



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER 2019



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2019 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	-
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

•Last season's regular season champions Mercer have been picked as the preseason favorite for the 2019 Southern Conference men's soccer season. The Bears have won the regular season or tournament title in four of the last five years.

•Furman has been predicted to finish second by the conference's coaches following their victory at the 2018 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship last season.

•Four teams will be under new direction this year. David Costa (Belmont), Chris Rich (UNCG), Charlie Hubbard (VMI) and Joel Tyson (Wofford) will all lead their respective teams this year for the first time. The upcoming season will mark the inaugural campaign as head coaches for all four.

•Furman senior forward Emery May opens the 2019 season as the active career leader in points (37) and goals (15), while sitting in second for game-winning goals (4). Mercer senior midfielder Roberto Arteaga leads active players in assists (13), with Furman senior midfielder Rocky Guerra the next-highest in assists (12). Trevor Martineau returns as the leader in game-winning goals (5), with all coming last season.

•Reigning player and freshman of the year, Trevor Martineau, returns as the leader in game-winning goals (5), with all coming last season. Martineau was a preseason all-conference selection and named to College Soccer News' Preseason All-America Third Team

•Furman redshirt junior goalkeeper Ben Hale returns for the 2019 season as the active career leader in goals against average (0.98), wins (24), and shutouts (14). VMI sophomore Broden Schull leads all returners in career saves (121) after a tremendous inaugural campaign.

•The regular season is set to begin on Friday, Aug. 30 with all seven teams in action.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Aug. 30 (Friday)
 Winthrop at VMI # 4 p.m.
 Mercer at Cincinnati % 7 p.m.
 Belmont at Bradley % 7 p.m.
 ETSU at VCU % 7 p.m.
 UNCG vs. George Washington % 7 p.m.
 Furman at Duke @ 7:30 p.m.
 Wofford at Houston Baptist 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 (Sunday)
 Furman vs. Elon @ 12 p.m.
 Wofford vs. UTRGV 7 p.m.

Sept. 2 (Monday)
 Belmont at Georgia State 6 p.m.
 ETSU at Old Dominion 7 p.m.
 Presbyterian at Mercer 7 p.m.
 UNCG at Radford % 7 p.m.

%=ESPN+ / ESPN3
 @=ACC Extra
 #=SDN

PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – For the first time since joining the Southern Conference, the Mercer Bears have been selected as the preseason favorite by the league's seven head coaches. The Bears edged out last year's tournament champion, Furman, by just four points to take the top spot.

The coaches also selected an 11-member preseason all-conference team, with Furman leading the league with four selections. ETSU and Mercer were next in line with three selections each, while Belmont rounded out the team with one selection.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams or players in the balloting.

Mercer, the 2018 regular-season champion, received 35 points and five first-place votes. Furman received the remaining two first-place votes and 31 total points. The Paladins were also picked to finish second last season before taking home the crown at the 2018 SoCon Men's Soccer Championship. ETSU was tabbed to finish third with 27 points, with last year's preseason favorite and tournament runner-up UNCG taking the fourth spot with 20 points. Belmont was picked fifth with 15 points to edge Wofford (13) by two points, while VMI rounded out the poll with six points.

SoCon PRESEASON INFO

Preseason poll

School (1st)	Pts.
1. Mercer (5)	35
2. Furman (2)	31
3. ETSU	27
4. UNCG	20
5. Belmont	15
6. Wofford	13
7. VMI	6

Preseason all-conference team Pos, Player, school

F Bruno Andrade, ETSU
 F Emery May, Furman
 F Trevor Martineau, Mercer
 MF Niccolo Dagnoni, Belmont
 MF Rocky Guerra, Furman
 MF Roberto Arteaga, Mercer
 D Merveil Bilomba, ETSU
 D John Lucchesi, ETSU
 D Jack Shiels, Furman
 D Joshua Harrison, Mercer
 GK Ben Hale, Furman



Mercer, the 2018 regular season champions, have been picked to repeat this feat by the conference's head coaches.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September

October

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 3

Sept. 10

Sept. 17

Sept. 24

Oct. 1

Oct. 8

Oct. 15

Oct. 22

Oct. 29

Nov. 5

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

- 37 Emery May, Sr., FUR
- 29 Roberto Arteaga, Sr., MER
- 25 Trevor Martineau, So., MER
- 22 Lucas Altman, Sr., WOF

