



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

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2021 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Belmont	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
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	-
Wofford	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	-

NOTES

• The 2021 Southern Conference men's soccer season will commence this week with five SoCon teams competing on Thursday, Aug. 26, including defending champion and preseason favorite UNCG, who hosts Campbell for a non-conference match at UNCG Soccer Stadium in Greensboro, North Carolina.

• The Spartans clinched the 2020-21 Men's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 victory over No. 4 Belmont in the title game, after defeating No. 3 seed ETSU 2-1 in the semifinals round. UNCG's 2020-21 title win marks their sixth championship title in program history and 14th appearance since joining the league in 1997.

• UNCG garnered the most votes for the preseason all-conference team, with 35 total votes, including five first-place votes, and the team picked up three preseason all-conference selections, including Theo Collomb, Fernando Garcia, and Emmanuel Hagan. In addition, the Spartans also received votes in the United Soccer Coaches poll and was ranked 30th in the College Soccer News final polls of the 2021 spring season.

• UNCG sophomore Theo Collomb, who earned Co-Freshmen of the Year and First team All-Conference honors in his first collegiate season, led the Spartans this past spring with eight goals, completing the season with 19 points and two-game winning goals.

• Fernando Garcia, who returns to UNCG for his senior season, ended the 2020-2021 season with five goals, including two-game winning goals. Emmanuel Hagan, who returns to UNCG for his sophomore season, assisted the Spartans defense in posting six shutouts. Both Garcia and Hagan earned 2020-2021 first team All-Southern Conference honors.

• The Furman Paladins, who are led by 2020-2021 Coach of the Year and the winningest coach in SoCon history, Doug Allison, will see nine starters return for the 2021 season, including three preseason all-conference selections. The Paladins, who claimed its 21st regular season title this past season, finished with a 7-2-1 record overall and a 5-0-1 record in conference play.

• Furman will also open their season on Thursday, as the Paladins travel to Washington, D.C. to play a non-conference match against American.

• Mercer, Belmont, and VMI are the additional Southern Conference teams who compete on Thursday, with Mercer hosting Gardner-Webb in Macon, Georgia, and Belmont and VMI both on the road. The Bruins will travel to Missouri State, while the Keydets make the journey to George Washington.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Aug. 26 (Thursday)
 VMI at George Washington 1 p.m.
 Furman at American% 4 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Mercer 6 p.m.
 Campbell at UNCG% 7 p.m.
 Belmont at Missouri State% 9 p.m.

Aug. 27 (Friday)
 ETSU at Longwood 7 p.m.

Aug. 29 (Sunday)
 Georgia State at Mercer 1 p.m.
 Furman at George Mason 1 p.m.
 Wofford at Jacksonville 6 p.m.
 Belmont at Central Arkansas 6 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at UNCG% 7 p.m.

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PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – After clinching the Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship crown in 2020-21, defending champion UNC Greensboro has been selected as the preseason frontrunner to claim the 2021 SoCon men's soccer title in voting completed by the league's seven head coaches. The Spartans, led by head coach Chris Rich, defeated the Belmont Bruins 1-0 in the 2020-21 Southern Conference Championship, capturing their sixth championship title in program history.

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

UNCG accumulated five first-place votes and finished with a total of 35 points, while Furman, which claimed its 21st regular-season title in 2020-21, followed closely behind with two first-place votes to finish with 32 points. Belmont and Mercer both claim the third-place spot, as the teams collected 22 points each. ETSU captured the fifth-place position and was separated from Belmont and Mercer by just three points, finishing with a total of 19 points. Wofford (11) and VMI (6) were separated by five points and concluded the poll with a sixth-place and seventh-place finish, respectively.



SoCon PRESEASON INFO

School (1st)	Pts.
1. UNCG (5)	35
2. Furman (2)	32
T3. Belmont	22
T3. Mercer	22
5. ETSU	19
6. Wofford	11
7. VMI	6

Preseason all-conference team Pos, Player, school

F Niccolo Dagnoni, Belmont
 F Jake Raine, Furman
 F Theo Collomb, UNCG
 MF Kyle Barks, Belmont
 MF Miles Fenton, Furman
 MF Dylan Gaither, Mercer
 MF Fernando Garcia, UNCG
 D Cole McLagan, Furman
 D Tommy Kay, Furman
 D Ousman Jabang, Mercer
 D Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG
 GK Drew Romig, Belmont

