



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL



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2022 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams ^{rank}	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
Mercer ^{23/23}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	W1
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
ETSU ^{11/11}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Furman ^{RV/RV}	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	-
Chattanooga ^{13/12}	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	-
Western Carolina	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	-

Rankings listed AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25/Stats Perform FCS Top 25

NOTES

• All nine Southern Conference football squads are in action this week, starting with five Thursday contests, while preseason SoCon favorite Chattanooga and Wofford open their seasons with a league contest to highlight Saturday's three-game slate.

• Defending SoCon champion ETSU opens its season Thursday by hosting Mars Hill as George Quarles makes his head coaching debut. The Bucs have won eight straight at home and 10 of their last 11 at William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium. ETSU running back Jacob Saylor is the preseason SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

• Chattanooga, which was picked by both the league's head coaches and media to win the SoCon in 2022, hosts Wofford to lift the lid on league play. The Mocs are seeking their third straight win over the Terriers, who have made changes to their offensive and defensive schemes after last year's 1-10 mark.

• Preseason SoCon Defensive Player of the Year Devonsha Maxwell of Chattanooga enters the season needing just half a sack to enter the SoCon's career top 10 and is 7.5 back of SoCon and UTC record-holder Davis Tull, who had 37 from 2011-14.

• The SoCon boasts three ranked squads. ETSU is No. 11 in both the AFCA and Stats Perform polls, while Chattanooga is No. 13 in the AFCA poll and No. 12 in the Stats Perform poll. Mercer is ranked No. 23 and Furman received votes in both polls.

• Mercer, which opened its season with a record-setting 63-13 win over Morehead State in a Week 0 matchup, visits Auburn, which is receiving votes in the Associated Press and AFCA polls, on Saturday.

• Against the Eagles on Aug. 27, the Bears set program records for total offense (625 yards), yards per play (10.8) and passing touchdowns (five). Fred Payton had four of those passing TDs, completing 11 passes for 248 yards. Ty James had five catches for 192 yards and three first-half TDs, while James Madison transfer Austin Douglas ran for 140 yards and two TDs on just five carries in his Mercer debut. Devron Harper had a 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown late in the third quarter.

• VMI and Samford both face tall tasks Thursday as they take on ranked foes. The Keydets visit FBS No. 22/19 Wake Forest, while the Bulldogs host ASUN newcomer and No. 6/8 Kennesaw State. VMI will be meeting Wake Forest for the first time since 1944. Samford, which also opened (and closed) the 2017 season against Kennesaw State, is a SoCon-best 9-7 (.563) against ranked FCS foes since 2017.

• Furman hosts North Greenville on Thursday as those programs will meet for the first time despite their close proximity. Crusaders coach Jeff Farrington has myriad ties to the SoCon, as he played and later served as a graduate assistant at The Citadel and coached at ETSU, Furman, Mercer (before it joined the SoCon) and VMI (before it returned to the SoCon).

• Two other SoCon squads will be meeting first-time foes to open their seasons. On Thursday, The Citadel visits Campbell, and on Saturday, Western Carolina heads to Charleston Southern.

• Western Carolina won four of its last five games to finish the 2021 season, its first under coach Kerwin Bell.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Sept. 1 (Thursday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
The Citadel at Campbell	First meeting	ESPN+	6 p.m.
North Greenville at Furman	First meeting	ESPN3	7 p.m.
Kennesaw State ^{6/8} at Samford	Kennesaw State leads 2-1	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Mars Hill at ETSU ^{11/11}	ETSU leads 8-2-1	ESPN+	7:30 p.m.
VMI at Wake Forest ^{22/19}	Wake Forest leads 3-2-2	ACC Network	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Western Carolina at Charleston Southern	First meeting	ESPN+	12 p.m.
*Wofford at Chattanooga ^{13/12}	Wofford leads 15-13	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Mercer ^{23/23} at Auburn	Auburn leads 12-0	ESPN+/SEC+	7 p.m.

