

2023 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-1-0	.500	1	1	L1
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-1-0	.500	2	7	L1
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-1-0	.500	3	6	W1
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-1-1	.250	1	3	L1
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-2-0	.000	0	2	L2
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-2-0	.000	0	8	L2

Notes

- Mercer midfielder Barzee Blama was selected offensive player of the week for The Southern Conference

- ETSU defender Nico Kross was named defensive player of the week for The Southern Conference

- Last Season's regular season and tournament champions UNCG have been selected as preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference regular season title for the third consecutive year.

- The Spartans were ranked no. 10 in the United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

- Mercer freshman midfielder scored in each of his first two collegiate matches.

- ETSU's defense limited third-ranked Kentucky to three shots during Monday's game.

- Mercer and ETSU tied for second place in the preseason poll each garnering 18 points with Mercer receiving one first-place vote.

- Wofford's Cameron Victor and Furman's Cameron Maung-Maung each have eight saves after the first week of play

- Cole Hunter is 1 of 31 Goalies who have no goals against after playing 90 minutes in the opening week.

- After week one of play, UNCG is now ranked no. 15 in the NCAA

- Barzee Blama is tied for 31st place in points contributed with 4 in the first two games of the season.

- The first round of The Southern Conference championship will take place Friday, November 3

Upcoming Schedule (All Times Eastern)

Aug. 31 (Thursday)
Wofford at Duke 7:00 PM.

Sept. 1 (Friday)
ETSU vs North Carolina 7:00 PM.
Mercer at South Florida 7:00 PM.
UNCG vs Louisville 7:00 PM.

Sept. 2 (Sunday)
VMI at Maritime College 7:00 PM.

SoCon Preseason Info

School (1st)	Pts.
1. UNCG	25
2. Mercer	18
ETSU	18
3. Furman	14
4. Wofford	10
5. VMI	5

Preseason All-Conference Team

F Kieran Richards, ETSU
F Nikolai Rojel, WOF
F Tarik Pannholzer, ETSU
F Jake Raine, FUR
MF Dylan Gaither, MER
MF Basile Marc, UNCG
MF Dylan Lane, FUR
D Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG
D Ethan Conley, UNCG
D Sekou Agard, MER
D Henrik Guenther, ETSU
GK Cole Hunter, ETSU

Men's Soccer Player of the Week

Mercer midfielder Barzee Blama and ETSU defender Nico Kross have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Aug. 24-28.

Blama scored two goals in his first two career games for the Bears. The freshman from Snellville, GA. player 92 minutes across both contests this week. On Thursday, he scored the first goal of the season and only Mercer goal against Cal State Fullerton in the 85th minute off a penalty kick. In the 11th minute, Blama won a jump ball against Southern Indiana goalkeeper and fired a shot to the back of the net in the 11th minute against Southern Indiana to lead the charge in the Bears 2-0 victory.

ETSU's defender Nico Kross led the Bucs in the back line during their first two games of the season. Playing all 180 minutes, the freshman from Heidenheim, Germany helped the Bucs get a clean sheet in the first match against Georgia Southern on Thursday. Kross then played a key role in limiting #3 Kentucky to only three total shots on Monday.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll

School (1st)	PTS	Record
Syracuse University	188	18-2-5
Indiana University	180	14-4-7
Kentucky	172	15-1-5
Duke	167	13-2-4
Pittsburgh	154	12-5-5
Washington	143	15-2-3
Stanford University	142	12-2-6
Creighton University	127	13-5-6
Clemson University	113	13-7-1
UNCG	111	13-2-6
Marshall University	109	11-4-4
Vermont	102	16-4-2
Portland	92	15-3-3
Maryland	80	11-4-5
Virginia	78	10-4-5
Tulsa	74	10-5-2
Georgetown	72	12-6-3
Wake Forest	66	14-6-0
Southern Methodist	64	10-6-1
Cornell University	63	14-4-1
Florida International	53	13-5-2
Akron	50	11-4-5
New Hampshire	30	15-4-1
Saint Louis	27	12-5-3
Pennsylvania	24	13-3-2

Active Career Leaders

Points Scored

1. 79 Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. 51 Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
3. 45 Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
4. 43 Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
5. 28 Kadeen Agard, Jr., MER

Goals

1. 30 Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. 23 Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
3. 18 Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
- 18 Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
5. 10 Kadeem Agard, Jr., MER

Assists

1. 19 Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. 10 Dylan Lane, Sr., FUR
3. 9 Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
- 9 Josh Hosie, Sr., FUR
5. 8 4 Players Tied

Game-Winning Goals

1. 8 Dylan Gaither, Sr., MER
2. 5 Tarik Pannholzer, Sr., ETSU
3. 4 Jake Raine, Sr., FUR
- 4 Kieran Richards, Sr., ETSU
5. 3 4 Players Tied

Saves (min. 1 game)

1. 108 Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
2. 58 Cameron Victor, So., WOF
3. 38 Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU

Wins

1. 14 Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
2. 7 Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU
3. 6 Cameron Victor, So., WOF
4. 2 Connor Cherry, So., VMI

Shutouts

1. 7 Cole Hunter, Jr., ETSU
2. 6 Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER
3. 3 Cameron Victor, So., WOF
4. 2 Connor Cherry, So., VMI

Goals Against Avg. (min. 2000 minutes)

