



Southern Conference Football

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2015 Southern Conference Football Standings

C/SI	Team	Conference			Overall					
		W-L	PF	PA	W-L	PF	PA	Home	Road	Streak
	The Citadel	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	Furman	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	Mercer	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	Samford	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
8/8	Chattanooga	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	VMI	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	Western Carolina	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-
	Wofford	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0-0	-

C-FCS Coaches Poll; SI - STATS Inc., Poll

News & Notes

- The Citadel, Furman, Samford, Chattanooga and Western Carolina host nonconference games this weekend while three league schools are on the road to open the season.
- Chattanooga was picked first in both the preseason coaches and media polls.
- Southern Conference teams will take on two FBS programs this weekend. The SoCon has 27 wins over FBS programs all-time.

• Scott Wachenheim will make his head coaching debut Thursday when VMI visits Ball State. Wachenheim takes over at VMI after spending the previous five seasons as an assistant at Virginia.

• Samford head coach Chris Hatcher makes his return to the Southern Conference Thursday as Samford hosts Central Arkansas. Hatcher previously coached in the SoCon from 2007-09 as head coach at Georgia Southern.

This Week's Schedule

Date	Game	Series Record	TV/Internet	Time
September 3	Central Arkansas at Samford	First Meeting	ESPN3	7:00 p.m.
	VMI at Ball State	First Meeting	ESPN3	7:00 p.m.
September 5	Wofford at Clemson	CU, 11-3	ACC RSN	12:30 p.m.
	Mercer at Austin Peay	MER, 1-0	-	5:00 p.m.
	Davidson at The Citadel	CIT, 31-21-4	ESPN3	6:00 p.m.
	Jacksonville St. at Chattanooga	UTC, 26-12	SDN	6:00 p.m.
	Coastal Carolina at Furman	CCU, 5-1	ESPN3	7:00 p.m.
	Mars Hill at Western Carolina	WCU, 15-5-1	SDN	7:00 p.m.

Quick Hits

- The Southern Conference begins its 94th season of football this weekend.
- The first league game is set for Sept. 12 when Western Carolina visits The Citadel.
- Home teams were 16-12 in conference play in 2014 and went 21-15 in 2013.
- Nine of the 28 league games were decided by one possession in 2014. Sixteen of the SoCon's 36 league games were decided by one possession in 2013.

RANKINGS: The Chattanooga Mocs are ranked in both preseason FCS polls. UTC is ranked eighth by both the FCS coaches and STATS LLC.

- Furman, Samford and Western Carolina are among the teams receiving votes.

AWARD CANDIDATES: The Southern Conference has two players on the STATS Offensive Player of the Year Watch List and one on the Defensive Player of the Year Watch List.

- Offensive Player of the Year - Jacob Huesman (Chattanooga) and Troy Mitchell (Western Carolina).
- Defensive Player of the Year - Cory Magwood (Furman).

Preseason Players of the Year

Offensive POY

Jacob Huesman, Sr., QB



Passed for 2,731 yards, rushed for 1,009 yards and accounted for 37 TDs as a junior.

Defensive POY

Michael Pierce, Sr., DL



Recorded 35 tackles, including 26 solo stops, last season. Tallied five TFLs and a sack.

2015 SoCon Composite Football Schedule

September 3 (Thursday)

Central Arkansas at Samford (ESPN3) 7:00 p.m.
 VMI at Ball State 7:00 p.m.

September 5

Wofford at Clemson (ACC RSN) 12:30 p.m.
 Mercer at Austin Peay 5:00 p.m.
 Davidson at The Citadel (ESPN3) 5:00 p.m.
 Jacksonville St. at Chattanooga (SDN) 6:00 p.m.
 Coastal Carolina at Furman (ESPN3) 7:00 p.m.
 Mars Hill at Western Carolina (SDN) 7:00 p.m.

September 12

Mars Hill at Chattanooga (SDN) 1:00 p.m.
 Morehead State at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 Florida A&M at Samford (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.
 Furman at Virginia Tech (ESPN3) 3:30 p.m.
 Stetson at Mercer (ESPN3) 6:00 p.m.
 *Western Carolina at The Citadel (ESPN3) 6:00 p.m.
 Tennessee Tech at Wofford (SDN) 7:00 p.m.

September 19

*Chattanooga at Samford (ASN) 3:30 p.m.
 Wofford at Idaho 5:00 p.m.
 The Citadel at Georgia Southern 6:00 p.m.
 Furman at UCF (ESPN3) 6:00 p.m.
 VMI at Richmond 6:00 p.m.
 Mercer at Tennessee Tech 7:00 p.m.
 Western Carolina at Tennessee (ESPNU) 7:00 p.m.

