



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	ST
Samford	9-1	.900	4-0	5-1	W8	9-1	.900	4-0	5-1	0-0	W8
Mercer	9-1	.900	5-1	4-0	W9	10-5	.667	6-1	4-3	0-1	W9
Wofford	7-4	.636	6-0	1-4	L2	7-4	.636	6-0	1-4	0-0	L2
Western Carolina	6-5	.545	4-1	2-4	W1	6-7	.462	4-1	2-6	0-0	W1
ETSU	4-6	.400	2-2	2-4	L6	4-6	.400	2-2	2-4	0-0	L6
Furman	4-6	.400	1-5	3-1	L1	4-6	.400	1-5	3-1	0-0	L1
The Citadel	3-7	.300	3-3	0-4	W2	5-10	.333	5-3	0-7	0-0	W2
Chattanooga	3-9	.250	3-3	0-6	L4	5-9	.357	5-3	0-6	0-0	L4
UNCG	2-8	.200	0-4	2-4	W2	2-8	.200	0-4	2-4	0-0	W2

NOTES

- With just three weeks to go in the regular-season, eight matches highlight this week's slate, with Chattanooga being the lone team not in action. As voted on by the league's ADs, conference teams will play the same opponent in back-to-back contests, set for Sundays and Mondays.

- Samford and Mercer remain tied atop the league standings at 9-1. The lone loss for each team came at the hands of the other. The Bulldogs are riding an eight-match win streak, last losing on Feb. 1 at Mercer in the second match of the series. Mercer holds a league-best nine-match win streak. It's also the longest active streak, as the Bears last loss came on Jan. 31 to Samford.

- Samford is in the top 20 in two NCAA statistical categories. The Bulldogs are seventh in kills per set (14.70) and sixth in aces per set (2.30). Mercer's 99 service aces this season ranks 12th.

- Individually, Samford outside hitter Lauren Deaton is third in the nation with 5.82 points per set. She's fifth nationally in kills per set (5.19), while setter Corinne Meglic is third nationally in assists per set (12.00).

- Deaton surpassed 1,000 kills in Samford's 3-1 win over UNCG on Feb. 22, becoming the second active player to surpass the milestone behind The Citadel senior Sharlissa De Jesus (1,227).

- De Jesus became just the fifth player in program history with both 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs for a career, accomplishing the feat with a dig in the fourth set at Wofford on March 1. She is the newest member of that club since Moriah Smith joined during the 2018 campaign.

- The Citadel, Mercer, and Chattanooga all played nonconference contests in the fall and/or early spring, while the other six SoCon teams elected to open the spring season going straight in to league play.

- The preseason all-conference squad and poll were announced on Jan. 18 and ETSU was tabbed the favorite to win the league. The Bucs led the way with three preseason all-conference selections, while Furman placed a pair and The Citadel, Samford and Western Carolina each had one honoree. Samford was picked second, just one point behind ETSU and grabbed three first place votes, while Furman was picked third and earned the final first-place vote.

- The 2021 Southern Conference Championship will be held April 2-3 at the site of the No. 1 seed. Due to cost-cutting measures in place for the 2020-21 seasons, only the top 4 seeds will compete in the Volleyball Championship.

- Samford won the 2019 Southern Conference Championship, repeating as SoCon Champions after downing No. 2 seed ETSU, 3-2, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Date	Match	TV/Digital	Time
March 14 (Sunday)	*Mercer at Western Carolina	ESPN+	3 p.m.
	*The Citadel at ETSU	ESPN+	3 p.m.
	*Furman at Samford	ESPN+	5 p.m.
	*Wofford at UNCG	ESPN+	6 p.m.
March 15 (Monday)	*Wofford at UNCG	ESPN+	5 p.m.
	*Mercer at Western Carolina	ESPN+	5 p.m.
	*The Citadel at ETSU	ESPN+	5 p.m.
	*Furman at Samford	ESPN+	7 p.m.
March 17 (Monday)	*Elon at UNCG	ESPN+	6 p.m.

SoCON STATS



NCAA STATS



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.