GOALS

- 15 Emery May, Sr., FUR
- 9 Trevor Martineau, So., MER
- 9 Lucas Altman, Sr., WOF
- 8 Roberto Arteaga, Sr., MER
- 8 Cole McLagan, R-Jr., FUR

ASSISTS

- 13 Roberto Arteaga, Sr., MER
- 12 Rocky Guerra, Sr., FUR
- 10 Nelson Oceano, Jr., UNCG
- 8 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Jr., MER
- 8 Bruno Andrade, Jr., ETSU

GAME-WINNING GOALS

- 5 Trever Martineau, So., MER
- 4 Emery May, Sr., FUR
- 3 Lucas Altman, Sr., WOF
- 3 Sam Ross, Sr., WOF

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

- 0.98 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

- 121 Broden Schull, So., VMI
- 119 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
- 77 Nicolo Dini, Jr., BEL
- 69 JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
- 51 Shane Berson, R-So., WOF
- 51 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU

WINS

- 24 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
- 12 JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
- 8 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 4 Nicolo Dini, Jr., BEL
- 3 Shane Berson, R-So., WOF

SHUTOUTS

- 14 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
- 5 JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
- 3 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 2 Shane Berson, R-So., WOF

() indicates SoCon career rank

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	Prev.
1. Maryland (13)	1
2. Indiana (6)	3
3. Akron (2)	2
4. Wake Forest (4)	6
5. Stanford	7
6. North Carolina (2)	14
7. Michigan State	4
8. Kentucky	5
9. Notre Dame	8
10. Duke	11
11. St. Mary's	9
12. Virginia	15
13. Georgetown	13
14. Louisville	16
15. UCF	18
16. Virginia Tech	17
17. James Madison	10
18. Denver	19
19. Air Force	12
20. Portland	21
21. Charlotte	20
22. Oregon State	23
23. West Virginia	22
24. Michigan	24
25. UC-Irvine	RV

NR=Not Ranked

RV=Recieved Votes

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
David Casper, ETSU	9-7-1 (2nd)	9-7-1 (2nd)	4-1-1 (2nd)
Doug Allison, Furman	310-143-59 (25th)	310-143-59 (25th)	130-50-21 (25th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	101-90-26 (12th)	101-90-26 (12th)	29-13-4 (6th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
Charlie Hubbard, VMI	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)

2019 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

This Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship debuts a new format in 2019, with no predetermined sites. The first-round game between the Nos. 6 and 7 seeds will be played at the No. 6 seed on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds will host the quarterfinals and semifinals the following weekend, with the highest remaining seed hosting the title match on Saturday, Nov. 16, or Sunday, Nov. 17.

First Round
Tuesday, Nov. 5
M1: No. 7 seed at No. 6 seed

Quarterfinals
Friday, Nov. 8
M2: No. 5 seed vs. No. 4 seed
M3: Match 1 winner vs. No. 3 seed

Semifinals
Sunday, November 10
M4: Match 2 winner vs. No. 1 seed
M5: Match 3 winner vs. No. 2 seed

Final
Saturday, Nov. 16 or Sunday, Nov. 17
M6: Match 4 winner vs. Match 5 winner



SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

American (0-0-0)

8/30	Mercer at Cincinnati	7 p.m.
9/8	Mercer vs. Memphis	1 p.m.
9/17	Memphis at Belmont	7 p.m.

Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)

8/30	Furman at #10 Duke	7:30 p.m.
9/6	UNCG at Clemson	7 p.m.
9/9	#4 North Carolina at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/24	Clemson at Furman	7 p.m.
10/1	Belmont at #14 Louisville	6 p.m.
10/8	ETSU at NC State	7 p.m.

Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

9/7	Lipscomb at ETSU	3 p.m.
9/17	Jacksonville at Mercer	7 p.m.
9/17	VMI at Liberty	7 p.m.
10/5	VMI at NJIT	3 p.m.
10/7	North Florida at Mercer	6 p.m.

Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

8/30	ETSU at VCU	7 p.m.
8/30	George Washington at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/7	VMI at Duquesne	11 a.m.
9/14	Davidson at Furman	7 p.m.
10/1	UNCG at Davidson	7 p.m.
10/15	ETSU at Davidson	7 p.m.