September 26

Samford at Louisville TBA
 *VMI at Furman (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.
 Charleston Southern at The Citadel (ESPN3) 6:00 p.m.
 Chattanooga at Presbyterian 7:00 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Wofford 7:00 p.m.

October 3

Bucknell at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 Presbyterian at Western Carolina (WMYA-TV) 3:30 p.m.
 *Wofford at Mercer (ESPN3) 6:00 p.m.
 South Carolina St. at Furman (ESPN3) 7:00 p.m.

October 10

*Furman at Chattanooga (SDN) 1:00 p.m.
 *Samford at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Wofford at The Citadel (ESPN3) 2:00 p.m.
 *Mercer at Western Carolina (SDN) 3:30 p.m.

October 17

*Chattanooga at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Western Carolina at Wofford (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *The Citadel at Samford (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.
 ETSU at Mercer (ESPN3) 4:00 p.m.

October 24

*The Citadel at Furman (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Chattanooga at Wofford (SDN) 1:30 p.m.
 *VMI at Mercer (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.
 *Samford at Western Carolina (ESPN3) 3:30 p.m.

October 31

*Wofford at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Mercer at The Citadel (ESPN3) 2:00 p.m.
 *Western Carolina at Chattanooga (ESPN3) 2:00 p.m.
 *Furman at Samford (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.

November 7

*Chattanooga at Mercer (ESPN3) TBA
 *VMI at The Citadel (ESPN3) 2:00 p.m.
 *Furman at Western Carolina (SDN) 3:30 p.m.
 Clark Atlanta at Samford (ESPN3) 3:00 p.m.

November 14

Western Carolina at Texas A&M TBA
 *Mercer at Furman (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Samford at Wofford (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *The Citadel at Chattanooga (SDN) 2:00 p.m.

November 21

The Citadel at South Carolina TBA
 *Samford at Mercer TBA
 Chattanooga at Florida State TBA
 *Western Carolina at VMI (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
 *Furman at Wofford (ASN) 3:30 p.m.

SoCon vs Other Conferences

FBS Opponents (0-0)

American (0-0)
 Furman at UCF Sept. 19

Atlantic Coast (0-0)

Wofford at Clemson Sept. 5
 Furman at Virginia Tech Sept. 12
 Samford at Louisville Sept. 26
 Chattanooga at Florida State Nov. 21

Mid-American (0-0)

VMI at Ball State Sept. 3

Southeastern (0-0)

Western Carolina at Tennessee Sept. 19
 Western Carolina at Texas A&M Nov. 14
 The Citadel at South Carolina Nov. 21

Sun Belt (0-0)

Wofford at Idaho Sept. 19
 The Citadel at Georgia Southern Sept. 19

FCS Opponents (0-0)

Big South (0-0)
 Coastal Carolina at Furman Sept. 5
 Charleston Southern at The Citadel Sept. 26
 Chattanooga at Presbyterian Sept. 26
 Gardner-Webb at Wofford Sept. 26
 Presbyterian at Western Carolina Oct. 3

Colonial (0-0)

VMI at Richmond Sept. 19

Independent (0-0)

ETSU at Mercer Oct. 17

MEAC (0-0)

Florida A&M at Samford Sept. 12
 South Carolina State at Furman Oct. 3

Ohio Valley (0-0)

Mercer at Austin Peay Sept. 5
 Jacksonville State at Chattanooga Sept. 5
 Tennessee Tech at Wofford Sept. 12
 Mercer at Tennessee Tech Sept. 19

Patriot League (0-0)

Bucknell at VMI Oct. 3

Pioneer League (0-0)

Davidson at The Citadel Sept. 5
 Morehead State at VMI Sept. 12
 Stetson at Mercer Sept. 12

Southland Conference (0-0)

Central Arkansas at Samford Sept. 3

Non-Division I Opponents (0-0)

Mars Hill at Western Carolina Sept. 5
 Mars Hill at Chattanooga Sept. 12
 Clark Atlanta at Samford Nov. 7

Southern Conference Streaks

Consecutive Wins

Consecutive SoCon Wins

Consecutive Home Wins

Consecutive Home SoCon Wins

6 Chattanooga
 3 Samford

4 Chattanooga
 2 Samford
 2 Wofford

7 Chattanooga
 3 Wofford



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Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015

7 p.m.

Muncie, Ind.

