



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

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2024 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

Notes

STANDINGS	W-L-T	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
		Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-1-1	.700	8	3	W1
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-1-2	.667	6	3	W2
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-1-1	.625	3	2	L1
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-2-1	.500	5	8	L2
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-3-0	.400	8	12	L3
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-2-2	.400	6	12	T1

- Mercer leads the conference in three stat categories including shutouts, goalie wins and goals against average
- ETSU paces the conference in saves, saves per game and assists while UNCG is ahead of the field in goals and goal differential
- Wofford and VMI sit in the lead of save percentage and shots, respectively
- The Bears clinched the 2023 Men's Soccer Championship after scoring twice in the first six minutes of the 2023 SoCon Championship match to claim a 2-1 victory over No. 3 seed Furman

Upcoming Schedule (all times eastern)

Sept. 11 (Wednesday)

Furman at Davidson 6:30P.M.
ETSU at High Point 7 P.M.

Sept. 12 (Thursday)

VMI at Presbyterian 4 P.M.

Sept. 13 (Friday)

UNCG vs Charlotte 7 P.M.
Mercer at Kansas City 7 P.M.

Sept. 14 (Saturday)

Wofford vs Winthrop 1 P.M.
VMI vs Howard 4 P.M.

Sept. 15 (Sunday)

ETSU at South Carolina 7 P.M.

Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Mercer defender Sekou Agard and goalkeeper Trevor McMullen have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Sept. 3-9.

Agard, who received the honor for the second time this season, led the Bears offensively this week, scoring in both games. On Thursday against Memphis, the senior defender scored in the 32nd minute off an assist from Carlos Santamaria for the go-ahead goal in Mercer's 2-0 victory. Two days later, the Snellville, Georgia, product scored in the 27th minute, assisted by Santamaria, to put the Bears up 2-0 against Southern Indiana. Agard leads the conference in both points (8) and goals (4).

McMullen recorded back-to-back clean sheets for the Bears this week. The Decatur, Georgia, product faced four shots and made four saves this week for a total of 14 saves on the season. Against Memphis, the graduate goalkeeper made three saves on three shots, then made one save against Southern Indiana. He currently leads the conference with five shutouts this season, and holds a .824 save percentage this season, which is second in the conference.

Mercer (3-1-2) travels to Kansas City on Friday, then Davidson on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

Also nominated for offensive player of the week: Gabriel Ramos (ETSU), Yoshiya Okawa (UNCG)

Also nominated for defensive player of the week: Leo Ledin (Wofford)

SoCon Preseason

School (1st)	Pts.
1. Mercer (2)	22
2. Wofford (2)	20
3. UNCG (1)	17
4. Furman (1)	16
5. ETSU	10
6. VMI	5

Preseason all-conference team

Pos.	Player	School
F	Gabriel Ramos	ETSU
F	Christian Kraus	Furman
F	Barzee Blama	Mercer
F	Arnaud Tattevin	UNCG
MF	Carlos Santamaria	Mercer
MF	Basile Marc	UNCG
MF	Jakob Andersson	Wofford
D	Slade Starnes	Furman
D	Sekou Agard	Mercer
D	Bryce Peacock	Wofford
GK	Trevor McMullen	

• Mercer's 2023 title win marks their second SoCon championship title in program history.

• ETSU won the regular season title last year with a 4-0-1 record.

• Mercer garnered the most votes for the preseason all-conference team, with 22 total points, including two first-place votes, and the team picked up four preseason all-conference selections, including the 2023 freshman of the year Barzee Blama, Carlos Santamaria, SoCon tournament MVP Sekous Agard, and Trevor McMullen.

• Furman forward Christian Kraus and defender Slade Starnes were both All-Tournament and All-Conference selections a season ago. Kraus led the Paladins offensively with 10 goals, two game-winning, and five assists for a total of 25 points on the season. Starnes started in all five conference games, coming off an injury, to earn a second team All-Conference nod.

