



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L-T	Pts	CONFERENCE			OVERALL				
			GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Furman	2-0-0	6	3	1	W2	2-0-0	.1000	3	1	W2
ETSU	1-0-1	4	3	2	T1	1-2-1	.375	5	6	T1
Wofford	1-1-0	3	3	2	L1	1-1-0	.500	3	2	L1
Western Carolina	1-1-0	3	3	2	L1	2-3-0	.400	4	4	L1
Mercer	1-1-0	0	3	3	W1	4-7-1	.375	25	16	W1
UNCG	1-1-0	0	3	3	W1	1-2-1	.375	3	4	W1
Chattanooga	0-0-1	0	0	1	T1	1-0-1	.750	2	0	T1
Samford	0-0-1	0	0	1	T1	0-1-2	.333	1	2	T1
VMI	0-1-1	0	1	1	T1	1-1-2	.500	7	5	T1
The Citadel	0-2-0	0	0	0	L2	6-5-2	.636	17	13	L3

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

March 12 (Friday)

	TV/Digital	Time
*Mercer at The Citadel	ESPN+	3 p.m.
*ETSU at Chattanooga	ESPN+	4 p.m.
*Furman at VMI	ESPN+	4 p.m.
*Wofford at UNCG	ESPN+	7 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Samford	ESPN+	7 p.m.

March 14 (Sunday)

*Wofford at VMI	ESPN+	11 a.m.
*Western Carolina at Chattanooga	ESPN+	1 p.m.
*ETSU at Samford	ESPN+	2 p.m.
*Furman at UNCG	ESPN+	2 p.m.

NOTES

• SoCon play kicked off last week with 8 of the 10 teams playing a pair of contests, while Samford and Chattanooga just played once against each other.

• First year head coach Jay Yelton earned his first head coaching win on March 5 when his ETSU Bucs beat UNCG, 2-1.

• Western Carolina's Regan Ward netted a pair of goals in a two-minute span in the Catamounts' 3-0 win over VMI on March 5.

• Three of the nine contests, involving six different teams, on opening weekend went to overtime.

• The Citadel's Logan Dix has nine goals through 13 games, three of which were game-winners. Her nine goals ranks sixth nationally and her 20 points is seventh nationally.

• Mercer's 25 total goals is ninth nationally, largely in part to a 13-0 victory over Wesleyan on Feb. 11. The Bears are also 10th in total points (71) and 11th in assists (21).

• The Citadel and Mercer were the only two teams to compete in the fall. The SoCon elected to move conference play to the spring season amid concerns around the coronavirus, though teams were allowed to compete in fall nonconference action at their discretion.

• The Citadel and Mercer met twice in the fall in nonconference contests. The teams played to a 1-1 draw on Sept. 17 in Charleston, S.C. It was the first time The Citadel earned a positive result against Mercer, who entered the match 7-0 against the Bulldogs. The Citadel won the second contest, 3-2, in Oct. 9 in Macon, Georgia.

• Samford was picked to win the 2020-21 SoCon Championship in voting of the league's 10 head coaches.

• The 2021 SoCon Championship will include just four teams due to the conference's cost-cutting measures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The semifinals, hosted by the higher seeds, are slated for April 9th and/or April 10th with the final on either April 16th or 17th.

• Samford won the 2019 Southern Conference women's soccer championship by downing No. 9 The Citadel, 5-1, in the quarterfinals, No. 4 Mercer, 3-0, in the semifinals and No. 2 Furman, 1-0, in the championship final. Samford also claimed at least a share of the regular-season title for the sixth straight season in 2019.

SoCON STATS



NCAA STATS



COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Ciaran Traquair, The Citadel	61-94-6 (8th)	31-52-4 (5th)	4-34-0 (5th)
Jay Yelton, ETSU	1-2-1 (1st)	Same	1-0-1 (1st)
Andrew Burr, Furman	203-83-24 (16th)	Same	97-37-17 (16th)
Tony Economopoulos, Mercer	105-104-17 (12th)	95-63-17 (9th)	31-16-6 (7th)
Michael Coll, UNCG	103-94-26 (12th)	62-51-15 (7th)	34-15-5 (7th)
Todd Yelton, Samford*	269-132-49 (22nd)	229-100-45 (18th)	91-12-17 (12th)
Gavin McKinney, Chattanooga	104-72-20 (10th)	31-47-17 (6th)	17-21-8 (6th)
Chris Hought-Thompson, VMI	2-17-3 (2nd)	Same	0-9-2 (2nd)
Chad Miller, Western Carolina	178-151-30 (19th)	85-95-19 (11th)	41-51-8 (11th)
Emily Grant, Wofford	8-13-0 (2nd)	Same	4-7-0 (2nd)