Scheumann Stadium (22,500)

Series: First meeting

VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon) at Ball State (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

VMI (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Scott Wachenheim
 Career: 0-0 (1st year)
 At VMI: Same

Offense: Spread

Rush: Al Cobb (57-124 yds, 2 TD)
 Pass: Al Cobb (269-438-2,971 yds, 20 TD)
 Rec.: Dane Forlines (38-396 yds, 4 TD)

Defense: 3-4

Tackles: Ryan Francis (71 tackles)
 Sacks: Ryan Francis (3.0-13 yds)
 Int.: Greg Sanders (3-72 yds)

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Ball State (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Coach: Pete Lembo
 Career: 109-56 (15th year)
 At BSU: 30-20 (5th year)

Offense: Spread

Rush: Horacio Banks (75-353 yds, 1 TD)
 Pass: Jack Milas (115-209-1,302 yds, 9 TD)
 Rec.: Jordan Williams (56-753 yds, 6 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Zack Ryan (91 tackles)
 Sacks: Darnell Smith (4.0-28 yds)
 Int.: Tyree Holder (2-37 yds)

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Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015

7 p.m.

Birmingham, Ala.

Seibert Stadium (6,700)

Series: First meeting

Central Arkansas (0-0, 0-0 Southland) at Samford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Central Arkansas (0-0, 0-0 Southland)

Coach: Steve Campbell
 Career: 126-38 (14th year)
 At UCA: 6-6 (2nd year)

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Dominique Thomas (54-340 yds, 5 TD)
 Pass: Taylor Reed (75-116-869 yds, 7 TD)
 Rec.: Desmond Smith (46-616 yds, 7 TD)

Defense: 3-4

Tackles: George Odom (77 tackles)
 Sacks: Jonathan Woodard (10.0-56 yds)
 Int.: Bobby Watkins (3-2 yds)

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Samford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Chris Hatcher
 Career: 121-57 (16th year)
 At SAM: 0-0 (1st year)

Offense: Spread

Rush: Denzel Williams (191-918 yds, 16 TD)
 Pass: Michael Eubank (183-289-2,136 yds, 12 TD)
 Rec.: Karel Hamilton (55-877 yds, 6 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Justin Cooper (93 tackles)
 Sacks: Roosevelt Donaldson (4.0-10 yds)
 Int.: Josh Kimberlin (3-34 yds)

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Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Clemson, S.C.

Memorial Stadium (81,500)

Series: Clemson leads 11-3

Last meeting: Sept. 10, 2011
 Clemson 35,
 Wofford 27
 (Clemson, S.C.)

Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon) at Clemson (0-0, 0-0 ACC)

Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Mike Ayers
 Career: 193-147-2 (31st year)
 At WOF: 182-126-1 (28th year)

Offense: Wingbone

Rush: Lorenzo Long (163-930 yds, 15 TD)
 Pass: Evan Jacks (30-50-399 yds, 3 TD)
 Rec.: Will Irwin (19-289 yds, 2 TD)

Defense: Multiple 50

Tackles: Kevin Thomas (66 tackles)
 Sacks: Terrance Morris (4.0-37 yds)
 Int.: Brion Anderson (3-20 yds)

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Clemson (0-0, 0-0 ACC)

Coach: Dabo Swinney
 Career: 61-26 (8th year)
 At CU: Same

Offense: Spread

Rush: Wayne Gallman (161-769 yds, 4 TD)
 Pass: Deshaun Watson (93-137-1,466 yds, 14 TD)
 Rec.: Mike Williams (57-1,030 yds, 6 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Jayron Kearse (60 tackles)
 Sacks: Shaw Lawson (3.5-32 yds)
 Int.: Jadar Johnson (2-84 yds)

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Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

4 p.m.

Clarksville, Tenn.

Governors Stadium (7,000)

Series: Mercer leads 1-0

Last meeting: Oct. 11, 2014
Mercer 49,
Austin Peay 21
(Macon, Ga.)



Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

6 p.m.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Finley Stadium (20,668)

Series: Chattanooga leads 26-12

Last meeting: Sept. 6, 2014
Jacksonville State 26,
Chattanooga 23 (OT)
(Chattanooga, Tenn.)



Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

6 p.m.

Charleston, S.C.

Johnson Hagood Stadium (21,000)

Series: The Citadel leads 31-21-4

Last meeting: Oct. 12, 1985
The Citadel 31,
Davidson 0
(Charleston, S.C.)

