



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL



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2023 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams ^{rank}	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
ETSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Furman ^{6/6}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Mercer ^{22/20}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Samford ^{9/9}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Chattanooga ^{RV/RV}	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

• The Southern Conference football season opens Saturday with Mercer playing North Alabama in the FCS Kickoff Classic in Montgomery, Alabama, for a Week Zero game. The remaining eight SoCon teams open their seasons next week.

• The 2023 campaign is the 102nd season of SoCon football. Founded in 1921, the SoCon is the fifth-oldest Division I conference.

• The Bears enter the season ranked No. 22 in the AFCA FCS Coaches' Preseason Top 25 and No. 20 in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Top 25.

• Mercer is one of three ranked SoCon squads this preseason. Defending SoCon champion Samford is No. 9 in both the AFCA and Stats Perform polls, while preseason SoCon favorite Furman is No. 6 in the AFCA poll and Stats Perform poll. Chattanooga received votes in both polls.

• Mercer was picked third in the preseason coaches poll and preseason media poll after going 7-4 overall and 5-3 in the SoCon last season, finishing tied for third with Chattanooga. The Bears return nine starters on offense, 10 on defense and two on special teams. Wide receivers Devron Harper and Ty James along with linebacker Isaac Dowling earned preseason All-America honors.

• The Bears finished their 2022 season dropping a two-overtime thriller, 50-44, at Samford. Mercer kicked a field goal with seven seconds left in regulation to force overtime before both teams scored a touchdown in the first extra frame, leading to a blocked field by Samford in the second OT and a touchdown run to win the game and clinch the SoCon title.

• North Alabama was picked ninth in the preseason United Athletic Conference poll. The Lions went 1-10 overall and 0-5 in the ASUN last season.

• Five SoCon players are on the preseason watch list for the Walter Payton Award and four are on the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award. Furman running back Dominic Roberto, Mercer wide receivers Devron Harper and Ty James, Samford quarterback Michael Hiers and Chattanooga running back Ailym Ford are the initial watch list for the FCS offensive player of the year award. Mercer linebacker Isaac Dowling, Chattanooga defensive back Kameron Brown and defensive lineman Jay Person and Western Carolina Antoine Williams are in the running for the defensive player of the year award. Harper, Hiers, Ford, Person and Williams were all finalists for the respective awards last season.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Aug. 26 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
* North Alabama vs. Mercer ^{22/20}	First meeting	ESPN	3:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 (Thursday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Shorter at Samford ^{9/9}	Samford leads 1-0	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Furman ^{6/6}	Furman leads 2-1	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Sept. 2 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Davidson at VMI	VMI leads 40-17-3	ESPN+	1:30 p.m.
Mercer ^{22/20} at Ole Miss ^{22/22}	Ole Miss leads 1-0	ESPN+/SEC+	2 p.m.
ETSU at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville State leads 1-0	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Wofford at Pittsburgh ^{RV/RV}	First meeting	ACC Network	3:30 p.m.
Western Carolina at Arkansas ^{RV/RV}	First meeting	ESPN+/SEC+	4 p.m.
Chattanooga ^{RV/RV} at North Alabama	Chattanooga leads 3-0	ESPN+	6 p.m.
The Citadel at Georgia Southern	Georgia Southern leads 13-3	ACC Network	6 p.m.

* FCS Kickoff Classic (Montgomery, Alabama)

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 59 percent of its starters from last season, with Mercer leading the way with 80 percent of its starters back.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	7/6	8/4	4/0	19/10	.655
ETSU	5/6	3/8	4/2	12/16	.429
Furman	8/3	10/1	2/2	20/6	.769
Mercer	9/2	10/1	1/2	20/5	.800
Samford	6/5	3/8	2/4	11/17	.393
Chattanooga	8/3	7/4	1/2	16/9	.640
VMI	5/6	6/5	3/3	14/14	.500
Western Carolina	6/5	7/4	2/2	15/11	.577
Wofford	5/6	7/4	2/1	14/11	.560
Total	59/42	61/39	21/16	141/97	.592

SoCon STATS



NCAA STATS



SoCon MEDIA GUIDE



AFCA FCS COACHES' TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PTS
South Dakota St. (24)	624
North Dakota St. (1)	596
Montana St.	567
William & Mary	510
Holy Cross	459
Furman	438
UIW	424
Sacramento St.	421
Samford	414
Weber St.	325
Southeast Missouri St.	322
New Hampshire	304
Idaho	288
Montana	285
Southeastern Louisiana	259
Richmond	235
UC Davis	226
North Dakota	188
North Carolina Central	139
Northern Iowa	137
Delaware	124
Mercer	123
Rhode Island	73
Gardner-Webb	72
Florida A&M	70