Big South (0-0-0)

8/30	Winthrop at VMI	4 p.m.
9/2	UNCG at Radford	7 p.m.
9/2	Presbyterian at Mercer	7 p.m.
9/4	VMI at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.
9/6	Furman at Gardner-Webb	7 p.m.
9/6	Winthrop at Wofford	7:30 p.m.
9/8	Furman at Winthrop	7 p.m.
9/8	Gardner-Webb at Wofford	7 p.m.
9/11	UNC Asheville at Furman	7 p.m.
9/11	VMI at Longwood	7 p.m.
9/13	UNCG at Campbell	7 p.m.

9/14	Gardner-Webb at VMI	12 p.m.
9/17	Presbyterian at ETSU	7 p.m.
9/17	Wofford at High Point	7 p.m.
9/18	UNCG at UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
9/21	Presbyterian at Belmont	2 p.m.
9/21	USC Upstate at Furman	7 p.m.
9/21	ETSU at High Point	7 p.m.
9/21	Wofford at UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
9/24	Mercer at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
9/28	Furman at Presbyterian	7 p.m.
10/1	Winthrop at Mercer	7 p.m.
10/1	Campbell at Wofford	7 p.m.
10/5	UNCG at High Point	7 p.m.
10/8	Longwood at Wofford	7 p.m.
10/26	Wofford at USC Upstate	7 p.m.

Colonial (0-0-0)

9/1	Furman vs. Elon	12 p.m.
9/25	UNCG at Elon	7 p.m.

Conference USA (0-0-0)

9/2	ETSU at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
9/6	Mercer at UAB	8 p.m.
9/10	ETSU at Marshall	7 p.m.
9/11	Mercer at South Carolina	7 p.m.
9/18	Furman at South Carolina	7 p.m.
9/24	#21 Charlotte at Wofford	7 p.m.
10/1	#21 Charlotte at Furman	7 p.m.
10/5	#8 Kentucky at ETSU	7:30 p.m.
11/2	Old Dominion at UNCG	7 p.m.

Metro Atlantic (0-0-0)

9/21	St. Peter's College at VMI	12 p.m.
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Missouri Valley (0-0-0)

8/30	Belmont at Bradley	7 p.m.
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Pac-12 (0-0-0)

9/6	Belmont at San Diego State	9 p.m.
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Summit League (0-0-0)

9/13	Belmont at Purdue Fort Wayne	4 p.m.
9/24	Belmont at Eastern Illinois	3 p.m.

Sun Belt (0-0-0)

9/2	Belmont at Georgia State	6 p.m.
9/21	Appalachian State at UNCG	7 p.m.
9/28	Howard at VMI	12 p.m.
9/28	Georgia State at ETSU	7 p.m.
9/28	Mercer at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.
10/1	ETSU at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
10/4	Wofford at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.
10/5	Mercer at Georgia State	7 p.m.

West Coast (0-0-0)

9/8	Belmont at San Diego	2 p.m.
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Western Athletic (0-0-0)

8/30	Wofford at Houston Baptist	7:30 p.m.
9/1	Wofford vs UTRGV	7 p.m.

Non Division 1 (0-0-0)

9/28	Faulkner at Belmont	6:30 p.m.
10/1	Regent University at VMI	4 p.m.
10/8	North Greenville at Furman	7 p.m.

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

Ranking=United Soccer Coaches

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Belmont

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

A30	at Bradley	7 p.m.
S2	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
S6	at Sand Diego State.....	9 p.m.
S8	at San Diego	2 p.m.
S13	at Purdue Fort Wayne	4 p.m.
S17	MEMPHIS.....	7 p.m.
S21	PRESBYTERIAN	2 p.m.
S24	at Eastern Illinois	3 p.m.
S28	FAULKNER	6:30 p.m.
O1	at #14 Louisville	6 p.m.
O12	WOFFORD*	5 p.m.
O15	UNCG*	6:30 p.m.
O19	at Mercer*	6 p.m.
O26	at VMI*	11 a.m.
O29	ETSU*	6:30 p.m.
N2	at Furman*	6 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



