



Southern Conference Football

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Southern Conference Football Opens Thursday Night 2004 STANDINGS

Team	Conference					Overall					Home	Strk
	W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA		
*Furman	6	1	.857	214	131	10	3	.769	449	216	6-1	L1
Georgia Southern	6	1	.857	313	104	9	3	.750	564	221	5-1	L1
Wofford	4	3	.571	191	190	8	3	.727	339	247	5-1	W1
Appalachian State	4	3	.571	234	210	6	5	.545	366	358	6-0	L1
Western Carolina	2	5	.286	120	162	4	7	.364	245	254	3-2	L1
The Citadel	2	5	.286	120	189	3	7	.300	162	250	3-1	W1
Elon	2	5	.286	100	194	3	8	.273	196	287	2-4	L1
Chattanooga	2	5	.286	205	317	2	9	.182	320	529	1-4	L3

* indicates automatic bid to NCAA playoffs

Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, September 1

Mars Hill at Western Carolina, 7:00

Furman at Jacksonville State, 8:00 (CSTV)

Saturday, September 3

Georgia Southern at Northeastern, 2:00 (CSS)

Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga, 6:00

Coastal Carolina at Elon, 6:00

Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky, 6:30

Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 7:00
(SC-ETV)

Georgetown (Ky) at Wofford, 7:00

Preseason

Sports Network Poll

1. James Madison
2. **Furman**
3. Montana
4. Eastern Washington
5. Southern Illinois
6. **Georgia Southern**
7. New Hampshire
8. Western Kentucky
9. William & Mary
10. Delaware
11. Northwestern State
12. Northern Iowa
13. Hampton
14. Lehigh
15. Massachusetts
16. Sam Houston State
17. Cal Poly
18. Montana State
19. Harvard
20. Jacksonville State
21. **Wofford**
22. North Dakota State
23. Texas State
24. Hofstra
25. Grambling State

Final 2004

ESPN/USA Today Poll

1. James Madison
2. Montana
3. William & Mary
4. Sam Houston State
5. **Furman**
6. New Hampshire
7. Eastern Washington
8. Delaware
9. Southern Illinois
10. **Georgia Southern**
11. Western Kentucky
12. Hampton
13. Harvard
14. Lehigh
15. Cal Poly
16. Jacksonville State
17. Northwestern State
18. **Wofford**
19. Lafayette
20. Alabama State
21. Pennsylvania
22. South Carolina State
23. North Dakota State
24. Coastal Carolina
25. Northern Iowa

* The 2005 preseason poll will be released on August 31

2005 SoCon Composite Football Schedule

Thursday, September 1

Mars Hill at Western Carolina, 7:00
Furman at Jacksonville State, 8:00 (CSTV)

Saturday, September 3

Georgia Southern at Northeastern, 2:00 (CSS)
Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga, 6:00
Coastal Carolina at Elon, 6:00
Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky, 6:30
Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 7:00 (SC-ETV)
Georgetown (Ky) at Wofford, 7:00

Saturday, September 10

Elon at Savannah State, 6:00
Furman at Western Carolina, 6:00
McNeese State at Georgia Southern, 6:00
Wofford at West Virginia, 6:00
The Citadel at Florida State, 6:45 (ESPNU)
Appalachian State at Kansas, 7:00
Chattanooga at Jacksonville State, 7:00

Saturday, September 17

Presbyterian at Elon, 2:00
Coastal Carolina at Appalachian State, 3:30
Samford at Furman, 7:00
Georgia Southern at Wofford, 7:00 (CSS)
Western Carolina at Cincinnati, 7:00
Chattanooga at Memphis, 8:00

Saturday, September 24

Hofstra at Furman, 2:00
Western Carolina at Nicholls State, 3:00
Appalachian State at The Citadel, 4:00
North Carolina A&T at Elon, 6:00
Chattanooga at Georgia Southern, 7:00 (CSS)

Saturday, October 1

Georgia Southern at Elon, 2:00
Gardner-Webb at Furman, 2:00
Wofford at Chattanooga, 4:00
The Citadel at Western Carolina, 6:00

Saturday, October 8

Western Carolina at Georgia Southern, 12:00 (CSS)
Elon at Wofford, 1:30
Appalachian State at Furman, 3:30 (CSS)
Chattanooga at Liberty, 7:00
The Citadel at Mississippi, TBA

Saturday, October 15

VMI at Wofford, 1:30
Furman at The Citadel, 2:00 (SC-ETV)
Georgia Southern at Appalachian State, 3:30 (FSN)
Chattanooga at Elon, 6:00

Saturday, October 22

Appalachian State at Wofford, 12:00 (CSS)
Elon at Furman, 2:00
The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 3:30 (CSS)
Western Carolina at Chattanooga, 6:00

Saturday, October 29

Elon at Western Carolina, 2:00
Chattanooga at Appalachian State, 3:30 (CSS)
Wofford at The Citadel, 4:00 (SC-ETV)
Georgia Southern at South Dakota State, 6:00

Saturday, November 5

The Citadel at Chattanooga, 2:00
Wofford at Western Carolina, 2:00
Furman at Georgia Southern, 4:00 (FSN)
Appalachian State at LSU, 8:00

Saturday, November 12

Wofford at Furman, 12:30 (CSTV)
Morehead State at Georgia Southern, 1:00
Elon at The Citadel, 2:00
Western Carolina at Appalachian State, 3:30 (CSS)

Saturday, November 19

The Citadel at VMI, 1:00
Wofford at Gardner-Webb, 1:30
Furman at Chattanooga, 3:30 (CSS)
Appalachian State at Elon, 6:00

2005 Southern Conference Television Schedule

Fox Sports Net South/Fox College Sports (FSN South/FCS)

October 15 Georgia Southern at Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.
November 5 Furman at Georgia Southern, 4:00 p.m.

College Sports Television (CSTV)

September 1 Furman at Jacksonville State, 8:00 p.m.
November 12 Wofford at Furman, 3:30 p.m.

Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS)

September 3 *Georgia Southern at Northeastern, 2:00 p.m.
September 17 Georgia Southern at Wofford, 7:00 p.m.
September 24 Chattanooga at Georgia Southern, 7:00 p.m.
October 8 Western Carolina at Georgia Southern, Noon
October 8 Appalachian State at Furman, 3:30 p.m.
October 22 The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m.
October 29 Chattanooga at Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.
November 12 Western Carolina at Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.
November 19 Furman at Chattanooga, 3:30

ESPNU

September 10 The Citadel at Florida State, 6:45 p.m.

SC-ETV

September 3 Charleston Southern at The Citadel, 7:00 p.m.
October 15 Furman at The Citadel, 2:00 p.m.
October 29 Wofford at The Citadel, 4:00 p.m.