* later vacated 24 overall wins and four ties (13 wins and four ties in SoCon play) from 2012-13

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

Overall: 9-14-4

Atlantic Coast (0-2-1)

Sept. 24 #12 Pittsburgh 2, The Citadel 1 (OT)
 Sept. 27 #12 Pittsburgh 1, The Citadel 0
 Feb. 24 NC State 0, UNCG 0 (2OT)

Atlantic Sun (2-3)

Feb. 19 The Citadel 1, Jacksonville 0
 Feb. 21 Lipscomb 2, ETSU 1
 Feb. 21 Mercer 1, Kennesaw State 0
 Feb. 23 North Florida 2, The Citadel 1
 Feb. 25 Liberty 1, Western Carolina 0

Atlantic 10 (0-1-1)

Feb. 21 Davidson 1, Western Carolina 0
 Feb. 28 VMI 1, Davidson 1 (2OT)

Big South (0-1)

Feb. 13 High Point 2, UNCG 10

Capital Athletic Conference - DIII (1-0)

Feb. 23 VMI 5, Southern Virginia 0

Conference Carolinas - DII (1-0)

Oct. 3 The Citadel 1, Belmont Abbey 0

Conference-USA (1-2-1)

Oct. 17 UAB 2, Mercer 1
 Feb. 13 Marshall 2, ETSU 1 (OT)
 Feb. 17 Western Carolina 1, Charlotte 0 (OT)
 Feb. 18 Samford 1, UAB 1 (2OT)

South Atlantic Conference - DII (1-0)

Feb. 14 The Citadel 4, Anderson 1

Southeastern Conference (0-1)

Feb. 25 Ole Miss 1, Samford 0

Sun Belt (2-4-1)

Sept. 11 Georgia State 2, Mercer 1 (OT)
 Sept. 14 The Citadel 2, Georgia Southern 1
 Sept. 24 Mercer 1, Georgia Southern 0
 Oct. 1 The Citadel 0, App State 0 (2OT)*
 Oct. 15 Georgia State 2, Mercer 1
 Oct. 16 The Citadel 3, Georgia Southern 0
 Feb. 28 Troy 1, Mercer 0 (OT)

USA South - DIII (1-0)

Feb. 11 Mercer 13, Wesleyan 0

Home team underlined

* neutral site

Active Career Leaders

Points

1. 56 Logan Dix, Sr., CIT
2. 50 Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER
3. 50 Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC
4. 37 Ally Fordham, Sr., MER
5. 35 Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU

Goals

1. 24 Logan Dix, Sr., CIT
2. 22 Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC
3. 17 Ally Fordham, Sr., MER
4. 16 Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU
5. 15 Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER

Assists

1. 20 Abigail Zoeller, Jr., MER
2. 13 Alyssa Frazier, Sr., SAM
3. 12 Suzuka Yosue, So., CIT
4. 10 Sarah Adcock, Sr., MER
5. 10 Hannah Roth, Sr., CIT

Game-Winning Goals

1. 7 Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC
- 7 Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR
3. 6 Logan Dix, Sr., CIT
- 6 Ally Fordham, Sr., MER
- 5 Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU
- 5 Erin Houlihan, Jr., FUR
- 5 Caroline Orman, Sr., SAM

Goals Against Average (Min. 2000 Minutes)

1. 0.83 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM
2. 0.85 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC
2. 1.03 Aiyannah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG
3. 1.17 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER
4. 2.05 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

Saves

1. 316 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER
2. 226 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF
3. 214 Aiyannah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG
4. 125 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC
5. 100 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

Wins

1. 28 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER
2. 24 Aiyannah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG
3. 13 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM
- 13 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC
5. 10 Abby Buchholz, So., UNCG

Shutouts

1. 16 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER
2. 14 Aiyannah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG
3. 13 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC
4. 8 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM
5. 6 Melody Mezzina, So., WCU

