

# SoCon Men's Soccer

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## 2016 SoCON MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
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

• All six Southern Conference men's soccer squads open the season Friday, with Mercer and VMI hosting the only two home matches.

• Defending regular-season champion UNCG was picked by the league's head coaches to retain the crown, narrowly edging two-time defending tournament champion Furman in the preseason poll (see below).

• ETSU forward Fletcher Ekern returns this season after leading the league in goals with 10 and finishing second in points with 23 in 2015.

• Wofford senior forward Matthew Aurednik enters the 2016 season as the SoCon's active leader in career points (47) and goals (21). Teammate and classmate Garrett Closs is the league's active leader in most goalkeeper stats, including goals against average (1.55), saves (127), wins (20) and shutouts (eight).

• Mercer senior keeper Jeremy Booth, who has been active in the league for just one year, shares the active shutout lead with Closs with eight.

• VMI will be under the direction of new head coach Michael Bonelli, who came to the Keydets after two years at the helm for St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. He was also the head coach at Slippery Rock from 2010-13.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

### Aug. 26 (Friday)

Longwood at VMI (SDN) 4 p.m.  
 Furman vs. #23 FIU 5 p.m.  
 (Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
 ETSU at High Point (BSN) 7 p.m.  
 Georgia State at Mercer 7 p.m.  
 UNCG at Jacksonville (ESPN3) 7 p.m.  
 (Mike Gibbs Memorial Tournament)  
 Wofford at Presbyterian (BSN) 7:30 p.m.

### Aug. 30 (Tuesday)

Liberty at VMI 4 p.m.  
 Mercer at South Carolina (SEC+) 7 p.m.

### Aug. 31 (Wednesday)

George Mason at ETSU 7 p.m.

### Sept. 2 (Friday)

Mercer vs. Winthrop (YT) 5 p.m.  
 (Big South/SoCon Challenge; Spartanburg, S.C.)  
 UAB at UNCG (SDN) 7 p.m.  
 Gardner-Webb at Wofford (YT) 7:30 p.m.  
 (Big South/SoCon Challenge)

### Aug. 28 (Sunday)

Furman vs. Navy 12 p.m.  
 (Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
 UNCG at North Florida (ASun.TV) 7 p.m.  
 (Mike Gibbs Memorial Tournament)

### Aug. 29 (Monday)

Davidson at Wofford (YT) 7 p.m.

SDN - SoCon Digital Network  
 BSN - Big South Network  
 YT - YouTube  
 SEC+ - SEC Network+

## SOCON PRESEASON INFO

### Preseason poll

#### School (1st)

	Pts.
1. UNCG (3)	23
2. Furman (2)	21
T3. ETSU	16
T3. Mercer (1)	16
5. Wofford	9
6. VMI	5

### Preseason all-conference team

#### Pos. Player, school

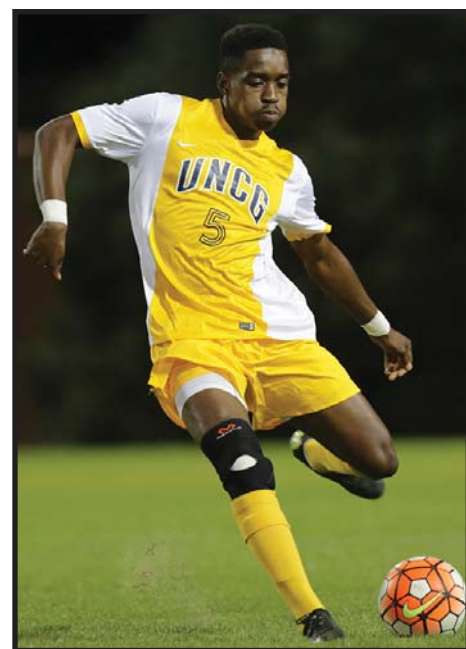
F Will Bagrou, Mercer  
 F Fletcher Ekern, ETSU  
 F Joao Ramalho, ETSU  
 F Damieon Thomas, UNCG  
 MF Leeroy Maguraushe, UNCG  
 MF Jordan Duru, Mercer  
 MF Eli Pinner, Furman  
 D Ian Antley, Mercer  
 D Nicholas Downs, UNCG  
 D Kyle McLagan, Furman  
 GK Jon Milligan, UNCG

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – Defending Southern Conference men's soccer regular-season champion UNCG was picked to win the league again in 2016 in voting among the six league head coaches, edging two-time defending SoCon tournament champion Furman in the preseason poll. The SoCon coaches also selected an 11-member preseason all-conference team, with UNCG leading the way with four selections.

