCG	7 p.m.
10/11	VMI at Liberty	7 p.m.

Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

8/28	Davidson at ETSU	4 p.m.
9/10	UNCG at VCU	7 p.m.
10/12	Furman at Davidson	7 p.m.
10/25	Duquesne at VMI	3:30 p.m.

Big South (0-0-0)

8/25	Longwood at ETSU	6 p.m.
8/25	Winthrop at Mercer	7 p.m.
8/25	Gardner-Webb at Wofford	7 p.m.
8/25	UNC Asheville at UNCG	7:30 p.m.
8/31	Longwood at VMI	4 p.m.
9/1	Wofford at High Point	7 p.m.
9/2	ETSU at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.
9/2	Furman at Gardner-Webb	7 p.m.

9/3	VMI at Presbyterian	1 p.m.
9/6	ETSU at Presbyterian	6 p.m.
9/6	High Point at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/10	Gardner-Webb at VMI	3 p.m.
9/10	ETSU at USC Upstate	3 p.m.
9/10	Presbyterian at Furman	7 p.m.
9/13	Presbyterian at Wofford	7 p.m.
9/14	VMI at Radford	6 p.m.
9/17	UNC Asheville at Furman	6 p.m.
9/17	USC Upstate at Wofford	7 p.m.
9/17	Winthrop at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/20	Gardner-Webb at ETSU	6 p.m.
9/20	Furman at Winthrop	7 p.m.
9/20	Wofford at UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
9/21	UNCG at Campbell	7 p.m.
9/27	ETSU at Radford	6 p.m.
10/4	Furman at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
10/25	Wofford at Winthrop	7 p.m.

Colonial (0-0-0)

8/28	UNCW at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/13	Elon at Furman	6 p.m.
10/18	UNCG at Elon	7 p.m.

Horizon (0-0-0)

9/6	Northern Kentucky at VMI	4 p.m.
10/19	Robert Morris at VMI	4 p.m.
10/25	Northern Kentucky at ETSU	7 p.m.

Metro Atlantic (0-0-0)

8/25	VMI at St. Peter's	2 p.m.
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Mid-Eastern (0-0-0)

9/18	VMI at Howard	2 p.m.
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Summit League (0-0-0)

9/16	Kansas City at Mercer	7 p.m.
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Sun Belt (0-0-0)

8/28	Mercer at Georgia State	7 p.m.
9/2	Coastal Carolina at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/10	Georgia State at Wofford	1 p.m.
9/25	Coastal Carolina at Furman	2 p.m.
9/27	Georgia Southern at Mercer	7 p.m.

Western Athletic (0-0-0)

8/25	Furman at Houston Baptist	8:30 p.m.
8/27	Furman at Incarnate Word	6 p.m.

Non Division 1 (0-0-0)

9/6	North Greenville at Furman	7 p.m.
9/22	Southern Virginia at VMI	4 p.m.
9/27	VMI at Mary Baldwin	3 p.m.

Total.....0-0-0 (.000)

Ranking=United Soccer Coaches

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ETSU

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

- A25 LONGWOOD 6 p.m.
- A28 DAVIDSON 4 p.m.
- S2 at UNC Asheville 6 p.m.
- S6 at Presbyterian 6 p.m.
- S10 at USC Upstate 3 p.m.
- S13 at #24 North Carolina 7 p.m.
- S20 GARDNER-WEBB 6 p.m.
- S27 at Radford 6 p.m.
- S30 VMI* 7 p.m.
- O4 VIRGINIA TECH..... 7 p.m.
- O8 at Wofford* 7 p.m.
- O15 at UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O18 at Louisville 7 p.m.
- O22 FURMAN* 12 p.m.
- O25 NORTHERN KENTUCKY.. 7 p.m.
- O29 at Mercer* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Furman

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

- A25 at Houston Baptist ...8:30 p.m.
- A27 Incarnate Word 6 p.m.
- S2 at Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.
- S6 NORTH GREENVILLE..... 7 p.m.
- S10 PRESBYTERIAN 7 p.m.
- S13 ELON 6 p.m.
- S17 UNC ASHEVILLE 6 p.m.
- S20 at Winthrop 7 p.m.
- S25 COASTAL CAROLINA 2 p.m.
- O1 at UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O4 at USC Upstate 7 p.m.
- O8 MERCER* 7 p.m.
- O12 at Davidson 7 p.m.
- O15 WOFFORD* 7 p.m.
- O22 at ETSU* 12 p.m.
- O29 VMI* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Mercer

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

- A25 WINTHROP 7 p.m.
- A28 at Georgia State 7 p.m.
- S2 NC State 4 p.m.
- S5 at Virginia Tech 5 p.m.
- S9 at South Florida 7 p.m.
- S11 FGCU 5 p.m.
- S16 KANSAS CITY 7 p.m.
- S20 UAB 7 p.m.
- S24 NORTH FLORIDA 7 p.m.
- S27 GEORGIA SOUTHERN 7 p.m.
- O1 WOFFORD* 7 p.m.
- O4 LIPSCOMB 6 p.m.
- O8 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- O15 at VMI* TBA
- O22 UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O29 ETSU* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



UNCG

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

- A25 UNC ASHEVILLE 7:30 p.m.
- A28 UNCW 7 p.m.
- S2 COASTAL CAROLINA 7 p.m.
- S6 HIGH POINT 7 p.m.
- S10 at VCU 7 p.m.
- S13 at Southern Methodist... 8 p.m.
- S17 WINTHROP 7 p.m.
- S21 at Campbell 7 p.m.
- S27 at Louisville 7:30 p.m.
- O1 FURMAN* 7 p.m.
- O5 QUEENS 7 p.m.
- O8 at VMI* 3:30 p.m.
- O11 at #1 Clemson 7 p.m.
- O15 ETSU* 7 p.m.
- O18 ELON 7 p.m.
- O22 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- O29 at Wofford* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



VMI

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

- A25 at Saint Peter's 2 p.m.
- A31 LONGWOOD 4 p.m.
- S3 at Presbyterian 1 p.m.
- S6 NORTHERN KENTUCKY.. 4 p.m.
- S10 GARDNER-WEBB 3 p.m.
- S14 at Radford 6 p.m.
- S18 at Howard 2 p.m.
- S22 SOUTHERN VIRGINIA..... 4 p.m.
- S27 at Mary Baldwin 3 p.m.
- S30 at ETSU* 7 p.m.
- O8 UNCG* 3:30 p.m.
- O11 at Liberty 7 p.m.
- O15 MERCER* TBA
- O19 ROBERT MORRIS 4 p.m.
- O22 WOFFORD* 3 p.m.
- O25 DUQUESNE 3:30 p.m.
- O29 at Furman* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Wofford

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

- A25 GARDNER-WEBB 7 p.m.
- A29 at NC State 7 p.m.
- S1 at High Point 7 p.m.
- S5 JACKSONVILLE 5 p.m.
- S10 GEORGIA STATE 1 p.m.
- S13 PRESBYTERIAN 7 p.m.
- S17 USC UPSTATE 7 p.m.
- S20 at UNC Asheville 7 p.m.
- S27 at Queens 7 p.m.
- O1 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- O8 ETSU* 7 p.m.
- O15 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- O18 at #15 Wake Forest 7 p.m.
- O22 at VMI* 2 p.m.
- O25 at Winthrop 7 p.m.
- O29 UNCG* 7 p.m.

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