

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

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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	
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
Western Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1
Mercer	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-4	.000	0-1	0-3	L4

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)

Nov. 21 (Saturday) Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky	<b>Series</b> Eastern Kentucky leads 3-2	<b>TV/Digital</b> ESPN3	Time 3 p.m.
<b>Dec. 5 (Saturday)</b> Western Carolina at North Carolina	<b>Series</b> North Carolina leads 2-0	<b>TV/Digital</b> TBA	<b>Time</b> TBA
Feb. 20 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
*Samford at ETSU	Samford leads 6-1	ESPN+/3	TBA
*Western Carolina at Furman	Furman leads 33-12-2	ESPN+/3	TBA
*Mercer at Wofford	Series tied 6-6	ESPN+/3	TBA
*VMI at Chattanooga	Chattanooga leads 17-8-1	ESPN+/3	TBA

# Coaching Records

Coach, School	Career Record	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	47-9 (5th)	0-3 (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	32-61 (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

- Western Carolina heads to the Ohio Valley Conference's Eastern Kentucky on Saturday for the inaugural Opportunity Bowl. The game is dedicated to the late Dr. Sheila Davidson Pressley, a 1989 Western Carolina graduate and the former Dean of Health Sciences at EKU who also served as the Faculty Athletics Representative.
- The Catamounts opened their fall slate on Nov. 14 at FBS No. 22 Liberty, falling 58-14. Quarterback Will Jones hit Clayton Bardall for a 9-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter to make it a 14-7 contest and QB Mark Wright, who earned the starting nod, added a 3-yard TD run late in the third quarter.
- Wright, a junior college transfer in his first season at Western Carolina, went 11-for-17 for 66 yards through the air and carried the ball 10 times for 12 yards and a score.
- Senior running back Donnavan Spencer had 103 all-purpose yards, as he rushed for a team-best 79 yards and had 24 yards receiving.
- Senior linebacker Ty Harris had a game-high 11 tackles, including five solo stops and a sack. Junior cornerback Jacob Harris had nine tackles. Junior transfer linebacker Willie Hampton forced a fumble that was recovered by redshirt freshman Dorian Davis.
- Eastern Kentucky leads the series with Western Carolina 3-2, but the Catamounts won the last meeting 24-7 in 2009. This year's meeting will be the third straight between the schools in Richmond, Kentucky.
- •The Colonels are 2-6 on the season with a 37-14 win at The Citadel on Sept. 26 and a 31-28 win over No. 11 Central Arkansas on Oct. 24.
- EKU played UCA again its last time out, falling 37-25 on Nov. 14. The Colonels rallied from a 24-0 deficit to take a 25-24 lead after three quarters, but the Bears scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to salvage the season split.
- EKU quarterback Parker McKinney is third in the FCS with 226.3 passing yards per game and 251.3 yards of total offense per game and fourth in total passing yards (1,358) and points responsible for (72). Running back Alonzo Booth is second in the FCS with 530 rushing yards.
- •Two of Western Carolina's three fall opponents have appeared in the national rankings this season. Liberty is up one spot in this week's Associated Press Top 25 to No. 21, while North Carolina re-entered the coaches' poll at No. 24 this week but has reached as high as high as No. 5 this fall.
- Western Carolina's game at North Carolina has been moved up six days to Dec. 5 due to adjustments the Atlantic Coast Conference made Monday to its league schedule.
- Wofford alum Miles Brown was signed to the Tennessee Titans' practice squad last week. Brown played in nine regular-season games with Arizona last season.

# SoCon vs. Other Conferences

### FBS opponents (0-6)

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, 7 p.m.