FCS rankings listed AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25/Stats Perform FCS Top 25

FBS rankings listed Associated Press Top 25/AFCA FBS Coaches' Top 25

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

The Southern Conference returns 65 percent of its starters from last season, with Western Carolina leading the way with 73.1 percent of its starters back. All nine teams return more than half of their starters from 2021, with all but Furman bringing back at least 60 percent.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	5/7	10/3	2/1	17/11	.607
ETSU	7/4	7/4	4/1	18/9	.667
Furman	8/3	7/4	0/2	15/9	.577
Mercer	8/3	7/4	3/1	18/8	.692
Samford	8/3	7/4	2/3	17/10	.630
Chattanooga	5/6	7/4	3/0	15/10	.600
VMI	7/5	7/4	3/0	17/9	.654
Western Carolina	8/3	7/4	4/0	19/7	.731
Wofford	6/5	8/3	2/1	16/9	.640
Total	62/39	67/34	23/9	152/82	.650

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AFCA FCS COACHES' TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS
North Dakota State (24)	1
Montana	2
South Dakota State (1)	3
Montana State	4
Villanova	5
Kennesaw State	6
Sacramento State	7
Missouri State	8
Southern Illinois	9
Stephen F. Austin	10
ETSU	11
Eastern Washington	12
Chattanooga	13
UIW	14
UT Martin	15
Southeastern Louisiana	16
Jackson State	17
Holy Cross	18
Delaware	19
Weber State	20
Northern Iowa	21
UC Davis	22
Mercer	23
Rhode Island	t24
Richmond	t24

Others receiving votes: South Dakota, 49; Florida A&M, 44; Harvard, 38; South Carolina State, 38; Princeton, 29; Central Arkansas, 23; Eastern Kentucky, 18; Dartmouth, 17; Nicholls, 8; **Furman**, 6; North Carolina A&T, 6; William & Mary, 6; Murray State, 5; Davidson, 3; Fordham, 3; Southeast Missouri State, 3; North Dakota, 2; Utah Tech, 2; Austin Peay, 1; Elon, 1.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS
North Dakota State (52)	1
South Dakota State (2)	2
Montana	3
Montana State	4
Missouri State	5
Villanova	6
Sacramento State	7
Kennesaw State	8
Southern Illinois	9
Stephen F. Austin	10
ETSU	11
Chattanooga	12
Eastern Washington	13
UIW	14
Jackson State	15
Holy Cross	16
Southeastern Louisiana	17
UT Martin	18
Delaware	19
Weber State	20
Northern Iowa	21
Rhode Island	22
Mercer	23
Richmond	24
UC Davis	25

Others receiving votes: South Dakota 151, Eastern Kentucky 129, Florida A&M 78, William & Mary 66, Dartmouth 59, Monmouth 23, Harvard 19, Princeton 18, Central Arkansas 14, **Furman** 14, South Carolina State 13, Sacred Heart 12, Elon 8, North Carolina A&T 4.

RECORDS VS. RANKED FCS FOES

Team	'22	'21	'20	'19	'18	'17	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-12	.143
ETSU	0-0	3-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-5	5-10	.333
FUR	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	2-3	5-8	.385
MER	0-0	1-1	3-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	7-8	.467
SAM	0-0	0-2	2-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	9-7	.563
UTC	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-3	1-1	1-2	5-7	.417
VMI	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	2-7	.222
WCU	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-7	.125
WOF	0-0	0-4	0-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	6-9	.400

SoCon PLAYERS IN THE NFL

Thirteen former SoCon players were on NFL active rosters for the 2021 season.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
Atlanta Falcons	Younghoe Koo, Georgia Southern
Buffalo Bills	Matt Breida, Georgia Southern
Denver Broncos	Sam Martin, Appalachian State
Detroit Lions	Nick Williams, Samford
Kansas City Chiefs	Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern
Los Angeles Chargers	Andre Roberts, The Citadel
Minnesota Vikings	Michael Pierce, Samford
New York Giants	C.J. Board, Chattanooga
New York Giants	James Bradberry, Samford
New York Giants	Keion Crossen, Western Carolina
San Francisco 49ers	Jaquiski Tartt, Samford
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Dee Delaney, The Citadel (finished career at Miami)
Tennessee Titans	Kendall Lamm, Appalachian State

