

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER

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2020-21 Southern Conference Women's Soccer Standings

			CON	FERENCE	OVER	ALL			
STANDINGS	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GΑ	ST
Furman	6-0-1	19	12	3 W1	6-0-1	.929	12	3	W1
Samford	5-0-2	17	16	2 W2	5-1-3	.722	17	4	W2
Chattanooga	5-1-1	16	7	4 W3	6-1-1	.813	9	4	W3
Mercer	4-3-0	12	10	8 L2	7-9-1	.441	32	21	L2
UNCG	3-3-1	10	7	5 W2	3-4-2	.444	7	7	W2
Wofford	3-4-1	10	9	10 L1	3-4-1	.438	10	9	L1
Western Carolina	3-4-0	9	11	11 W1	4-6-0	.400	12	13	W1
ETSU	1-4-1	4	4	13 L4	1-6-1	.188	6	17	L4
The Citadel	1-6-0	3	5	12 L3	7-9-2	.444	22	22	L3
VMI	0-6-1	1	4	17 L5	1-6-2	.222	10	18	L5

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE		(all times Eastern)
April 1 (Thursday) *Samford at VMI *Chattanooga at UNCG	TV/Digital ESPN+ ESPN+	Time 4 p.m. 4 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Mercer	ESPN+	4 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 2 (Friday)	TV/Digital	Time
*Furman at Wofford	ESPN+	2 p.m.
April 3 (Saturday) *Chattanooga at VMI		11 a.m.
*Western Carolina at The Citadel	ESPN+	11 a.m.
*Samford at UNCG	ESPN+	1 p.m.

SoCon Stats

NCAA STATS





Coaching Records

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)	
Ciaran Traquair, The Citadel	62-98-6 (8th)	32-56-4 (5th)	5-38-0 (5th)	
Jay Yelton, ETSU	1-6-1 (1st)	Same	1-4-1 (1st)	
Andrew Burr, Furman	207-83-25 (16th)	Same	101-37-18 (16th)	
Tony Economopoulos, Mercer	108-106-17 (12th)	98-65-17 (9th)	34-18-6 (7th)	
Michael Coll, UNCG	105-96-27 (12th)	64-53-16 (7th)	36-17-6 (7th)	
Todd Yelton, Samford*	274-132-50 (22nd)	234-100-46 (18th)	96-12-18 (12th)	
Gavin McKinney, Chattanooga	109-73-20 (10th)	36-48-17 (6th)	22-22-8 (6th)	
Chris Haught-Thompson, VMI	2-22-3 (2nd)	Same	0-14-2 (2nd)	
Chad Miller, Western Carolina	180-154-30 (19th)	87-98-19 (11th)	43-54-8 (11th)	
Emily Grant, Wofford	10-16-1 (2nd)	Same	6-10-1 (2nd)	
* later vacated 24 overall wins and four ties (13 wins and four ties in SoCon play) from 2012-13				

Notes

- There are seven games on the slate in the final week of the regular season, which is set to conclude on Saturday, April 3.
- •The SoCon announced on March 31 that three confeence matches have been canceled due to opt-outs and injuries that have left ETSU's team below the conference's recommended guidelines at a key position. The games affected are ETSU at The Citadel on Thursday, ETSU at Mercer on Saturday and Furman at ETSU on April 6. The games will not be made up and will be considered no-contests.
- Furman head coach Andrew Burr, already the winningest coach in women's soccer league history, earned his 100th conference win in a 2-0 win over Chattanooga on March 19 and pushed his total to 101 in the 3-1 win over Western Carolina on March 26. He's the first SoCon coach to surpass 100 conference wins.
- Mercer head coach Tony Economopoulos is two wins shy of 100 at Mercer (98-65-17).
- Nationally, Mercer is ninth in total assists (28), ninth in total goals (32) and 10th in total
- Furman debuted at No. 25 in the NCAA Soccer RPI, released Monday, March 22, and are up to 23 in the latest poll, released March 28.
- Furman is 31-2-3 at home in its last 36 matches versus SoCon opposition. The Paladins have posted a 17-1-2 record in their last 20 regular season SoCon matches.
- All five of Chattanooga's conference wins have been decided by one goal, two of which were 1-0 wins and two of which were by 2-1 scores.
- The Citadel and Mercer were the only two teams to compete in the fall. The SoCon elected to move conference play to the spring season amid concerns around the coronavirus, though teams were allowed to compete in fall noncoference action at their discretion.
- The Citadel and Mercer met twice in the fall in nonconference contests. The teams played to a 1-1 draw on Sept. 17 in Charleston, S.C. It was the first time The Citadel earned a positive result against Mercer, who entered the match 7-0 against the Bulldogs. The Citadel won the second contest, 3-2, in Oct. 9 in Macon, Georgia.
- Samford was picked to win the 2020-21 SoCon Championship in voting of the league's 10 head coaches.
- The 2021 SoCon Championship will include just four teams due to the conference's costcutting measures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The semifinals, hosted by the higher seeds, are slated for April 9th and/or April 10th with the final on either April 16th or 17th.
- · Samford won the 2019 Southern Conference women's soccer championship by downing No. 9 The Citadel, 5-1, in the guarterfinals, No. 4 Mercer, 3-0, in the semifinals and No. 2 Furman, 1-0, in the championship final. Samford also claimed at least a share of the regular-season title for the sixth straight season in 2019.