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 PRESEASON POLL

School (1st)	PTS	Record
1. Marshall (22)	594	13-2-3
2. Indiana	569	12-2-2
3. Pitt (1)	555	16-4-0
4. North Carolina (1)	510	9-5-4
5. Georgetown	488	10-2-2
6. Clemson (1)	476	14-3-3
7. Wake Forest	464	13-3-2
8. Stanford	435	10-3-1
9. Washington	424	12-4-0
10. Seton Hall	389	10-2-4
11. Penn State	343	9-2-2
12. Missouri State	317	12-2-0
13. UCF	293	9-4-1
14. Kentucky	261	12-5-2
15. Virginia Tech	247	7-6-4
16. Oregon State	223	9-5-0
17. Loyola Marymount	206	6-0-3
18. Charlotte	183	6-3-2
19. Marquette	177	8-3-2
20. New Hampshire	164	8-1-1
21. James Madison	132	5-1-3
22. Grand Canyon	80	8-2-0
23. Fordham	67	7-1-2
24. High Point	58	12-2-0
25. Coastal Carolina	38	9-5-2

*Final records from 2020-2021 season

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

1.	67	Trevor Martineau, Sr., MER
2.	47	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
3.	42	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
4.	40	Niccolo Dagnoni, Sr., BEL
5.	25	Dylan Gaither, Jr., MER

GOALS

1.	25	Trevor Martineau, Sr., MER
2.	19	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
3.	12	Niccolo Dagnoni, Sr., MER
4.	11	Leo Toledo, R-Sr., MER
5.	10	Dylan Gaither, Jr., MER

ASSISTS

1.	20	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
2.	17	Trevor Martineau, Sr., MER
3.	16	Niccolo Dagnoni, Sr., BEL
T4.	9	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
T4.	9	Matthew Cutler, Sr., UNCG

GAME-WINNING GOALS

1.	10	Trevor Martineau, Sr., MER
T2.	5	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
T2.	5	Shaun Chris Joash, R-Sr., FUR
T3.	3	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
T3.	3	Mani Austmann, Jr., UNCG
T3.	3	Jake Raine, So., FUR

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

1.	321	Broden Schull, Sr., VMI
2.	168	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
3.	153	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
4.	29	Niclas Wild, So., UNCG
5.	21	Drew Romig, Sr., BEL

WINS

1.	31	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
2.	16	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
T3.	5	Niclas Wild, So., UNCG
T3.	5	Drew Romig, Sr., BEL
5.	3	Broden Schull, Sr., VMI

SHUTOUTS

1.	18	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
2.	12	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
3.	4	Drew Romig, Sr., BEL
4.	3	Niclas Wild, So., UNCG
5.	2	Broden Schull, Sr., VMI

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

1.	1.03	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
2.	1.13	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
3.	1.21	JR DeRose, R-Sr. MER
4.	3.27	Broden Schull, Sr., VMI

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	12-15-4 (3rd)	Same	4-6-2 (3rd)
David Casper, ETSU	20-21-6 (4th)	Same	10-6-3 (4th)
Doug Allison, Furman	316-147-58 (27th)	Same	10-51-22 (27th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	120-110-27 (14th)	Same	34-19-5 (14th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	18-12-3 (3rd)	Same	8-2-2 (3rd)
Max Watson, VMI	2-0-9 (2nd)	Same	0-0-6 (2nd)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	5-20-2 (3rd)	Same	3-7-2 (3rd)

() indicates SoCon career rank

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Belmont

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

- A26 at #12 Missouri State 9 p.m.
- A29 at Central Arkansas..... 7 p.m.
- S2 vs. UNC Asheville 7:30 p.m.
- S6 vs. SIUE 7:30 p.m.
- S10 vs. Georgia State 7:30 p.m.
- S14 at Lipscomb 8 p.m.
- S18 at ETSU* 7 p.m.
- S25 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- S29 vs. Bellarmine 7:30 p.m.
- O2 vs. VMI* 2 p.m.
- O5 vs. IUPUI 7:30 p.m.
- O9 vs. Wofford* 6 p.m.
- O12 vs. Evansville 7:30 p.m.
- O16 vs. UNCG* 6 p.m.
- O23 at Mercer* 2 p.m.
- O26 at Eastern Illinois 2 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