Seven more former SoCon players were on NFL practice squads in 2021.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
Carolina Panthers	John Brannon, Western Carolina
L.A. Rams	Kareem Orr, Chattanooga
Minnesota Vikings	Dakota Dozier, Furman
New York Jets	Ronald Blair, App State
New York Jets	Noah Dawkins, The Citadel
San Francisco 49ers	Dee Virgin, Chattanooga (finished career at West Alabama)
Tennessee Titans	Corey Levin, Chattanooga

INGLES SoCon GAME OF THE WEEK

The Ingles SoCon Game of the Week airs on a regional network of Nexstar stations throughout the SoCon's footprint. All times are Eastern.

Sept. 10	ETSU at The Citadel	4 p.m.
Sept. 17	The Citadel at Mercer	6 p.m.
Oct. 1	Mercer at Wofford	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	ETSU at VMI	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Western Carolina at Furman	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	Samford at ETSU	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Chattanooga at Furman	2 p.m.
Nov. 5	Wofford at Western Carolina	2 p.m.
Nov. 12	Wildcard selection*	TBA
Nov. 19	Wildcard selection*	TBA

* Wildcard selections will be made 10-14 days prior to game date.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

• **Three SoCon players are on the preseason watch list for the Walter Payton Award and two are on the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award.** ETSU running back Jacob Saylor, Furman tight end Ryan Miller and Chattanooga running back Ailym Ford are on the initial watch list for the FCS offensive player of the year award and Chattanooga defensive lineman Devonsha Maxwell and VMI linebacker Stone Snyder are in the running for the defensive player of the year award. **Snyder has been a finalist for the Buchanan Award in each of the last two seasons, while Maxwell was a finalist last season.**

• **Seventeen SoCon football student-athletes earned preseason All-America distinction heading into this season.** Chattanooga offensive lineman McClendon Curtis, UTC's Maxwell and VMI's Snyder have earned first-team nods from Athlon Sports, HERO Sports, Phil Steele and Stats Perform. VMI long snapper earned first-team honors from HERO Sports and Stats Perform and ETSU's Saylor was a first-team all-purpose pick on the Stats Perform squad.

• **Fifteen SoCon student-athletes earned postseason All-America honors last season.** ETSU running back Quay Holmes was a consensus first-team pick and finished third in the Walter Payton Award voting. **Chattanooga offensive lineman Cole Strange and Samford wide receiver/kick returner Montrell Washington** both earned first-team honors from at least three organizations and **were taken in the NFL Draft**, with Strange becoming the SoCon's first first-rounder since 1974.

SoCon POINTS OF PRIDE

• Since it began competing in FCS, **the SoCon has amassed the second-most national championships with eight.** Also boasting another eight national championship runner-up finishes, **the league has 16 title-game appearances, the most among FCS conferences.**

• **The SoCon prides itself on quality and depth.**

• Eight of the nine current SoCon football members have participated in the FCS Playoffs with seven different schools receiving bids since 2016.

• Overall, current SoCon football members have combined for 47 total FCS playoffs appearances.

• Six of the nine SoCon teams appeared in an FCS top-25 national poll in the 2020-21 season and five of nine did so in the fall 2021 campaign.

• **The SoCon has had seven Walter Payton Award winners, two Buck Buchanan Award winners and five Eddie Robinson Award winners.** VMI Coach Scott Wachenheim won the Eddie Robinson Award (FCS National Coach of the Year) in 2020-21.

• **Sixty-three former SoCon players and coaches have been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.**

• **The SoCon had 15 FCS All-America selections in fall 2021 season. Two of them were drafted into the NFL,** with Chattanooga OL Cole Strange becoming the SoCon's first first-rounder since 1974 when he was taken 29th overall by the New England Patriots. Samford WR Montrell Washington was selected in the fifth round by the Denver Broncos.