1. 1.37 Trevor McMullen, Sr., MER

Coaches' Records

Coach, School	Overall (YrS.)	School (YrS.)	SoCon (YrS.)
David Lilly, ETSU	50-32-9 (6th)	8-6-3 (2nd)	8-6-3 (2nd)
Doug Allison, Furman	320-163-63 (28th)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	133-110-8 (16th)	Same	Same
Chris Rich, UNCG	44-18-10 (5th)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI	2-14-1 (2nd)	Same	Same
Joel Tyson, Wofford	16-40-5 (5th)	Same	Same

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

- A24 GEORGIA SOUTHERN.....W 1-0
- A28 at Kentucky..... L 1-0
- S1 NORTH CAROLINA..... 7 p.m.
- S5 USC UPSTATE.....7 p.m.
- S9 at UNC Wilmington.....1 p.m.
- S12 RADFORD..... 7 p.m.
- S16 at Presbyterian.....7 p.m.
- S19 UNC ASHEVILLE..... 6 p.m.
- S26 at Virginia..... 7 p.m.
- S30 WOFFORD*.....7 p.m.
- O6 UNC GREENSBORO*..... 7 p.m.
- O10 at Gardner-Webb..... 6 p.m.
- O14 at VMI*.....2:30 p.m.
- O17 WINTHROP..... 7 p.m.
- O21 at Furman*..... 7 p.m.
- O28 MERCER*..... 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



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

- A25 at Elon..... W 2-1
- A27 at Duke..... L 6-0
- S4 at Wake Forest.....6 p.m.
- S8 WINTHROP.....6 p.m.
- S11 at Coastal Carolina..... 4 p.m.
- S16 GARDNER-WEBB..... 6 p.m.
- S19 CHARLESTON..... 6 p.m.
- S26 DAVIDSON..... 7 p.m.
- S30 UNC GREENSBORO*..... 7 p.m.
- O3 USC UPSTATE..... 7 p.m.
- O7 at VMI*..... 1 p.m.
- O14 at Mercer*..... 7 p.m.
- O17 PRESBYTERIAN..... 6 p.m.
- O21 ETSU*..... 7 p.m.
- O24 at UNC Asheville..... 7 p.m.
- O28 at Wofford..... 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



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

- A24 CAL ST. FULLERTON..... L 6-1
- A27 at Southern Indiana.....W 2-0
- S1 at South Florida..... 7 p.m.
- S5 JACKSONVILLE..... 7 p.m.
- S8 at Wisconsin.....8 p.m.
- S10 at Bradley.....8 p.m.
- S16 at Winthrop..... 4 p.m.
- S19 at Georgia Southern.....7 p.m.
- S23 at Utah Valley.....9 p.m.
- S30 VMI*..... 7 p.m.
- O4 GEORGIA STATE.....7 p.m.
- O7 at Wofford*..... 7 p.m.
- O14 FURMAN*..... 7 p.m.
- O17 LIPSCOMB.....6 p.m.
- O21 UNCG*..... 7 p.m.
- O24* NORTH FLORIDA.....6 p.m.
- O28 at ETSU*..... 7 p.m.

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UNCG
(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

- A24 CALIFORNIA..... T 1-1
- A27 at Maryland..... L 2-0
- S1 LOUISVILLE.....7 p.m.
- S5 CAMPBELL..... 7 p.m.
- S9 at Charlotte..... 7 p.m.
- S12 DAVIDSON..... 7 p.m.
- S16 at High Point..... 7 p.m.
- S19 at Coastal Carolina..... 7 p.m.
- S23 PENN STATE..... 7 p.m.
- S26 WEST VIRGINIA..... 7 p.m.
- S30 at Furman*..... 7 p.m.
- O6 at ETSU*..... 7 p.m.
- O10 at UNC Wilmington.....7 p.m.
- O14 WOFFORD*..... 7 p.m.
- O21 MERCER*..... 7 p.m.
- O25 VCU..... 7 p.m.
- O28 VMI*.....6 p.m.

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

- A24 at Robert Morris..... L 5-0
- A28 at Navy..... L 3-0
- S2 MARITIME COLLEGE..... 7 p.m.
- S4 at LIU.....2 p.m.
- S9 PRESBYTERIAN..... 1 p.m.
- S12 at Campbell..... 7 p.m.
- S16 at UNC Asheville..... 7 p.m.
- S19 REDFORD..... 4 p.m.
- S23 LIBERTY..... 1 p.m.
- S26 at MARY BALDWIN.....4:30 p.m.
- S30 at Mercer*..... 7 p.m.
- O3 at Longwood..... 7 p.m.
- O7 FURMAN*..... 1 p.m.
- O11 REGENT..... 4 p.m.
- O14 ETSU*.....2:30 p.m.
- O18 at Howard.....7 p.m.
- O21 at Wofford*..... 5 p.m.
- O25 at Queens (Charlotte)..... 5 p.m.
- O28 at UNC Greensboro..... 6 p.m.

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

- A24 at Gardner-Webb..... L 1-0
- A28 CHARLOTTE..... L 1-0
- A31 at Duke..... 7 p.m.
- S5 at Georgia State..... 7 p.m.
- S12 UNC ASHEVILLE..... 7 p.m.
- S16 RADFORD..... 1 p.m.
- S19 QUEENS (CHARLOTTE).... 4 p.m.
- S26 WINTHROP..... 7 p.m.
- S30 at ETSU*..... 7 p.m.
- O3 at Presbyterian..... 7 p.m.
- O7 MERCER*..... 7 p.m.
- O10 at Wake Forest..... 7 p.m.
- O14 at UNCG*..... 7 p.m.
- O21 VMI*.....2 p.m.
- O24 at USC Upstate..... 7 p.m.
- O28 FURMAN*..... 7 p.m.

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