ETSU

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

- A27 at Longwood 7 p.m.
- S4 vs. Radford 7 p.m.
- S7 vs. Marshall 7 p.m.
- S10 vs. Lipscomb 7 p.m.
- S14 at VCU 7 p.m.
- S18 at Belmont* 7 p.m.
- S25 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.
- S28 at Virginia Tech 7 p.m.
- O2 vs. Wofford* 7 p.m.
- O5 at Northern Kentucky .. 12 p.m.
- O12 at Georgia State 7 p.m.
- O16 at VMI* 3 p.m.
- O23 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- O30 vs. UNCG* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Furman

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

- A26 at American 4 p.m.
- A29 at George Mason 1 p.m.
- S3 vs. Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.
- S6 vs. Winthrop 7 p.m.
- S11 vs. USC Upstate 7 p.m.
- S15 vs. Davidson 7 p.m.
- S18 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- S21 at UNC Asheville 6 p.m.
- S25 vs. Belmont* 7 p.m.
- S29 at CofC 6 p.m.
- O5 vs. Presbyterian 7 p.m.
- O9 vs. UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O12 vs. Bob Jones 7 p.m.
- O16 at Wofford* 7 p.m.
- O19 vs. Duke 7 p.m.
- O23 vs. ETSU* 7 p.m.
- O30 at VMI* 3:30 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Mercer

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

- A26 vs. Gardner-Webb 6 p.m.
- A29 vs. Georgia State 6 p.m.
- S3 at North Florida 7 p.m.
- S5 at FGCU 5 p.m.
- S12 vs. Davidson 2:30 p.m.
- S18 vs. Furman* 7 p.m.
- S21 at South Carolina 7 p.m.
- S25 at ETSU* 7 p.m.
- S28 at Winthrop 6 p.m.
- O2 vs. UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O5 vs. Stetson 6 p.m.
- O9 vs. VMI* 1 p.m.
- O16 at Georgia Southern..... 7 p.m.
- O19 vs. Jacksonville 6 p.m.
- O23 vs. Belmont* 2 p.m.
- O26 at Lipscomb 7 p.m.
- O30 at Wofford* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



UNCG

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

- A26 vs. Campbell 7 p.m.
- A29 vs. Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.
- S3 vs. Stetson 7 p.m.
- S5 vs. Saint Joseph's 3 p.m.
- S11 at Winthrop 7 p.m.
- S14 at Virginia 7 p.m.
- S18 vs. Radford 7 p.m.
- S21 vs. Clemson 7 p.m.
- S25 vs. VMI* 7 p.m.
- S28 at Coastal Carolina 7 p.m.
- O2 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.
- O9 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- O16 at Belmont* 6 p.m.
- O19 vs. USC Upstate 7 p.m.
- O23 vs. Wofford* 7 p.m.
- O26 at Longwood 6 p.m.
- O30 at ETSU* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



VMI

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

- A26 at George Washington .. 1 p.m.
- A31 at Longwood 6 p.m.
- S4 vs. Presbyterian 1 p.m.
- S7 at Northern Kentucky 1 p.m.
- S11 at Gardner-Webb 4 p.m.
- S15 vs. Radford 4 p.m.
- S18 at Wofford* 1 p.m.
- S21 vs. Howard 4 p.m.
- S25 at UNCG* 7 p.m.
- S28 at Eastern Mennonite ... 7 p.m.
- O2 vs. Belmont* 3:30 p.m.
- O9 at Mercer* 1 p.m.
- O12 at Liberty 6 p.m.
- O16 vs. ETSU* 3 p.m.
- O20 at Robert Morris 2 p.m.
- O23 vs. UNC Asheville 3 p.m.
- O30 vs. Furman* 3:30 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Wofford

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

- A29 at Jacksonville 6 p.m.
- S5 vs. Georgia Southern 7 p.m.
- S7 at Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.
- S11 vs. UNC Asheville 7 p.m.
- S14 at Presbyterian 7 p.m.
- S18 vs. VMI 1 p.m.
- S21 at USC Upstate 7 p.m.
- S25 at Georgia State* 7 p.m.
- S28 at Charlotte 7 p.m.
- O2 at ETSU* 6 p.m.
- O9 at Belmont* 6 p.m.
- O12 at UNC 7 p.m.
- O16 vs. Furman* 7 p.m.
- O20 vs. High Point 7 p.m.
- O23 at UNCG* 7 p.m.
- O30 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.

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