Others receiving votes: Yale, 64; Eastern Kentucky, 59; Fordham, 58; Jackson St., 37; Elon, 30; St. Thomas (Minn.), 30; Youngstown St., 28; Princeton, 26; Southern Illinois, 26; UT Martin, 23; Central Arkansas, 22; **Chattanooga, 13**; North Carolina A&T, 13; Illinois St., 12; Northern Arizona, 12; Southern, 9; Davidson, 7; St. Francis (Pa.), 7; Tennessee Tech, 6; Howard, 5; Pennsylvania, 5; Abilene Christian, 4; Austin Peay, 3; Campbell, 2; Villanova, 1.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PTS
South Dakota State (56)	1,400
North Dakota State	1,329
Montana State	1,294
William & Mary	1,172
Holy Cross	1,113
Furman	1,035
UIW	935
Idaho	932
Samford	885
Sacramento State	881
New Hampshire	798
Southeast Missouri State	768
Weber State	744
Montana	711
Southeastern Louisiana	710
UC Davis	513
North Dakota	479
Richmond	387
North Carolina Central	330
Mercer	293
Rhode Island	169
Delaware	166
Northern Iowa	155
Eastern Kentucky	137
Gardner-Webb	129

Others receiving votes: Central Arkansas 110, **Chattanooga 84**, Jackson State 71, Southern Illinois 66, Youngstown State 66, Florida A&M 65, UT Martin 65, Elon 61, Austin Peay 40, Fordham 28, Yale 18, Villanova 8, McNeese 7, Abilene Christian 6, St. Thomas 6, Saint Francis (PA) 5

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	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-5	5-12	.294
FUR	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	2-3	7-9	.438
MER	0-2	1-1	3-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	7-10	.412
SAM	3-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	2-1	3-1	12-8	.600
UTC	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-3	1-1	1-2	5-9	.357
VMI	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	2-8	.200
WCU	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	1-8	.111
WOF	0-1	0-4	0-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	6-10	.375

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.

Aug. 31	Tennessee Tech at Furman	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	Samford at Western Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	The Citadel at Chattanooga	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	Mercer at Furman	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	Chattanooga at Wofford	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	VMI at The Citadel	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	ETSU at Chattanooga	1 p.m.
Nov. 18	Wildcard selection*	TBA

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



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 49 total FCS playoffs appearances.

• Five of the nine SoCon teams appeared in an FCS top-25 national poll in the 2021 season and four of nine did so in the fall 2022 campaign as well.

• **The SoCon has had seven Walter Payton Award winners, two Buck Buchanan Award winners and five Eddie Robinson Award winners.**

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

• **Two former SoCon players participated in the Super Bowl LVII in February. Kansas City Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon played at Georgia Southern from 2010-13, while Philadelphia Eagles cornerback James Bradberry played at Samford from 2012-15.**

• **The SoCon broadcasts all of its home games on ESPN+ or ESPN3 and has an over-the-air television network that will air eight games in five southern states in 2023.**

• **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 season was the 101st of Southern Conference football.** The SoCon is the fifth-oldest NCAA Division I college athletic association.

PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year
Michael Hiers, Sr., QB, Samford

Defensive Player of the Year
Jay Person, Sr., DL, Chattanooga

First team offense

QB Michael Hiers, Sr., Samford
RB Dominic Roberto, R-Sr., Furman
RB Ailym Ford, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Jacob Johanning, R-Sr., Furman
OL Pearson Toomey, R-Sr., Furman
OL John Thomas, Sr., Mercer
OL Jabari Brooks, Jr., Samford
OL Reid Williams, Jr., Chattanooga
OL Tyler Smith, R-Sr., Western Carolina
TE Ajay Belanger, Sr., Western Carolina
WR Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer
WR Ty James, R-Jr., Mercer
WR Chandler Smith, Sr., Samford

First team defense

DL Solomon Zubairu, Sr., Mercer
DL Joseph Mera, Sr., Samford
DL Ben Brewton, Sr., Chattanooga
DL Jay Person, Sr., Chattanooga
DL Micah Nelson, Jr., Western Carolina
LB Braden Gilby, Gr., Furman
LB Isaac Dowling, Jr., Mercer
LB Noah Martin, Jr., Samford
DB Travis Blackshear, Gr., Furman
DB Hugh Ryan, R-Sr., Furman
DB Kourtlan Marsh, Jr., Samford
DB Kameron Brown, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Alex Oliver, Sr., VMI
DB Andreas Keaton, Jr., Western Carolina

