



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL

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2024-25 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	ST
Chattanooga	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
ETSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Furman	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Mercer	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Samford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UNCG	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
VMI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Western Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Wofford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

November 4 (Monday)

Erskine at Wofford, 5 p.m. **ESPN+**
Washington College at VMI, 6 p.m. **ESPN+**
Newberry at ETSU, 7 p.m. **ESPN+**
Columbia International at Furman, 7 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at UNCG, 7 p.m. **ESPN+**
Bob Jones at Western Carolina, 7:30 p.m. **ESPN+**
Mississippi College at Samford, 7:30 p.m. **ESPN+**
The Citadel at Boston College, 8 p.m.
Chattanooga at Southern California, 10 p.m. **B1G**

November 7 (Thursday)

Erskine at The Citadel, 7 p.m. **ESPN+**
Virginia-Lynchburg at Mercer, 7 p.m. **ESPN+**
Chattanooga at Saint Mary's, 10 p.m.

November 8 (Friday)

Samford at Cornell, 6 p.m.
Western Carolina at Queens, 7 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at ETSU, 7 p.m. **ESPN+**
Furman at Belmont, 7:30 p.m.

November 9 (Saturday)

VMI at Bellarmine, 3 p.m.
Wofford at Lipscomb, 5 p.m.

Preseason predictions

The Samford Bulldogs are the preseason favorites to win the 2024-25 men's basketball title in polling of the league's 10 head coaches, while Chattanooga senior guard Trey Bonham is the coaches' selection as the preseason player of the year. Bonham averaged 16.0 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.8 steals per game last season in 22 games played

Preseason Player of the Year

Trey Bonham, Sr., G, Chattanooga

Preseason All-Southern Conference Team

Quimari Peterson, Sr., G, ETSU
Jaden Seymour, R-Sr., F, ETSU
Pjay Smith, Sr., G, Furman
Donovan Atwell, Jr., G/F, UNCG
Collin Holloway, Sr., F, Samford
Rylan Jones, Gr., G, Samford
Honor Huff, Jr., G, Chattanooga
Trey Bonham, Sr., G, Chattanooga
Kyler Filewich, Sr., C, Wofford
Corey Tripp, Sr., G, Wofford

Coaches poll

Team (1st)	Total
1. Samford (6)	77
2. Chattanooga (2)	73
3. ETSU (2)	67
4. Wofford	58
5. Furman	47
6. UNCG	41
7. Mercer	35
8. Western Carolina	25
9. The Citadel	17
10. VMI	10

NOTES

• The 104th season of Southern Conference men's basketball tips off Monday with nine SoCon teams in action. Mercer opens its season on Thursday.

• Preseason SoCon favorite Samford opens the season ranked No. 20 in the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25, while ETSU, Furman, Chattanooga and Wofford received votes in the poll.

• The Citadel and Chattanooga each open the season on the road against Power Five opponents.

• Defending SoCon regular-season and tournament champion Samford opens its season with a home game against Mississippi College. The Bulldogs finished the 2023-24 season undefeated at home.

• The SoCon and the Atlantic Sun have a scheduling partnership this season, which opens with five games between the two leagues in the opening week of the season. Florida Gulf Coast at UNCG on opening night is the first matchup of the week.

• ETSU, Furman, Samford, VMI, Western Carolina and Wofford open against non-Division I opponents Monday.

• Mercer's Ryan Ridder and Western Carolina's Tim Craft begin their first seasons at the helm in Macon and Cullowhee, respectively.

• The SoCon will have five regular-season games on ESPNU or ESPN2 and five on CBS Sports Network this season. The league will also continue to have select games on Nexstar affiliates during the season.