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

The Spartans collected 23 points in the poll, garnering three first-place votes. Furman was close behind with two-first place votes and 21 points, with ETSU and Mercer tying for third in the poll with 16 points each.

The Spartans, who return eight starters from last year's squad, put forward Damieon Thomas, midfielder Leeroy Maguraushe, defender Nicholas Downs and keeper Jon Milligan on the preseason all-conference team.



**UNCG's Leeroy Maguraushe**

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

## SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 30  
 Sept. 6  
 Sept. 13  
 Sept. 20  
 Sept. 27  
 Oct. 4  
 Oct. 11  
 Oct. 18  
 Oct. 25  
 Nov. 1

## SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September  
 October

## ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

### POINTS SCORED

1. 47 Matthew Aurednik, Sr., WOF
2. 43 Will Bagrou, Jr., MER
3. 39 Lewis Hawke, Sr., FUR
4. 33 Bobby Edet, Sr., FUR
5. 32 Joao Ramalho, R-Sr., ETSU

### GOALS

1. 21 Matthew Aurednik, Sr., WOF
2. 17 Lewis Hawke, Sr., FUR
- 17 Will Bagrou, Jr., MER
4. 15 Bobby Edet, Sr., FUR
5. 14 Joao Ramalho, R-Sr., ETSU

### ASSISTS

1. 10 Jordan Duru, Sr., MER
2. 9 Will Bagrou, Jr., MER
3. 6 Ian Antley, Sr., MER
4. 5 Eight players tied

### GAME-WINNING GOALS

1. 7 Bobby Edet, Sr., FUR
- 7 Will Bagrou, Jr., MER
3. 6 Matthew Aurednik, Sr., WOF
4. 5 Joao Ramalho, R-Sr., ETSU
- 5 Lewis Hawke, Sr., FUR

### GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

1. 1.55 Garrett Closs, Sr., WOF

### SAVES

1. 127 Garrett Closs, Sr., WOF
2. 83 Jeremy Booth, Sr., MER
3. 70 Jonny Sutherland, So., ETSU
4. 48 Joe Wichmann, Sr., WOF
5. 33 Jon Milligan, So., UNCG

### WINS

1. 20 Garrett Closs, Sr., WOF
2. 11 Jeremy Booth, Sr., MER
- 11 Joe Wichmann, Sr., WOF
4. 8 Jonny Sutherland, So., ETSU
5. 6 Jon Milligan, So., UNCG

### SHUTOUTS

1. 8 Jeremy Booth, Sr., MER
- 8 Garrett Closs, Sr., WOF
3. 5 Jonny Sutherland, So., ETSU
- 5 Joe Wichman, Sr., WOF
5. 4 Jon Milligan, So., UNCG

() indicates SoCon career rank

## COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
Bo Oshoniyi, ETSU	15-17-5 (3rd)	Same	7-10-3 (3rd)
Doug Allison, Furman	267-117-48 (22nd)	Same	107-35-13 (22nd)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	69-70-17 (9th)	Same	13-5-2 (3rd)
Justin Maullin, UNCG*	52-50-17 (7th)	Same	26-13-8 (7th)
Michael Bonelli, VMI	58-39-14 (7th)	0-0-0 (1st)	0-0-0 (1st)
Ralph Polson, Wofford	263-173-39 (25th)	67-69-13 (9th)	27-30-4 (9th)

\* later vacated 22 wins and six ties (nine wins and three ties in SoCon play) from 2010-11

## 2016 SoCon CHAMPIONSHIP

### CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship will include all six league programs again in 2016. The top two seeds will earn byes into the semifinals, while seeds 3-6 will play quarterfinals matches at the higher seeds on Nov. 5. The tournament moves to the UNCG Soccer Stadium in Greensboro, N.C., for the semifinals and final, with the semis being contested on Nov. 10 and the title match on Nov. 12.