*game also broadcast on CN8 (Comcast) network in New England

2005 SoCon Football Schedules

APPALACHIAN STATE

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Sept. 3	at Eastern Kentucky	6:30
Sept. 10	at Kansas	7:00
Sept. 17	COASTAL CAROLINA	3:30
Sept. 24	at The Citadel*	4:00
Oct. 1	OPEN	
Oct. 8	at Furman* (CSS)	3:30
Oct. 15	GEORGIA SOUTHERN* (FSN)	3:30
Oct. 22	at Wofford* (CSS)	12:00
Oct. 29	CHATTANOOGA* (HC) (CSS)	3:30
Nov. 5	at LSU	8:00
Nov. 12	WESTERN CAROLINA* (CSS)	3:30
Nov. 19	at Elon*	6:00

THE CITADEL

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Sept. 3	CHARLESTON SO. (SC-ETV)	7:00
Sept. 10	at Florida State (ESPNU)	6:45
Sept. 17	OPEN	
Sept. 24	APPALACHIAN STATE*	4:00
Oct. 1	at Western Carolina*	6:00
Oct. 8	at Mississippi	TBA
Oct. 15	FURMAN* (SC-ETV)	2:00
Oct. 22	at Georgia Southern* (CSS)	3:30
Oct. 29	WOFFORD* (SC-ETV)	4:00
Nov. 5	at Chattanooga*	2:00
Nov. 12	ELON* (HC)	2:00
Nov. 19	at VMI	1:00

ELON

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Sept. 3	COASTAL CAROLINA	6:00
Sept. 10	at Savannah State	6:00
Sept. 17	PRESBYTERIAN (HC)	2:00
Sept. 24	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6:00
Oct. 1	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	2:00
Oct. 8	at Wofford*	1:30
Oct. 15	CHATTANOOGA*	6:00
Oct. 22	at Furman*	2:00
Oct. 29	at Western Carolina*	2:00
Nov. 5	OPEN	
Nov. 12	at The Citadel*	2:00
Nov. 19	APPALACHIAN STATE*	6:00

FURMAN

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Sept. 1	at Jacksonville State (CSTV)	8:00
Sept. 10	at Western Carolina*	6:00
Sept. 17	SAMFORD	7:00
Sept. 24	HOFSTRA	2:00
Oct. 1	GARDNER-WEBB	2:00
Oct. 8	APPALACHIAN ST.* (CSS)	3:30
Oct. 15	at The Citadel* (SC-ETV)	2:00
Oct. 22	ELON* (HC)	2:00
Oct. 29	OPEN	
Nov. 5	at Georgia Southern* (FSN)	3:30
Nov. 12	WOFFORD* (CSTV)	12:30
Nov. 19	at Chattanooga (CSS)	3:30

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

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Sept. 3	at Northeastern (CSS)	2:00
Sept. 10	McNEESE STATE	6:00
Sept. 17	at Wofford* (CSS)	7:00
Sept. 24	CHATTANOOGA* (CSS)	7:00
Oct. 1	at Elon*	2:00
Oct. 8	WESTERN CAROLINA*(CSS)	12:00
Oct. 15	at Appalachian State* (FSN)	3:30
Oct. 22	THE CITADEL* (HC) (CSS)	3:30
Oct. 29	at South Dakota State	2:00
Nov. 5	FURMAN* (FSN)	4:00
Nov. 12	MOREHEAD STATE	1:00

CHATTANOOGA

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Sept. 3	TENNESSEE TECH	6:00
Sept. 10	at Jacksonville State	7:00
Sept. 17	at Memphis	8:00
Sept. 24	at Georgia Southern* (CSS)	7:00
Oct. 1	WOFFORD* (HC)	4:00
Oct. 8	at Liberty	7:00
Oct. 15	at Elon*	6:00
Oct. 22	WESTERN CAROLINA*	6:00
Oct. 29	at Appalachian State* (CSS)	3:30
Nov. 5	THE CITADEL*	2:00
Nov. 12	OPEN	
Nov. 19	FURMAN* (CSS)	3:30

WESTERN CAROLINA

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Sept. 1	MARS HILL	7:00
Sept. 10	FURMAN*	6:00
Sept. 17	at Cincinnati	7:00
Sept. 24	at Nicholls State	3:00
Oct. 1	THE CITADEL*	6:00
Oct. 8	at Georgia Southern* (CSS)	12:00
Oct. 15	OPEN	
Oct. 22	at Chattanooga*	6:00
Oct. 29	ELON* (HC)	2:00
Nov. 5	WOFFORD*	2:00
Nov. 12	at Appalachian State* (CSS)	3:30

WOFFORD

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Sept. 3	GEORGETOWN (Ky)	7:00
Sept. 10	at West Virginia	6:00
Sept. 17	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*(CSS)	7:00
Oct. 1	at Chattanooga*	4:00
Oct. 8	ELON* (HC)	1:30
Oct. 15	VMI*	1:30
Oct. 22	APPALACHIAN ST.*(CSS)	12:00
Oct. 29	at The Citadel* (SC-ETV)	4:00
Nov. 5	at Western Carolina*	2:00
Nov. 12	at Furman* (CSTV)	12:30
Nov. 19	at Gardner-Webb	1:30

HC indicates Homecoming



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2005 National Rankings

2005 The Sports Network Poll

School	PS	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	N	N	N	N	N	F
James Madison	1	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Furman	2															
Montana	3															
E. Washington	4															
Southern Illinois	5															
Ga. Southern	6															
New Hampshire	7															
W. Kentucky	8															
William & Mary	9															
Delaware	10															
Northwestern St.	11															
Northern Iowa	12															
Hampton	13															
Lehigh	14															
Massachusetts	15															
Sam Houston St.	16															
Cal Poly	17															
Montana St.	18															
Harvard	19															
Jacksonville St.	20															
Wofford	21															
North Dakota St.	22															
Texas St.	23															
Hofstra	24															
Grambling St.	25															

2004 ESPN/USA Today Poll

School	PS	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	N	N	N	N	N	N	F
James Madison	--	--	--	24	19	17	14	9	7	4	8	8	1		
Montana	3	1	8	7	7	5	4	4	9	8	7	7	2		
William & Mary	--	--	--	--	18	16	13	15	13	10	6	6	3		
Sam Houston St	--	--	24	19	13	12	10	7	4	3	11	9	4		
Furman	8	T3	2	2	2	9	7	6	3	2	2	2	5		
New Hampshire	--	9	15	12	9	6	15	10	8	7	5	5	6		
E Washington	--	--	--	--	--	23	--	25	21	16	15	13	7		
Delaware	1	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	6	11	10	10	8		
Southern Illinois	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9		
Ga Southern	9	8	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	6	4	4	10		
W Kentucky	14	10	6	6	6	4	11	8	5	5	3	3	11		
Hampton	--	--	20	16	--	22	17	14	14	13	12	11	12		
Harvard	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	20	15	15	13	12	13		
Lehigh	22	25	25	23	17	18	16	13	12	9	9	17	14		
Cal Poly	--	22	14	13	10	8	5	5	11	18	18	16	15		
Jacksonville St	--	--	--	--	16	14	12	21	T16	14	14	14	16		
Northwestern St	18	20	18	15	11	11	9	16	22	19	16	15	17		
Wofford	4	T3	T9	9	8	7	6	11	10	12	17	18	18		
Lafayette	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	19		
Alabama St	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	21	19	19	20		
Penn	--	24	22	--	--	--	22	22	19	17	22	21	21		
S Carolina St	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	--	--	25	25	22	22		
N Dakota St	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	23	23			
Coast Car	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	23	25	24		
Northern Iowa	6	7	13	14	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25		
Southern	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	20	20	--		
Montana State	15	14	23	--	--	25	23	23	18	22	24	--	--		
Colgate	5	13	T9	10	20	20	18	19	25	23	--	--	--		
UC Davis	--	--	--	--	25	21	25	--	23	20	--	--	--		
Stephen F Austin	17	12	4	4	5	10	8	12	T16	--	--	--	--		
Villanova	10	6	11	11	15	24	24	24	20	--	--	--	--		
Appalachian St	20	21	17	22	22	15	--	17	--	--	--	--	--		
Maine	11	16	7	8	12	13	20	18	--	--	--	--	--		
Northeastern	21	19	19	17	23	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Massachusetts	19	11	16	20	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
No Arizona	13	18	21	18	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
McNeese State	7	17	12	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Western Illinois	12	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
SE Louisiana	--	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Grambling State	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
E Kentucky	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NC A&T	24	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Southern	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Portland State	--	--	--	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		

The first 2005 poll will be released on Wednesday, August 31.