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

Overall: 9-14-4

Atlantic Coast (0-2-1)

Sept. 24 #12 Pittsburgh 2, The Citadel 1 (OT) Sept. 27 #12 Pittsburgh 1, The Citadel 0 Feb. 24 NC State 0, UNCG 0 (2OT)

Atlantic Sun (2-3)

<u>The Citadel</u> 1, Jacksonville 0 Lipscomb 2, <u>ETSU</u> 1 Feb. 19

Feb. 21

Mercer 1, Kennesaw State 0 North Florida 2, <u>The Citadel</u> 1 Feb. 21 Feb. 23 Liberty 1, Western Carolina 0 Feb. 25

Atlantic 10 (0-1-1)

Davidson 1, Western Carolina 0 Feb. 21 Feb. 28 VMI 1, Davidson 1 (2OT)

Big South (0-1)

Feb. 13 High Point 2, UNCG 10

Capital Athletic Conference - DIII (1-0)

Feb. 23 VMI 5, Southern Virginia 0

Conference Carolinas - DII (1-0)

The Citadel 1, Belmont Abbey 0

Conference-USA (1-2-1)

Oct. 17 UAB 2, Mercer 1

Feb. 13 Marshall 2, ETSU 1 (OT)

Feb. 17 Western Carolina 1, Charlotte 0 (OT)

Feb. 18 Samford 1, UAB 1 (2OT)

South Atlantic Conference - DII (1-0)

Feb. 14 The Citadel 4, Anderson 1

Southeastern Conference (0-1)

Feb. 25 Ole Miss 1, Samford 0

Sun Belt (2-4-1)

Sept. 11 Georgia State 2, Mercer 1 (OT)
Sept. 14 The Citadel 2, Georgia Southern 1 Sept. 24 Mercer 1, Georgia Southern 0 The Citadel 0, App State 0 (2OT)* <u>Georgia State</u> 2, Mercer 1 <u>The Citadel</u> 3, Georgia Southern 0 Oct. 1 Oct. 15

Oct. 16 Feb. 28 Troy 1, Mercer 0 (OT)

USA South - DIII (1-0)

Feb. 11 Mercer 13, Wesleyan 0

Home team underlined

* neutral site

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

Points

58 Logan Dix, Sr., CIT 2. 55 Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER Ally Fordham, Sr., MER 3. 50 4. 5. Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR

Goals

Logan Dix, Sr., CIT Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC 25 24 2. Ally Fordham, Sr., MER Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU 3. 19 4. 16 16 Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER

Assists

Abigail Zoeller, Jr., MER 15 Alyssa Frazier, Sr., SAM 3. 12 Suzuka Yosue, So., CIT 4. Sarah Adcock, Sr., MER 10 Hannah Roth, Sr., CIT Jasmine Greene, So., FUR

Game-Winning Goals

8 Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR Ally Fordham, Sr., MER Chĺoe Arnold, Sr., UTC Logan Dix, Sr., CIT 6 Caroline Orman, Sr., SAM

Goals Against Average (Min. 2000 Minutes)

0.74 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 0.86 Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER 1.16

1.92 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

Saves

343 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

2. 246 Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG

Maria Mon, Jr., WOF Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 245 3. 4. 133 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

Wins

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM 2.