• **The SoCon has been playing Division I FCS football since the 1982 season.** The NCAA created two subdivisions for Division I football beginning in 1978 with the creation of I-A (now FBS) and I-AA (now FCS). The SoCon was shifted from I-A to I-AA along with the Ivy League and Southland Conference following the 1981 season, joining the Mid-Continent, Big Sky, MEAC, SWAC, OVC, and Yankee conferences, along with a number of independents, as I-AA participants.

• **The 2022 campaign is the 101st season of SoCon football.** Founded in 1921, the SoCon is the fifth-oldest Division I conference.

PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year
Jacob Saylor, Sr., RB, ETSU

Defensive Player of the Year
Devonnsha Maxwell, Sr., DL, Chattanooga

First team offense

QB Tyler Riddell, R-So., ETSU
RB Jacob Saylor, Sr., ETSU
RB Ailym Ford, Jr., Chattanooga
OL Tavon Matthews, Jr., ETSU
OL Anderson Tomlin, R-Sr., Furman
OL Pearson Toomey, R-Jr., Furman
OL John Thomas, Jr., Mercer
OL McClendon Curtis, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Tyler Smith, R-Jr., Western Carolina
TE Ryan Miller, 5th, Furman
WR Will Huzzie, R-Jr., ETSU
WR Raphael Williams, R-So., Western Carolina

First team defense

DL Jalen Porter, R-Jr., ETSU
DL Devonnsha Maxwell, Sr., Chattanooga
DL Jay Person, Jr., Chattanooga
DL Micheal Mason, Sr., DL, Wofford
LB Nathan East, Gr., Samford
LB Ty Boeck, Sr., Chattanooga
LB Stone Snyder, Sr., VMI
DB Destin Mack, Sr., The Citadel
DB Mike Price, R-Jr., ETSU
DB Travis Blackshear, R-Sr., Furman
DB Lance Wise, Jr., Mercer

First team specialists

PK Tyler Keltner, Jr., ETSU
PK Jerry Rice, R-Jr., VMI
P Jack Culbreath, Jr., VMI
LS Robert Soderholm, R-Sr., VMI
RS Jacob Saylor, Sr., ETSU

Second team offense

QB Seth Morgan, R-Jr., VMI
RB Dominic Roberto, R-Jr., Furman
RB TJ Jones, Sr., Western Carolina
OL Tereis Drayton, Jr., The Citadel
OL Fred Norman, R-So., ETSU
OL Joe Schreiber, R-Jr., ETSU
OL Gavin Orr, Gr., Samford
OL Colin Truett, Jr., Chattanooga
OL Jarvis Chandler, R-Jr., VMI
OL Al Hogan, 5th, Wofford
TE Aidan Twombly, Jr., VMI
WR Ty James, R-So., Mercer
WR Leroy Thomas, Sr., VMI

Second team defense

DL Carson Hatchett, Jr., The Citadel
DL Cameron Coleman, R-Sr., Furman
DL Solomon Zubairu, Jr., Mercer
DL Eric Weaver, R-Sr., VMI
LB Marquise Blount, Sr., The Citadel
LB Isaac Dowling, So., Mercer
LB Kam Jones, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Alijah Huzzie, R-So., ETSU
DB CaMiron Smith, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Aljareek Malry, Sr., VMI
DB Andreas Keaton, So., Western Carolina

Second team specialists

PK Richard McCollum, Jr., Western Carolina
P Trey Turk, So., Mercer
P Bradley Porcellato, Gr., Samford
LS Colin Springer, 5th, Wofford
RS Calvin Jones, So., Western Carolina

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Sept. 5
Sept. 12
Sept. 19
Sept. 26
Oct. 3
Oct. 10
Oct. 17
Oct. 24
Oct. 31
Nov. 7
Nov. 14
Nov. 21

Defensive

Sept. 5
Sept. 12
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Special teams

Sept. 5
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Nov. 7
Nov. 14
Nov. 21

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLLS

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Chattanooga (5)	60
2. ETSU (2)	54
3. Mercer (1)	53
4. Furman (1)	43
5. Western Carolina	38
6. Samford	26
7. VMI	23
8. The Citadel	14
9. Wofford	13

