



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

2020-21

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

| Teams | CONFERENCE | | | | | OVERALL | | | | |
|------------------|------------|------|-----|-----|-----|---------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | W-L | Pct | H | A | ST | W-L | Pct | H | A | 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 | --- |
| Mercer | 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 | --- |
| Chattanooga | 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 | --- |
| The Citadel | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-0 | --- | 0-2 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-2 | L2 |

NOTES

• The Citadel hosts its lone home contest and takes on its only FCS opponent of the fall on Saturday when it welcomes Eastern Kentucky of the Ohio Valley Conference to Johnson Hagood Stadium. The teams will be meeting for the first time.

• Both squads enter Saturday's contest with 0-2 records after opening their campaigns against consecutive FBS opponents. The Colonels opened the season with a 59-0 loss at Marshall on Sept. 5 before falling 56-10 at West Virginia on Sept. 12. The Citadel dropped a season-opening contest at South Florida 27-6 on Sept. 12 before suffering a 49-0 loss at No. 1 Clemson on Sept. 19.

• Citadel wide receiver Raleigh Webb had a 22-yard catch against Clemson, moving his career all-purpose total to 2,011 yards.

• Quarterback Brandon Rainey enters Saturday's contest against ECU with 1,981 career rushing yards and 1,995 all-purpose yards.

• Willie Eubanks III and Sean-Thomas Faulkner had nine tackles each to lead the Bulldogs against the Tigers.

• Redshirt sophomore Javonte Middleton, making his first career start at cornerback, had seven tackles and forced and recovered a fumble.

• Junior Matthew Campbell, a member of the FCS Preseason Punter of the Year Award watch list, punted 10 times for an average of 41.8 yards in the loss at Clemson.

• Redshirt sophomore quarterback Jaylan Adams saw his first action under center in the fourth quarter, rushing for 50 yards on 12 carries. Adams also contributes on special teams and is second in the FCS with a kickoff return average of 19.0 yards so far this season.

• The Citadel became the first FCS team to face the No. 1 FBS team three times. The Bulldogs also faced No. 1 Florida State in 2014 and No. 1 Alabama in 2018.

• Prior to the Clemson contest, The Citadel had gone 109 games and nearly 10 years since its last shutout loss, a streak that had been the longest active one in the SoCon. The Bulldogs' last shutout loss before the Clemson contest came in the form of a 35-0 setback to then-No. 9 Wofford on Oct. 30, 2010.

• The Terriers, coincidentally, now have the longest active scoring streak in the SoCon, with their last shutout loss coming 81 games ago, in 2013.

• Furman is ranked No. 15 and Wofford is No. 16 in the Stats Perform 2020 Preseason FCS Top 25. The Citadel and Chattanooga also received votes in the poll, with the Bulldogs finishing as the third team out. Stats Perform will not conduct a weekly poll this fall.

• The Citadel was ranked No. 21 in the Athlon Sports and HERO Sports preseason polls.

• The SoCon will be idle on Oct. 3 before The Citadel closes its fall slate at Army West Point and Mercer opens its campaign at Jacksonville State on Oct. 10.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

| Date (Day) | Series | TV/Digital | Time |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 26 (Saturday) | Eastern Kentucky at The Citadel | ESPN3 | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 10 (Saturday) | The Citadel at Army West Point Mercer at Jacksonville State | CBS Sports Network ESPN+ | 1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 24 (Saturday) | Chattanooga at Western Kentucky Mercer at Army West Point | ESPN3/+ CBS Sports Network | 4 p.m. 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 31 (Saturday) | Abilene Christian at Mercer | TBA | TBA |
| Nov. 14 (Saturday) | Western Carolina at Liberty | ESPN+ | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 21 (Saturday) | Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky | ESPN+ | 3 p.m. |

COACHING RECORDS

| Coach, School | Career Record | School (Yrs.) | SoCon (Yrs.) |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Brent Thompson, The Citadel | 26-22 (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 | 47-6 (5th) | 0-0 (1st) | 0-0 (1st) |
| Chris Hatcher, Samford | 153-83 (21st) | 32-26 (6th) | 35-27 (9th) |
| Rusty Wright, Chattanooga | 6-6 (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 NOTE

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.

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS opponents (0-2)

American Athletic (0-1)
Sept. 12 South Florida 27, The Citadel 6

Atlantic Coast (0-1)
Sept. 19 Clemson 49, The Citadel 0

Independents (0-0)
Oct. 10 The Citadel at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 Mercer at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 14 Western Carolina at Liberty, 2 p.m.

Conference USA (0-0)
Oct. 24 Chattanooga at Western Kentucky, 4 p.m.

FCS opponents (0-0)

Ohio Valley (0-0)
Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky at The Citadel, 1 p.m.
Oct. 10 Mercer at Jacksonville State, 3 p.m.
Nov. 21 Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky, 3 p.m.

Southland (0-0)
Oct. 31 Abilene Christian at Mercer, TBA

Home team underlined
All times Eastern

SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players were on 2020 opening-week NFL active rosters.

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Atlanta Falcons | Younghoe 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 49ers | Jaquiski Tartt, Samford |
| San Francisco 49ers | Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern |
| Tennessee Titans | Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga |

Home Field Records

| Team | W-L-T | Pct. | Years | Stadium name |
|------------------|-----------|------|-------|--------------------------------|
| The Citadel | 234-151-3 | .607 | 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) | 60 | 49-0 – Clemson (2020) | 1 |
| 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) | 51 | 56-0 – Alabama (2017) | 24 |
| Samford | 43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015) | 49 | 52-0 – Auburn (2019) | 1 |
| Chattanooga | 34-0 – Presbyterian (2016) | 46 | 45-0 – Tennessee (2019) | 10 |
| 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 |

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 |

* includes two losses as a member of the Big South Conference

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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 |

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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
Offense
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

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.

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
24, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
22, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
21, Randy Joyce (APP), 1981-84
21, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
20, 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

Career
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

Career
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 Nunnally (UTC), 2017-pr.



The Citadel
(0-2, 0-0 SoCon)

S12 at South Florida (ESPN+)L, 6-27
S19 at #1 Clemson (ACC Network)L, 0-49
S26 EASTERN KENTUCKY (ESPN3)..... 1 p.m.
O10 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.



ETSU
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Furman
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Mercer
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O10 at Jacksonville State (ESPN+)..... 3 p.m.
O24 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.
O31 ABILENE CHRISTIAN..... TBA



Samford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Chattanooga
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O24 at Western Kentucky (ESPN3/+).....4 p.m.



VMI
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Western Carolina
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N14 at Liberty (ESPN+)2 p.m.
N21 at Eastern Kentucky (ESPN+).....3 p.m.



Wofford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

All times Eastern

* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game