SoCON OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 2	Lauren Deaton, OH, Samford
Feb. 9	Lauren Deaton, OH, Samford
Feb. 16	Olivia Cunningham, OH, ETSU
Feb. 23	Riley Coonan, MB, Wofford
March 2	Merry Gebel, OH, Western Carolina
March 9	Annie Karle, OH, Mercer
March 16	
March 23	
March 30	

SoCON DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 2	Sanne Maring, MB, ETSU
Feb. 9	Andrea Aceveda, LIB, Furman
Feb. 16	Destinee Dorsey, LIB, Western Carolina
Feb. 23	Paige Gallentine, LIB, Chattanooga
March 2	Abbey Richman, LIB, Wofford
March 9	Andrea Aceveda, LIB, Furman
March 16	
March 23	
March 30	

SoCON SETTERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 2	Emily Arnold, ETSU
Feb. 9	Corinne Meglic, Samford
Feb. 16	Corinne Meglic, Samford
Feb. 23	Emily Hodsdon, Wofford
March 2	Hannah Price, Western Carolina
March 9	
March 16	
March 23	
March 30	

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

Kills

1,286	- Sharlissa De Jesus, Sr., CIT
1,048	- Lauren Deaton, Jr., SAM
957	- Mellanie King, Sr., CIT
871	- Maria Esch, Sr., UNCG
846	- Merry Gebel, Jr., WCU

Kills Per Game (min. 10 games)

3.61	- Sharlissa De Jesus, Sr., CIT
3.60	- Lauren Deaton, Jr., SAM
3.58	- Olivia Cunningham, So., ETSU
3.24	- Merry Gebel, Jr., WCU
3.03	- Lauren Hatch, So., ETSU

Assists

2,124	- Hannah Price, Sr., WCU
1,855	- Corinne Meglic, R-Jr., SAM
1,633	- Emily Arnold, So., ETSU
1,574	- Katie Murphy, Sr., FUR
1,481	- Gabriela McHugh, So., UNCG

Assists Per Game (min. 10)

10.60	- Corinne Meglic, R-Jr., SAM
10.14	- Emily Arnold, So., ETSU
10.02	- Emily Hodsdon, Fr., WOF
9.62	- Gabriela McHugh, So., UNCG
9.04	- Amie Greene, Fr., CIT

Service Aces

132	- Sharlissa De Jesus, Sr., CIT
73	- Merry Gebel, Jr., WCU
67	- Gyljan Finch, Sr., UTC
64	- Megan Kaufman, Sr., UTC
63	- Emily Durham, Sr., WOF

Total Blocks

288	- Riley Coonan, Sr., WOF
286	- Courtney Hoffman, R-Sr., FUR
250	- Briana Holmes, Jr., SAM
224	- Sierra Rayzor, Sr., SAM
197	- Neci Harris, Jr., FUR

Digs

1,400	- Megan Kaufman, Sr., UTC
1,010	- Sharlissa De Jesus, Sr., CIT
859	- Lauren Deaton, Jr., SAM
806	- Merry Gebel, Jr., WCU
806	- Megan Smith, Sr., MER

Games Played

382	- Mellanie King, Sr., CIT
359	- Courtney Hoffman, R-Sr., FUR
356	- Sharlissa De Jesus, Sr., CIT
345	- MaKenzie White, Sr., WCU
344	- Emily Durham, Sr., WOF

ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SoCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L	Pct.
The Citadel	22nd	25-316	.073
ETSU	28th	228-157	.592
Furman	37th	332-185	.642
Mercer	7th	44-62	.415
UNCG	24th	167-233	.418
Samford	13th	137-49	.737
Chattanooga	37th	254-267	.488
Western Carolina	37th	241-282	.461
Wofford	24th	127-264	.325

SoCON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern Conference Volleyball Championship will be held April 2-3 at the site of the No. 1 seed. As part of the conference's cost-cutting measures, the championship will include the top-4 seeds only. The semifinals will be contested on April 2 with the final set for a day later.