Saves Per Game (Min. 10 Games)

1. 6.46 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF
2. 4.87 Noelle Heilpern, So., VMI
3. 4.65 Aiyannah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG
4. 4.46 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC
5. 4.39 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	20th	25-131-7	.175
ETSU	24th	41-79-11	.355
Furman	27th	173-53-20	.744
Mercer	7th	32-18-6	.593
UNCG	24th	169-42-15	.781
Samford	13th	91-13-16	.825
Chattanooga	25th	52-159-22	.275
VMI	7th	12-40-4	.250
Western Carolina	22nd	98-92-21	.514
Wofford	24th	72-125-29	.383

SoCon 100th Anniversary

The SoCon is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2021. The fifth-oldest NCAA Division I college athletic association, the SoCon contested the first-ever collegiate conference basketball tournament in 1921, tackled freshman eligibility in 1922, became the first conference to adopt the 3-point field goal in basketball in 1980 and developed women's championships in 1984.



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SoCon Preseason All-Conference Honors

SAMFORD PREDICTED TO WIN WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – For the fifth time in the last six seasons, Samford is the preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference women's soccer title in voting of the league's 10 head coaches. The Bulldogs edged Furman 1-0 in the 2019 Southern Conference Championship to claim their third tournament title and first since 2016.

The coaches also selected a 12-member preseason all-conference team, which features an extra player due to a tie in the voting. Samford picked up a league-best four selections, while Furman claimed three, Mercer claimed two, and The Citadel, UNCG and Chattanooga each placed one on the team.

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

Samford, which garnered seven first-place votes, finished with 79 points. Furman, which played in the championship each of the last two seasons, was second with 74 points, earning the remaining three first-place votes. UNC Greensboro, the 2017 and 2018 SoCon tournament champion, was picked third with 63 points, while Mercer had 53 points to finish fourth. The middle of the poll was tightly packed as Chattanooga (46), Western Carolina (41) and The Citadel (39) were separated by just seven total points and were picked fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. ETSU was picked eighth with 26 points to edge Wofford (19) by seven points, while VMI rounded out the poll with 10 points.

Samford went 13-4-5 overall last season and 7-1-1 in league play, tying Furman for the top spot in the regular season. The Bulldogs return seven starters from that squad, including four preseason all-conference selections - forward Taylor Yount, midfielder Alyssa Frazier, defender Lexi Orman and goalkeeper Morgan McAslan - all of which were all honored on the 2019 all-conference first team. Yount tied for the league lead in goals (10) and was second in the league in shots (60), points (22) and points per game (1.0) in 2019, while Frazier finished second in assists (nine) and third in assists per game (0.41). McAslan, a junior, boasted a league-best 0.87 goals against average, led the league in solo shutouts (eight) and was also in the top three in both saves (94) and save percentage.

Furman put forward Jasmine Greene, midfielder Isabella Gutierrez and defender Faith Hauberg on the preseason all-conference team. The Paladins went 14-6-1 overall and 7-1-1 in 2019. Greene, the 2019 SoCon Freshman of the Year, and Gutierrez were both first-team all-conference picks last season.

UNCG finished the 2019 campaign 10-8-2 overall and 7-2 in SoCon play, tying for third in the league standings and earning a spot in the SoCon semifinals. Defender Kayla Campbell, a second-team all-conference performer a season ago, represents the Spartans on the preseason all-conference team.

Mercer, which also made an appearance in the tournament semifinals last season after amassing a 16-4 record and finishing 7-2 in league action, put forward Nicole Icen, the 2019 SoCon Player of the Year, and midfielder Ciara Whitely, a 2019 second team all-conference pick, on the preseason all-conference squad. Icen led the league in points (23), points per game (1.28) and goals per game (0.56) and tied for the league lead in total goals (10).

Chattanooga defender Maggie Shaw and The Citadel forward Suzuka Yosue, a second-team all-conference selection a season ago, round out the preseason squad.

The 2021 spring regular season begins on Sunday, Feb. 7, as Mercer and UNCG are in action. ETSU's season begins on Feb. 12, while The Citadel gets underway two days later. Samford, VMI and Western Carolina kick off on Feb. 18 and Chattanooga begins on Feb. 26. Furman begins on Feb. 28, while Wofford is scheduled to play only conference contests, which are set to begin on Friday, March 5.