ACTIVE SoCon CAREER LEADERS

Points scored (SoCon career rank)

954	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC
912	Jaden Seymour, ETSU
894	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
829	Corey Tripp, WOF
775	Garrett Hien, FUR

Points scored per game (min. 35 games)

12.72	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC
13.88	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
13.49	Quimari Peterson, ETSU
9.50	Jaden Seymour, ETSU
9.21	Corey Tripp, WOF

Field-goal percentage (min. 100 made)

.656	Alex Holt, MER
.597	Kyler Filewich, WOF
.556	Jalen Breath, UNCG
.548	Tyrese Hughey, FUR

3-point field goals made

161	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
114	Donovan Atwell, UNCG
101	Corey Tripp, WOF
97	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC
77	Bernard Pelote, WCU

Free-throw percentage (min. 50 made)

.939	Donovan Atwell, UNCG
.842	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
.840	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC

Rebounds

546	Jaden Seymour, ETSU
440	Kyler Filewich, WOF
420	Garrett Hien, FUR

Blocked shots

74	Jaden Seymour, ETSU
35	Garrett Hien, FUR
33	Tyrese Hughey, FUR
29	Kyler Filewich, WOF
27	Cooper Bowser, FUR

Steals

103	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC
81	Jaden Seymour, ETSU
78	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
77	Garrett Hien, FUR
75	Corey Tripp, WOF

Assists

234	Trey Bonham, VMI/UTC
215	Garrett Hien, FUR
181	Corey Tripp, WOF
161	Honor Huff, VMI/UTC
160	Rylan Jones, SAM

MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (PRESEASON)

Preseason Southern Conference favorite Samford is ranked No. 20 in the preseason CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25. ETSU, Furman, Chattanooga and Wofford all received votes in the poll.

CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25

Rank	School (1st-place)	Record	Points	LW	Conf.
1	Gonzaga (31)	0-0	775	-	West Coast
2	Grand Canyon	0-0	682	-	WAC
3	Princeton	0-0	641	-	Ivy League
4	Bradley	0-	634	-	Missouri Valley
5	Saint Mary's	0-0	630	-	West Coast
6	Vermont	0-0	534	-	America East
7	Northern Iowa	0-0	530	-	Missouri Valley
8	Santa Clara	0-0	478	-	West Coast
9	High Point	0-0	447	-	Big South
10	McNeese	0-0	423	-	Southland
11	Ohio	0-0	414	-	Mid-American
12	UC Irvine	0-0	411	-	Big West
13	Yale	0-0	403	-	Ivy League
14	San Francisco	0-0	333	-	Ivy League
15	Louisiana Tech	0-0	284	-	CUSA
16	Towson	0-0	263	-	Coastal Athletic
17	Arkansas State	0-0	239	-	Sun Belt
18	Milwaukee	0-0	206	-	Horizon
19	Toledo	0-0	164	-	Mid-American
20	Samford	0-0	160	-	Southern
21	Purdue Fort Wayne	0-0	157	-	Horizon
22	Kansas City	0-0	153	-	Summit
23	Little Rock	0-0	128	-	Ohio Valley
24	Lipscomb	0-0	92	-	ASUN
25	Western Kentucky	0-0	88	-	CUSA

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Charleston 83, Liberty 81, UC Santa Barbara 72, Akron 51, Norfolk State 47, Kent State 46, James Madison 39, Colgate 34, Appalachian State 29, **Wofford 26**, Sam Houston 24, Northern Kentucky 23, Oakland 23, Seattle 23, Montana 21, Murray State 21, **ETSU 19**, Grambling 19, Troy 19, Drake 18, Quinnipiac 18, UT Arlington 15, UNCW 11, **Furman 10**, South Dakota State 10, **Chattanooga 8**, Harvard 8, Texas A&M Corpus Christi 7, UC Davis 6, Howard 6, UMass Lowell 5, Weber State 5, Winthrop 5, Middle Tennessee 3, Austin Peay 2, Central Connecticut 1, Indiana State 1, North Alabama 1.

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 11	.....
Nov. 18	.....
Nov. 25	.....
Dec. 2	.....
Dec. 9	.....
Dec. 16	.....
Dec. 23	.....
Dec. 30	.....
Jan. 6	.....
Jan. 13	.....
Jan. 20	.....
Jan. 27	.....
Feb. 3	.....
Feb. 10	.....
Feb. 17	.....
Feb. 24	.....
March 3	.....

Did you know?