Mercer (0-0, 0-0 SoCon) at Austin Peay (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Mercer (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Bobby Lamb
Career: 83-48 (13th year)
At MER: 16-8 (3rd year)

Offense: Pistol

Rush: Alex Lakes (200-1,107 yds, 17 TD)
Pass: John Russ (138-244-2,167 yds, 19 TD)
Rec.: Chandler Curtis (28-564 yds, 5 TD)

Defense: 3-3-5

Tackles: Tyler Ward (104 tackles)
Sacks: Tripp Patterson (2.5-17 yds)
Int.: Alex Avant (3-20 yds)

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Austin Peay (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Coach: Kirby Cannon
Career: 36-109 (13th year)
At APSU: 1-23 (3rd year)

Offense: Pro Spread

Rush: Otis Gerron (112-596 yds, 2 TD)
Pass: Mickey Macius (54-95-530 yds, 5 TD)
Rec.: Wesley Thomas (24-314 yds, 2 TD)

Defense: 4-2-5

Tackles: Antonio Turner (81 tackles)
Sacks: Nicholis Matiere-Bey (1.5-10 yds)
Int.: Roderick Owens (3-39 yds)

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Jacksonville State (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Jacksonville State (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Coach: John Grass
Career: 10-2 (2nd year)
At JSU: Same

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Troymaine Pope (123-715 yds, 6 TD)
Pass: Eli Jenkins (127-222-1,870 yds, 12 TD)
Rec.: Josh Barge (56-919 yds, 4 TD)

Defense: 5-2

Tackles: Folo Johnson (71 tackles)
Sacks: LaMichael Fannins (4.0-32 yds)
Int.: Debarrius Miller (4-47 yds)

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Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Russ Huesman
Career: 41-29 (7th year)
At UTC: Same

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Jacob Huesman (197-1,009 yds, 14 TD)
Pass: J. Huesman (226-330-2,732 yds, 23 TD)
Rec.: C.J. Board (35-507 yds, 2 TD)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Nakevion Leslie (82 tackles)
Sacks: Keionta Davis (5.5-38 yds)
Int.: Lucas Webb (6-82 yds)

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Davidson (0-0, 0-0 Pioneer) at The Citadel (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Davidson (0-0, 0-0 Pioneer)

Coach: Paul Nichols
Career: 1-22 (3rd year)
At DC: Same

Offense: Multi-Pro Style

Rush: Jeffrey Keil (153-725 yds, 8 TD)
Pass: Taylor Mitchell (81-161-769 yds, 2 TD)
Rec.: William Morris (98-1,224 yds, 7 TD)

Defense: 4-2-5

Tackles: Ricky Tkac (63 tackles)
Sacks: Thomas Sykes (4.0-43 yds)
Int.: Ben Rowell (1-20 yds)

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

Coach: Mike Houston
Career: 34-15 (5th year)
At CIT: 5-7 (2nd year)

Offense: Triple Option

Rush: Tyler Renew (169-761 yds, 5 TD)
Pass: Dominique Allen (2-2-26 yds, 1 TD)
Rec.: Alex Glover (8-194 yds, 1 TD)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Tevin Floyd (80 tackles)
Sacks: Mitchell Jeter (6.0-35 yds)
Int.: Dee Delaney (2-0 yds)

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Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

7 p.m.

Greenville, S.C.

Paladin Stadium (16,000)

Series: Coastal Carolina leads 5-1

Last meeting: Oct. 4, 2014

Coastal Carolina 37,
Furman 31 (2OT)
(Greenville, S.C.)



vs.



Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015

7 p.m.

Cullowhee, N.C.

E.J. Whitmire Stadium (13,742)

Series: Western Carolina leads 15-5-1

Last meeting: Sept. 21, 2013

Western Carolina 30,
Mars Hill 23
(Cullowhee, N.C.)

Coastal Carolina (0-0, 0-0 Big South) at Furman (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coastal Carolina (0-0, 0-0 Big South)

Coach: Joe Moglia
Career: 32-10 (4th year)
At CCU: Same

Offense: Spread

Rush: De'Angelo Henderson (234-1,534 yds, 20 TD)
Pass: Alex Ross (271-422-3,389 yds, 20 TD)
Rec.: Bruce Mapp (71-959 yds, 6 TD)

Defense: 4-2-5

Tackles: Calvin Hollenhorst (60 tackles)
Sacks: Roderick Holder (6.5-37 yds)
Int.: Kamron Summers (3-18 yds)

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Furman (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Coach: Bruce Fowler
Career: 20-28 (5th year)
At FUR: Same