SoCon Coaching Capsules

School	Head Coach	Yrs at School	Rec at School	School Pct	Career Seasons	Career Record	Career Pct	SoCon Games	SoCon Pct
Appalachian State	Jerry Moore	16th	128-64-0	0.667	23rd	155-112-2	0.580	91-32	0.740
Chattanooga	Rodney Allison	2nd	5-18-0	0.217	2nd	5-18-0	0.217	5-10	0.333
The Citadel	John Zernhelt	1st	3-7-0	0.300	1st	3-7-0	0.300	2-5	0.286
Elon	Paul Hamilton	1st	3-8-0	0.273	8th	41-49-0	0.456	26-37	0.413
Furman	Bobby Lamb	3rd	24-12-0	0.667	3rd	24-12-0	0.667	16-7	0.696
Georgia Southern	Mike Sewak	3rd	27-10-0	0.730	3rd	27-10-0	0.730	18-5	0.783
Western Carolina	Kent Briggs	3rd	14-20-0	0.412	3rd	14-20-0	0.412	8-15	0.348
Wofford	Mike Ayers	17th	110-80-1	0.579	20th	121-101-2	0.545	42-42	0.500

2005 SoCon Football Preseason Honors

Coaches Preseason All-Conference Team

OFFENSE

First Team

WR Teddy Craft, Georgia Southern
 WR Tyrus Ward, Chattanooga
 TE Daniel Bettis, Appalachian State
 OT Matt Isenhour, Appalachian State
 OT Kevin Hodapp, Wofford
 OG Chad Motte, Georgia Southern
 OG Patrick Covington, Furman
 C Corey Stewart, Furman
 QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State
 RB Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern
 RB Jerome Felton, Furman
 RS Jayson Foster, Georgia Southern
 PK Jonathan Dudley, Georgia Southern

Second Team

WR Rontreal Tyler, The Citadel
 WR Emanuel Hassell, Chattanooga
 TE John Rust, Furman
 OT Andrew Thornburg, Furman
 OT Grant Oliver, Appalachian State
 OG Kevin McAlmont, Western Carolina
 OG Travlis Sims, Georgia Southern
 C Lance Wayne, Georgia Southern
 QB Ingle Martin, Furman
 RB Darius Fudge, Western Carolina
 RB Gabriel Jackson, Wofford
 PK Scott Beckler, Furman

DEFENSE

First Team

DL Katon Bethay, Wofford
 DL Roy Ravenell, Furman
 DL Marques Murrell, Appalachian State
 DL Felipe Foster, Western Carolina
 LB Chad Nkang, Elon
 LB William Freeman, Furman
 LB Shawn Grant, The Citadel
 DB A.J. Bryant, Georgia Southern
 DB Corey Lynch, Appalachian State
 DB Primus Glover, Western Carolina
 DB Terence McBride, Georgia Southern
 P Dan Jordan, Georgia Southern

Second Team

DL Rico Reese, Western Carolina
 DL Omarr Byrom, Appalachian State
 DL Fred Townsend, The Citadel
 DL Charrod Taylor, Georgia Southern
 LB John Mohring, Georgia Southern
 LB Lamar Barnes, Western Carolina
 LB Jim Thurman, Wofford
 DB Andrew Thacker, Furman
 DB Tariq Muhammad, Georgia Southern
 DB Bruce Lee, Western Carolina
 DB Lewis Barr, Georgia Southern
 P Tim Mayse, Western Carolina

Offensive Player of the Year:

QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State

Defensive Player of the Year:

LB William Freeman

College Sports Report Preseason All-America Team

1st team-Offense

OG Chad Motte, Georgia Southern
 FB Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern

3rd team-Offense

C Corey Stewart, Furman
 QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State

1st team-Defense

LB William Freeman, Furman

2nd team-Defense

DL Roy Ravenell, Furman
 LB Chad Nkang, Elon

DB A.J. Bryant, Georgia Southern

I-AA.Org Preseason All-America Team

1st team-Offense

OG Chad Motte, Georgia Southern
 FB Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern

2nd team-Offense

OG Patrick Covington, Furman
 QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State

3rd team-Offense

C Corey Stewart, Furman

1st team-Defense

LB William Freeman, Furman

2nd team-Defense

DT Katon Bethay, Wofford
 S Corey Lynch, Appalachian State

S A.J. Bryant, Georgia Southern

3rd team-Defense

DE Roy Ravenell, Furman

The Sports Network Preseason All-America Team

1st team-Offense

FB Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern
 OG Chad Motte, Georgia Southern

2nd Team-Offense

QB Richie Williams, Appalachian State

Honorable Mention

G Patrick Covington, Furman
 T Kevin Hodapp, Wofford

1st team-Defense

LB William Freeman, Furman

2nd team-Defense

DT Katon Bethay, Wofford

Honorable Mention

DE Roy Ravenell, Furman

LB Chad Nkang, Elon

S A.J. Bryant, Georgia Southern

Street & Smith's Preseason All-America Team

OL Chad Motte, Georgia Southern

LB William Freeman, Furman

DB A.J. Bryant, Georgia Southern

Lindy's Preseason All-America Team

1st team

RB Jermaine Austin, Georgia Southern

OL Kevin Hodapp

OL Chad Motte, Georgia Southern

LB William Freeman, Furman

2nd team

QB Ingle Martin, Furman

LB Chad Nkang, Elon

2005 SoCon Media Poll

1.	Furman (26)	297
2.	Georgia Southern (9)	277
3.	Appalachian State (1)	229
4.	Wofford (3)	188
5.	Western Carolina	162
6.	Chattanooga	110
7.	The Citadel	81
8.	Elon	60

2005 SoCon Coaches Poll

1.	Furman (6)	48
2.	Georgia Southern (2)	44
3.	Appalachian State	35
4.	Western Carolina	29
	Wofford	29
6.	Chattanooga	17
7.	The Citadel	12
8.	Elon	10

I-AA.Org Conference Prediction

1	Furman
2	Georgia Southern
3	Appalachian State
4	Chattanooga
5	Western Carolina
6	Wofford
7	Elon
8	The Citadel

Street & Smith's Conference Prediction

1	Furman
2	Georgia Southern
3	Wofford
4	Appalachian State
5	Chattanooga
6	Western Carolina
7	Elon
8	The Citadel

Lindy's Conference Prediction

1	Georgia Southern
2	Furman
3	Wofford
4	Appalachian State
5	Western Carolina
6	The Citadel
7	Chattanooga
8	Elon

SoCon By The Numbers

SoCon Shutout Chart

through end of regular season

Team	Last SHO Win	Gms ago	Last SHO Loss	Gms ago
ASU	52-0, VMI, 2000	52	25-0, CIT, 1992	152
CIT	17-0, WCU, 2004	1	61-0, Maryland, 2003	20
UTC	38-0, WCU, 2003	15	31-0, E Carolina, 1998	77
Elon	14-0, ETSU, 2003	20	10-0, Furman, 2004	5
FUR	10-0, Elon, 2004	6	33-0, Clemson, 1998	85
GSU	35-0, Savannah St, 2003	22	45-0, Montana, 1995	120
WCU	45-0, JC Smith, 2003	21	17-0, Citadel, 2004	1
WOF	56-0, J.C. Smith, 2004	7	49-0, Air Force, 2003	24