3. 16 4.

Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 5. 11

Abby Buchholz, So., UNCG Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

Shutouts

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

2. Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG

3. Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

4. Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

5. Melody Mezzina, So., WCU

Saves Per Game (Min. 10 Games)

5.98 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

4.87 Noelle Heilpern, So., VMI Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG

4.45 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SOCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	20th	26-135-7	.176
ETSU	24th	41-85-11	.339
Furman	27th	177-53-21	.747
Mercer	7th	35-20-6	.623
UNCG	24th	171-44-16	.775
Samford	13th	96-13-17	.829
Chattanooga	25th	57-160-22	.285
VMI	7th	12-45-4	.230
Western Carolina	22nd	100-95-21	.512
Wofford	24th	74-128-30	.384

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 firstever 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.



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SoCon Preseason All-Conference Honors

$\mathsf{S}\mathsf{\mathsf{AMFORD}}$ predicted to win women's soccer championship

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – For the fifth time in the last six seasons, Samford is the preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference women's soccer title in voting of the league's 10 head coaches. The Bulldogs edged Furman 1-0 in the 2019 Southern Conference Championship to claim their third tournament title and first since 2016.

The coaches also selected a 12-member preseason all-conference team, which features an extra player due to a tie in the voting. Samford picked up a league-best four selections, while Furman claimed three, Mercer claimed two, and The Citadel, UNCG and Chattanooga each placed one on the team.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams or players in the balloting.

Samford, which garnered seven first-place votes, finished with 79 points. Furman, which played in the championship each of the last two seasons, was second with 74 points, earning the remaining three firstplace votes. UNC Greensboro, the 2017 and 2018 SoCon tournament champion, was picked third with 63 points, while Mercer had 53 points to finish fourth. The middle of the poll was tightly packed as Chattanooga (46), Western Carolina (41) and The Citadel (39) were separated by just seven total points and were picked fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. ETSU was picked eighth with 26 points to edge Wofford (19) by seven points, while VMI rounded out the poll with 10 points.

Samford went 13-4-5 overall last season and 7-1-1 in league play, tying Furman for the top spot in the regular season. The Bulldogs return seven starters from that squad, including four preseason all-conference selections - forward Taylor Yount, midfielder Alyssa Frazier, defender Lexi Orman and goalkeeper Morgan McAslan - all of which were all honored on the 2019 all-conference first team. Yount tied for the league lead in goals (10) and was second in the league in shots (60), points (22) and points per game (1.0) in 2019, while Frazier finished second in assists (nine) and third in assists per game (0.41). McAslan, a junior, boasted a league-best 0.87 goals against average, led the league in solo shutouts (eight) and was also in the top three in both saves (94) and save percentage.

Furman put forward Jasmine Greene, midfielder Isabella Gutierrez and defender Faith Hauberg on the preseason all-conference team. The Paladins went 14-6-1 overall and 7-1-1 in 2019. Greene, the 2019 SoCon Freshman of the Year, and Gutierrez were both first-team all-conference picks last season.

UNCG finished the 2019 campaign 10-8-2 overall and 7-2 in SoCon play, tying for third in the league standings and earning a spot in the SoCon semifinals. Defender Kayla Campbell, a second-team allconference performer a season ago, represents the Spartans on the preseason all-conference team.

Mercer, which also made an appearance in the tournament semifinals last season after amassing a 16-4 record and finishing 7-2 in league action, put forward Nicole Icen, the 2019 SoCon Player of the Year, and midfielder Ciara Whitely, a 2019 second team all-conference pick, on the preseason all-conference squad. Icen led the league in points (23), points per game (1.28) and goals per game (0.56) and tied for the league lead in total goals (10).

Chattanooga defender Maggie Shaw and The Citadel forward Suzuka Yosue, a second-team all-conference selection a season ago, round out the preseason squad.

The 2021 spring regular season begins on Sunday, Feb. 7, as Mercer and UNCG are in action. ETSU's season begins on Feb. 12, while The Citadel gets underway two days later. Samford, VMI and Western Carolina kick off on Feb. 18 and Chattanooga begins on Feb. 26. Furman begins on Feb. 28, while Wofford is scheduled to play only conference contests, which are set to begin on Friday, March 5.