Offense: Multiple

Rush: P.J. Blazejowski (84-363 yds, 4 TD)
Pass: Blazejowski (110-185-1,376 yds, 9 TD)
Rec.: Jordan Snellings (50-727 yds, 4 TD)

Defense: Multiple

Tackles: Cory Magwood (123 tackles)
Sacks: John Mackey (4.0-38 yds)
Int.: Reggie Thomas (1-0 yds)

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Mars Hill (0-0, 0-0 SAC) at Western Carolina (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

Mars Hill (0-0, 0-0 South Atlantic)

Coach: Tim Clifton
Career: 119-112 (23rd year)
At MHU: Same

Offense: Multiple

Rush: Jamel Harbison (227-1,204 yds, 9 TD)
Pass: Trent Miller (121-235-1,603 yds, 9 TD)
Rec.: Keshawn Taylor (32-626 yds, 2 TD)

Defense: Multiple 8-Man Front

Tackles: Trey Clark (59 tackles)
Sacks: Carl Mattox (3.0-23 yds)
Int.: Elliott Polycarpe (3-42 yds)

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

Coach: Mark Speir
Career: 10-25 (4th year)
At WCU: Same

Offense: Spread/Read Option

Rush: Darius Ramsey (148-763 yds, 6 TD)
Pass: Troy Mitchell (231-352-2,541 yds, 20 TD)
Rec.: Terryon Robinson (56-643 yds, 1 TD)

Defense: 4-3

Tackles: Daniel Riddle (74 tackles)
Sacks: Caleb Hawkins (3.0-12 yds)
Int.: Trey Morgan (6-0 yds)

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2015 SoCon Football Preseason Coaches Poll

School (First-place votes)	Points
1. Chattanooga (7)	49
2. Samford (1)	40
3. Western Carolina	38
4. Wofford	30
5. Furman	22
6. Mercer	20
7. The Citadel	18
8. VMI	7

2015 SoCon Football Preseason Media Poll

School (First-place votes)	Points
1. Chattanooga (29)	239
2. Western Carolina (1)	190
3. Samford	176
4. Wofford	148
5. Furman	120
6. Mercer	93
7. The Citadel	82
8. VMI	32

2015 Southern Conference Preseason All-Conference First Team

Off. POY: Jacob Huesman, Sr., QB, UTC
 Def. POY: Michael Pierce, Sr., DL, SAM

Offense

- QB Jacob Huesman, Sr., QB, UTC
- RB Alex Lakes, So., MER
- RB Denzel Williams, Jr., SAM
- OL Sam Frye, Sr., CIT
- OL Joe Turner, Sr., FUR
- OL Gunnar Bromelow, Sr., SAM
- OL Corey Levin, Jr., UTC
- OL Anton Wahrby, Jr., WOF
- TE Duncan Fletcher, Jr., FUR
- WR Karel Hamilton, Jr., SAM
- WR Spearman Robinson, Jr., WCU

Defense

- DL Mitchell Jeter, Sr., CIT
- DL Michael Pierce, Sr., SAM
- DL Josh Freeman, Sr., UTC
- DL Keionta Davis, Jr., UTC
- LB Cory Magwood, Sr., FUR
- LB Justin Cooper, Sr., SAM
- LB Nakevion Leslie, Jr., UTC
- DB James Bradberry, Sr., SAM
- DB Dee Virgin, Jr., UTC
- DB Lucas Webb, So., UTC
- DB Trey Morgan, Jr., WCU

Specialists

- PK Henrique Ribeiro, Jr., UTC
- P Brian Sanders, Sr., WOF
- RS Chandler Curtis, So., MER

CONFERENCE CROWN: Chattanooga won the league title last season with a 7-0 record in conference play. It was UTC's first outright title since 1984. Chattanooga shared the conference crown with Samford and Furman in 2013.

- Furman leads all Southern Conference programs with 13 league title.

FAMILIAR FACES: Mercer returns a league-high 24 starters for the 2015 season, while Western Carolina boasts 23 starters, including all 11 on offense. Chattanooga and VMI return a league-low 16 starters from last year.

- The league's eight teams combined to return 78 percent of their starters (156 of 200) from 2014.