All-Time Conference Record

through end of regular season

Team	Years	W	L	T	Pct	1sts	Top 3
Appalachian State	32	147	75	5	0.661	5	20
Chattanooga	27	90	104	2	0.471	4	10
The Citadel	65	158	228	5	0.402	2	14
Elon	3	3	14	0	0.125	0	0
Furman	65	212	165	11	0.555	12	24
Georgia Southern	11	73	22	0	0.761	8	11
Western Carolina	27	87	108	5	0.453	0	9
Wofford	7	36	27	0	0.571	1	3

2005 SoCon vs. Non-League

Division I-A (0-0)	
Atlantic Coast Conference (0-0)	
The Citadel at Florida State	9-10
Big 12 (0-0)	
Appalachian State at Kansas	9/10
Big East (0-0)	
Wofford at West Virginia	9/10
Conference USA (0-0)	
Western Carolina at Cincinnati	9/17
Chattanooga at Memphis	9/17
Southeastern Conference (0-0)	
The Citadel at Mississippi	10/8
Appalachian State at LSU	11/5
Division I-AA (0-0)	
Ohio Valley Conference (0-0)	
Furman at Jacksonville State	9/1
Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga	9/3
Appalachian State at Eastern Kentucky	9/3
Chattanooga at Jacksonville State	9/10
Samford at Furman	9/17
Atlantic 10 (0-0)	
Georgia Southern at Northeastern	9/3
Hofstra at Furman	9/24
Atlantic Sun (0-0)	
Gardner-Webb at Furman	10/1
Wofford at Gardner-Webb	11/19
Big South Conference (0-0)	
Coastal Carolina at Elon	9/3
Charleston Southern at The Citadel	9/3
Coastal Carolina at Appalachian State	9/17
Chattanooga at Liberty	10/8
VMI at Wofford	10/15
The Citadel at VMI	11/19
Independant (0-0)	
Elon at Savannah State	9/10
Southland (0-0)	
McNeese State at Georgia Southern	9/10
Western Carolina at Nicholls State	9/24
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (0-0)	
North Carolina A&T at Elon	9/24
Pioneer League (0-0)	
Morehead State at Georgia Southern	11/12
Non-Division I (0-0)	
Mars Hill at Western Carolina	9/1
Georgetown (Ky) at Wofford	9/3
Presbyterian at Elon	9/17
Georgia Southern at South Dakota State	10/29

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

(regular and postseason since 1995)

	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97	'96	'95	Lst 10 yrs
vs I-AA Conf	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97	'96	'95	Lst 10 yrs
Atlantic 10	0-3	2-2	3-4	2-1	2-2	2-4	1-2	0-5	4-1	1-3	17-27
Big Sky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-2	4-4
Big South	3-3	5-1	9-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	17-6
Gateway	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	7-1
Great West	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Ivy	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
MAAC	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
MEAC	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	3-1	18-5
Northeast	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Ohio Valley	3-2	1-3	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	4-0	2-1	2-0	17-7
Patriot	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
Pioneer	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Southland	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	8-6
SWAC	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-1
Independents	0-0	2-0	0-0	8-1	9-1	4-2	9-2	5-4	6-1	7-1	50-12
I-AA TOTALS	11-10	14-9	17-9	14-3	17-8	12-7	16-8	10-10	19-4	16-8	146-76
vs I-A Conf	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97	'96	'95	Lst 10 yrs
ACC	0-1	0-4	0-2	0-3	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-3	4-20
Big East	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-4
Conf USA	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-6
MAC	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-5
Mtn West	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-5
Pac 10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
SEC	0-3	0-1	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-17
Sun Belt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
WAC	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-3
Independents	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-8
I-A TOTALS	1-7	0-8	0-8	0-8	2-5	1-9	1-7	0-3	0-7	1-6	6-68
Non-Div I	'04	'03	'02	'01	'00	'99	'98	'97	'96	'95	Lst 10 yrs
Non-Div I	5-0	3-1	3-0	5-0	3-0	5-0	1-0	4-1	3-0	3-0	35-2
ALL GAMES	17-17	17-18	20-17	19-11	22-13	18-16	18-15	14-14	22-11	20-14	187-146

Southern Conference Active Career Leaders (through end of 2004 season)

Rushing	Gms	Att	Net	TD	YPC	Yds/gm
Jermaine Austin, GSU	35	624	3865	19	6.2	110.4
Chaz Williams, GSU	40	603	2768	62	4.6	69.2
Nehemiah Broughton, CIT	39	581	2641	25	4.5	67.7
Kevious Johnson, WOF	25	310	1858	18	6.0	74.3
Jeff Zolman, WOF	39	353	1559	20	4.4	40.0
Alan Atwater, ASU	22	286	1290	9	4.5	58.6
Nicholas Wishart, WCU	23	278	1216	11	4.4	52.9
Gabriel Jackson, WOF	32	187	1180	13	6.3	36.9
John Taylor, Elon	10	247	1069	10	4.3	106.9
Ern Mills, CIT	33	235	1035	6	4.4	31.4
Trey Hunter, GSU	35	248	921	13	3.7	26.3
Brandon Mays, FUR	28	181	912	6	5.0	32.6
Kevin Davis, GSU	39	99	891	9	9.0	22.8

Passing	Gms	Att	Cmps	Pct	Yards	TD	INT
Richie Williams, ASU	28	609	378	0.621	4950	39	18
Ingle Martin, FUR	13	320	198	0.619	2792	22	9
Cedric Stevens, UTC	11	354	232	0.655	2708	20	10
Chaz Williams, GSU	40	275	127	0.462	2534	23	8
Bo Moore, FUR	40	228	140	0.614	1758	11	9
Jeff Zolman, WOF	39	187	109	0.583	1428	8	7
Kye Hamilton, Elon	11	225	129	0.573	1093	9	14
Trey Hunter, GSU	35	92	44	0.478	828	5	9

Receiving	Gms	Repts	RecYds	YPC	RYPG	CPG	TD
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	45	201	2965	14.8	65.9	4.5	22
Alonzo Nix, UTC	23	150	1879	12.5	81.7	6.5	14
Isaac West, FUR	41	140	2300	16.4	56.1	3.4	16
Brian Bratton, FUR	47	131	1826	13.9	38.9	2.8	18
Michael Reeder, WCU	34	124	1465	11.8	43.1	3.6	7
Xavier Godard, WCU	31	78	838	10.7	27.0	2.5	8

Field Goals	FGM	FGA
Jon Godfrey, UTC	21	32
Scott Beckler, FUR	11	18
Nick Robinson, WOF	9	18
Jonathan Dudley, GSU	9	9
Tim Mayse, WCU	8	16
Blake Vandiver, CIT	8	10
Julian Rauch, ASU	6	9
William Rawls, Elon	6	17
Shon Rowser, WCU	5	8

PAT	PATM	PATA
Nick Robinson, WOF	89	94
Jon Godfrey, UTC	84	90
Jonathan Dudley, GSU	54	60
Scott Beckler, FUR	48	51
Julian Rauch, ASU	44	46
Blake Vandiver, CIT	43	47
Tim Rawls, Elon	32	34
Shon Rowser, WCU	19	24
Tim Mayse, WCU	17	21

PR	No	Yds	TD	AVG
DaVon Fowlkes, ASU	116	1276	1	11.0
Jermaine Anderson, CIT	51	412	0	8.1
Teddy Craft, GSU	31	327	1	10.5
Francis Brown, WCU	30	277	1	9.2
Lewis Barr, GSU	28	291	0	10.4
Michael Reeder, WCU	21	112	0	5.3
Kwento Ikwuezunma, UTC	16	203	1	12.7

