



# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

# 2020-21

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## 2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
ETSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Furman	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---
Mercer	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	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	---
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3

## NOTES

• After an idle week, the Southern Conference returns to action with two contests on Oct. 10, the first Saturday this fall with multiple SoCon squads in action.

• The Citadel finishes its fall slate at Army West Point, which is helmed by Jeff Monken, who coached in the SoCon at Georgia Southern from 2010-13. The Citadel will be facing the Black Knights for the 10th time and first since 1994. The Bulldogs won two straight in the series before Army West Point kicked a game-winning field goal as time expired in 1994 in the last meeting.

• The Citadel hosted Eastern Kentucky in its lone home contest of the fall on Sept. 26, falling 37-14 to the Ohio Valley Conference squad. Emeka Nwanze ran for a career-high 114 yards in the losing effort, while quarterback Brandon Rainey rushed for 70 yards and a touchdown and threw for 36 yards and another score. Rainey pushed his career rushing total to 2,051 yards, becoming the 16th Bulldog to surpass 2,000 for his career.

• Citadel wide receiver Raleigh Webb had a 28-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter, moving into a tie for second in school history with 16 career TD receptions.

• Linebacker Willie Eubanks III, the reigning SoCon Defensive Player of the Year, had a career-high 14 tackles, including two for loss and a sack. Eubanks is second in the FCS this season with 11.7 tackles per game and 1.7 tackles for loss per game.

• Backup quarterback Jaylan Adams leads the FCS with a kickoff return average of 20.5 yards this season.

• The Drew Cronic era opens at Mercer as the Bears take on Jacksonville State for the first time in program history. Cronic boasts an .887 winning percentage in four years as a head coach, as he went 22-3 in two seasons at NAIA Reinhardt (2015-16) and 25-3 at Division II Lenoir-Rhyne (2018-19), leading his squads to the postseason each year. In between those stints, Cronic served as Furman's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, helping the Paladins earn an at-large bid to the 2017 FCS playoffs and pick up a first-round win and QB P.J. Blazejowski earn second-team All-SoCon honors from the league's media.

• Mercer returns running back Tyray Devezin, who netted 1,002 yards on a school-record 214 carries and ran for 11 TDs last year, becoming just the second player in program history to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing plateau in a season and the first since Alex Lakes in 2014. With 1,986 career rushing yards, Devezin is just 14 shy of becoming one of three active SoCon players with at least 2,000, as he is set to join Rainey (2,051) and ETSU running back Quay Holmes (2,071).

• The Bears return none of their six All-SoCon selections from last season but do bring back all four of their All-Freshman picks in wide receiver Yahsyn McKee, safety Richie Coffey, punter/kicker Caleb Dowden and long snapper Zach Lassiter.

• Chattanooga senior wide receiver Bryce Nunnally and Western Carolina senior offensive lineman Grady Thomas are among the record 199 national semifinalists for the 2020 William V. Campbell Trophy presented by Mazda and announced by the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame (NFF).

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Date (Day)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Oct. 10 (Saturday)	The Citadel at Army West Point Mercer at Jacksonville State	CBS Sports Network ESPN3	1:30 p.m. 3 p.m.
Oct. 24 (Saturday)	Chattanooga at Western Kentucky Mercer at Army West Point	ESPN3/+ CBS Sports Network	4 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31 (Saturday)	Abilene Christian at Mercer	TBA	TBA
Nov. 14 (Saturday)	Western Carolina at Liberty	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Nov. 21 (Saturday)	Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky	ESPN+	3 p.m.
Dec. 11 (Friday)	Western Carolina at North Carolina	TBA	TBA

## COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	26-23 (5th)	Same	19-13 (5th)
Randy Sanders, ETSU	11-13 (3rd)	Same	7-9 (3rd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	22-14 (4th)	Same	18-6 (4th)
Drew Cronic, Mercer	47-6 (5th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	153-83 (21st)	32-26 (6th)	35-27 (9th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	6-6 (2nd)	Same	5-3 (2nd)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	11-45 (6th)	Same	6-33 (6th)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	32-60 (9th)	Same	20-42 (9th)
Josh Conklin, Wofford	17-8 (3rd)	Same	13-3 (3rd)

## SoCon STATS



## NCAA STATS



## SCHEDULE NOTE

The Southern Conference Council of Presidents announced on Aug. 13 that the league would postpone conference competition for all fall sports to the spring due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with schools able to participate in nonconference play in the fall at their discretion.