• First conducted in 1921, the SoCon men's basketball tournament is the nation's oldest college conference tournament. The 2025 tournament will be the 105th edition.

• Furman's Frank Selvy scored an NCAA-record 100 points on Feb. 13, 1954. His record still stands.

• Western Carolina's Ronnie Carr hit the first 3-point basket in NCAA history on Nov. 29, 1980.

• Wofford's Fletcher Magee finished his career in 2019 as the NCAA Division I record-holder with 509 made 3-pointers.

• While it currently has 10 member schools, the Southern Conference has had 44 full-time members in its illustrious history, including the schools that exited to found the Southeastern Conference (1932) and the Atlantic Coast Conference (1953). In all, 21 schools that are now members of "Power 5" conferences were once members of the SoCon.

SoCon COACHING RECORDS

Coach, school	Career (yrs.)	School (yrs.)	SoCon (yrs.)
Ed Conroy, The Citadel	203-262 (16th)	70-119 (7th)	37-75 (7th)
Brooks Savage, ETSU	19-16 (2nd)	Same	8-10 (2nd)
Bob Richey, Furman	156-70 (8th)	Same	88-35 (8th)
Ryan Ridder, Mercer	191-120 (11th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Mike Jones, UNCG	232-188 (14th)	58-38 (4th)	35-19 (4th)
Bucky McMillan, Samford	77-41 (5th)	Same	42-23 (5th)
Dan Earl, Chattanooga	112-168 (10th)	39-29 (3rd)	53-105 (10th)
Andrew Wilson, VMI	11-53 (3rd)	Same	3-33 (3rd)
Tim Craft, Western Carolina	188-166 (12th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Dwight Perry, Wofford	29-27 (3rd)	Same	18-18 (3rd)

SoCon vs. OTHER CONFERENCES

Atlantic Coast Conference (0-0)

11/4 The Citadel at Boston College, 7 p.m.

Atlantic Sun (0-0)

11/4 Florida Gulf Coast at UNCG, 7 p.m.

11/8 Eastern Kentucky at ETSU, 7 p.m.

11/8 Western Carolina at Queens, 7 p.m.

11/9 VMI at Bellarmine, 3 p.m.

11/9 Wofford at Lipscomb, 5 p.m.

Big Ten Conference (0-0)

11/4 Chattanooga at USC, 10 p.m.

Ivy League (0-0)

11/8 Samford at Cornell, 6 p.m.

Missouri Valley Conference (0-0)

11/8 Furman at Belmont, 7:30 p.m.

Non-Division I (0-0)

11/4 Erskine at Wofford, 5 p.m.

11/4 Washington College at VMI, 6 p.m.

11/4 Newberry at ETSU, 7 p.m.

11/4 Columbia International at Furman, 7 p.m.

11/4 Bob Jones at Western Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

11/4 Mississippi College at Samford, 7:30 p.m.

11/7 Erskine at The Citadel, 7 p.m.

11/7 Virginia-Lynchburg at Mercer, 7 p.m.

West Coast Conference (0-0)

11/7 Chattanooga at Saint Mary's, 10 p.m.

All Times Eastern

HOME TEAMS UNDERLINED ALL TIMES EASTERN

America East Conference.....	0-0
American Athletic Conference.....	0-0
ASUN Conference.....	0-0
Atlantic 10 Conference.....	0-0
Atlantic Coast Conference.....	0-0
Big East Conference.....	0-0
Big Sky Conference.....	0-0
Big South Conference.....	0-0
Big Ten Conference.....	0-0
Colonial Athletic Association.....	0-0
Conference USA.....	0-0
Division I Independents.....	0-0
Horizon League.....	0-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.....	0-0
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.....	0-0
Missouri Valley Conference.....	0-0
Non-Division I opponents.....	0-0
Ohio Valley Conference.....	0-0
Patriot League.....	0-0
Southeastern Conference.....	0-0
Southland Conference.....	0-0
Southwestern Athletic Conference.....	0-0
Summit League.....	0-0
Sun Belt Conference.....	0-0
Western Athletic Conference.....	0-0

Total	0-0
Home	0-0
Away.....	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
vs. Top 25	0-0

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