

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

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2020-21 Southern Conference Women's Soccer Standings

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STANDINGS	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GΑ	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Furman	5-0-1	16	9	2	T1	5-0-1	.917	9	2	T1
Mercer	4-1-0	12	9	5	W4	7-7-1	.500	31	18	W4
Samford	3-0-2	11	11	1	T1	3-1-3	.643	12	3	T1
Chattanooga	3-1-1	10	5	4	W1	4-1-1	.750	7	4	W1
Wofford	2-3-1	7	7	7	L2	2-3-1	.417	7	7	L2
UNCG	2-3-1	7	6	5	W1	2-4-2	.375	6	7	W1
Western Carolina	2-3-0	6	7	7	W1	3-5-0	.375	8	9	W1
ETSU	1-3-1	4	4	12	L3	1-5-1	.214	6	16	L3
The Citadel	1-4-0	3	5	8	L1	7-7-2	.500	22	18	L1
VMI	0-5-1	1	4	16	L4	1-5-2	.250	10	17	L4

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE	(all times Easter	
March 26 (Friday)	TV/Digital	Time
*Wofford at ETSU	ESPN+	3 p.m.
*The Citadel at Chattanooga	ESPN+	3 p.m.
*Furman at Western Carolina	ESPN+	6 p.m.
*Mercer at Samford	ESPN+	7 p.m.
March 27 (Saturday)	TV/Digital	Time
*UNCG at VMI	ESPN+	11 a.m.
March 28 (Sunday)		
*Furman at ETSU	ESPN+	1 p.m.
*The Citadel at Samford	ESPN+	2 p.m.
*Mercer at Chattanooga	ESPN+	2 p.m.
*Wofford at Western Carolina	ESPN+	6 p.m.

SoCon Stats

NCAA Stats





Coaching Records

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)	
Ciaran Traquair, The Citadel	62-96-6 (8th)	32-54-4 (5th)	5-36-0 (5th)	
Jay Yelton, ETSU	1-5-1 (1st)	Same	1-3-1 (1st)	
Andrew Burr, Furman	206-83-25 (16th)	Same	100-37-18 (16th)	
Tony Economopoulos, Mercer	108-104-17 (12th)	98-63-17 (9th)	34-16-6 (7th)	
Michael Coll, UNCG	104-96-27 (12th)	63-53-16 (7th)	35-17-6 (7th)	
Todd Yelton, Samford*	272-132-50 (22nd)	232-100-46 (18th)	94-12-18 (12th)	
Gavin McKinney, Chattanooga	107-73-20 (10th)	34-48-17 (6th)	20-22-8 (6th)	
Chris Haught-Thompson, VMI	2-21-3 (2nd)	Same	0-13-2 (2nd)	
Chad Miller, Western Carolina	179-153-30 (19th)	86-97-19 (11th)	42-53-8 (11th)	
Emily Grant, Wofford	9-15-1 (2nd)	Same	5-9-1 (2nd)	
* later vacated 24 overall wins and four ties (13 wins and four ties in SoCon play) from 2012-13				

Notes

- · League teams head into the second half of the $So Con\, slate.\, Furman, the \,lone\, unbeaten\, team\, at$ 5-0-1, rounds out the 2020-21 regular season at Western Carolina, ETSU and Wofford.
- 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. He's the first SoCon coach to surpass 100 conference wins.
- Mercer head coach Tony Economopoulos is two wins shy of 100 at Mercer (98-63-17).
- Furman debuted at No. 25 in the latest NCAA Soccer RPI, released Monday, March 22. The NCAA RPI rated the Paladins fourth among teams in the southeast, trailing only North Carolina, Arkansas and Duke.
- Chattanooga has matched its first five-game SoCon record from 2018. UTC was 3-1-1 through five games.
- 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 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, <u>The Citadel 1</u> (OT) Sept. 27 #12 Pittsburgh 1, <u>The Citadel</u> 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)

Feb. 21 Davidson 1, Western Carolina 0 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)

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 Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC 2. 53 Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER 3. 50 Ally Fordham, Sr., MER 4. 5. Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR

Goals

Logan Dix, Sr., CIT Chloe Arnold, Sr., UTC 25 23 2. Ally Fordham, Sr., MER Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU Abigail Zoeller, Sr., MER 3. 19 4. 16 5. 15 Isabella Gutierrez, Jr., FUR

Assists

3.

4.

Abigail Zoeller, Jr., MER Alyssa Frazier, Sr., SAM 12 Suzuka Yosue, So., CIT 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 5. Sarah Connolly, Sr., ETSU Erin Houlihan, Jr., FUR

Caroline Orman, Sr., SAM Goals Against Average (Min. 2000 Minutes)

0.75 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM 0.89 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

0.98 Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER 3. 1.15

4. Maria Mon, Jr., WOF 1.95

Saves

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER 335

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 242 2.