## SoCon vs. Other Conferences

### FBS opponents (0-2)

#### American Athletic (0-1)

Sept. 12 South Florida 27, The Citadel 6

#### Atlantic Coast (0-1)

Sept. 19 Clemson 49, The Citadel 0

Dec. 11 Western Carolina at North Carolina, TBA

#### Independents (0-0)

Oct. 10 The Citadel at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 24 Mercer at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m.

Nov. 14 Western Carolina at Liberty, 2 p.m.

#### Conference USA (0-0)

Oct. 24 Chattanooga at Western Kentucky, 4 p.m.

### FCS opponents (0-1)

#### Ohio Valley (0-1)

Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky 37, The Citadel 14

Oct. 10 Mercer at Jacksonville State, 3 p.m.

Nov. 21 Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky, 3 p.m.

#### Southland (0-0)

Oct. 31 Abilene Christian at Mercer, TBA

#### Home team underlined

All times Eastern

## SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players were on 2020 opening-week NFL active rosters.

Atlanta Falcons	Younghoe Koo, Georgia Southern
Buffalo Bills	Andre Roberts, The Citadel
Chicago Bears	Buster Skrine, Chattanooga
Cleveland Browns	Kendall Lamm, Appalachian State
Cleveland Browns	Tae Davis, Chattanooga
Denver Broncos	Sam Martin, Appalachian State
Detroit Lions	Nick Williams, Samford
Houston Texans	Keion Crossen, Western Carolina
Kansas City Chiefs	Daniel Kilgore, Appalachian State
Miami Dolphins	Matt Breida, Georgia Southern
Minnesota Vikings	Dakota Dozier, Furman
New York Giants	C.J. Board, Chattanooga
New York Giants	James Bradberry, Samford
San Francisco 49ers	Jaquiski Tartt, Samford
San Francisco 49ers	Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern
Tennessee Titans	Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga

## Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	234-152-3	.605	71st	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	12-6-0	.667	4th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	173-60-1	.741	38th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	26-16-0	.619	8th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	170-84-4	.667	51st	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	65-59-0	.524	22nd	Finley Stadium
VMI	102-157-3	.395	58th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	129-106-2	.549	45th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	98-35-0	.737	23rd	Gibbs Stadium

## Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	62	49-0 – Clemson (2020)	2
ETSU	45-0 – Gardner-Webb (2018)	19	38-0 – Vanderbilt (2019)	1
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	183	45-0 – Samford (2014)	63
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	51	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	24
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	49	52-0 – Auburn (2019)	1
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	46	45-0 – Tennessee (2019)	10
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	134	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	31
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	135	41-0 – NC State (2019)	11
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	41	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	81

## All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	81st	215-300-5	.418
ETSU	29th	79-133-0	.373
Furman	81st	277-215-11	.562
Mercer	6th	18-28-0	.391
Samford	12th	52-42-0	.553
Chattanooga	43rd	151-158-2	.487
VMI	85th	186-313-23	.378
Western Carolina	43rd	115-199-1	.367
Wofford	23rd	114-64-0	.640

## Records vs. Ranked FCS Foes

SoCon teams' records vs. ranked FCS opponents since 2016 (including playoffs)

Team	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-0	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-1	3-10	.231
ETSU	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-5	1-2	2-10	.167
FUR	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	0-3	3-9	.250
MER	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-3	3-9	.250
SAM	0-0	2-1	2-1	3-1	0-3	7-6	.538
UTC	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	3-8	.273
VMI	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-4	0-9	.000
WCU	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-7	.125
WOF	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-2	9-6	.600

## Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 49-59 (.454) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	10-10	.500
ETSU	5-4	.556
Furman	4-10	.286
Mercer	3-2	.600
Samford	3-3	.500
Chattanooga	6-14	.300
VMI*	8-5	.615
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-3	.700
<b>Total</b>	<b>49-59</b>	<b>.454</b>

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

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## STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS
North Dakota State (147)	1
James Madison	2
Northern Iowa	3
Weber State	4
South Dakota State	5
Montana State	6
Montana	7
Villanova	8
Illinois State	9
Kennesaw State	10
Central Arkansas	11
Sacramento State	12
Austin Peay	13
Nicholls	14
<b>Furman</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Wofford</b>	<b>16</b>
Albany	17
Eastern Washington	18
North Carolina A&T	19
New Hampshire	20
Southeastern Louisiana	21
Sam Houston State	22
Monmouth	23
Southern Illinois	24
Southeast Missouri	25

\* Stats Perform will not conduct a weekly poll this fall.

## NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS

### Athlon Sports Preseason FCS All-America Team

**Defense**  
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel  
**Special teams**  
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

### FCS Preseason Punter of the Year Award watch list

Matthew Campbell, Jr., The Citadel

### HERO Sports Preseason All-America

**First team**  
**Offense**  
ATH – Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel  
**Special teams**  
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

**Second team**  
**Defense**  
LB – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman  
**Special teams**  
KR – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

**Third team**  
**Offense**  
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman  
TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga  
AP – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel  
**Defense**  
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel  
**Special teams**  
LS – Robert Solderholm, Jr., VMI

### Phil Steele/DraftScout.com Preseason All-America

**First team**  
**Offense**  
RB – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel  
**Defense**  
DL – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman  
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel  
**Special teams**  
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford  
AP – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

**Third team**  
**Offense**  
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman  
**Fourth team**  
**Offense**  
OL – Cole Strange, Sr., Chattanooga

### Stats Perform Preseason All-America

**First team**  
**Offense**  
RB – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel  
**Defense**  
LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel  
**Special teams**  
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford  
AP – Quay Holmes, R-Jr. ETSU

**Second team**  
**Offense**  
TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga

**Third team**  
**Offense**  
RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman  
**Defense**  
DL – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman  
**Special teams**  
AP – Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel

### William V. Campbell Trophy presented by Mazda Semifinalists

Bryce Nunnally, Sr., WR, Chattanooga  
Grady Thomas, Sr., OL, Western Carolina

## RECORD WATCH – CAREER (SoCon RECORDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

### TOTAL OFFENSE

#### MOST GAMES 250 OR MORE TOTAL YARDS

**Career**  
38, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18  
35, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09  
28, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10  
24, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15  
24, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19  
17, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2012-15  
16, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00  
16, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16  
15, Jamal Jackson (APP), 2010-13  
14, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

**13, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.**

### PASSING

#### MOST PASSES COMPLETED

**Career**  
1,310, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18 (NCAA record)  
1,168, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10  
768, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09  
743, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15  
739, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19  
707, Dustin Taliaferro (SAM), 2008-11  
703, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16  
694, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96  
**658, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.**  
657, Reese Hannon (FUR), 2012-16

### MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS

**Career**  
39, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10  
39, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18  
29, D.J. Campbell (APP), 1989-92  
26, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96  
24, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09  
22, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00  
21, Randy Joyce (APP), 1981-84  
21, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19  
20, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92  
20, B.J. Coleman (UTC), 2009-11  
20, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

**19, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.**

### MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS

**Career**  
30, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18  
23, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-2010  
12, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00  
10, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09  
10, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16  
9, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12  
9, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19  
**9, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.**  
7, Tony Petersen (MAR), 1986-87  
7, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92  
7, Richie Williams (APP), 2002-05

### MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 400+ YARDS

**Career**  
12, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18  
4, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00  
4, Richie Williams (APP), 2004  
3, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92  
3, David Rivers (WCU), 2000  
3, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10  
3, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12  
3, Andy Summerlin (SAM), 2012-13  
**3, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.**

### RECEIVING

#### MOST GAMES WITH 100+ YARDS RECEIVING

**Career**  
28, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09  
23, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-12  
23, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18  
17, Rick Beasley (APP), 1978-80  
17, Mark Stock (VMI), 1985-88  
17, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09  
14, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16  
13, Brian Quick (APP), 2008-11  
13, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18  
10, Isaac West (FUR), 2001-04

**9, Bryce Nunnally (UTC), 2017-pr.**



**The Citadel**  
(0-3, 0-0 SoCon)

S12 at South Florida (ESPN+) .....L, 6-27  
S19 at #1 Clemson (ACC Network) .....L, 0-49  
S26 EASTERN KENTUCKY (ESPN3)..... L, 14-37  
O10 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.



**ETSU**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



**Furman**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



**Mercer**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O10 at Jacksonville State (ESPN3) ..... 3 p.m.  
O24 at Army West Point (CBS Sports). 1:30 p.m.  
O31 ABILENE CHRISTIAN..... TBA



**Samford**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



**Chattanooga**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

O24 at Western Kentucky (ESPN3/+) .....4 p.m.



**VMI**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



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

N14 at Liberty (ESPN+) .....2 p.m.  
N21 at Eastern Kentucky (ESPN+).....3 p.m.  
D11 at North Carolina (TBA)..... TBA



**Wofford**  
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

All times Eastern

\* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game