KOR	No	Yds	TD	AVG
Brian Bratton, FUR	89	2053	3	23.1
Xavier Godard, WCU	53	1191	2	22.5
T. Alford, WCU	50	1082	0	21.6
Michael Gilmore, UTC	46	1009	0	21.9
Davon Fowlkes, ASU	25	560	0	22.4
Lewis Barr, GSU	23	687	0	29.9
Marcus Cohen, CIT	16	230	0	14.4

Tackles	No
Mike Killian, FUR	329
Cedrick Ritter, FUR	306
Derrick Butler, GSU	282
Calvin Sutton, Elon	265
James Greene, CIT	255
Jerelle Carter, ASU	245
Eric Hadley, GSU	211
Cam Newton, FUR	203
Jim Thurman, WOF	201
Lee Basinger, WOF	200
James Young, GSU	198
Shawn Grant, CIT	197
Eric McIntire, GSU	188
Quentin Harris, UTC	172
Ryan Steele, WOF	170
Michael Ballentine, CIT	169
Victor Cabral, GSU	145

Interceptions	No
Cam Newton, FUR	9
Corey Lynch, ASU*	7
Nygel Rogers, ASU	7
James Young, GSU	6
Primus Glover, WCU	5
Jim Thurman, WOF	4
Greg McConico, UTC	4

Sacks	No
Michael Ballentine, CIT	22
Eric Hadley, GSU	17
Lee Basinger, WOF	17
Victor Cabral, GSU	8
Felipe Foster, WCU	8
Matt Rio, GSU	8

TFL	No
Lee Basinger, WOF	46
Calvin Sutton, Elon	45
Michael Ballentine, CIT	39
Eric Hadley, GSU	39
James Greene, CIT	25

Southern Conference Numbers

SoCon Media Notes

Football Coaches Teleconference

The Southern Conference will sponsor a weekly teleconference each Tuesday during the football season from 10:00 a.m. until 11:04 a.m. beginning August 30 and continuing through Nov. 22.

<i>Time (Eastern)</i>	<i>Coach, School</i>
10:00-10:08	Jerry Moore, Appalachian St
10:08-10:16	Kevin Higgins, The Citadel
10:16-10:24	Paul Hamilton, Elon
10:24-10:32	Bobby Lamb, Furman
10:32-10:40	Mike Sewak, Ga. Southern
10:40-10:48	Rodney Allison, Chattanooga
10:48-10:56	Kent Briggs, W. Carolina
10:56-11:04	Mike Ayers, Wofford

The toll-free call-in number is 1-866-375-5101

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Elon	336-278-6777
Furman	864-294-3066
Georgia Southern	912-681-3896
Chattanooga	423-757-9332
Western Carolina	828-227-2116
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SoCon Wins vs. I-A Teams

1982	Furman 28, South Carolina 23
1982	Furman 17, Georgia Tech 14
1983	Chattanooga 38, La Lafayette 14
1983	Appalachian State 27, Wake Forest 25
1984	Chattanooga 9, Louisiana-Lafayette 7
1984	Furman 34, North Carolina State 30
1985	Furman 42, North Carolina State 20
1986	Furman 17, Georgia Tech 17
1987	East Tennessee St 29, NC State 14
1988	The Citadel 42, Navy 35
1988	Appalachian State 34, Wake Forest 34
1989	Appalachian State 15, Wake Forest 10
1989	The Citadel 14, Navy 10
1990	The Citadel 38, South Carolina 35
1991	The Citadel 20, Army 14
1991	Appalachian State 17, Wake Forest 3
1992	The Citadel 10, Arkansas 3
1992	The Citadel 15, Army 14
1995	Appalachian State 24, Wake Forest 22
1998	Appalachian State 30, Wake Forest 27
1999	Furman 28, North Carolina 3
2000	Wofford 24, Louisiana-Monroe 6
2000	Appalachian State 20, Wake Forest 16
2004	Georgia Southern 53, Florida Int'l 32

2005 Homecoming Games

Sept. 17	Presbyterian at Elon
Oct. 1	Wofford at Chattanooga
Oct. 8	Elon at Wofford
Oct. 22	Elon at Furman
Oct. 22	The Citadel at Georgia Southern
Oct. 29	Chattanooga at Appalachian State
Oct. 29	Elon at Western Carolina
Nov. 12	Elon at The Citadel

SoCon Streaks

through end of 2004 season

Consecutive Home Wins

11	Appalachian State
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Consecutive Home Regular-Season Wins

12	Appalachian State
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Consecutive Home SoCon Wins

9	Appalachian State
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Consecutive Road Wins

2	Furman
1	Western Carolina

SoCon Overtime Games

Sept. 25, 2004	Pittsburgh 41, Furman 38
Sept. 25, 2004	Gardner-Webb 26, WCU 20
Sept. 11, 2003	ETSU 14, UT-Martin 7
Oct. 5, 2002	Wofford 27, UTC 21
Nov. 3, 2001	Citadel 20, UTC 17 (2)
Oct. 13, 2001	VMI 19, UTC 16
Dec. 9, 2000	Montana 19, ASU 16
Nov. 18, 2000	Furman 45, Chattanooga 44
Nov. 4, 2000	UTC 20, The Citadel 13
Nov. 27, 1999	UMass 30, Furman 23
Nov. 6, 1999	UTC 30, The Citadel 27
Nov. 6, 1999	Samford 35, WCU 32
Oct. 24, 1998	ETSU 22, Furman 19 (2)
Oct. 3, 1998	ASU 30, Wake Forest 27
Sept. 26, 1998	WCU 31, ETSU 24
Oct. 11, 1997	The Citadel 23, ETSU 20
Nov. 16, 1996	VMI 34, The Citadel 27 (2)
Nov. 26, 1994	ASU 17, New Hampshire 10
Nov. 19, 1994	VMI 26, ASU 23
Oct. 16, 1993	VMI 35, Chattanooga 29 (2)
Nov. 21, 1992	VMI 37, Chattanooga 34
Nov. 2, 1991	Marshall 27, WCU 24 (3)
Oct. 19, 1991	ASU 26, Furman 23 (3)
Dec. 1, 1990	Nevada-Reno 42, Furman 35 (3)

OT records through end of 2004 season

Appalachian State	3-2
Citadel	2-2
Chattanooga	2-6
Furman	1-5
Georgia Southern	0-0
Western Carolina	1-3
Wofford	1-0
<i>former members</i>	
VMI	5-0
East Tennessee State	2-2
Marshall	1-0

14 League games have gone to overtime.

In nine non-league games, SoCon is 3-6

SoCon Home Field Records

through end of 2004 season

School	W	L	T	Pct	Yrs	Stadium Name
Appalachian State	165	57	5	0.738	42nd	Kidd Brewer
Chattanooga	19	30	0	0.388	8th	Finley
The Citadel	186	116	3	0.615	56th	Johnson Hagood
Elon	8	14	0	0.364	4th	Rhodes
Furman	120	32	1	0.788	23rd	Paladin
Georgia Southern	136	16	0	0.895	21st	Paulson
Western Carolina	100	64	2	0.608	31st	E.J. Whitmire
Wofford	34	13	0	0.723	9th	Gibbs

Southern Conference Notes

Playing Out of the League: SoCon teams will take on 31 non-conference opponents this season...Twenty of those will be against I-AA opponents, seven I-A and four non-Division I...Thirteen of those games will be on friendly territory while the other 18 will be on the road...SoCon teams will take on opponents from the ACC, Big 12, Big East, Conference USA, SEC, Ohio Valley, Atlantic 10, Atlantic Sun, Big South, Southland, MEAC and Pioneer leagues.