### QUARTERFINALS - Nov. 5

Game 1 - No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed  
 Game 2 - No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed

### SEMIFINALS - Nov. 10

Game 3 - Winner Game 1 vs. No. 1 seed  
 Game 4 - Winner Game 2 vs. No. 2 seed

### CHAMPIONSHIP - Nov. 12 (ESPN3)

Game 5 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4



# SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

## American (0-0-0)

9/11 UCF at Mercer 7 p.m.

## Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)

9/13 ETSU at North Carolina 7 p.m.

10/4 VMI at Virginia Tech 7 p.m.

## Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

8/26 UNCG at Jacksonville 7 p.m.

8/28 UNCG at North Florida 7 p.m.

9/8 Mercer at Lipscomb 8 p.m.

9/14 Jacksonville at Mercer 7 p.m.

9/17 Campbell at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/20 USC Upstate at Wofford 7 p.m.

## Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

8/29 Davidson at Wofford 7 p.m.

8/31 George Mason at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/9 Wofford at Duquesne 8 p.m.

(Duquesne Invitational; Pittsburgh, Pa.)

## Big South (0-0-0)

8/26 Longwood at VMI 4 p.m.

8/26 ETSU at High Point 7 p.m.

8/26 Wofford at Presbyterian 7:30 p.m.

8/30 Liberty at VMI 4 p.m.

9/2 Mercer vs. Winthrop 5 p.m.

(Big South/SoCon Challenge; Spartanburg, S.C.)

9/2 Gardner-Webb at Wofford 7:30 p.m.

(Big South/SoCon Challenge)

9/4 Mercer vs. Gardner-Webb 1 p.m.

(Big South/SoCon Challenge; Spartanburg, S.C.)

9/4 Winthrop at Wofford 3:30 p.m.

(Big South/SoCon Challenge)

9/7 Presbyterian at Furman 7 p.m.

9/11 UNCG at UNC Asheville 2 p.m.

9/13 Furman at Gardner-Webb 7 p.m.

9/14 UNCG at Presbyterian 7 p.m.

9/17 VMI at Gardner-Webb 3 p.m.

9/18 UNC Asheville at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/21 Mercer at Presbyterian 7 p.m.

## Colonial (0-0-0)

9/3 Coll. of Charleston at Furman 7 p.m.

## Conference USA (0-0-0)

8/26 Furman vs. #23/-- FIU 5 p.m.

(Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)

8/30 Mercer at South Carolina 7 p.m.

9/2 UAB at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/10 Kentucky at Furman 7 p.m.

9/20 South Carolina at Furman 7 p.m.

9/21 ETSU at Kentucky 7 p.m.

## Mid-American (0-0-0)

9/9 Buffalo at VMI 1 p.m.

9/9 ETSU at West Virginia 7 p.m.

9/24 West Virginia at UNCG 7 p.m.

## Patriot (0-0-0)

8/28 Furman vs. Navy 12 p.m.

(Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic; Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)

9/11 Wofford vs. Bucknell 11 a.m.

(Duquesne Invitational; Pittsburgh, Pa.)

## Sun Belt (0-0-0)

8/26 Georgia State at Mercer 7 p.m.

9/3 VMI at Howard 2 p.m.

9/3 Appalachian State at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/17 Georgia Southern at Mercer 7 p.m.

9/20 Coastal Carolina at UNCG 7 p.m.

**Total ..... (0-0-0)**

**Home team is underlined**

**Ranking = NSCAA/Soccer America**

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## NSCAA TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	PS
Stanford (20)	1
Akron (2)	2
Clemson (2)	3
Maryland	4
Wake Forest	5
Syracuse	6
Creighton	7
North Carolina	8
Notre Dame	9
Georgetown	10
Boston College	11
SMU	12
UC Santa Barbara	13
Seattle	14
Indiana	15
UCLA	16
Virginia	17
Ohio State	18
South Florida	19
Denver	20
Coastal Carolina	21
Charlotte	22
FIU	23
South Carolina	24
Rutgers	25

## SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25 POLL

School	PS
Akron	1
Stanford	2
UCLA	3
Maryland	4
North Carolina	5
Clemson	6
Wake Forest	7
Boston College	8
Creighton	9
Syracuse	10
UC Santa Barbara	11
Georgetown	12
Indiana	13
SMU	14
Notre Dame	15
Denver	16
Seattle	17
Ohio State	18
Washington	19
Virginia	20
South Florida	21
Xavier	22
California	23
Kentucky	24
Connecticut	25



### ETSU

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

A26	at High Point (BSN)	7 p.m.
A31	GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
S3	APPALACHIAN STATE	7 p.m.
S9	at West Virginia	7 p.m.
S13	at North Carolina	7 p.m.
S18	UNC ASHEVILLE	7 p.m.
S21	at Kentucky	7 p.m.
S27	at Furman* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O1	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O4	at Wofford* (YouTube)	7 p.m.
O8	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O11	VMI*	7 p.m.
O15	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O18	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O22	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O25	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O29	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
N5	at SoCon first round (campus sites)	TBD
N10-12	at SoCon Championship&	TBD

\* Southern Conference match  
& UNCG Soccer Stadium (Greensboro, N.C.)  
All times Eastern



### Furman

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

A26	vs. #23 FIU+	5 p.m.
A28	vs. Navy+	12 p.m.
S3	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON (SDN)	7 p.m.
S7	PRESBYTERIAN (SDN)	7 p.m.
S10	KENTUCKY (SDN)	7 p.m.
S13	at Gardner-Webb (BSN)	7 p.m.
S20	SOUTH CAROLINA (SDN)	7 p.m.
S24	at VMI*	4 p.m.
S27	ETSU* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O1	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O8	WOFFORD* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O11	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O15	VMI* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O18	UNCG* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O22	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O25	MERCER* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O29	at Wofford* (YouTube)	6 p.m.
N5	at SoCon first round (campus sites)	TBD
N10-12	at SoCon Championship&	TBD

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+ Aaron Olitsky Memorial Classic (Mt. Pleasant, S.C.)  
& UNCG Soccer Stadium (Greensboro, N.C.)  
All times Eastern



### Mercer

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

A26	GEORGIA STATE	7 p.m.
A30	at South Carolina (SEC Network+)	7 p.m.
S2	vs. Winthrop+ (YouTube)	5 p.m.
S4	vs. Gardner-Webb+ (YouTube)	1 p.m.
S8	at Lipscomb	8 p.m.
S11	UCF	7 p.m.
S14	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
S17	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7 p.m.
S21	at Presbyterian	7 p.m.
S27	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O1	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O4	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O8	at VMI*	12 p.m.
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& UNCG Soccer Stadium (Greensboro, N.C.)  
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### UNCG

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

A26	at Jacksonville+ (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
A28	at North Florida+ (ASun.TV)	7 p.m.
S2	UAB (SDN)	7 p.m.
S11	at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
S14	at Presbyterian (BSN)	7 p.m.
S17	CAMPBELL (SDN)	7 p.m.
S20	COASTAL CAROLINA (SDN)	7 p.m.
S24	WEST VIRGINIA (SDN)	7 p.m.
S27	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O1	FURMAN* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O4	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O8	ETSU* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O11	at Wofford* (YouTube)	6 p.m.
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O18	at Furman* (SDN)	7 p.m.
O22	WOFFORD* (SDN)	7:30 p.m.
O25	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O29	VMI* (SDN)	7 p.m.
N5	at SoCon first round (campus sites)	TBD
N10-12	at SoCon Championship&	TBD

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+ Mike Gibbs Memorial Tournament (Jacksonville, Fla.)  
& UNCG Soccer Stadium (Greensboro, N.C.)  
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### VMI

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

A26	LONGWOOD (SDN)	4 p.m.
A30	LIBERTY	4 p.m.
S3	at Howard	2 p.m.
S9	BUFFALO (SDN)	1 p.m.
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### Wofford

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A26	at Presbyterian (BSN)	7:30 p.m.
A29	DAVIDSON (YouTube)	7 p.m.
S2	GARDNER-WEBB+ (YouTube)	7:30 p.m.
S4	WINTHROP+ (YouTube)	3:30 p.m.
S9	at Duquesne%	8 p.m.
S11	vs. Bucknell%	11 a.m.
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