



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

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2024 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

STANDINGS	W-L-T	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
		Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
ETSU	2-0-0	6	4	0	W2	4-5-3	.458	14	19	W3
UNCG	1-0-1	4	2	1	W1	7-1-4	.750	21	8	W3
Mercer	1-0-1	4	4	1	W1	5-2-6	.615	18	10	T1
Furman	0-1-0	0	0	1	L1	5-3-2	.600	14	12	W1
Wofford	0-1-0	0	0	2	L1	4-4-2	.500	7	9	L2
VMI	0-2-0	0	0	5	L2	4-6-2	.417	13	22	L2

Notes

- UNCG leads the conference in six stat categories including goals, goals against, goal differential, save percentage, goalie wins, and goals against average
- ETSU paces the conference in assists, saves and saves per game. Mercer leads the league in shutouts, and VMI is first in shots.
- Mercer goalkeeper, Trevor McMullen leads the NCAA shutouts with eight on the season he is also tied for 21st in save percentage at .809
- UNCG goalkeeper Seth Wilson is 11th in the NCAA for save percentage (.825) while ETSU forward Gabriel Ramos is 26th in assists per game (.55)
- The Bears clinched the 2023 Men's Soccer Championship after scoring twice in the first six minutes of the 2023 SoCon Championship match to claim a 2-1 victory over No. 3 seed Furman
- Mercer's 2023 title win marks their second SoCon championship title in program history.
- ETSU won the regular season title last year with a 4-0-1 record.
- Mercer garnered the most votes for the preseason all-conference team, with 22 total points, including two first-place votes, and the team picked up four preseason all-conference selections, including the 2023 freshman of the year Barzee Blama, Carlos Santamaria, SoCon tournament MVP Sekou Agard, and Trevor McMullen.
- Furman forward Christian Kraus and defender Slade Starnes were both All-Tournament and All-Conference selections a season ago. Kraus led the Paladins offensively with 10 goals, two game-winning, and five assists for a total of 25 points on the season. Starnes started in all five conference games, coming off an injury, to earn a second team All-Conference nod.
- Arnaud Tattevin and midfielder Basile Marc made the preseason team after making the All-Conference second team last season. Tattevin scored seven goals for the Spartans, contributing 14 points. Marc started all 17 games last season and contributed three points with a goal and an assist.
- Wofford midfielder Jakob Andersson was selected after leading the league in assists last year. He made seven assists, combined with two goals for 11 points in 16 starts. Bryce Peacock, a defender, started in all 17 games for the Terriers in 2023.
- ETSU rounds out the preseason team with Gabriel Ramos, a forward who started 17 games for the Bucs. Ramos scored six goals on his way to contributing 17 points on the season with two game winning goals
- VMI return 11 players that started in at least three conference games last year, including Zack Murphy and Kyle Grant, who earned player of the week nods last season, and Cole Mooney who earned a spot on the All-Conference second team.

Upcoming Schedule (all times eastern)

Oct. 16 (Wednesday) VMI vs Mary Baldwin	4 P.M.
Oct. 19 (Saturday) VMI at Furman	7 P.M.
UNCG at Wofford	7 P.M.
ETSU at Mercer	7 P.M.
Oct. 22 (Tuesday) Wofford at Furman	6 P.M.

Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, S.C. -Mercer forward Kadeem Agard and UNCG goalkeeper Tim Baerwalde have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Oct. 8-14.

Agard logged a hat trick to account for all of Mercer's goals in a 3-0 victory against VMI on Saturday, Oct. 12. The senior from Snellville, Georgia, scored in the fourth, 55th, and 79th minutes of the game for the first hat trick by a Bear since 2021. With his performance, Agard is now tied for second in the SoCon in goals (4).

Baerwalde made his debut with the Spartans on Saturday, facing 13 shots, three of which were on target, in a 1-0 victory over Furman. The Frankfurt, Germany, native made three saves to record a clean sheet, the fourth of his collegiate career. A junior, Baerwalde played all 90 minutes in goal for the Spartans.

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Schools (1st)	PTS
1. Mercer (2)	22
2. Wofford (2)	20
3. UNCG (1)	17
4. Furman (1)	16
5. ETSU	10
6. VMI	5

Preseason All-Conference Team
Pos, Player, School

F	Gabriel Ramos, ETSU
F	Christian Kraus, Furman
F	Barzee Blama, Mercer
F	Arnaud Tattevin, UNCG
MF	Carlos Santamaria, Mercer
MF	Basile Marc, UNCG
MF	Jakob Andersson, Wofford
D	Slade Starnes, Furman
D	Sekou Agard, Mercer
D	Bryce Peacock, Wofford
GK	Trevor McMullen, Mercer

Mercer (5-2-5, 1-0-1 SoCon) travels to Georgia State on Tuesday, then hosts ETSU on Saturday. UNCG (6-1-4, 1-0-1 SoCon) hosts Elon on Tuesday, then travels to Wofford on Saturday.

Also nominated for offensive player of the week: Gabriel Ramos (ETSU) and Yoshiya Okawa (UNCG)

Also nominated for defensive player of the week: Dave Neijenhuis (ETSU) and Trevor McMullen (Mercer)



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United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll			Active Career Leaders (updated Oct. 9)			
School (1st)	PTS	Record	Points Scored		Saves (min. 1 Game)	
1. West Virginia (8)	200	8-0-3	1.	43 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU		
2. Stanford	192	8-1-3	2.	39 - Christian Kraus, Furman		
3. Marshall	184	8-1-2	3.	34 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer		
4. Pittsburgh	176	10-3-0	4.	26 - Barzee Blama, Mercer		
5. Ohio State	168	9-1-2	5.	25 - Grant Martin, VMI		
6. Maryland	159	7-1-4	Goals		Save Percentage	
7. North Carolina	153	7-1-4	1.	15 - Christian Kraus, Furman		
8. Clemson	144	7-2-2	2.	14 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU		
9. San Diego	136	8-1-2	3.	12 - Barzee Blama, Mercer		
10. Southern Methodist	128	6-1-5	4.	12 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer		
11. Duke	120	5-2-4		10 - Grant Martin, VMI		
12. Pennsylvania	112	9-1-1	Assists		Shutouts	
13. Western Michigan	104	8-0-5	1.	16 - Jakob Andersson, Wofford		
14. Denver	96	7-2-4	2.	15 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU		
15. Missouri State	88	8-2-1	3.	10 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer		
16. Cornell	80	8-1-2	4.	9 - Cole Mooney, VMI		
17. Georgetown	72	6-3-4		9 - Christian Kraus, Furman		
18. Michigan	64	6-1-4				Goals Against Average (min. 2,000 minutes)
19. UCLA	56	5-3-4				
20. Vermont	48	7-1-4				
21. Hofstra	22	9-3-1				
22. High Point	15	8-2-2				
23. N.C. State	13	5-2-4				
24. Duquesne	12	9-2-1				
25. Akron	11	7-3-3				

Coaches' Records (updated Oct. 9)

Coach, School	Overall (Yrs.)	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Vital Allen, ETSU	296-210-63 (26)	2-5-3	Same
Doug Allison, Furman	344-171-68 (28)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	151-130-43 (16)	Same	104-70-33 (10)
Chris Rich, UNCG	51-29-18 (5)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI	11-33-3 (2)	Same	Same
Joel Tyson, Wofford	27-46-13 (5)	Same	Same

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