



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

2020-21

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Belmont	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-

NOTES

• The 54th season of Southern Conference men's soccer begins Friday, Sept. 18, when Mercer hosts Georgia State in Macon, Georgia, for the first of five fall games for the Bears.

• 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.

• The Bears will host three home games during the fall. Each home game will be streamed on ESPN+.

• Mercer won the 2019 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 win over No. 2 seed UNCG in the title game after defeating No. 1 seed Furman in the semifinal round 3-2 in 2OT. It was the Bears' third title since joining the league in 2014.

• Mercer received votes in College Soccer News' 2020 preseason poll, following a successful 2019 season as Southern Conference tournament champion.

• Last season, the Bears tied their single-season program record with 14 wins.

• Mercer junior Trevor Martineau opens the 2020-21 season as the SoCon's active career leader in points (63), goals (23) and game-winning goals (10). Mercer redshirt senior Leo Toledo Jr. leads active players in assists (19), with Martineau second with 17.

• The Bears fell in the first round of the 2019 NCAA tournament to Charlotte, 3-1.

• The Bears have six newcomers on the 2020-21 roster, as head coach Brad Ruzzo enters his 13th year leading the team. Mercer is entering its sixth season as a member of the SoCon.

• Max Watson will be leading the VMI Keydet's in his first campaign as head coach.

• Three head coaches are entering their second season leading their respective teams, but will not be participating in fall competition. David Costa (Belmont), Chris Rich (UNCG) and Joel Tyson (Wofford) will all be continuing their coaching campaigns from last season.

• UNCG and Furman shared the 2019 SoCon regular-season title, but have opted out of participating in fall competition along with Belmont, ETSU, VMI and Wofford.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Date (Day)	TV/Digital	Time
Sept. 18 (Friday) Georgia State at Mercer	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Tuesday) Georgia Southern at Mercer	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Oct. 6 (Tuesday) Mercer at Georgia State	TBA	7 p.m.
Oct. 10 (Saturday) South Carolina at Mercer	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Wednesday) Mercer at Kentucky	TBA	7 p.m.

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCON (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	5-12-2 (2nd)	Same	1-4-1 (2nd)
David Casper, ETSU	16-15-3 (3rd)	Same	7-5-1 (3rd)
Doug Allison, Furman	309-144-56 (26th)	Same	135-51-21 (26th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	115-98-26 (13th)	Same	32-16-4 (7th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	9-9-1 (2nd)	Same	5-1-0 (2nd)
Max Watson, VMI	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	4-13-1 (2nd)	Same	2-3-1 (2nd)

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SoCON VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

Southeastern (0-0)

10/10 South Carolina at Mercer, 6 p.m.
10/14 Kentucky at Mercer, 7 p.m.

Sun Belt (0-0)

9/18 Georgia State at Mercer, 7 p.m.
9/22 Georgia Southern at Mercer, 7 p.m.
10/6 Georgia State at Mercer, 7 p.m.

Home team underlined

ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SoCON PLAY

Team	Joined	W-L-T	Pct.
Belmont	2018	2-8-2	.250
ETSU	1980	29-29-10	.500
Furman	1967	203-88-23	.683
Mercer	2014	32-16-4	.654
UNCG	1997	111-47-16	.684
VMI	1971	38-180-14	.194
Wofford	1997	51-114-10	.320

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	PTS	Record
1. Georgetown (25)	670	20-1-3
2. Virginia	645	21-2-1
3. Wake Forest (1)	614	16-5-2
4. Stanford (1)	584	14-3-5
5. Clemson	570	18-2-1
6. Washington	539	17-4-0
7. Southern Methodist	525	18-2-1
8. UC Santa Barbara	467	15-5-4
9. Indiana	457	15-3-4
10. UCF	441	15-3-2
11. Marshal	382	16-3-3
12. St. John's	355	14-5-1
13. Virginia Tech	331	10-6-3
14. Providence	318	16-7-0
15. St. Mary's (Calif.)	271	16-2-0
16. Missouri State	254	18-1-1
17. Michigan	234	11-5-6
18. Penn State	179	12-4-3
19. Seattle	174	15-3-5
20. Louisville	156	10-8-2
21. Charlotte	129	12-4-4
22. New Hampshire	115	15-2-3
23. Kentucky	93	13-5-3
24. Campbell	75	17-3-2
25. UC Davis	52	13-5-2

*Final rankings from 2019 season

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

- 63 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 41 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 39 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- 34 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr., BEL
- 24 Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG

GOALS

- 23 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 16 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- 11 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 11 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr., BEL
- 9 Micah Albert, Jr., UNCG

ASSISTS

- 19 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 17 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 16 Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG
- 12 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr., BEL
- 7 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR

GAME-WINNING GOALS

- 10 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 5 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 3 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- 2 Micah Albert, Jr., UNCG
- 2 Kieran Richards, So., ETSU

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

- 239 Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
- 139 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 131 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 116 Nicolo Dini, Jr., BEL
- 114 Josh Perryman, R-So. ETSU

WINS

- 26 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 26 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 15 Josh Perryman, R-Jr., ETSU
- 8 Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
- 6 Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL

SHUTOUTS

- 14 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 11 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 7 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 3 Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
- 2 Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL
- 2 Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
- 2 Cameron Petty, Jr., BEL

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

- 1.04 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 1.19 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 1.19 JR DeRose, R-Sr. MER

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Mercer
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S18 GEORGIA STATE..... 7 p.m.
S22 GEORGIA SOUTHERN..... 7 p.m.
O6 at Georgia State..... 7 p.m.
O10 SOUTH CAROLINA..... 6 p.m.
O14 KENTUCKY..... 7 p.m.



UNCG
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VMI
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