ETSU

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

A30	at VCU.....	7 p.m.
S2	at Old Dominion.....	7 p.m.
S7	LIPSCOMB	3 p.m.
S10	at Marshall	7 p.m.
S17	PRESBYTERIAN	7 p.m.
S21	at High Point.....	7 p.m.
S28	GEORGIA STATE.....	7 p.m.
O1	at Appalachian State.....	7 p.m.
O5	#8 KENTUCKY.....	7:30 p.m.
O8	at NC State.....	7 p.m.
O12	at Furman*.....	7 p.m.
O15	at Davidson	7 p.m.
O19	at VMI*	12 p.m.
O22	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O26	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O29	at Belmont*	7:30 p.m.
N2	WOFFORD*	7:30 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Furman

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

A30	at #10 Duke %	7:30 p.m.
S1	vs. Elon %	12 p.m.
S6	at Gardner-Webb	7 p.m.
S8	at Winthrop	2 p.m.
S11	UNC ASHEVILLE	7 p.m.
S14	DAVIDSON	7 p.m.
S18	at South Carolina.....	7 p.m.
S21	USC UPSTATE	7 p.m.
S24	CLEMSON.....	7 p.m.
S28	at Presbyterian	7 p.m.
O1	#21 CHARLOTTE.....	7 p.m.
O8	NORTH GREENVILLE.....	7 p.m.
O12	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O15	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O22	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O26	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O29	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
N2	BELMONT*	7 p.m.

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% John Rennie Nike Invitational



Mercer

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

A30	at Cincinnati.....	7 p.m.
S2	PRESBYTERIAN	7 p.m.
S6	at UAB.....	8 p.m.
S8	MEMPHIS.....	1 p.m.
S11	at South Carolina.....	7 p.m.
S17	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
S24	at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
S28	at Georgia Southern.....	7 p.m.
O1	WINTHROP.....	7 p.m.
O5	at Georgia State	7 p.m.
O7	NORTH FLORIDA.....	6 p.m.
O15	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O19	BELMONT*	7 p.m.
O22	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O26	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O29	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
N2	VMI*	5 p.m.

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% Game played in Birmingham, AL



UNCG

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

A30	GEORGE WASHINGTON..	7 p.m.
S2	at Radford.....	7 p.m.
S6	at Clemson	7 p.m.
S9	#4 NORTH CAROLINA	7 p.m.
S13	at Campbell.....	7 p.m.
S18	at UNC Asheville.....	7 p.m.
S21	APPALACHIAN STATE	7 p.m.
S25	at Elon	7 p.m.
O1	at Davidson	7 p.m.
O5	at High Point.....	7 p.m.
O12	VMI*	7 p.m.
O15	at Belmont*	7 p.m.
O19	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O22	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O26	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O29	MERCER*	7 p.m.
N2	OLD DOMINION.....	7 p.m.

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VMI

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

A30	WINTHROP.....	4 p.m.
S4	at UNC Asheville.....	6 p.m.
S7	at Duquesne.....	11 a.m.
S11	at Longwood	7 p.m.
S14	GARDNER-WEBB	12 p.m.
S17	at Liberty.....	7 p.m.
S21	ST. PETER'S COLLEGE	12 p.m.
S28	HOWARD	12 p.m.
O1	REGENT UNIVERSITY	4 p.m.
O5	at NJIT.....	3 p.m.
O12	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O15	FURMAN*	4 p.m.
O19	ETSU*	12 p.m.
O22	at Wofford*	6 p.m.
O26	BELMONT*	12 p.m.
N2	at Mercer*	5 p.m.

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Wofford

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

A30	at Houston Baptist.....	7:30 p.m.
S1	vs. UTRGV %.....	7 p.m.
S6	WINTHROP.....	7:30 p.m.
S8	GARDNER-WEBB.....	7 p.m.
S17	at High Point.....	7 p.m.
S21	at UNC Asheville.....	7 p.m.
S24	#21 CHARLOTTE	7 p.m.
O1	CAMPBELL	7 p.m.
O4	at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.
O8	LONGWOOD	7 p.m.
O12	at Belmont*	7 p.m.
O15	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O19	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O22	VMI*	6 p.m.
O26	at USC Upstate.....	7 p.m.
O29	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
N2	ETSU*	7 p.m.

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% Game played in Houston, TX