First team specialists

PK Richard McCollum, R-Sr., Western Carolina
P Jack Culbreath, Sr., VMI
LS Julian Ashby, R-Jr., Furman
RS Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer

Second team offense

QB Tyler Huff, Gr., Furman
RB Jay Stanton, Sr., Samford
RB Desmond Reid, So., Western Carolina
OL Israel Mukwiza, R-Jr., Mercer
OL Bryce Goodner, R-So., Chattanooga
OL Tyriq Poindexter, R-So., VMI
OL Christian Coulter, Sr., Western Carolina
OL Jason Swann, Sr., Wofford
TE Noah West, R-Jr., ETSU
WR Will Huzzie, R-Sr., ETSU
WR Joshua Harris, Jr., Furman

Second team defense

DL Max Evans, R-Jr., ETSU
DL Jack Barton, R-Sr., Furman
DL Sirod Cook, Gr., Furman
DL Matt Sochovka, Gr., Furman
DL Savio Frazier, Jr., Mercer
DL Marlon Taylor, R-Jr., Chattanooga
DL Chuck Smith, Sr., Wofford
LB Ken Standley, R-Jr., Mercer
LB Evan Eller, Sr., VMI
LB Antoine Williams, R-Jr., Western Carolina
DB Sheldon Arnold II, Jr., ETSU
DB Kam Brinson, R-Sr., Furman
DB Richie Coffey, Sr., Mercer
DB Myles Redding, Jr., Mercer
DB Lance Wise, Sr., Mercer
DB Reuben Lowery III, Jr., Chattanooga

Second team specialists

PK Ian Williams, R-Jr., Furman
P Trace Kelley, R-So., ETSU
LS Ryan Phillips, So., ETSU
RS Wayne Anderson Jr., R-Sr., Furman

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Sept. 4.....
Sept. 11.....
Sept. 18.....
Sept. 25.....
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

Defensive

Sept. 4.....
Sept. 11.....
Sept. 18.....
Sept. 25.....
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

Special teams

Sept. 4.....
Sept. 11.....
Sept. 18.....
Sept. 25.....
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLLS

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)

Team	Total
T1. Furman (5)	59
T1. Samford (4)	59
3. Mercer	49
4. Chattanooga	47
5. Western Carolina	35
6. ETSU	29
7. Wofford	22
8. The Citadel	14
9. VMI	10

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Team (1st-place votes)

Team	Total
1. Furman (30)	345
2. Samford (8)	316
3. Mercer (2)	263
4. Chattanooga	250
5. Western Carolina	218
6. ETSU	143
7. The Citadel	103
8. Wofford	102
9. VMI	60

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Offensive

September.....
October.....
November.....

Defensive

September.....
October.....
November.....

COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Maurice Drayton, The Citadel	0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0 (1st)
George Quarles, ETSU	3-8 (2nd)	Same	1-7 (2nd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	41-26 (7th)	Same	32-15 (7th)
Drew Cronic, Mercer	66-19 (8th)	19-13 (4th)	16-8 (4th)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	172-95 (24th)	51-38 (9th)	50-35 (12th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	22-17 (5th)	Same	18-10 (5th)
Danny Rocco, VMI	121-65 (17th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Kerwin Bell, Western Carolina	103-54 (15th)	10-12 (3rd)	8-8 (3rd)
Shawn Watson, Wofford	14-25 (5th)	3-3 (2nd)	3-3 (2nd)

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS opponents (0-0)

Sept. 2	Mercer at Ole Miss, 2 p.m.
Sept. 2	Wofford at Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Western Carolina at Arkansas, 4 p.m.
Sept. 9	Furman at South Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	VMI at North Carolina State, 2 p.m.
Sept. 16	Samford at Auburn, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Chattanooga at Alabama, Noon

FCS opponents (0-0)

Aug. 26	North Alabama vs. Mercer, 3:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Tennessee Tech at Furman, 7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Davidson at VMI, 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	ETSU at Jacksonville State, 2 p.m.
Sept. 2	The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Sept. 2	Chattanooga at North Alabama, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9	Campbell at The Citadel, 3 p.m.
Sept. 9	Kennesaw State at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9	VMI at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9	Wofford at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Sept. 9	Morehead State at Mercer, 7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Furman at Kennesaw State, 5 p.m.
Sept. 16	Western Carolina at Eastern Kent., 6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Presbyterian at Wofford, 6 p.m.
Sept. 16	ETSU at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Charleston So. at Western Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	The Citadel at South Carolina State, 6 p.m.
Nov. 18	UT Martin at Samford, 1 p.m.