Southern Conference Takes on I-A Teams: SoCon teams will take on seven I-A opponents this season...September 10 will start the I-A battle with The Citadel at Florida State, Appalachian State at Kansas and Wofford at West Virginia...The next weekend pits Western Carolina at Cincinnati and Chattanooga at Memphis...The Citadel will travel to Mississippi on October 8 before Appalachian State rounds out the I-A games with a road game at LSU on November 5...Georgia Southern picked up the SoCon's most recent win against a I-A opponent with a 53-32 win at Florida International last season.

SoCon Student-Athletes on the Among the Elite: Five Southern Conference football players are among the most prominent in the country as the Payton and Buchanan Award watch lists were announced this week...Only the Atlantic 10 placed more student-athletes on the list with six while the Big Sky tied the SoCon with five mentions...Appalachian State quarterback Richie Williams, Furman quarterback Ingle Martin and Georgia Southern running back Jermaine Austin were among the 16 names on the Payton Award watch list. Furman's William Freeman and Wofford's Katon Bethay were slated as Buchanan Watch list candidates...The SoCon has picked up three Payton awards and two Buchanan awards over the years...Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson and Furman's Louis Ivory picked up back-to-back Payton Awards in 1999 and 2000 while Dexter Coakley did the same in 1995 and '96 with the Buchanan Award.

Excelling in the Classroom: Elon's Brandon Mason and Wofford's Ben Whitney were selected 2004 ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans...Mason and Whitney joined five other SoCon student-athletes on the 2004 All-District III team...Katon Bethay, Matt Beavin, Josh Smith, Shane Fast and Jonathan Wheeler represented Wofford...For the fifth consecutive year, the Southern Conference led all District III conferences in the number of selections to the CoSIDA Academic All-District football team . . . The Academic All-District team is selected by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) . . . District III includes Division I-A and I-AA teams in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia . . . Seven Southern Conference student-athletes earned mention on the 2004 All-District team. The Atlantic Coast Conference had the second-most selections with five student-athletes on the team . . . In 2003, the SoCon led all District III conferences with eight selections while seven student-athletes were honored in 2002...The SoCon had 10 representatives on the team in both 2001 and in 2000...To be eligible for the Academic All-District team, football players must carry a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average or higher, have reached sophomore academic and eligibility status and have played in 50 percent of their team's games.

New Face In 2005: The fraternity of Southern Conference head coaches experienced little change following the 2004 season...There was one head coaching change as The Citadel hired Kevin Higgins to replace John Zernhelt who left the Bulldogs to become an assistant coach with the New York Jets of the NFL...Higgins joined The Citadel from the Detroit Lions but previously was the head coach at Lehigh where he led the Mountain Hawks to playoff appearances in each of his last three seasons from 1998-2000.

Service Academies have SoCon flavor: The head coach at each of the three national service academies has strong ties to the Southern Conference... Navy's Paul Johnson is a graduate of Western Carolina University and was the head coach at Georgia Southern from 1997-2001, leading the Eagles to back-to-back national championships in '99 and 2000...Army head coach Bobby Ross played in the SoCon at VMI before becoming the head coach at The Citadel from 1973-77...Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry is a graduate of SoCon member Wofford College and spent 10 seasons as an assistant coach at Appalachian State

58 Percent of Starters Returning: The eight Southern Conference schools will return 58 percent of their starters for the 2005 season...Appalachian State, The Citadel and Elon will each return a total of 15 starters on offense and defense (not including specialists)...The Citadel returns a league-high eight offensive starters while Appalachian's nine defensive starters returning is a league-best...Wofford has 13 returning starters followed by Western Carolina and Furman with 12 each, and 11 for Georgia Southern...Chattanooga has the fewest returning starters with nine.

National Rushing Leaders: Georgia Southern led the nation in rushing in 2004 with an average of 369.9 yards per game. That marked the fourth straight season that the Eagles won the national rushing crown. In fact, Southern Conference teams have led the country in rushing yardage six times in the last 11 seasons. Before GSU's current streak, the Eagles wore the rushing crown in 1999 while The Citadel was the top running team in 1994. The Citadel also led Division I-AA in rushing in 1992.

Spectacular Offensive Performance: One of the greatest offensive games in SoCon history took place on Oct. 30, 2004 at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga. The Mocs defeated Appalachian State 59-56 in a game that saw numerous school and conference records set. The 115 points were the second-most ever scored in a SoCon game. Appalachian set a SoCon record for the most points scored in a loss. Quarterback Cedric Stevens of Chattanooga threw for 515 yards while ASU's Richie Williams threw for 410. The 925 yards passing by the two QB's exceeded the previous SoCon record of 898 yards. Stevens' 515 yards through the air were the second-most by a SoCon QB while Williams tied a SoCon record by throwing for three TDs in the fourth quarter. Stevens' 570 yards of total offense set a SoCon record while Williams' 517 yards were the third-most in the conference. The two teams combined for an NCAA record 16 touchdowns in the contest. The game lasted 3:40 and included 1,337 total offensive yards and 115 total points.

Broken Record: Thirty-four SoCon records were broken in 2005, seven team and 24 individual...Georgia Southern broke four records in its 84-3 win over Johnson C. Smith, including most rushing touchdowns (11), most points scored, most touchdowns scored (12) and largest margin of victory...GSU also set the record for most points scored in a season with 564 and most touchdowns with 77...Furman set the record for most first downs in a season with 318...Appalachian State's Richie Williams set 10 SoCon records and returns for his senior season...Fellow Mountaineer DaVon Fowlkes set 12 records, including eight season records and the career record for most punt return yards with 1,276...Chattanooga's Cedric Stevens set the record for most passing yards in a game with 570 against Appalachian State...Georgia Southern's Chaz Williams set the record for most touchdowns responsible with 38 in 2004 and 85 in his career...He also set the career record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback with 62.

SoCon Game Capsules

Thursday, September 1
Mars Hill (0-0)
at Western Carolina (0-0)
7:00

E.J. Whitmire Stadium (13,742)
Cullowhee, NC

THE GAME: Western Carolina holds an 11-5-1 record in their series with the Lions ... This will be the first time that the two institutions have locked helmets since 2001 ... The Cats walked away with a 15-6 victory at home that day ... The series record is a little misleading due to the fact that the Catamounts have not fallen to their nearby neighbor since 1964, amassing an 11-game winning streak in the process.

THE COACHES: Western Carolina head coach Kent Briggs (Western Carolina '79) is entering his fourth season as coach of his alma mater ... Briggs has tabulated a 14-20 record in his three seasons at the helm of the Cats ... Tim Clifton (Mercer '76) is commencing his 13th year as coach of the Lions with the game against Western Carolina ... Clifton has a record of 67-59 over his 12 years as head of the Mars Hill program.

GAME NOTES: Mars Hill opens the season at Western Carolina after compiling a 6-4 record in the 2004 season...The Catamounts open their 32nd season in the warm confines of E.J. Whitmire Stadium with an all-time record of 100-61-2 (.620)...WCU will have a new look this season with the return of a steady running game with the return of junior Nicholas Wishart, who led the team in rushing the past two years, senior Lamont Reid and junior Darius Fudge...Justin Clark also returns as the starting quarterback after battling with Bennett Swygert and Russell Hemby for playing time in 2004...The defense returns six of the Catamounts' eight top tacklers from last season, including All-SoCon selections Primus Glover and Bruce Lee in the secondary...Linebackers Travis Hill, James Conklin, Shelton Gaffney and Lamar Barnes return as the top four tacklers to anchor a defense that led the league in rushing defense last year.