• Arnaud Tattevin and midfielder Basile Marc made the preseason team after making the All-Conference second team last season. Tattevin scored seven goals for the Spartans, contributing 14 points. Marc started all 17 games last season and contributed three points with a goal and an assist.

• Wofford midfielder Jakob Andersson was selected after leading the league in assists last year. He made seven assists, combined with two goals for 11 points in 16 starts. Bryce Peacock, a defender, started in all 17 games for the Terriers in 2023.

• ETSU rounds out the preseason team with Gabriel Ramos, a forward who started 17 games for the Bucs. Ramos scored six goals on his way to contributing 17 points on the season with two game-winning goals

• VMI return 11 players that started in at least three conference games last year, including Zack Murphy and Kyle Grant, who earned player of the week nods last season, and Cole Mooney who earned a spot on the All-Conference second team.

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United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll Active Career Leaders (updated Sept. 10)

School (1st)	PTS	Record	Points Scored	Saves (min. 1 Game)
1. West Virginia (8)	200	4-0-0	1. 36 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	1. 178 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
2. Denver	192	3-0-3	2. 34 - Christian Kraus, Furman	2. 89 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
3. Stanford	182	4-1-0	3. 29 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	3. 49 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU
4. Western Michigan	176	5-0-1	4. 23 - Cole Mooney, VMI	4. 48 - Salinas, Aaron, Furman
5. Clemson	170	1-1-1	5. 22 - Grant Martin, VMI	5. 13 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
6. Marshall	160	3-1-0	Goals	Wins
7. Pittsburgh	152	4-1-0	1. 14 - Christian Kraus, Furman	1. 20 - Trevor McMullen; Mercer
8. Wisconsin	144	5-0-0	2. 12 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	2. 6 - Murphy, Zack; VMI
9. Seattle	136	2-1-1	3. 10 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	3. 5 - Salinas, Aaron; Furman
10. Central Florida	128	2-0-2	4. 9 - Grant Martin, VMI	4. 3 - Marc Kouadio; ETSU
11. North Carolina	120	3-0-2	9 - Barzee Blama, Mercer	5. 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
12. Ohio State	110	4-0-1	9 - Sekou Agard, Mercer	Shutouts
13. Seton Hall	104	5-0-0	Assists	1. 14 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
14. Northwestern	98	5-1-0	1. 12 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	2. 3 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
15. Pennsylvania	88	3-0-0	2. 10 - Jakob Andersson, Wofford	3. 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
16. Hofstra	80	4-0-1	3. 9 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	2 - Leo Ledin, Wofford
17. Virginia Tech	72	4-0-1	9 - Cole Mooney, VMI	4. 1 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU
18. Fordham	64	3-1-1	9 - Carlos Santamaria, Mercer	1 - Aaron Salinas, Furman
19. Charlotte	56	3-0-1	Game-Winning Goals	Goals Against Average (min. 2,000 minutes)
20. Elon	46	5-0-0	1. 4 - Nick Wanzer; Mercer	1. 1.12 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
21. San Diego	26	3-0-2	4 - Blama, Barzee; Mercer	2. 2.44 - Zack Murphy, VMI
22. Michigan	25	4-0-1	3 - Christian Kraus; Furman	
23. Notre Dame	17	1-0-2	3 - Slade Starnes; Furman	
24. N.C. State	12	3-0-1	3 - Thaddeus Dennis	
25. Georgetown	10	2-2-2	3 - Kyle Grant, VMI	
			3 - Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG	
			3 - Magnus Kjoller, Wofford	
			3 - Carlos Santamaria, Mercer	

Coaches' Records (updated Sept. 11)

Coch, School	Overall (Yrs.)	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Vital Allen, ETSU	295-207-62 (26)	1-2-2	Same
Doug Allison, Furman	342-171-67 (28)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	150-129-40 (16)	Same	103-69-30 (10)
Chris Rich, UNCG	49-29-16 (5)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI Joel	9-31-1 (2)	Same	Same
Tyson, Wofford	25-44-13 (5)	Same	Same

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