The SoCon Women's Soccer Championship will feature just the top four seeds as part of the league's cost-cutting initiative. The semifinals, hosted by the highest seeds, will be contested on April 9 or 10 with the finals, hosted by the highest remaining seed, scheduled for April 16 or 17.

2020-21 Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. Samford (7)	79
2. Furman (3)	74
3. UNCG	63
4. Mercer	53
5. Chattanooga	46
6. Western Carolina	41
7. The Citadel	39
8. ETSU	26
9. Wofford	19
10. VMI	10

() denotes first-place votes

2020-21 Preseason All-Conference Team

F	Suzuka Yosue, The Citadel
F	Jasmine Greene, Furman
F	Nicole Icen, Mercer
F	Taylor Yount, Samford
MF	Isabella Gutierrez, Furman
MF	Ciara Whitely, Mercer
MF	Alyssa Frazier, Samford
D	Faith Hauberg, Furman
D	Kayla Campbell, UNCG
D	Lexi Orman, Samford
D	Maggie Shaw, Chattanooga
GK	Morgan McAslan, Samford

SoCon Offensive Players of the Week

Feb. 23	..... Kendall Cook, F/M, Fr., Mercer
March 2	..... Chloe Arnold, F, Sr., Chattanooga
March 9	..... Isabella Gutierrez, F, Jr., Furman
March 16	.....
March 23	.....
March 30	.....
April 6	.....

SoCon Defensive Players of the Week

Feb. 23	..... Melody Mezzina, GK, So., WCU
March 2	..... Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, GK, Sr, UNCG
March 9	..... Ashton Shields, GK, Jr., Chattanooga
March 16	.....
March 23	.....
March 30	.....
April 6	.....

SoCon Players of the Month

February	.....
March	.....



The Citadel

(6-5-2, 0-2-0 SoCon)

S14	at Georgia Southern.....	W, 2-1
S17	MERCER.....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
S24	#12 PITTSBURGH.....	L, 1-2 (OT)
S27	#12 PITTSBURGH.....	L, 0-1
O1	vs. Appalachian State.....	T, 0-0 (2OT)
O3	at Belmont Abbey.....	W, 1-0
O10	at Mercer.....	W, 3-2
O16	GEORGIA SOUTHERN.....	W, 3-0
F14	at Anderson.....	W, 4-1
F19	JACKSONVILLE.....	W, 1-0
F23	NORTH FLORIDA.....	L, 1-2
M5	*at Wofford.....	L, 0-2
M7	*at Furman.....	L, 0-1
M12	*MERCER.....	3 p.m.
M19	*VMI.....	3 p.m.
M21	*UNCG.....	11 a.m.
M26	*at Chattanooga.....	4 p.m.
M28	*at Samford.....	2 p.m.
A1	*ETSU.....	3 p.m.
A3	*WESTERN CAROLINA.....	11 a.m.



ETSU

(1-2-1, 1-0-1 SoCon)

F13	MARSHALL.....	L, 1-2 (OT)
F21	LIPSCOMB.....	L, 1-2
M5	*UNCG.....	W, 2-1
M7	*VMI.....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M12	*at Chattanooga.....	3 p.m.
M14	*at Samford.....	2 p.m.
M19	*at Western Carolina.....	7 p.m.
M26	*WOFFORD.....	3 p.m.
M28	*FURMAN.....	1 p.m.
A1	*at The Citadel.....	3 p.m.
A3	*at Mercer.....	7 p.m.



Furman

(2-0-0, 2-0-0 SoCon)

M5	*MERCER.....	W, 2-1 (2OT)
M7	*THE CITADEL.....	W, 1-0
M12	*at VMI.....	3 p.m.
M14	*at UNCG.....	2 p.m.
M19	*CHATTANOOGA.....	6 p.m.
M21	*SAMFORD.....	2 p.m.
M26	*at Western Carolina.....	6 p.m.
M28	*at ETSU.....	1 p.m.
A2	*at Wofford.....	7 p.m.