Media

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Chattanooga (18)	256
t2. ETSU (7)	226
t2. Mercer (5)	226
4. Furman	175
5. Western Carolina	125
6. VMI	119
7. Samford	106
8. Wofford	60
9. The Citadel	57

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Offensive

September
October
November

Defensive

September
October
November

COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	32-37 (7th)	Same	24-24 (7th)
George Quarles, ETSU	0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0 (1st)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	31-23 (6th)	Same	25-14 (6th)
Drew Cronic, Mercer	60-15 (7th)	14-9 (3rd)	11-5 (3rd)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	161-93 (23rd)	40-36 (8th)	42-35 (11th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	15-13 (4th)	Same	13-7 (4th)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	23-52 (8th)	Same	16-38 (8th)
Kerwin Bell, Western Carolina	97-48 (14th)	4-7 (2nd)	4-4 (2nd)
Josh Conklin, Wofford	19-22 (5th)	Same	14-15 (5th)

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS opponents (0-0)

Atlantic Coast (0-0)

Sept. 1 VMI at Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 Furman at Clemson, 3:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 Western Carolina at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17 Wofford at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.

Big Ten (0-0)

Sept. 22 Chattanooga at Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

Southeastern (0-0)

Sept. 3 Mercer at Auburn, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 10 Samford at Georgia, 4 p.m.
 Nov. 19 ETSU at Mississippi State, TBA

Sun Belt (0-0)

Oct. 1 The Citadel at App State, TBA

FCS opponents (1-0)

ASUN (0-0)

Sept. 1 Kennesaw State at Samford, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17 North Alabama at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 24 Wofford at Kennesaw State, 6 p.m.

Big South (0-0)

Sept. 1 The Citadel at Campbell, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 3 Western Carolina at Charleston So., 12 p.m.
 Sept. 24 Furman at Charleston Southern, 12 p.m.
 Sept. 24 ETSU at Robert Morris, 12 p.m.
 Sept. 24 Mercer at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.

Colonial (0-0)

Sept. 10 Elon at Wofford, 6 p.m.

Ivy (0-0)

Sept. 17 Cornell at VMI, 1:30 p.m.

Ohio Valley (0-0)

Sept. 10 Chattanooga at Eastern Illinois, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17 Samford at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.

Patriot (0-0)

Sept. 10 Bucknell at VMI, 1:30 p.m.

Pioneer (1-0)

Aug. 27 Mercer 63, Morehead State 13
 Sept. 17 Presbyterian at Western Carolina, 3:30 p.m.

Non-Division I opponents (0-0)

Sept. 1 North Greenville at Furman, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 1 Mars Hill at ETSU, 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 12 Virginia-Lynchburg at The Citadel, 2 p.m.

Home team underlined

All times Eastern

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	238-158-3	.600	73rd	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	21-7-0	.750	6th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	178-63-1	.738	40th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	35-18-0	.660	10th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	175-88-4	.663	53rd	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	69-62-0	.527	24th	Finley Stadium
VMI	109-159-3	.408	60th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	131-111-2	.541	47th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	99-42-0	.702	25th	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	82	49-0 – Clemson (2020)	22
ETSU	45-0 – Gardner-Webb (2018)	38	38-0 – Vanderbilt (2019)	20
Furman	26-0 – Tennessee Tech (2021)	10	45-0 – Samford (2014)	81
Mercer	69-0 – Point (2021)	11	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	46
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	67	52-0 – Auburn (2019)	19
Chattanooga	20-0 – North Alabama (2021)	10	45-0 – Tennessee (2019)	26
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	153	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	50
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	155	76-0 – Oklahoma (2021)	10
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	57	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	97

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 55-65 (.458) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	11-11	.500
ETSU	6-4	.600
Furman	5-10	.333
Mercer	3-2	.600
Samford	3-6	.333
Chattanooga	7-15	.318
VMI*	10-5	.667
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-4	.636
Total	55-65	.458