2014 SoCon Starters Returning/Lost

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total (Pct.)
The Citadel	10/1	6/5	3/0	19/6 (.760)
Furman	9/2	8/3	2/1	19/6 (.760)
Mercer	10/1	11/0	3/0	24/1 (.960)
Samford	7/4	7/4	2/1	16/9 (.640)
Chattanooga	7/4	7/4	2/1	16/9 (.640)
VMI	9/2	7/4	2/1	18/7 (.720)
Western Carolina	11/0	10/1	2/1	23/2 (.920)
Wofford	10/1	9/2	2/1	21/4 (.840)
Total	73/15	65/23	18/6	156/44 (.780)

THE FRIENDLY CONFINES OF HOME: Southern Conference teams went 15-4 at home in nonconference games last season.

- League teams went 8-7 at home in 2013 and were 13-2 at home in 2012 after going 15-1 in 2011. SoCon teams own a record of 62-17 (.785) in nonconference home games since the start of the 2010 season.

GROUND ATTACK: A Southern Conference team has ranked either first or second nationally in rushing in 13 of the last 14 seasons.

- The Citadel ranked second nationally in rushing last year with 347.2 yards per game.

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Seven schools in the Southern Conference have reached the postseason at least once.

Current SoCon Schools in the Playoffs

Team	App.	Won	Lost	Pct.	Champion	Runner-up
The Citadel	3	1	3	.250	0	0
ETSU	1	1	1	.500	0	0
Furman	16	18	15	.545	1	2
Mercer	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Samford	3	2	3	.400	0	0
Chattanooga	2	1	2	.333	0	0
VMI	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Western Carolina	1	3	1	.750	0	1
Wofford	6	5	6	.455	0	0

AWARD CANDIDATES: The Southern Conference has two players on the STATS Offensive Player of the Year Watch List, and one on the Defensive Player of the Year Watch List.

- STATS Inc., Offensive Player Candidates - Jacob Huesman (Chattanooga) and Troy Mitchell (Western Carolina).

Former Winners:

- 1992 Michael Payton, QB, Marshall
- 1999 Adrian Peterson, RB, Georgia Southern
- 2000 Louis Ivory, RB, Furman
- 2007 Jayson Foster, QB, Georgia Southern
- 2008 Armanti Edwards, QB, Appalachian State
- 2009 Armanti Edwards, QB, Appalachian State

- STATS Inc., Defensive Player Candidates - Cory Magwood (Furman)

Former Winners:

- 1995 Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1996 Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State

BUCS ARE BACK: ETSU has restarted football for the 2015 season. The Bucs will compete as an independent in FCS football this season and return to Southern Conference play in 2016.

- ETSU competed in the league from 1978 through 2003 before dropping the program.
- The Bucs' best season in the SoCon was the 1996 campaign when ETSU went 10-3 overall with a 7-1 record in league play. The Bucs defeated Villanova (35-29) in the opening round of the FCS playoffs before falling at Montana (44-14) in the quarterfinals.

WORKING OVERTIME: Southern Conference teams are 28-36 (.438) all-time in overtime games. The most recent overtime game was Nov. 8, 2014, when The Citadel knocked off Furman (42-35).

Team	OT Record	Pct.
The Citadel	7-7	.500
Furman	4-9	.308
Mercer	0-0	.000
Samford	2-0	1.000
Chattanooga	5-11	.313
VMI	5-2	.714
Western Carolina	2-6	.250
Wofford	3-1	.750
Total	28-36	.438

EXPERIENCED COACHES: Wofford head coach Mike Ayers is the dean of SoCon coaches. Ayers has tallied 136 wins at ETSU and Wofford while coaching in the Southern Conference. He ranks third on the league's all-time wins list behind Appalachian State's Jerry Moore and Duke's Wallace Wade. Mercer's Bobby Lamb is fifth on the all-time wins list with 73.

SoCon Wins Leaders	Wins
1. Jerry Moore, Appalachian State (1989-2012)	215
2. Wallace Wade, Alabama (1923-30); Duke (1931-41; 1946-50)	171
3. Mike Ayers, ETSU (1985-87); Wofford (1997-present)	136
4. D.C. Walker, Wake Forest (1937-50)	77
5. Bobby Lamb, Furman (2002-2010) and Mercer (2014-pres.)	73
6. Frank Howard, Clemson (1940-52)	69
Dick Sheridan, Furman (1978-85)	69
8. H.C. Byrd, Maryland (1921-34)	68
9. Jimmy Satterfield, Furman (1986-93)	66
Bob Waters, Western Carolina (1977-88)	66

Records Watch

Total Offense (Career)