SoCON vs. OTHER CONFERENCES

Overall: 3-7

Atlantic Coast (0-4)

Sept. 17	Virginia Tech 3, The Citadel 0
Sept. 18	Virginia 3, The Citadel 0
Jan. 23	Clemson 3, Western Carolina 0
Jan. 23	Clemson 3, Western Carolina 1

ASUN (1-1)

Jan. 22	Chattanooga 3, North Alabama 0
Jan. 24	Bellarmine 3, Mercer 0*

Colonial (1-0)

Jan. 31	The Citadel 3, College of Charleston 1
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Conference -USA (0-1)

Jan. 24	Western Kentucky 3, Mercer 1
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Sun Belt (1-1)

Sept. 12	Chattanooga 3, Georgia State 2
Sept. 18	Georgia State 3, Mercer 2

Home team underlined

* neutral contest in Bowling Green, Ky.



COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Years	School (Pct.)	SoCon (Pct.)	Career (Pct.)
Dave Zelenock, The Citadel	3rd/8th	28-48 (.368)	11-31 (.262)	68-156 (.303)
Benavia Jenkins, ETSU	2nd/2nd	27-11 (.711)	18-8 (.692)	27-11 (.711)
Michelle Young, Furman	21st/21st	368-260 (.586)	237-115 (.673)	368-260 (.586)
Derek Schroeder, Mercer	4th/11th	50-56 (.472)	121-67 (.644)	219-145 (.602)
Corey Carlin, UNCG	7th/9th	104-90 (.536)	57-49 (.538)	119-136 (.467)
Keylor Chan, Samford	5th/22nd	86-54 (.614)	52-22 (.703)	340-330 (.508)
Travis Filar, Chattanooga	10th/10th	116-178 (.395)	60-96 (.385)	116-178 (.395)
Karen Glover, Western Carolina	10th/10th	125-167 (.428)	68-85 (.444)	125-167 (.428)
Lynze Roos, Wofford	6th/6th	91-79 (.535)	48-43 (.528)	255-199 (.562)



The Citadel
(5-10, 3-7 SoCon)

S12	at Mercer	L, 1-3
S17	at Virginia Tech	L, 0-3
S18	at Virginia	L, 0-3
O1	MERCER	W, 3-1
J31	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON	W, 3-1
F21	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F22	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
F7	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
F8	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F14	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
F15	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
F28	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
M1	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
M7	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
M8	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
M14	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
M15	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M21	*UNCG	5 p.m.
M22	*UNCG	5 p.m.
M28	*at Samford	5 p.m.
M29	*at Samford	7 p.m.



ETSU
(4-6, 4-6 SoCon)

J13	*at Furman (ESPN+)	W, 3-2
F1	*at Furman (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
F14	*UNCG (ESPN+)	W, 3-2
F15	*UNCG (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
F21	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
F22	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
F28	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
M1	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
M7	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
M8	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
3M14	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
M15	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M21	*at Mercer	3 p.m.
M22	*at Mercer	6 p.m.
M28	*CHATTANOOGA	3 p.m.
M29	*CHATTANOOGA	5 p.m.



Furman
(4-6, 4-6 SoCon)

J31	*ETSU (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F1	*ETSU (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
F7	*at The Citadel (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
F8	*at The Citadel (ESPN+)	W, 3-2
F21	*at Chattanooga	W, 3-1
F22	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
F28	*UNCG (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
M1	*UNCG (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
M7	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M8	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
M14	*at Samford (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M15	*at Samford (ESPN+)	7 p.m.
M21	*at Wofford	3 p.m.
M22	*at Wofford	5 p.m.
M28	*MERCER	2 p.m.
M29	*MERCER	6 p.m.



Mercer
(10-5, 9-1 SoCon)

S12	THE CITADEL	W, 3-1
S18	at Georgia State	L, 2-3
O1	at The Citadel	L, 1-3
J24	at Western Kentucky	L, 1-3
J24	vs. Bellarmine	L, 0-3
J31	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	L, 0-3
F1	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
F7	*at UNCG (ESPN+)	W, 3-2
F8	*at UNCG (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
F14	*THE CITADEL	W, 3-0
F15	*THE CITADEL	W, 3-1
F28	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M1	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M7	*WOFFORD	W, 3-2
M8	*WOFFORD	W, 3-0
M14	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
M15	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M21	*ETSU	3 p.m.
M22	*ETSU	6 p.m.
M28	*at Furman	2 p.m.
M29	*at Furman	6 p.m.