* includes two losses as a member of the Big South Conference

All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	84th	220-311-5	.415
ETSU	32nd	90-136-0	.398
Furman	84th	284-223-11	.559
Mercer	9th	29-33-0	.468
Samford	15th	59-50-0	.541
Chattanooga	46th	159-162-2	.495
VMI	88th	196-318-23	.386
Western Carolina	46th	120-208-1	.366
Wofford	26th	115-76-0	.602

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RUSHING

YARDS PER CARRY

Game (minimum 5 carries)

38.6 (5-193), Shaun Fogle (WOF) vs. ETSU, Nov. 4, 2000
 29.8 (6-179), Joe Bedenbaugh (CIT) vs. Chattanooga, Nov. 7, 1970
28.0 (5-140), Austin Douglas (MER) vs. Morehead St., Aug. 27, 2022

Career

(minimum 300 carries)

7.4 (330-2,454), Cam Jackson (CIT), 2014-17
 7.3, Jesse McCoy (WOF), 1999-02
 7.0, Erik Thomas (MAR), 1995-96
 6.8, Gwain Durden (UTC), 1977-80
 6.7 (539-3,636), Jayson Foster (GSU), 2004-07
6.6 (383-2,544), Jacob Saylor (ETSU), 2018-pr.
 6.6 (996-6,559), Adrian Peterson (GSU), 1998-01

PASSING

HIGHEST PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Career (minimum 425 attempts)

69.1 (1,310-1,896), Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18
 67.3 (743-1,104), Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
 66.4 (566-853), Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12
 66.0 (307-465), Michael Eubank (SAM), 2014-15
 65.7 (1,168-1,779), Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 65.1 (768-1,180), Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
64.9 (324-499), Seth Morgan (VMI), 2019-pr.
 64.9 (560-863), Liam Welch (SAM), 2016-21
 64.7 (311-481), Lee Chapple (GSU), 2008-09

RECEIVING

MOST YARDS PER RECEPTION

Career (minimum 50 receptions)

23.1 (92-2,125), Joe Burke (UTC), 1977-80
 22.8 (80-1,827), Donald Lipscomb (FUR), 1988-91
21.7 (61-1,321), Ty James (MER), 2020-pr.
 21.1 (102-2,151), Raleigh Webb (CIT), 2017-21
 20.4 (77-1,567), Brenton Berson (WOF), 2008-11

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES CAUGHT

Half

5, Cos DeMatteo (UTC) vs. Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 16, 2000 (1st)
 3, Gerald Harp (WCU) vs. Wofford, Oct. 20, 1979
 3, Jon Reed (WCU) vs. Appalachian State, Nov. 18, 1989
 3, Isaac West (FUR) vs. Elon, Sept. 14, 2002 (1st)
 3, DaVon Fowlkes (APP) vs. Elon, Nov. 6, 2004 (1st)
 3, Andre Roberts (CIT) vs. Webber Int'l., Sept. 8, 2007 (1st)
 3, Terrell Hudgins (Elon) vs. Chattanooga, Oct. 24, 2009 (1st)
 3, Thomas Gordon (FUR) at Samford, Oct. 5, 2019 (1st)
 3, Jakob Herres (VMI) at Wofford, March 27, 2021 (2nd)
3, Ty James (MER) vs. Morehead State, Aug. 27, 2022 (1st)

KICKING

MOST CONSECUTIVE EXTRA POINTS MADE

Career

152, Adrian Mora (GSU), 2008-11
 141, Luke Carter (WOF), 2016-19
 124, Tim Openlander (MAR), 1994-96
 104, Jacob Godek (CIT), 2017-19
 96, Adam Shriner (Elon), 2009-11
 94, Julian Rauch (APP), 2004-07
93, Tyler Keltner (ETSU), 2019-pr.

DEFENSE

MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS

Career

37.0, Davis Tull (UTC), 2011-14
 36.5, Josh Jeffries (APP), 1999-02
 36.0, Marques Murrell (APP), 2003-06
 32.5, James Russell (ETSU), 1993-96
 31.5, Kelly Fletcher (FUR), 1986-89
 31.5, Bryan Dailer (FUR), 1994-97
 31.0, Keionta Davis (UTC), 2013-16
 30.5, Anthony Jones (WOF), 1999-02
 30.0, Louis Cooper (WCU), 1981-85
 30.0, Edward Thomas (GSU), 1993-96

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29.5, Devonsha Maxwell (UTC), 2018-pr.