1. Armanti Edwards, APP (2006-09)	14,753
2. Scott Riddle, Elon (2001-10)	13,147
3. Richie Williams, APP (2002-05)	9,370
4. Jacob Huesman, UTC (2012-pres.)	8,887
5. Todd Wells, ETSU (1997-00)	8,711
6. Greg Ryan, ETSU (1993-96)	7,703
7. Michael Payton, MAR (1989-92)	7,530
8. Dustin Taliaferro, SAM (2008-11)	7,476
9. Chris Sanders, UTC (1999-00)	7,247
10. Steve Brown, APP (1977-80)	7,129

Most Rushing Yards By A QB (Career)

1. Armanti Edwards, APP (2006-09)	4,361
2. Jerick McKinnon, GSU (2010-13)	3,899
3. Jack Douglas, CIT (1989-91)	3,674
4. Jayson Foster, GSU (2004-07)	3,664
5. Greg Hill, GSU (1996-99)	3,309
6. Jacob Huesman, UTC (2012-pres.)	2,807
7. Chaz Williams, GSU (2001-04)	2,768
8. Tony Sacales, VMI (1989-92)	2,475
9. Travis Wilson, WOF (1989-01)	2,069
10. DeAndre Presley, APP (2010-11)	1,629

Most Touchdown Passes (Career)

1. Scott Riddle, Elon (2007-10)	106
2. Armanti Edwards, APP (2006-09)	74
3. Richie Williams, APP (2002-05)	59
4. Michael Payton, MAR (1989-92)	57
5. Greg Ryan, ETSU (1993-96)	56
6. B.J. Coleman, UTC (2009-11)	52
Jacob Huesman, UTC (2012-pres.)	52
8. Thomas Wilson, Elon (2009-12)	50
9. John Gregory, MAR (1986-89)	49
Chris Sanders, UTC (1999-00)	49

Southern Conference Coaching Records

Coach, School	Years at School	Record at School	SoCon Record	SoCon Pct.	Career Record	Career Pct.
Mike Houston, The Citadel	2	5-7	3-4	.428	35-14	.714
Bruce Fowler, Furman	5	20-28	15-16	.484	20-28	.417
Bobby Lamb, Mercer	3	15-8	1-6	.143	83-48	.633
Chris Hatcher, Samford	1	0-0	0-0	.000	121-57	.680
Russ Huesman, Chattanooga	7	41-29	30-17	.638	41-29	.590
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	1	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	4	10-25	6-18	.250	10-25	.286
Mike Ayers, Wofford	28	183-125-1	91-69	.569	194-146-2	.570

MAKING THE GRADE: In addition to achieving success on the gridiron, SoCon teams boast impressive academic credentials. In the latest data released by the NCAA in May, Southern Conference football teams posted an Academic Progress Rate (APR) of 968, ranking third nationally and second among FCS conferences. It was the sixth consecutive season that the SoCon average was higher than the national rate for Division I.

- Ten Southern Conference's sports (football, basketball, men's cross country, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, wrestling, women's cross country, women's indoor and outdoor track and volleyball) topped the national average in Division I.
- A total of 35 SoCon teams representing eight different schools earned the Public Recognition Award from the NCAA. The award is given to teams ranking in the top 10 percent of APR scores in Division I.
- Sixty-six Southern Conference football players were named to the league's all-academic team last fall. To qualify for the all-academic team, a student-athlete must carry a 3.3 GPA and appear in at least 50 percent of his team's games. Mercer placed a league-high 14 student-athletes on the all-academic team, while Wofford had 13 honorees.

CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT: The Southern Conference had two players taken in the 2015 NFL Draft. It was the 11th straight year the SoCon had at least one player taken in the draft.

- Samford's Jaquiski Tartt (DB) was chosen in the second round (#46) by the San Francisco 49ers. It was the second time in four years that the SoCon had a player drafted in the second round, as Appalachian State's Brian Quick was selected No. 33 overall by the St. Louis Rams in 2012.
- Chattanooga defensive lineman Davis Tull was selected in the fifth round by the New Orleans Saints with the 148th overall pick. Tull was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year each of his last three seasons at UTC.

FBS WINS: Southern Conference teams have combined for 27 wins over FBS programs dating back to 1982.

- The league earned three FBS wins each during the 1983 and 2013 seasons.

RETURN SPECIALIST: Mercer's Chandler Curtis returned three punts for touchdowns in 2014 and is one more away from trying for the league's career high.

- Marshall Tim Martin (1993-96) and The Citadel's Carlos Frank (1996-98) each finished their career with four punt returns for touchdowns.

SOPHOMORE STANDOUT: Chattanooga's Corey Levin won the league's Jacobs Blocking Award, given to the league's best offensive lineman, as a sophomore in 2014.