UNCG
(2-8, 2-8 SoCon)

J27	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	PPD
J31	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F1	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F7	*MERCER (ESPN+)	L, 2-3
F8	*MERCER (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
F14	*at ETSU	L, 2-3
F15	*at ETSU	L, 0-3
F21	*SAMFORD	L, 0-3
F22	*SAMFORD	L, 1-3
F28	*at Furman	W, 3-2
M1	*at Furman (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M14	*WOFFORD (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
M15	*WOFFORD (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M18	ELON (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
M21	*at The Citadel	5 p.m.
M22	*at The Citadel	5 p.m.
M28	*WESTERN CAROLINA	6 p.m.
M29	*WESTERN CAROLINA	5 p.m.



Samford
(9-1, 9-1 SoCon)

J31	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
F1	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	L, 1-3
F7	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	W, 3-2
F8	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	W, 3-0
F14	*WOFFORD	W, 3-1
F15	*WOFFORD	W, 3-0
F21	*at UNCG	W, 3-0
F22	*at UNCG	W, 3-1
M7	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M8	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	W, 3-1
M14	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	5 p.m.
M15	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	7 p.m.
M21	*at Chattanooga	4 p.m.
M22	*at Chattanooga	4 p.m.
M28	*THE CITADEL	5 p.m.
M29	*THE CITADEL	7 p.m.



Chattanooga
(5-9, 3-9 SoCon)

S13	GEORGIA STATE	W, 3-2
J22	NORTH ALABAMA.....	W, 3-0
J31	*UNCG (ESPN+).....	W, 3-2
F1	*UNCG (ESPN+).....	W, 3-2
F7	*at Wofford (ESPN+).....	L, 1-3
F8	*at Wofford (ESPN+).....	L, 2-3
F14	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
F15	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
F21	*FURMAN.....	L, 1-3
F22	*FURMAN (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
F28	*MERCER (ESPN+).....	L, 1-3
M1	*MERCER (ESPN+).....	L, 1-3
M7	*at The Citadel (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
M8	*at The Citadel (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
M21	*SAMFORD (ESPN+).....	4 p.m.
M22	*SAMFORD (ESPN+).....	4 p.m.
M28	*at ETSU.....	3 p.m.
M29	*at ETSU.....	5 p.m.



Western Carolina
(6-7, 6-5 SoCon)

J23	at Clemson	L, 0-3
J23	at Clemson	L, 1-3
F1	*at The Citadel.....	W, 3-2
F2	*at The Citadel.....	L, 1-3
F7	*at Samford (ESPN+).....	L, 2-3
F8	*at Samford (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
F14	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
F15	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
F24	*WOFFORD.....	L, 2-3
F28	*ETSU (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
M1	*ETSU (ESPN+).....	W, 3-1
M7	*at Furman (ESPN+).....	L, 1-3
M8	*at Furman (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
M14	*MERCER (ESPN+).....	3 p.m.
M15	*MERCER (ESPN+).....	5 p.m.
M25	*WOFFORD.....	6 p.m.
M28	*at UNCG.....	6 p.m.
M29	*at UNCG.....	5 p.m.



Wofford
(7-4, 7-4 SoCon)

F7	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+).....	W, 3-1
F8	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+).....	W, 3-2
F14	*at Samford (ESPN+).....	L, 1-3
F15	*at Samford (ESPN+).....	L, 0-3
F21	*ETSU (ESPN+).....	W, 3-1
F22	*ETSU (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
F24	*at Western Carolina.....	W, 3-2
F28	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+).....	W, 3-0
M1	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+).....	W, 3-1
M7	*at Mercer.....	L, 2-3
M8	*at Mercer.....	L, 0-3
M14	*at UNCG (ESPN+).....	6 p.m.
M15	*at UNCG (ESPN+).....	5 p.m.
M21	*FURMAN.....	3 p.m.
M22	*FURMAN.....	5 p.m.
M25	*at Western Carolina.....	6 p.m.

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