Independents (0-3)

Oct. 10 Army West Point 14, The Citadel 9
Oct. 24 Army West Point 49, Mercer 3
Nov. 14 Liberty 58, Western Carolina 14

Conference USA (0-1)

Oct. 24 Western Kentucky 13, Chattanooga 10

#### FCS opponents (0-3)

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 (0-1)

Oct. 31 Abilene Christian 20, Mercer 17

<u>Home team underlined</u> All times Eastern

# SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players are on NFL active rosters.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
	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	s Jaquiski Tartt, Samford
San Francisco 49er	s Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern
Tennessee Titans	Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga

Five 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	Devlin Hodges, Samford
Tennessee Titans	Kareem Orr, Čhattanooga
Tennessee Titans	Mile Brown, Wofford

# 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	26-17-0	.605	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)	54	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	27
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)	136	41-0 – NC State (2019)	12
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	41	3-0 - Gardner-Webb (2013)	81

# ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SOCON PLAY

Years	W-L-T	Pct.
81st	215-300-5	.418
29th	79-133-0	.373
81st	277-215-11	.562
6th	18-28-0	.391
12th	52-42-0	.553
43rd	151-158-2	.487
85th	186-313-23	.378
43rd	115-199-1	.367
23rd	114-64-0	.640
	81st 29th 81st 6th 12th 43rd 85th 43rd	81st 215-300-5 29th 79-133-0 81st 277-215-11 6th 18-28-0 12th 52-42-0 43rd 151-158-2 85th 186-313-23 43rd 115-199-1

# 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

#### Third team Offense

RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman

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

**Defense** LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams LS – Robert Solderholm, Jr., VMI

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

Offense

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

# Fourth team

OL - Cole Strange, Sr., Chattanooga

#### **Stats Perform Preseason All-America** First team Offense

RB – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel

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 Lance Wise, Mercer

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#### 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, Domingue 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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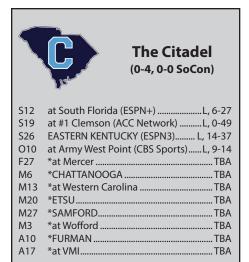
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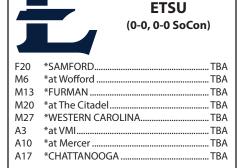
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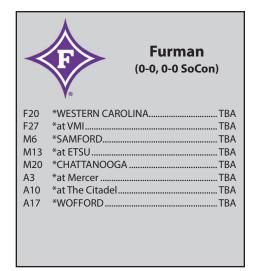
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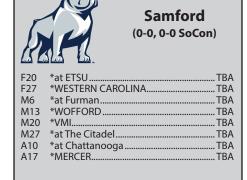






# Mercer (0-3, 0-0 SoCon)

	O10	at Jacksonville State (ESPN3) L, 28-34
	024	at Army West Point (CBS Sports)L, 3-49
	O31	ABILENE CHRISTIAN (ESPN3/Nexstar) L, 17-20
	F20	*at WoffordTBA
	F27	*THE CITADELTBA
	M13	*at VMITBA
	M20	*WESTERN CAROLINATBA
	M27	*at ChattanoogaTBA
	A3	*FURMANTBA
	A10	*ETSUTBA
	A17	*at SamfordTBA
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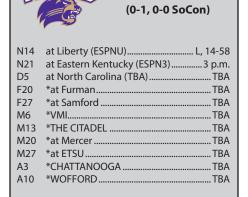






# VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

F20	*at Chattanooga	TBA
F27	*FURMAN	TBA
M6	*at Western Carolina	TBA
M13	*MERCER	TBA
M20	*at Samford	TBA
M27	*at Wofford	TBA
A3	*ETSU	TBA
A17	*THE CITADEL	TBA



**Western Carolina** 



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

F20	*MERCER	TBA
F27	*at Chattanooga	TBA
M6	*ETSU	TBA
M13	*at Samford	TBA
M27	*VMI	TBA
A3	*THE CITADEL	TBA
A10	*at Western Carolina	TBA
A17	*at Furman	TBA

All times Eastern

\* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game

**Note:** The Citadel was granted an NCAA waiver to play a 12th regular-season football game this academic year. The Bulldogs will be able to compete in a full eightgame SoCon slate in the spring and will be eligible for the league's championship and automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Football Championship.