Maria Mon, Jr., WOF 3. 240 4. 5. 132 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 111 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

Wins

5.

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 2.

3. 16 Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC 4.

11 Abby Buchholz, So., UNCG

Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

10 Melody Mezzina, So., WCU

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

2. 15 Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 3.

Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

4. Morgan McAslan, Jr., SAM

Melody Mezzina, So., WCU

Saves Per Game (Min. 10 Games)

6.15 Maria Mon, Jr., WOF

Noelle Heilpern, So., VMI 4.87

Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, Sr., UNCG 4.57

Jordyn Ebert, Sr., MER

4.40 Ashton Shields, Jr., UTC

ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SOCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	20th	26-133-7	.177
ETSU	24th	41-84-11	.342
Furman	27th	176-53-21	.746
Mercer	7th	35-18-6	.644
UNCG	24th	170-44-16	.774
Samford	13th	94-13-17	.827
Chattanooga	25th	55-160-22	.278
VMI	7th	12-44-4	.233
Western Carolina	22nd	99-94-21	.512
Wofford	24th	73-127-30	.383

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 A	II-Conf	ference	Team
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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
	Isabella Gutierrez, F, Jr., Furman
March 16	Kendall Mueller, F, R-Fr., Chattanooga
March 23	Nieva Gaither, F, Fr., Furman
March 30	
April 6	

SoCon Defensive Players of the Week

Melody Mezzina, GK, So., WCU Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, GK, Sr, UNCG
Aiyanah Tyler-Cooper, GK, Sr, UNCG
Ashton Shields, GK, Jr., Chattanooga
Morgan McAslan, GK, Jr., Samford
Addison Corn, GK, Fr., Furman

SoCon Players of the Month

February			
	Kendall (Cook, F/M, Fr., Mer	cer
		lezzina, GK, So., W	
March			
Offensive			
Defensive			



The Citadel

(7-7-2, 1-4-0 SoCon)

S14	at Georgia Southern	W, 2-1
S17	MERCER	
S24	#12 PITTSBURGH	L, 1-2 (OT)
S27	#12 PITTSBURGH	L, 0-1
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	
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	4 p.m.
M28	*at Samford	2 p.m.
A1	*ETSU	3 p.m.
A3	*WESTERN CAROLINA	11 a.m.



ETSU

(1-5-1, 1-3-1 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	3 p.m.
M28	*FURMAN	1 p.m.
A1	*at The Citadel	3 p.m.
A3	*at Mercer	7 p.m.



Furman

(5-0-1, 5-0-1 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	6 p.m.
M28	*at ETSU	1 p.m.
A2	*at Wofford	7 p.m.



Mercer (7-7-1, 4-1-0 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
O17	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	*UNCGW, 1-0
M21	*VMI W, 3-1
M26	*at Samford7 p.m.
M28	*at Chattanooga2 p.m.
A1	*WESTERN CAROLINA 6 p.m.
А3	*ETSU 7 p.m.



UNCG

(2-4-2, 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	1 p.m.
A1	*CHATTANOOGA	4 p.m.
A3	*SAMFORD	1 p.m.



Samford

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

F18	UAB (ESPN+)T, 1-1 (2OT)
F25	at Ole MissL, 0-1
M5	*at ChattanoogaT, 0-0 (20T)
M12	*WESTERN CAROLINAW, 3-0
M14	*ETSUW, 5-0
M19	*at WoffordW, 2-0
M21	*at FurmanT, 1-1 (20T)
M26	*MERCER 7 p.m
M28	*THE CITADEL2 p.m
A1	*at VMI 4 p.m
A3	*at UNCG1 p.m



Chattanooga

(4-1-1, 3-1-1 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	3 p.m.
M28	*MERCER	2 p.m.
A1	*at UNCG	4 p.m.
A3	*at VMI	11 a.m.



V IVII (1-5-2, 0-5-1 SoCon)

at Southern Virginia	W, 5-0
at Davidson	T, 1-1 (2OT)
*at Western Carolina	L, 0-3
*at ETSU	T, 1-1 (2OT)
*FURMAN	L, 0-2
*WOFFORD	L, 2-4
*at The Citadel	L, 0-3
*at Mercer	L, 1-3
*UNCG	1 p.m.
*SAMFORD	4 p.m.
*CHATTANOOGA	11 a.m.
	at Davidson



Western Carolina (3-5-0, 2-3-0 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	W, 3-0
M26	*FURMAN	6 p.m.
M28	*WOFFORD	6 p.m.
A1	*at Mercer	6 p.m.
A3	*at The Citadel	11 a.m.



Wofford

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

IVIO	THE CHADEL	VV, Z-U
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	7 p.m.
M28	*at Western Carolina	6 p.m.
A2	*FURMAN	7 p.m.