The SoCon Women's Soccer Championship will feature just the top four seeds as part of the league's costcutting initiative. The semifinals, hosted by the highest seeds, will be contested on April 9 or 10 with the finals, hosted by the highest remaining seed, scheduled for April 16 or 17.

2020-21 Preseason Coaches' Poll

2020-21 Preseaso	n Coacnes Poli	2020-2 I	Preseason All-Conference leam
1. Samford (7)	79	F	Suzuka Yosue, The Citadel
2. Furman (3)	74	F	Jasmine Greene, Furman
3. UNCG	63	F	Nicole Icen, Mercer
4. Mercer	53	F	Taylor Yount, Samford
5. Chattanooga	46	MF	Isabella Gutierrez, Furman
6. Western Carolina	a 41	MF	Ciara Whitely, Mercer
7. The Citadel	39	MF	Alyssa Frazier, Samford
8. ETSU	26	D	Faith Hauberg, Furman
9. Wofford	19	D	Kayla Campbell, UNCG
10. VMI	10	D	Lexi Orman, Samford
		D	Maggie Shaw, Chattanooga
() denotes first-place	ce votes	GK	Morgan McAslan, Samford

SoCon Offensive Players of the Week

Feb. 23	Kendall Cook, F/M, Fr., Mercer
	Chloe Arnold, F, Sr., Chattanooga
March 9	Isabella Gutierrez, F, Jr., Furman
March 16	Kendall Mueller, F, R-Fr., Chattanooga
March 23	Nieva Gaither, F, Fr., Furman
March 30	Rea Syska, MF, So., Western Carolina
April 6	

SoCon Defensive Players of the Week

Feb. 23	Melody Mezzina, GK, So., WCU
	Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, GK, Sr, UNCG
	Ashton Shields, GK, Jr., Chattanooga
March 16	Morgan McAslan, GK, Jr., Samford
March 23	Āddison Corn, GK, Fr., Furman
March 30	Maggie Shaw, D, Jr., Chattanooga
April 6	•

SoCon Players of the Month

February Offensive...... Kendall Cook, F/M, Fr., Mercer Defensive......Melody Mezzina, GK, So., WCU Offensive.... Defensive.....



The Citadel

(7-9-2, 1-6-0 SoCon)

S14	at Georgia Southern	W, 2-1
S17	MERCER	T, 1-1 (2OT)
S24	#12 PITTSBURGH	L, 1-2 (OT)
S27	#12 PITTSBURGH	
01	vs. Appalachian State	T, 0-0 (2OT)
О3	at Belmont Abbey	W, 1-0
O10	at Mercer	W, 3-2
016	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W, 3-0
F14	at Anderson	W, 4-1
F19	JACKSONVILLE	W, 1-0
F23	NORTH FLORIDA	L, 1-2
M5	*at Wofford	L, 0-2
M7	*at Furman	L, 0-1
M12	*MERCER	L, 1-2 (OT)
M19	*VMI	W, 3-0
M21	*UNCG	L, 1-3
M26	*at Chattanooga	L, 0-1
M28	*at Samford	L, 0-3
A1	*ETSU	CANC.
A3	*WESTERN CAROLINA	11 a.m.



ETSU

(1-6-1, 1-4-1 SoCon)

F13	MARSHALL	L,1-2 (OT)
F21	LIPSCOMB	L, 1-2
M5	*UNCG	W, 2-1
M7	*VMI	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M12	*at Chattanooga	L, 1-2 (2OT)
M14	*at Samford	L, 0-5
M19	*at Western Carolina	L, 0-3
M26	*WOFFORD	L. 0-1
M28	*FURMAN	CANC.
A1	*at The Citadel	CANC.
А3	*at Mercer	CANC.



Furman (6-0-1, 6-0-1 SoCon)

M5	*MERCER	. W, 2-1 (2OT)
M7	*THE CITADEL	W, 1-0
M12	*at VMI	W, 2-0
M14	*at UNCG	W, 1-0
M19	*CHATTANOOGA	W, 2-0
M21	*SAMFORD	T, 1-1
M26	*at Western Carolina	W, 3-1
M28	*at ETSU	CANC.
A2	*at Wofford	2 p.m.



