

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		0-2	.000	0-0	0-2	L2
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)

OT COMING SCHEDULE		, (0	ill tillies Lastelli)
Dec. 5 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Western Carolina at North Carolina	North Carolina leads 2-0	TBA	TBA
Feb. 20 (Saturday) *Samford at ETSU *Western Carolina at Furman *Mercer at Wofford *VMI at Chattanooga	Series	TV/Digital	Time
	Samford leads 6-1	ESPN+/3	TBA
	Furman leads 33-12-2	ESPN+/3	TBA
	Series tied 6-6	ESPN+/3	TBA
	Chattanooga leads 17-8-1	ESPN+/3	TBA
Feb. 27 (Saturday) *The Citadel at Mercer *Furman at VMI *Western Carolina at Samford *Wofford at Chattanooga	Series The Citadel leads 11-5-1 Furman leads 28-9 Samford leads 14-3 Wofford leads 15-11	TV/Digital ESPN+/3 ESPN+/3 ESPN+/3 ESPN+/3	Time TBA TBA TBA 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	32-62 (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

- •The Southern Conference is idle this weekend before wrapping up its fall slate on Dec. 5, when Western Carolina visits North Carolina.
- •The Catamounts dropped a 49-17 contest at Eastern Kentucky on Nov. 21 in the inaugural Opportunity Bowl. The game was 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.
- Western Carolina's defense forced four turnovers against the Colonels, including a 54-yard scoop-and-score by Ricky Palao on a fumble recovery. Roman Johnson forced the fumble on a sack.
- Freshman kicker Paxton Robertson kicked a careerlong 52-yard field goal early in the second quarter.
- Redshirt junior quarterback Will Jones earned the start, finishing the game 12-of-25 for 127 yards with a touchdown, a 30-yard scoring strike to Mahari Stribling in the fourth quarter.
- Senior running back Donnavan Spencer paced the Catamounts' ground game with 56 rushing yards.
- Western Carolina's Quintin Talley and A.J. Rogers had a game-high eight tackles each. Ronald Kent Jr. forced another fumble and Trevor Childers and Aaron Gethers had interceptions, with Gethers adding a fumble recovery.
- North Carolina is 6-2 on the season with wins over Syracuse, Boston College, Virginia Tech, NC State, Duke and Wake Forest and a pair of three-point road losses at Florida State and Virginia.
- Sophomore quarterback Sam Howell threw for 550 yards and six touchdowns, both program records, and ran for the go-ahead score in the Tar Heels' 59-53 comeback win over Wake Forest on Nov. 14. UNC had a program-record 742 yards on the day.
- North Carolina was idle on Nov. 21 and returns to action Friday afternoon against No. 2 Notre Dame in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The Fighting Irish, eschewing their independent status this year, lead the ACC standings at 8-0 overall and 7-0 in league play. The ACC is playing without divisions this season.
- Western Carolina and North Carolina have met twice before, with the Tar Heels taking a 65-10 win in 2017 and a 49-26 victory in 2018.
- Two of Western Carolina's three fall opponents have appeared in the national rankings this season. Liberty was ranked No. 22 when the squads met on Nov. 14, while North Carolina has reached as high as No. 5 this fall and is currently No. 25 in the Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the coaches' poll.
- •The Dec. 5 game will wrap up the fall slate for Southern Conference programs. The league will play its championship season in the spring, with eight teams opening SoCon play on Feb. 20.

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. 5 Western Carolina at North Carolina, TBA

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 (0-4)

Ohio Valley (0-3)

Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky 37, <u>The Citadel</u> 14
Oct. 10 <u>Jacksonville State</u> 34, Mercer 28
Nov. 21 <u>Eastern Kentucky 49, Western Carolina 17</u>

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
Atlanta Falcons \ Buffalo Bills	ounghoe Koo, Georgia Southern 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 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.

Record	Pct.
10-10	.500
5-4	.556
4-10	.286
3-2	.600
3-3	.500
6-14	.300
8-5	.615
3-8	.273
7-3	.700
49-59	.454
	10-10 5-4 4-10 3-2 3-3 6-14 8-5 3-8 7-3

^{*} 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)	137	41-0 – NC State (2019)	13
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

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 10/11/20 Lance Wise, Mercer 11/1/20

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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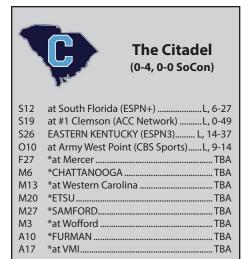
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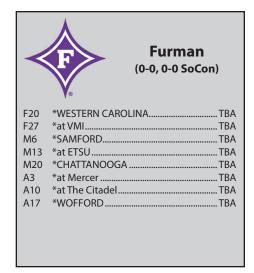
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ETSU





Mercer (0-3, 0-0 SoCon)

O10	at Jacksonville State (ESPN3) L, 28-34
O24	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
А3	*FURMANTBA
A10	*ETSUTBA
A17	*at SamfordTBA







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.