Thursday, September 1
Furman (0-0)
at Jacksonville State (0-0)
8:00

Paul Snow Memorial Stadium (15,000)
Jacksonville, AL

THE GAME: Furman travels to Jacksonville, AL, for their season opener, owning a 1-0 series advantage against the Gamecocks after despoising of Jacksonville State, 49-7, in the opening stanza of the NCAA I-AA Playoffs last November in Greenville.

THE COACHES: Bobby Lamb (Furman '86) enters his fourth season at the helm of his alma mater in 2005 ... Lamb has compiled a 24-12 record while at the head of the Paladin's program ... During his playing days, Lamb quarterbacked the Paladins from 1982-85 ... Jack Crowe (UAB '70) enters his sixth season as coach of the Gamecocks, having garnered a record of 31-24 in his five years at Jacksonville State ... Crowe owns a cumulative coaching record of 45-44 in seven years as a head coach.

GAME NOTES: Furman opens its 100th football season at Jacksonville State on Thursday night...The Gamecocks are coming off a 9-2 season in 2004, including a 7-1 record in Ohio Valley Conference action...The game is a rematch of last year's NCAA playoff first-round game where the Paladins grabbed a 49-7 home win...The two teams also have common opponents in Chattanooga and Eastern Kentucky...Furman returns after a 10-3 record, share of the SoCon championship, and NCAA quarterfinal appearance in 2004, and returns 13 starters and 50 lettermen...The Paladins return six offensive starters, including quarterback Ingle Martin who set four Furman records in his first season as the playcaller...The receiving core was hit hard by graduation, saying good-bye to all-conference performers Isaac West and Brian Bratton...Junior Justin Stepp, Ryan McKie and Grant Brigham will battle to replace West and Bratton...The Paladins led the league in scoring defense and the Paladins return the SoCon Defensive Player of the Year and All-American William Freeman, who is on the Buchanan Watch List, paired with All-America defensive end Roy Ravenell and the Media SoCon Freshman of the Year in safety Andrew Thacker.

Saturday, September 3
Georgia Southern (0-0)
at Northeastern (0-0)
2:00

Parsons Field (7,000)
Boston, MA
TV: CSS

THE GAME: The Eagles' tussle with the Huskies will mark the first time that the two teams have hit the gridiron against one another ... Northeastern enters 2005 after ending last season at 5-6, while Georgia Southern enters its 2005 campaign coming off a 2004 season that saw the Eagles finish 9-3 and as co-champions of the Southern Conference with Furman ... The Eagles fell in the first round of the NCAA I-AA Playoffs to New Hampshire, 27-23.

THE COACHES: Mike Sewak (Virginia '81) commences his fourth year as head coach of the Eagles in 2005 ... As head coach of Georgia Southern, Sewak is 27-10, but since he joined the program in 1997, the Eagles have compiled an 89-20 record and two national championships in 1999 and 2000 ... Sewak's ground attack at Georgia Southern has been prolific, with the Eagles ending each of the last three seasons leading the nation in ground yardage ... Rocky Hager (Minot State '74) begins his second season as the top man in the Huskies' program in 2005 ... Northeastern finished last year at 5-6 to move Hager's overall record as head coach to 96-31-1 in 10 years.

GAME NOTES: Georgia Southern opens the 2005 season at Northeastern on September 3...The Huskies were 5-6 last season, finishing tied for second in the North division in the Atlantic 10...The Eagles will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their first NCAA title this season, looking to return to the national championship after finishing 9-3 last season and dropping a 27-23 decision to New Hampshire in the first round of the 2005 playoffs...GSU returns three All-Americans and All-SoCon picks in A.J. Bryant, Chad Motte and Jermaine Austin as well as All-SoCon defensive backs Tariq Muhammed and Terence McBride...The Eagles will have to replace All-SoCon quarterback Chaz Williams, who led the conference in scoring in 2004, and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award...Bryant will be looked upon to lead the defense after grabbing six interceptions and 165 return yards, both Georgia Southern records

SoCon Game Capsules

Saturday, September 3
Tennessee Tech (0-0)
at Chattanooga (0-0)
6:00
Finley Stadium (20,688)
Chattanooga, TN

THE GAME: The Mocs enter the 2005 season playing in-state rival Tennessee Tech, a program that they own a 26-10 record over all-time ... Chattanooga did fall victim to Tennessee Tech last year, as the Golden Eagles debunked the Mocs, 52-34, in Cookeville, TN.

THE COACHES: Rodney Allison (Texas Tech '80) is set to begin his third year as head coach of the Mocs in 2005 ... Allison came to Chattanooga from Clemson where he was the defensive ends coach from 1999-2002 ... The former Red Raiders quarterback has picked up a 5-18 overall record as the Mocs head man ... Mike Hennigan (Tennessee Tech '73) comes into the 2005 Golden Eagles' season with a 48-50 record as the head man at Tennessee Tech.

GAME NOTES: Chattanooga opens the season against a Tennessee Tech team that went 6-5 in 2004...The Mocs will need to replace the duo of quarterback Cedric Williams, who was second in the conference last year in total offense and passing yards per game, and receiver Alonzo Nix, who was among the top five SoCon receivers in receptions per game and receiving yards...Sophomore Antonio Miller will call the plays for UTC after completing 24-of-37 passes for 295 yards and one touchdown in 2004...A pair of sophomores in Muhammad Ahmad Abdus-Salaam and Lironnie Davis will anchor the two-back set for the Mocs...Davis led UTC with 420 rushing yards as a true freshman...Senior Eugene Cousart led the Mocs with 5.2 yards per carry last season...Joining the trio of tailbacks will be junior college transfer Eldra Buckely, who was the national leader among two-year college running backs in rushing yards last season...The defense will be under the direction of Billy Taylor, the new defensive coordinator for the Mocs...He will have the Mocs' top returning tackler in Greg McConico, who led the squad with 70 tackles and four interceptions in 2004.

Saturday, September 3
Coastal Carolina (0-0)
at Elon (0-0)
6:00
Rhodes Stadium (11,250)
Elon, NC

THE GAME: The Phoenix will square off against the Chanticleers for the first time ever when the two teams hit the field for their 2005 opener ... Coastal Carolina is entering just its third season of football in 2005.

THE COACHES: Paul Hamilton (Appalachian State '81) begins 2005 in his second year as head coach of the Phoenix ... The 18th coach in Elon's history, Hamilton came to the program from the now defunct East Tennessee State program where he was 38-41 in seven seasons ... Hamilton was 3-8 last year at Elon to move his all-time coaching record to 41-49 in eight seasons ... David Bennett (Presbyterian '84) enters his third season as head coach of the Chanticleers as the program's only coach in its short history ... Bennett's team finished last year as Big South Champions after ending their year at 10-1 ... In his two years as coach of Coastal Carolina, the Chanticleers have compiled a 16-6 record ... Overall, in nine years as a head coach, Bennett is 79-23.