Mercer

(4-7-1, 1-1-0 SoCon)

S11	GEORGIA STATE.....	L, 1-2 (OT)
S17	at The Citadel.....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
S24	at Georgia Southern.....	W, 1-0
O9	THE CITADEL.....	L, 2-3
O15	at Georgia State.....	L, 1-2
O17	UAB.....	L, 1-2
F7	at UAB.....	L, 1-2
F11	WESLEYAN.....	W, 13-0
F21	KENNESAW STATE.....	W, 1-0
F28	TROY.....	L, 0-1 (OT)
M5	*at Furman.....	L, 1-2 (2OT)
M7	*at Wofford.....	W, 2-1 (OT)
M12	*at The Citadel.....	3 p.m.
M19	*UNCG.....	7 p.m.
M21	*VMI.....	2 p.m.
M26	*at Samford.....	7 p.m.
M28	*at Chattanooga.....	2 p.m.
A1	*WESTERN CAROLINA.....	6 p.m.
A3	*ETSU.....	7 p.m.



UNCG

(1-2-1, 1-1-0 SoCon)

F7	UNCW.....	PPD
F13	at High Point.....	L, 0-2
F24	at NC State.....	T, 0-0 (2OT)
F27	at Elon.....	PPD
M5	*at ETSU.....	L, 1-2
M7	*at Western Carolina.....	W, 2-0
M12	*WOFFORD.....	6 p.m.
M14	*FURMAN.....	2 p.m.
M19	*at Mercer.....	7 p.m.
M21	*at The Citadel.....	11 a.m.
M28	*at VMI.....	1 p.m.
A1	*CHATTANOOGA.....	4 p.m.
A3	*SAMFORD.....	1 p.m.



Samford

(0-1-2, 0-0-1 SoCon)

F18	UAB (ESPN+).....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
F25	at Ole Miss.....	L, 0-1
M5	*at Chattanooga.....	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M12	*WESTERN CAROLINA.....	7 p.m.
M14	*ETSU.....	2 p.m.
M19	*at Wofford.....	6 p.m.
M21	*at Furman.....	2 p.m.
M26	*MERCER.....	7 p.m.
M28	*THE CITADEL.....	2 p.m.
A1	*at VMI.....	4 p.m.
A3	*at UNCG.....	1 p.m.



Chattanooga
(1-0-1, 0-0-1 SoCon)

F26	NORTH ALABAMA.....	W, 2-0
M5	*SAMFORD.....	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M12	*ETSU.....	4 p.m.
M14	*WESTERN CAROLINA.....	1 p.m.
M19	*at Furman.....	7 p.m.
M21	*at Wofford.....	1 p.m.
M26	*THE CITADEL.....	3 p.m.
M28	*MERCER.....	2 p.m.
A1	*at UNCG.....	4 p.m.
A3	*at VMI.....	11 a.m.



VMI
(1-1-2, 0-1-1 SoCon)

F23	at Southern Virginia.....	W, 5-0
F28	at Davidson.....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M5	*at Western Carolina.....	L, 0-3
M7	*at ETSU.....	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M12	*FURMAN.....	3 p.m.
M14	*WOFFORD.....	11 a.m.
M19	*at The Citadel.....	3 p.m.
M21	*at Mercer.....	2 p.m.
M28	*UNCG.....	1 p.m.
A1	*SAMFORD.....	4 p.m.
A3	*CHATTANOOGA.....	11 a.m.



Western Carolina
(2-3-0, 1-1-0 SoCon)

F18	CHARLOTTE.....	W, 1-0 (OT)
F21	DAVIDSON.....	L, 0-1
F25	at Liberty.....	L, 0-1
M5	*VMI.....	W, 3-0
M7	*UNCG.....	L, 0-2
M12	*at Samford.....	7 p.m.
M14	*at Chattanooga.....	1 p.m.
M19	*ETSU.....	7 p.m.
M26	*FURMAN.....	6 p.m.
M28	*WOFFORD.....	6 p.m.
A1	*at Mercer.....	6 p.m.
A3	*at The Citadel.....	11 a.m.



Wofford
(1-1-0, 1-1-0 SoCon)

M5	*THE CITADEL.....	W, 2-0
M7	*MERCER.....	L, 1-2 (OT)
M12	*at UNCG.....	6 p.m.
M14	*at VMI.....	1 p.m.
M19	*SAMFORD.....	6 p.m.
M21	*CHATTANOOGA.....	1 p.m.
M26	*at ETSU.....	7 p.m.
M28	*at Western Carolina.....	6 p.m.
A2	*FURMAN.....	7 p.m.