

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER

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# 2020-21 Southern Conference Women's Soccer Standings

			CON	FERE	NCE	OVER	ALL			
STANDINGS	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GΑ	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GΑ	ST
Furman	4-0-0	12	6	1	W4	4-0-0	.1000	6	1	W4
Chattanooga	2-0-1	7	4	2	W2	3-0-1	.875	6	2	W2
Samford	2-0-1	7	8	0	W2	2-1-2	.600	9	2	W2
Wofford	2-1-1	7	7	4	W1	2-1-1	.625	7	4	W1
Mercer	2-1-0	6	5	4	W2	5-7-1	.423	27	17	W2
UNCG	1-2-1	4	3	3	L1	1-3-2	.333	3	5	L1
ETSU	1-2-1	4	4	9	L2	1-4-1	.250	6	13	L2
Western Carolina	1-3-0	3	4	7	L3	2-5-0	.286	5	9	L3
VMI	0-3-1	0	3	10	L2	1-3-2	.333	9	11	L2
The Citadel	0-3-0	0	1	5	L3	6-6-2	.500	18	15	L4

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March 19 (Friday)	TV/Digital	Time
*VMI at The Citadel	ESPN+	3 p.m.
*ETSU at Western Carolina	ESPN+	3 p.m.
*Samford at Wofford	ESPN+	6 p.m.
*Chattanooga at Furman	ESPN+	6 p.m.
*UNCG at Mercer		7 p.m.
March 21 (Sunday)		
*UNCG at The Citadel	ESPN+	11 a.m.
*Chattanooga at Wofford *VMI at Mercer	ESPN+	1 p.m. 2 p.m.
*Samford at Furman	ESPN+	2 p.m.

# SoCon Stats

# NCAA STATS





# Coaching Records

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Ciaran Traquair, The Citadel	61-95-6 (8th)	31-53-4 (5th)	4-35-0 (5th)
Jay Yelton, ETSU	1-4-1 (1st)	Same	1-2-1 (1st)
Andrew Burr, Furman	205-83-24 (16th)	Same	99-37-17 (16th)
Tony Economopoulos, Mercer	106-104-17 (12th)	96-63-17 (9th)	32-16-6 (7th)
Michael Coll, UNCG	103-95-27 (12th)	62-52-16 (7th)	34-16-6 (7th)
Todd Yelton, Samford*	271-132-49 (22nd)	231-100-45 (18th)	93-12-17 (12th)
Gavin McKinney, Chattanooga	106-72-20 (10th)	33-47-17 (6th)	19-21-8 (6th)
Chris Haught-Thompson, VMI	2-19-3 (2nd)	Same	0-11-2 (2nd)
Chad Miller, Western Carolina	178-153-30 (19th)	85-97-19 (11th)	41-53-8 (11th)
Emily Grant, Wofford	9-13-1 (2nd)	Same	5-7-1 (2nd)
* later vacated 24 overall wins a	nd four ties (13 wins a	and four ties in SoCon	play) from 2012-13

# **N**otes

- SoCon play heads into the third week. Eight of the 10 league teams play a pair of contests, while ETSU and Western Carolina play just one, matching up on Friday afternoon.
- Furman head coach Andrew Burr is looking for win No. 100 in SoCon play.
- Six of the 14 league games have gone to overtime. All three of Mercer's have gone to extra time & the Bears hold a 2-1 record in overtime conference contests. In total, they have played six overtime matches and their streak is at four in a row, thanks to an OT contest with Troy in the nonconference finale.
- ETSU's 5-0 loss at Samford last weekend was the first time ETSU lost by a five goal margin since Oct. 15, 2017, losing 5-0 at Furman. The Bucs gave up five goals for the first time since dropping a 5-1 contest against UNCG in the SoCon semifinals in 2018.
- Of The Citadel's six losses this season, five have come by a single goal, including 1-0 defeats against then-No. 12 Pittsburgh (Sept. 27), North Florida (Feb. 23) and Furman (March 7) and a 2-1 setback against Pittsburgh (Sept. 24).
- Chattanooga's 2-0-1 mark, matches the program's best start (2018).
- 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 cost-cutting 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 quarterfinals, 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 (20T)\* Georgia State 2, Mercer 1 The Citadel 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**

56 Logan Dix, Sr., CIT 2. 53 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 24 2. 23 Ally Fordham, Sr., MER Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER 3. 18 4. 16 5. 15 Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR

### Assists

Abigail Zoeller, Jr., MER 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**

Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC Ally Fordham, Sr., MER Logan Dix, Sr., CIT

Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU 5. Erin Houlihan, Jr., FUR Caroline Orman, Sr., SAM

### Goals Against Average (Min. 2000 Minutes)

0.78 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM 0.85 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 1.03

3. 1.17 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

4. Maria Mon, Jr., WOF 1.97

### Saves

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER Maria Mon, Jr., WOF Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 320 235 2

3. 220

Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 127

4. 5. 104 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

### Wins

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 2.

3. Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

4. Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 5.

