

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

2020-21

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## 2020-21 Southern Conference Football Standings

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Teams	W-L	Pct	Н	Α	ST	W-L	Pct	Н	Α	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	
Samford	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	
Chattanooga	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1
Mercer	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-2	.000	0-0	0-2	L2
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-4	.000	0-1	0-3	L4

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

OT COMING SCHEDOLL		(an tin	ics Lasterri
Oct. 31 (Saturday)	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	Time
Abilene Christian at Mercer	First meeting	ESPN3/Nexstar	3 p.m.
<b>Nov. 14 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b> 12 p.m.
Western Carolina at Liberty	Series tied 3-3	ESPN+	
<b>Nov. 21 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	Time
Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Kentucky leads 3-2	ESPN+	3 p.m.
<b>Dec. 11 (Friday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b>
Western Carolina at North Carolina	North Carolina leads 2-0	ACC Network	7 p.m.

### Nexstar affiliates for Oct. 31

WYCW (Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville) WMUB (Macon)

WJHL (Tri-Cities) WWCW (Roanoke) WCBD (Charleston)

### Coaching Records

Coach, School	<b>Career Record</b>	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	26-24 (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	47-8 (5th)	0-2 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	153-83 (21st)	32-26 (6th)	35-27 (9th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	6-7 (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 NOTES

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.

The league's spring schedule was announced Oct. 21. Play begins on Feb. 20 and wraps up on April 17 before the FCS playoffs start on April 24.

### Notes

- Mercer wraps up its fall season on Saturday, Oct. 31, when the Bears host Abilene Christian in the lone Southern Conference action of the day.
- Mercer will be facing Abilene Christian of the Southland Conference for the first time in program history.
- •The Bears fell to 0-2 on the season with their 49-3 loss at Army West Point on Saturday, Oct. 24. Mercer got on the board first with a 36-yard field goal by Caleb Dowden midway through the first quarter before the Black Knights claimed the lead on a touchdown with 4:34 left in the quarter.
- Mercer freshman linebacker Isaac Dowling had a game-high 16 tackles for the second straight contest.
   Dowling also had a game-high 2.0 sacks totaling 10 lost yards.
- Bears running back Tyray Devezin ran for 71 yards on 11 carries. With 2,151 career rushing yards, Devezin is the SoCon's active leader.
- Abilene Christian enters the contest with an 0-3 record. After opening their season with consecutive losses to FBS foes UTEP and Army West Point, the Wildcats' Oct. 17 Homecoming game against West Texas A&M was canceled. ACU finally returned to action on Oct. 24, three weeks after its last game, when it fell 35-32 in overtime to Southland rival Stephen F. Austin in a nonconference contest at Globe Life Park, formerly the home of the Texas Rangers.
- Chattanooga played its lone fall contest on Oct. 24, nearly pulling off the upset at FBS Western Kentucky but falling 13-10. The Mocs led for most of the contest, getting a 10-yard touchdown run from quarterback Drayton Arnold midway through the first quarter to open the scoring. The Hilltoppers answered with a field goal with 4:06 left in the first, but that was the last of the scoring in the opening half. The teams traded field goals in the third quarter before WKU claimed its lone lead of the contest on a 4-yard TD pass with 1:21 left in the game. UTC wide receiver Bryce Nunnelly returned the ensuing kickoff 102 yards for a TD, but the play was overturned when it was ruled that a Chattanooga upback had signaled for a fair catch.
- Nunnelly finished with three catches on the day to move his career total to 146, passing Pro Football Hall of Famer great Terrell Owens and Jeremy Grier and tying current New York Giant C.J. Board for sixth in school history. Nunnelly's 28 yards on the day pushed his career total to 2,148, moving him past UTC Hall of Famer Joe Burke for third in program history.
- Arnold, a senior, threw for 90 yards and ran for 27 and a score in his first collegiate start.
- Sophomore running back Ailym Ford, who suffered a season-ending injury in November of last season, returned to action with 92 yards on 25 carries.
- Junior linebacker Kam Jones led the Mocs with nine tackles, while senior linebacker Rashun Freeman had eight. Freeman and sophomore linebacker Jay Person shared game-high honors with 3.0 tackles for loss each, with Person adding a forced fumble on a strip sack.
- After Mercer's game against Abilene Christian, the SoCon is idle until Nov. 14, when Western Carolina takes the field at Liberty for its first game of the fall. The Catamounts also visit Eastern Kentucky and North Carolina to round out the SoCon's fall slate.

### SoCon vs. Other Conferences

#### FBS opponents (0-5)

American Athletic (0-1)

Sept. 12 South Florida 27, The Citadel 6

Atlantic Coast (0-1)

Sept. 19 #1 Clemson 49, The Citadel 0
Dec. 11 Western Carolina at North Carolina, TBA

Independents (0-2)

Oct. 10 Army West Point 14, The Citadel 9
Oct. 24 Army West Point 49, Mercer 3
Nov. 14 Western Carolina at Liberty, 2 p.m.

Conference USA (0-1)

Oct. 24 Western Kentucky 13, Chattanooga 10

#### FCS opponents (0-2)

Ohio Valley (0-2)

Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky 37, <u>The Citadel</u> 14
Oct. 10 <u>Jacksonville State</u> 34, Mercer 28
Nov. 21 Western Carolina at <u>Eastern Kentucky</u>, 3 p.m.