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee

McClendon Curtis, Sr., OL, Chattanooga

Athlon Sports Preseason All-American Teams

Offense

OL – McClendon Curtis, Sr., Chattanooga

Defense

DL – Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., Chattanooga

LB – Stone Snyder, Sr., VMI

HERO Sports Preseason All-American Teams

First team

Offense

OL – McClendon Curtis, Sr., Chattanooga

Defense

DL – Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., Chattanooga

LB – Stone Snyder, Sr., VMI

Special teams

LS – Robert Soderholm, R-Sr., VMI

Second team

Offense

FB – Alex Ramsey, Gr., The Citadel

Third team

Offense

TE – Ryan Miller, 5th, Furman

OL – Tavon Matthews, Jr., ETSU

Defense

LB – Ty Boeck, Sr., Chattanooga

Special teams

K – Jerry Rice, R-Jr., VMI

LS – Steele Judy, Jr., The Citadel

Phil Steele Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Offense

OL – McClendon Curtis, Sr., Chattanooga

Defense

DL – Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., Chattanooga

LB – Stone Snyder, Sr., VMI

Second team

Special teams

K – Jerry Rice, R-Jr., VMI

AP – Jacob Saylor, Sr., ETSU

LS – Robert Soderholm, R-Sr., VMI

Third team

Offense

FB – Alex Ramsey, Gr., The Citadel

Defense

LB – Ty Boeck, Sr., Chattanooga

Special teams

KR – Calvin Jones, So., Western Carolina

Fourth team

Offense

TE – Ryan Miller, 5th, Furman

OL – Anderson Tomlin, R-Sr., Furman

Defense

DB – Travis Blackshear, R-Sr., Furman

Special teams

PR – Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer

Reese's Senior Bowl

Watch list

Ryan Miller, 5th, TE, Furman

McClendon Curtis, Sr., OL, Chattanooga

Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., DL, Chattanooga

Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Offense

OL – McClendon Curtis, Sr., Chattanooga

Defense

DL – Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., Chattanooga

LB – Stone Snyder, Sr., VMI

Special teams

LS – Robert Soderholm, R-Sr., VMI

AP – Jacob Saylor, Sr., ETSU

Second team

Offense

TE – Ryan Miller, 5th, Furman

OL – Anderson Tomlin, R-Sr., Furman

Special teams

PR – Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer

Third team

Offense

RB – Ailym Ford, Jr., Chattanooga

Defense

LB – Ty Boeck, Sr., Chattanooga

DB – Lance Wise, Sr., Mercer

Special teams

KR – Calvin Jones, So., Western Carolina

Stats Perform Walter Payton Award

Watch list

Jacob Saylor, Sr., RB, ETSU

Ryan Miller, 5th, TE, Furman

Ailym Ford, Jr., RB, Chattanooga

Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award

Watch list

Devonsha Maxwell, Sr., DL, Chattanooga

Stone Snyder, Sr., LB, VMI

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES



The Citadel (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S1	at Campbell (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S10	*ETSU (Nexstar/ESPN+)	4 p.m.
S17	*at Mercer (Nexstar/ESPN3)	6 p.m.
O1	at App State (TBA)	TBA
O8	*FURMAN (ESPN3)	2 p.m.
O15	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O22	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O29	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
N5	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
N12	VIRGINIA-LYNCHBURG (ESPN3)	2 p.m.
N19	*at VMI* (ESPN+)	TBA



ETSU (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S1	MARS HILL (ESPN+)	7:30 p.m.
S10	*at The Citadel (Nexstar/ESPN+)	4 p.m.
S17	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	7:30 p.m.
S24	at Robert Morris	12 p.m.
O1	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	7:30 p.m.
O8	*at VMI (Nexstar/ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O15	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	4 p.m.
O22	*SAMFORD (Nexstar/ESPN3)	3:30 p.m.
O29	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N12	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
N19	at Mississippi State (TBA)	TBA