Mercer (7-9-1, 4-3-0 SoCon)

S11	GEORGIA STATEL,	1-2 (OT)
S17	at The CitadelT, 1	-1 (2OT)
S24	at Georgia Southern	W, 1-0
09	THE CITADEL	L, 2-3
O15	at Georgia State	L, 1-2
O17	UAB	L, 1-2
F7	at UAB	L, 1-2
F11	WESLEYAN	.W, 13-0
F21	KENNESAW STATE	W, 1-0
F28	TROYL,	0-1 (OT)
M5	*at FurmanL, 1	-2 (2OT)
M7	*at WoffordW,	2-1 (OT)
M12	*at The CitadelW,	2-1 (OT)
M19	*UNCG	W, 1-0
M21	*VMI	W, 3-1
M26	*at Samford	L, 1-2
M28	*at Chattanooga	L, 0-1
A1	*WESTERN CAROLINA	6 p.m.
A3	*ETSU	CANC.



UNCG

(3-4-2, 2-3-1 SoCon)

F7	UNCW	PPD
F13	at High Point	L, 0-2
F24	at NC State	T, 0-0 (2OT)
F27	at Elon	PPD
M5	*at ETSU	L, 1-2
M7	*at Western Carolina	W, 2-0
M12	*WOFFORD	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M14	*FURMAN	L, 0-1
M19	*at Mercer	L, 0-1
M21	*at The Citadel	W, 3-1
M28	*at VMI	W, 1-0
A1	*CHATTANOOGA	4 p.m.
A3	*SAMFORD	1 p.m.



Samford

(5-1-3, 5-0-2 SoCon)

F18	UAB (ESPN+)	T, 1-1 (2OT)
F25	at Ole Miss	L, 0-1
M5	*at Chattanooga	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M12	*WESTERN CAROLINA	W, 3-0
M14	*ETSU	W, 5-0
M19	*at Wofford	W, 2-0
M21	*at Furman	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M26	*MERCER	W, 2-1
M28	*THE CITADEL	W, 3-0
Α1	*at VMI	4 p.m.
А3	*at UNCG	1 p.m.



Chattanooga (6-1-1, 5-1-1 SoCon)

F26	NORTH ALABAMA	W, 2-0
M5	*SAMFORD	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M12	*ETSU	W, 2-1 (2OT)
M14	*WESTERN CAROLINA	W, 2-1
M19	*at Furman	L, 0-2
M21	*at Wofford	W, 1-0
M26	*THE CITADEL	W, 1-0
M28	*MERCER	W, 1-0
A1	*at UNCG	4 p.m.
A3	*at VMI	11 a.m.



(1-6-2, 0-6-1 SoCon)

F23	at Southern Virginia	W, 5-0
F28	at Davidson	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M5	*at Western Carolina	L, 0-3
M7	*at ETSU	T, 1-1 (2OT)
M12	*FURMAN	L, 0-2
M14	*WOFFORD	L, 2-4
M19	*at The Citadel	L, 0-3
M21	*at Mercer	L, 1-3
M28	*UNCG	L, 0-1
A1	*SAMFORD	4 p.m.
A3	*CHATTANOOGA	11 a.m.



Western Carolina (4-6-0, 3-4-0 SoCon)

F18	CHARLOTTE	W, 1-0 (OT)
F21	DAVIDSON	L, 0-1
F25	at Liberty	L, 0-1
M5	*VMI	W, 3-0
M7	*UNCG	L, 0-2
M12	*at Samford	L, 0-3
M14	*at Chattanooga	L, 1-2
M19	*ETSU	W, 3-0
M26	*FURMAN	L, 1-3
M28	*WOFFORD	W, 3-1
A1	*at Mercer	6 p.m.
A3	*at The Citadel	11 a.m.



Wofford

(3-4-1, 3-4-1 SoCon)

M5	*THE CITADEL	W, 2-0
M7	*MERCER	L, 1-2 (OT)
M12	*at UNCG	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M14	*at VMI	W, 4-2
M19	*SAMFORD	L, 0-2
M21	*CHATTANOOGA	L, 0-1
M26	*at ETSU	W, 1-0
M28	*at Western Carolina	L, 1-3
A2	*FURMAN	2 p.m.