Southland (0-0)

Oct. 31 Abilene Christian at Mercer, 3 p.m.

Home team underlined All times Eastern

### SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players are on NFL active rosters.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
Atlanta Falcons \	ounghoe 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 49er	
San Francisco 49er	
Tennessee Titans	Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga

Four more former SoCon players are on NFL practice squads.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
Buffalo Bills	Ahmad Gooden, Samford
L.A. Chargers	John Brannon, Western Carolina
Pittsburgh Steelers	
Tennessee Titans	Kareem Orr, Chattanooga

### 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	.556
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

<sup>\*</sup> includes two losses as a member of the Big South Conference

## Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	234-152-3	.605	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)	63	49-0 - Clemson (2020)	3
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)	53	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	26
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	49	52-0 – Auburn (2019)	1
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	47	45-0 – Tennessee (2019)	11
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

# 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

Others receiving votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Jacksonville State, Florida A&M, The Citadel, Central Connecticut State, Towson, Dartmouth, Delaware, Yale, Princeton, San Diego, North Dakota, South Carolina State, Alcorn State, Houston Baptist, Richmond, Chattanooga, Elon, Holy Cross, UIW, UT Martin, Portland State, Youngstown State, McNeese, UC Davis, Maine, Duquesne, Charleston Southern, Eastern Kentucky

\* 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

Offense

RB - Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman

TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga AP – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel

LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams LS – Robert Solderholm, Jr., VMI

#### Phil Steele/DraftScout.com Preseason All-America First team

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

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

### Stats Perform FCS Team of the Week

The Citadel

10/11/20

### Stats Perform FCS Player of the Week

Sean-Thomas Faulkner, The Citadel 10/11/20

#### William V. Campbell Trophy presented by Mazda **Semifinalists**

Bryce Nunnelly, Sr., WR, Chattanooga Grady Thomas, Sr., OL, Western Carolina

## 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.

#### RUSHING

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK Career

4,361, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

4,051, Jacob Huesman, (UTC), 2012-15 3,899, Jerick McKinnon (GSU), 2010-13

3,674, Jack Douglas (CIT), 1989-92

5,674, Jack Douglas (CIT), 1989-92 3,664, Jayson Foster (GSU), 2004-07 3,309, Greg Hill (GSU), 1996-99 2,768, Chaz Williams (GSU), 2001-04 2,547, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19 2,475, Tony Scales (VMI), 1989-92 2,202, Dominque Allen (CIT), 2014-17

2,061, Brandon Rainey (CIT), 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

Gleg Nyali (L130), 1933-90
 Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
 Randy Joyce (APP), 1981-84
 Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
 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

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

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 Nunnelly (UTC), 2017-pr.

#### **PUNTING**

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE

Career (minimum 100 punts) 44.4, Pumpy Tudors (UTC), 1989-91 43.8, Ian Berryman (WCU), 2015-18 43.4, Joe Parker (APP), 1973-76 43.4, Pat Velarde (MAR), 1982-83

43.3, Matt Campbell (CIT), 2018-pr.

43.2, Austin Barnard (SAM), 2014-17 43.0, Harold Alexander (APP), 1989-92

43.0, Ray Early (FUR), 2010-13 42.8, Ken Hinsley (WCU), 1995-98 42.4, Nate McKinney (APP), 2000-03

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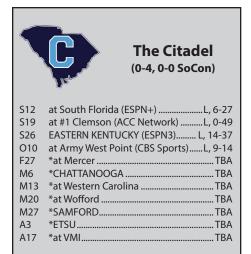
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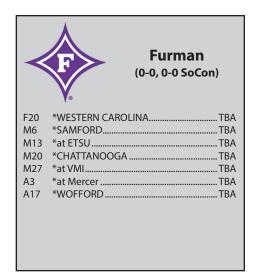
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#### Mercer (0-2, 0-0 SoCon)

O10	at Jacksonville State (ESPN3) L, 28-34
O24	at Army West Point (CBS Sports)L, 3-49
O31	ABILENE CHRISTIAN (ESPN3/Nexstar)3 p.m.
F20	*at WoffordTBA
F27	*THE CITADELTBA
M13	*at VMITBA
M20	*WESTERN CAROLINATBA
M27	*at ChattanoogaTBA
А3	*FURMANTBA
A10	*ETSUTBA
A17	*at SamfordTBA



A17

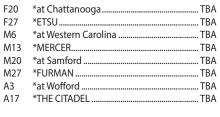
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**Western Carolina** 





### VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)







### Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

F20	*MERCER	TBA
F27	*at Chattanooga	TBA
M6	*ETSU	TBA
M13	*at Samford	TBA
M20	*THE CITADEL	TBA
A3	*VMI	TBA
A10	*at Western Carolina	TBA
A17	*at Furman	TBA

All times Eastern

\* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game

**Note:** The Citadel played four fall contests, which means it can only play seven spring games to avoid exceeding the NCAA-mandated 11-game regular-season maximum. The SoCon Council of Presidents approved a plan for the Bulldogs to compete in seven league games with one no-contest against a randomly selected league opponent. Furman was selected as that opponent in a blind draw. The no-contest is a game not played and will be considered a forfeit in the conference standings only, per NCAA policies.

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