Non-Division I opponents (0-0)

Aug. 31	Shorter at Samford, 7 p.m.
Sept. 9	Carson-Newman at ETSU, 5:30 p.m.

All times Eastern

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	240-161-3	.598	74th	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	22-11-0	.667	7th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	183-64-1	.740	41st	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	38-19-0	.667	11th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	181-88-4	.670	54th	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	73-63-0	.537	25th	Finley Stadium
VMI	110-164-3	.403	61st	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	135-112-2	.546	48th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	102-44-0	.699	26th	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	66-0 – Virginia Lynchburg (2022)	2	49-0 – App State (2022)	8
ETSU	45-0 – Gardner-Webb (2018)	49	38-0 – Vanderbilt (2019)	31
Furman	52-0 – North Greenville (2022)	13	45-0 – Samford (2014)	94
Mercer	17-0 – The Citadel (2022)	9	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	56
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	80	33-0 – Georgia (2022)	12
Chattanooga	31-0 – Wofford (2022)	11	31-0 – Illinois (2022)	8
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	164	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	61
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	166	76-0 – Oklahoma (2021)	21
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	68	26-0 – Elon (2022)	10

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 57-67 (.460) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	11-11	.500
ETSU	6-4	.600
Furman	5-10	.333
Mercer	3-3	.500
Samford	5-6	.455
Chattanooga	7-15	.318
VMI*	10-5	.667
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-4	.636
Total	57-67	.460

* 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	85th	223-316-5	.415
ETSU	33rd	91-143-0	.389
Furman	85th	291-224-11	.564
Mercer	10th	34-36-0	.486
Samford	16th	67-50-0	.573
Chattanooga	47th	164-165-2	.500
VMI	89th	196-326-23	.381
Western Carolina	47th	124-212-1	.369
Wofford	27th	118-81-0	.593

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PASSING

HIGHEST PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Career (minimum 425 attempts)

76.6 (353-461), Michael Hiers (SAM), 2022-pr.
 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 (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
 21.1 (102-2,151), Raleigh Webb (CIT), 2017-21
20.7 (108-2,234), Ty James (MER), 2020-pr.
 20.4 (77-1,567), Brenton Berson (WOF), 2008-11
 19.6, Paul Maguire (CIT), 1957-59

Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee

Reuben Lowery III, Jr., DB, Chattanooga

Athlon Sports Preseason All-American Teams

Offense

QB - Michael Hiers, Sr., Samford
 WR - Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer

Defense

DL - Jay Person, Sr., Chattanooga

HERO Sports Preseason All-American Teams

First team

Offense

QB - Michael Hiers, Sr., Samford
 WR - Ty James, Sr., Mercer

Defense

DB - Kameron Brown, Sr., Chattanooga

Phil Steele Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Offense

QB - Michael Hiers, Samford
 WR - Ty James, Mercer

Defense

DL - Jay Person, Chattanooga

Special teams

PR - Devron Harper, Mercer
 LS - Julian Ashby, Furman

Second team

Offense

WR - Devron Harper, Mercer
 WR - Chandler Smith, Samford

Special teams

KR - Devron Harper, Mercer

Third team

Offense

RB - Ailym Ford, Chattanooga
 OL - Jacob Johanning, Furman

Defense

DB - Kameron Brown, Chattanooga

Fourth team

Defense

LB - Antoine Williams, Western Carolina
 LB - Braden Gilby, Furman

Special teams

P - Jack Culbreath, VMI

Reese's Senior Bowl

Watch list

WR - Devron Harper, Mercer
 WR - Ty James, Mercer
 QB - Michael Hiers, Samford
 DB - Clay Fields, Chattanooga
 RB - Ailym Ford, Chattanooga

Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Offense

QB - Michael Hiers, Sr., Samford
 WR - Devron Harper, Sr., Mercer
 WR - Ty James, Sr., Mercer

Defense

DL - Jay Person, Sr., Chattanooga

Second team

Offense

RB - Ailym Ford, Sr., Chattanooga
 WR - Chandler Smith, Sr., Samford

Defense

LB - Antoine Williams, Jr., Western Carolina

Third team

Offense

OL - Jacob Johanning, Sr., Furman

Defense

LB - Isaac Dowling, Jr., Mercer
 DB - Hugh Ryan, Sr., Furman

Stats Perform Walter Payton Award

Watch list

Michael Hiers, Sr., QB, Samford
 Ailym Ford, Sr., RB, Chattanooga
 Dominic Roberto, R-Sr., RB, Furman
 Devron Harper, Sr., WR, Mercer
 Ty James, Sr., WR, Mercer

Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award

Watch list

Jay Person, Sr., DL, Chattanooga
 Isaac Dowling, Jr., LB, Mercer
 Antoine Williams, Jr., LB, Western Carolina
 Kameron Brown, Sr., DB, Chattanooga

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TEAM-BY-TEAM SCHEDULES



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

S2	at Georgia Southern (ESPN+)	6 PM
S9	CAMPBELL	3 PM
S16	at Chattanooga	6 PM
S23	at South Carolina State	6 PM
S30	WESTERN CAROLINA	2 PM
O7	at Furman	2 PM
O14	VMI	1 PM
O28	at Samford (ESPN+)	3 PM
N4	MERCER	2 PM
N11	WOFFORD	2 PM
N18	at ETSU	1 PM



ETSU (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S2	at Jacksonville State	2 PM
S9	CARSON)NEWMAN	5:30 PM
S16	at Auston Peay	7 PM
S30	at Samford (ESPN+)	1 PM
O7	MERCER	3:30 PM
O14	WOFFORD	3:30 PM
O21	at Chattanooga	1 PM
O28	at Furman	2 PM
N4	VMI	1 PM
N11	at Western Carolina	1 PM
N18	THE CITADEL	1 PM



Furman (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

A31	TENNESSEE TECH (ESPN+)	7 PM
S9	at South Carolina (SECN+)	7:30 PM
S16	at Kennesaw State	5 PM
S23	MERCER	1 PM
O7	THE CITADEL	2 PM
O14	at Samford (ESPN+)	1 PM
O21	at Western Carolina	2:30 PM
O218	ETSU	2 PM
N4	at Chattanooga	1:30 PM
N11	VMI	1 PM
N18	at Wofford	12 PM



Mercer (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

A26	vs North Alabama (ESPN)	3:30 PM
S2	at Ole Miss (ESPN+)	2 PM
S9	MOREHEAD STATE (ESPN+)	7 PM
S23	at Furman	2 PM
S30	VMI	4 PM
O7	at ETSU	3:30 PM
O14	CHATTANOOGA	4 PM
O21	WOFFORD	4 PM
O28	at Western Carolina	2:30 PM
N4	at The Citadel	2 PM
N11	SAMFORD (ESPN+)	3 PM



Samford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

A31	SHORTER (ESPN+)	6 PM
S9	at Western Carolina	1:30 PM
S16	at Auburn (ESPN+/SECN+)	6:30 PM
S23	CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	2 PM
S30	ETSU (ESPN+)	12 PM
O7	at Wofford	12:30 PM
O14	FURMAN (ESPN+)	12 PM
O21	at VMI	12:30 PM
O28	THE CITADEL (ESPN+)	2 PM
N11	at Mercer	2 PM
N18	UT MARTIN (ESPN+)	12 PM



Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S2	at North Alabama	TBA
S9	KENNESAW STATE	6 PM
S16	THE CITADEL	6 PM
S23	at Samford (ESPN+)	2 PM
S30	at Wofford	6 PM
O7	WESTERN CAROLINA	4 PM
O14	at Mercer	4 PM
O21	ETSU	1:30 PM
O28	at VMI	1:30 PM
N4	FURMAN	1:30 PM
N18	at Alabama (SECN+)	11 AM



VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S2	DAVIDSON	1:30 PM
S9	at Bucknell	6 PM
S16	at NC State	2 PM
S23	WOFFORD	1:30 PM
S30	at Mercer	4 PM
O14	at The Citadel	1 PM
O21	SAMFORD	1:30 PM
O28	CHATTANOOGA	1:30 PM
N4	at ETSU	1 PM
N11	at Furman	1 PM
N18	WESTERN CAROLINA	TBA



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

S2	at Arkansas (SECN+)	4 PM
S9	SAMFORD (ESPN+)	2:30 PM
S16	at Eastern Kentucky	6 PM
S23	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	2:30 PM
S30	at The Citadel	2 PM
O7	at Chattanooga	4 PM
O21	FURMAN	2:30 PM
O28	MERCER	2:30 PM
N4	at Wofford	3 PM
N11	ETSU	1 PM
N18	at VMI	TBA



Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

S2	at Pittsburgh (ACCN)	3:30 PM
S9	at William and Mary	6 PM
S16	PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE (ESPN+)	6 PM
S23	at VMI	1:30 PM
S30	CHATTANOOGA (ESPN+)	6 PM
O7	SAMFORD (ESPN+)	1:30 PM
O14	at ETSU	3:30 PM
O21	at Mercer	4 PM
N4	WESTERN CAROLINA (ESPN+)	3 PM
N11	at The Citadel	2 PM
N18	FURMAN (ESPN+)	12 PM

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^ - Denotes FCS playoffs

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game