10 Abby Buchholz, So., UNCG

Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

### Shutouts

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG

3. 13 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

Melody Mezzina, So., WCU

### Saves Per Game (Min. 10 Games)

Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

Noelle Heilpern, So., VMI

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 4.65

4.38 Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

# ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SOCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	20th	25-132-7	.174
ETSU	24th	41-81-11	.350
Furman	27th	175-53-20	.746
Mercer	7th	33-18-6	.632
UNCG	24th	169-43-16	.776
Samford	13th	93-13-16	.835
Chattanooga	25th	54-159-22	.277
VMI	7th	12-42-4	.241
Western Carolina	22nd	98-94-21	.509
Wofford	24th	73-125-30	.386

# 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 Preseason All-Conference Team

2020-21 Preseaso	n Coacnes Poli	2020-2 I	Preseason All-Conference learn
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-plac	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	
March 30	
April 6	

### SoCon Defensive Players of the Week

Feb. 23	Melody Mezzina, GK, So., WCU
	Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, GK, Sr, UNCG
March 9	Ashton Shields, GK, Jr., Chattanooga
	Morgan McAslan, GK, Jr., Samford
March 23	
March 30	
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**

(6-6-2, 0-3-0 SoCon)

ı	S14	at Georgia Southern	W, 2-1
ı	S17	MERCER	T, 1-1 (2OT)
l	S24	#12 PITTSBURGH	L, 1-2 (OT)
l	S27	#12 PITTSBURGH	L, 0-1
ı	01	vs. Appalachian State	T, 0-0 (2OT)
ı	O3	at Belmont Abbey	W, 1-0
ı	O10	at Mercer	W, 3-2
l	016	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W, 3-0
l	F14	at Anderson	
l	F19	JACKSONVILLE	W, 1-0
l	F23	NORTH FLORIDA	L, 1-2
l	M5	*at Wofford	L, 0-2
l	M7	*at Furman	L, 0-1
l	M12	*MERCER	L, 1-2 (OT)
l	M19	*VMI	3 p.m.
l	M21	*UNCG	11 a.m.
l	M26	*at Chattanooga	
l	M28	*at Samford	2 p.m.
١	A1	*ETSU	
١	A3	*WESTERN CAROLINA	11 a.m.



### **ETSU**

(1-4-1, 1-2-1 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	3 p.m.
M26	*WOFFORD	3 p.m.
M28	*FURMAN	1 p.m.
A1	*at The Citadel	3 p.m.
A3	*at Mercer	7 p.m.



# Furman (4-0-0, 4-0-0 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	6 p.m.
M21	*SAMFORD	2 p.m.
M26	*at Western Carolina	6 p.m.
M28	*at ETSU	•
A2	*at Wofford	7 p.m.
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# Mercer (5-7-1, 2-1-0 SoCon)

S11	GEORGIA STATEL, 1-2 (OT)
S17	at The CitadelT, 1-1 (2OT)
S24	at Georgia SouthernW, 1-0
09	THE CITADELL, 2-3
O15	at Georgia StateL, 1-2
017	UABL, 1-2
F7	at UABL, 1-2
F11	WESLEYANW, 13-0
F21	KENNESAW STATEW, 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 7 p.m.
M21	*VMI2 p.m.
M26	*at Samford7 p.m.
M28	*at Chattanooga2 p.m.
A1	*WESTERN CAROLINA 6 p.m.
А3	*ETSU 7 p.m.



# **UNCG**

(1-3-2, 1-2-1 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	7 p.m.
M21	*at The Citadel	11 a.m.
M28	*at VMI	1 p.m.
A1	*CHATTANOOGA	4 p.m.
А3	*SAMFORD	1 p.m.



# Samford

(2-1-2, 2-0-1 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	6 p.m.
M21	*at Furman	2 p.m.
M26	*MERCER	7 p.m.
M28	*THE CITADEL	2 p.m.
A1	*at VMI	4 p.m.
A3	*at UNCG	1 p.m.



# Chattanooga (3-0-1, 2-0-1 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	7 p.m.
M21	*at Wofford	1 p.m.
M26	*THE CITADEL	3 p.m.
M28	*MERCER	2 p.m.
A1	*at UNCG	4 p.m.
A3	*at VMI	11 a.m.



### VMI (1-3-2, 0-3-1 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	3 p.m.
M21	*at Mercer	2 p.m.
M28	*UNCG	1 p.m.
A1	*SAMFORD	4 p.m.
A3	*CHATTANOOGA	11 a.m.



# Western Carolina (2-5-0, 1-3-0 SoCon)

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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	3 p.m
M26	*FURMAN	6 p.m
M28	*WOFFORD	6 p.m
A1	*at Mercer	6 p.m
А3	*at The Citadel	11 a.m



# Wofford

(1-1-0, 1-1-0 SoCon)

IVIJ	THE CHADLE	VV, Z-O
M7	*MERCER	L, 1-2 (OT)
M12	*at UNCG	T, 0-0 (2OT)
M14	*at VMI	W, 4-2
M19	*SAMFORD	6 p.m.
M21	*CHATTANOOGA	1 p.m.
M26	*at ETSU	7 p.m.
M28	*at Western Carolina	6 p.m.
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