Furman (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S1	NORTH GREENVILLE (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
S10	at Clemson (ACC Network)	3:30 p.m.
S17	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	7:30 p.m.
S24	at Charleston Southern (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
O1	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O8	*at The Citadel (ESPN3)	2 p.m.
O15	*WESTERN CAROLINA (Nexstar/ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O22	*at VMI (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O29	*CHATTANOOGA (Nexstar/ESPN3)	2 p.m.
N12	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
N19	*WOFFORD (ESPN+)	1 p.m.



Mercer (1-0, 0-0 SoCon)

A27	MOREHEAD STATE (ESPN+)	W, 63-13
S3	at Auburn (ESPN+/SEC Network+)	7 p.m.
S17	*THE CITADEL (Nexstar/ESPN3)	6 p.m.
S24	at Gardner-Webb	6 p.m.
O1	*at Wofford (Nexstar/ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O8	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	4 p.m.
O15	*ETSU (ESPN+)	4 p.m.
O22	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O29	*at VMI (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N12	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
N19	*at Samford (ESPN3)	1 p.m.



Samford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S1	KENNESAW STATE ^{6/8} (ESPN+)	7 p.m.
S10	at Georgia (SEC Network)	4 p.m.
S17	at Tennessee Tech (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
S24	*WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN3)	3 p.m.
O1	*at Furman (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O8	*WOFFORD (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
O22	*at ETSU (Nexstar/ESPN3)	3:30 p.m.
O29	*at The Citadel (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
N5	*VMI (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
N12	*at Chattanooga (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N19	*MERCER (ESPN3)	1 p.m.



Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S3	*WOFFORD (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S10	at Eastern Illinois	7 p.m.
S17	NORTH ALABAMA (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S22	at Illinois (Big Ten Network)	8:30 p.m.
O1	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	7:30 p.m.
O15	*VMI (ESPN3)	1:30 p.m.
O22	*MERCER (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O29	*at Furman (Nexstar/ESPN3)	2 p.m.
N5	*at The Citadel (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
N12	*SAMFORD (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N19	*at Western Carolina (ESPN+)	1 p.m.



VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S1	at Wake Forest ^{22/19} (ACC Network)	7:30 p.m.
S10	BUCKNELL (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
S17	CORNELL (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O1	*at Western Carolina (ESPN3)	3:30 p.m.
O8	*ETSU (Nexstar/ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O15	*at Chattanooga (ESPN3)	1:30 p.m.
O22	*FURMAN (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O29	*MERCER (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N5	*at Samford (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
N12	*at Wofford (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N19	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	TBA



Western Carolina (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S3	at Charleston Southern (ESPN+)	12 p.m.
S10	at Georgia Tech (ESPN+/ACCNX)	7 p.m.
S17	PRESBYTERIAN (ESPN+)	3:30 p.m.
S24	*at Samford (ESPN3)	3 p.m.
O1	*VMI (ESPN3)	3:30 p.m.
O8	*at Mercer (ESPN+)	4 p.m.
O15	*at Furman (Nexstar/ESPN+)	2 p.m.
O22	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
N5	*WOFFORD (Nexstar/ESPN3)	2 p.m.
N12	*at ETSU (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
N19	*CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	1 p.m.



Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S3	*at Chattanooga ^{13/12} (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
S10	ELON (ESPN3)	6 p.m.
S17	at Virginia Tech (ACC Network)	11 a.m.
S24	at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
O1	*MERCER (Nexstar/ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O8	*at Samford (ESPN+)	1 p.m.
O15	*THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
O29	*ETSU (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N5	*at Western Carolina (Nexstar/ESPN3)	2 p.m.
N12	*VMI (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N19	*at Furman (ESPN+)	1 p.m.

All times Eastern
National rankings (in superscript) listed AFCA/Stats Perform (FCS) and AP/AFCA (FBS)

* - Denotes SoCon game

^ - Denotes FCS playoffs

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game