GAME NOTES: The Phoenix open the home season with a visit from Coastal Carolina, who finished the 2004 season 10-1 and 4-0 against Big South opponents...Elon's offensive line will have to replace All-American center Brandon Mason, but have stability and depth from the 2004 squad...The offense will have to replace SoCon leading rusher John Taylor, who rushed for 1,069 yards last season, the first to rush for more than 1,000 yards at Elon since 1999...Sophomores Reggie Hall and Kevin Bailey will fill the void at halfback...Sophomore Kye Hamilton returns at quarterback after becoming the first Elon play caller to pass for more than 1,000 yards in a season since 1993...Hamilton was fifth in the league in passing yards per game, averaging 99.4...The defense returns all-conference picks Chad Nkang and Dwayne Ijames...Nkang led the league with 135 tackles last fall, and ranked second in the SoCon in tackles for loss and forced fumbles.

Saturday, September 3
Appalachian State (0-0)
at Eastern Kentucky (0-0)
6:30
Roy Kidd Stadium (15,733)
Richmond, KY

THE GAME: The Mountaineers and Colonels continue one of the best non-conference rivalries in all of NCAA I-AA in Richmond to start the year ... Appalachian holds a hefty edge in the series at 7-3 ... All three of the Colonels' wins over the Mountaineers have come at home, with Eastern Kentucky holding a 3-2 advantage over Appalachian State in Richmond ... Appalachian is undefeated against the Colonels in Boone, owning a 5-0 mark.

THE COACHES: The winningest coach in Southern Conference football history, Jerry Moore (Baylor '61) enters his 17th season at the helm of the Mountaineer program in 2005 ... Moore has a 128-64 mark at Appalachian over the course of his 16 seasons with the school... Danny Hope (Eastern Kentucky '81) enters his third season as the head coach of his alma mater in 2005 ... Hope is 13-10 overall in two seasons as head coach of the Colonels ... Both coaches are squared against each other, with each owning one victory.

GAME NOTES: Appalachian State returns to the gridiron with a trip to Eastern Kentucky, looking to win its first season opener since 2001...EKU is coming off a 6-5 record last season, including a season opening loss to the Mountaineers...The offense has big shoes to fill with the loss of All-American DaVon Fowlkes, who led the conference in multiple categories last season while breaking the conference record for most yards in a game and season, most receiving yards in a game and a season and most passes caught in a season...However, the Mountaineers return quarterback Richie Williams, who was the league leader in total offense with 3,393 yards and led the SoCon averaging 310.9 yards per game...Williams will have coverage set by all-conference offensive linemen Grant Oliver and Matt Isenhour...The receiving corp will be led by senior Zach Johnson who tallied 20 receptions for 231 yards a year ago...The defense returns eight starters to the field with safety Corey Lynch and cornerback Dominick Dingle leading the defensive effort...Include All-SoCon selection Jeremy Wiggins to that list and you have a trio that will lead a young but talented defensive unit...Youth in the linebacker corp will be supported by the reserves including senior Brad West, junior Michael King and sophomore Cam Speer.

SoCon Game Capsules

Saturday, September 3
Charleston Southern (0-0)
at The Citadel (0-0)
7:00
Johnson Hagood (21,000)
Charleston, SC
TV: SC-ETV

THE GAME: The Citadel will play Charleston Southern for the third time in 2005, owning a 2-0 series advantage over their in-city rival ... The Bulldogs have outscored the Buccaneers 117-29 in their two victories (53-19 and 64-10) in 2002 and 2003.

THE COACHES: Kevin Higgins (West Chester '77) enters his first season as coach of the Bulldogs in 2005 ... Higgins comes to the head of the Bulldogs' program with a plethora of experience after posting a 56-25-1 record at LeHigh from 1994-2000 ... The Mountain Hawks picked up four Patriot League crowns under Higgins' watch, earning a place in the NCAA I-AA Playoffs in each of his last three seasons ... Higgins' teams over that three-year period only lost one game in the regular season, posting an astounding 32-1 record ... The first-year man comes to The Citadel from the Detroit Lions where he was most recently the wide receivers coach ... Jay Mills (Western Washington '84) is entering his third season as the Buccaneers coach in 2005 ... Mills has garnered a 6-16 mark at Charleston Southern over the period to sit at 9-37 overall, which includes a stint as head coach at the University of Minnesota Morris.

GAME NOTES: The Bulldogs open the 2005 season against Charleston Southern after the 2004 game was cancelled due to a hurricane...For the second consecutive season, The Citadel will be under the leadership of a new head coach...Kevin Higgins takes over the reins after time spent with the Detroit Lions...He will have to lead the Bulldogs against one of the toughest schedules in I-AA football...Not only will the Bulldogs play a tough SoCon schedule, they will also take on national powers in Florida State and Ole Miss...The offense will have to replace All-Conference selections in running back Nehemiah Broughton and Ross Armstrong as well as specialist Ern Mills...But the entire offense line returns from 2004 as well as the majority of the offensive squad...The Bulldogs have a returning quarterback in Duran Lawson, who started the final six games last season...Chris Gibbs returns to the field in 2005 after losing the 2004 season to a knee injury...Juniors Rontreal Tyler and Gary Domanski will anchor the receiving corp...The defense returns a veteran group with seven returning starters and senior Porter Johnson making the switch from offense to defense to lead the squad...All-SoCon performer Shawn Grant returns to anchor the linebackers and with Johnson, will fill the void left by James Greene and Julian West.

Saturday, September 3
Georgetown (KY) (0-0)
at Wofford (0-0)
7:00
Gibbs Stadium (13,000)
Spartanburg, SC

THE GAME: The Terriers enter 2005 ready to go against head coach Mike Ayers' alma mater for the first time ever ... The Terriers enter 2005 after an 8-3 season in 2004, just one year removed from their 2003 Southern Conference championship team that lost in the NCAA I-AA semifinals ... Georgetown, an NAIA institution in Georgetown, KY, comes into 2005 the seven-time defending champion of the Mid-South Conference ... The Tigers have captured the NAIA national football crown three times (2001, 2000 and 1991).

THE COACHES: Mike Ayers (Georgetown (KY) '74) enters his 18th season at Wofford in 2005 ... Ayers is Wofford's all-time winningest coach with a record of 110-80-1 in his 17 years at the helm ... The three-time Southern Conference Coach of the Year (2000, 2002 and 2003) led the Wofford football team to its first ever SoCon football crown in 2003 ... The title was the only SoCon title of any sort that Wofford has picked up in its eight years in the conference ... Bill Cronin (Indiana '78) commences his ninth season as the Tigers coach with a record of 88-14 ... Cronin has amassed two national championships (2001 and 2000) and two national runner-up finishes (2002 and 1999).

GAME NOTES: Wofford opens the 2005 season hosting Georgetown (Ky.), who finished the 2004 season 12-1, 10-0 in conference play...The Terriers return All-SoCon selections offensive tackle Kevin Hodapp and nose tackle Katon Bethay...With the departure of Jeff Zolman and Trey Rodgers, sophomore Josh Collier will take over the play calling...Three seniors return at the halfback position in Gabriel Jackson, Corey Dunn and Aaron Johnson...Jackson is the second-leading returning rusher from 2004 after accumulating 647 yards on 92 carries...Adrien Borders joins the football ranks for his senior season...Borders is a three-time SoCon track champion and has scored 1,000-plus points for the Wofford men's basketball team...Despite the loss of All-American offensive guards Eric Deutsch and Bobby Gibbs, the offensive line returns a strong nucleus anchored by Hodapp and center Brad Anderson, who enters his third year in the starting lineup...Bethay will lead the defensive side of the ball after the Terriers lost Lee Basinger and Ben Whitney to graduation...The defense will see fresh faces at the linebacker position with Justin Franklin and Jim Thurman returning on the inside...Franklin is among the top five returning linebackers in the league after finishing the 2004 campaign with 81 tackles.