- The last sophomore to win the award was Georgia Southern's Mark Williams, who won it in 1997 and 1998.
- The Jacobs Blocking Award is the oldest football award in the conference, dating back to 1933.

COACHES TELECONFERENCE: The Southern Conference coaches weekly media teleconferences are held every Tuesday beginning Sept. 1 and continue through Nov. 17. The calls are archived on the Southern Conference website approximately three hours following the call. Contact the Southern Conference office for the phone number.

Weekly schedule:

- Mike Houston, CIT - 10:00 a.m.
- Bruce Fowler, FUR - 10:08 a.m.
- Bobby Lamb, MER - 10:16 a.m.
- Chris Hatcher, SAM - 10:24 a.m.
- Russ Huesman, UTC - 10:32 a.m.
- Scott Wachenheim, VMI - 10:40 a.m.
- Mark Speir, WCU - 10:48 a.m.
- Mike Ayers, WOF - 10:56 a.m.

This Is The Southern Conference ...

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127	200-Yard Rushing Performances
234	AP All-Americans
755	Career Tackles by Brian Ruff (CIT), the SoCon record
968	League's Football APR
2015	94th Season Of SoCon Football
5,250	Career Receiving Yards by Terrell Hudgins (Elon), the SoCon record
6,559	Career Rushing Yards by Adrian Peterson (GSU), the SoCon record
13,264	Career Passing Yards by Scott Riddle (Elon), the SoCon record
14,753	Career Total Yards by Armanti Edwards (APP), the SoCon record

2015 Southern Conference Football Schedules



The Citadel (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	DAVIDSON	6:00 p.m.
S. 12	*WESTERN CAROLINA	6:00 p.m.
S. 19	at Georgia Southern	6:00 p.m.
S. 26	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	6:00 p.m.
O. 10	*WOFFORD	2:00 p.m.
O. 17	*at Samford	3:00 p.m.
O. 24	*at Furman	1:30 p.m.
O. 31	*MERCER	2:00 p.m.
N. 7	*VMI	2:00 p.m.
N. 14	*at Chattanooga	2:00 p.m.
N. 21	at South Carolina	TBA



Furman (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	COASTAL CAROLINA	7:00 p.m.
S. 12	at Virginia Tech	3:30 p.m.
S. 19	at UCF	6:00 p.m.
S. 26	*VMI	3:00 p.m.
O. 3	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	7:00 p.m.
O. 10	*at Chattanooga	1:00 p.m.
O. 24	*THE CITADEL	1:30 p.m.
O. 31	*at Samford	3:00 p.m.
N. 7	*at Western Carolina	3:30 p.m.
N. 14	*MERCER	1:30 p.m.
N. 21	*at Wofford	3:30 p.m.



Mercer (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	at Austin Peay	5:00 p.m.
S. 12	STETSON	6:00 p.m.
S. 19	at Tennessee Tech	7:00 p.m.
O. 3	*WOFFORD	6:00 p.m.
O. 10	*at Western Carolina	3:30 p.m.
O. 17	ETSU	4:00 p.m.
O. 24	*VMI	3:00 p.m.
O. 31	*at The Citadel	2:00 p.m.
N. 7	*CHATTANOOGA	4:00 p.m.
N. 14	*at Furman	1:30 p.m.
N. 21	*SAMFORD	TBA



Samford (0-0, 0-0)

S. 3	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	7:00 p.m.
S. 12	FLORIDA A&M	3:00 p.m.
S. 19	*CHATTANOOGA	3:30 p.m.
S. 26	at Louisville	TBA
O. 10	*at VMI	1:30 p.m.
O. 17	*THE CITADEL	3:00 p.m.
O. 24	*at Western Carolina	3:30 p.m.
O. 31	*FURMAN	3:00 p.m.
N. 7	CLARK ATLANTA	3:00 p.m.
N. 14	*at Wofford	1:30 p.m.
N. 21	*at Mercer	TBA



Chattanooga (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	JACKSONVILLE STATE	6:00 p.m.
S. 12	MARS HILL	1:00 p.m.
S. 19	*at Samford	3:30 p.m.
S. 26	at Presbyterian	7:00 p.m.
O. 10	*FURMAN	1:00 p.m.
O. 17	*at VMI	1:30 p.m.
O. 24	*at Wofford	1:30 p.m.
O. 31	*WESTERN CAROLINA	2:00 p.m.
N. 7	*at Mercer	4:00 p.m.
N. 14	*THE CITADEL	2:00 p.m.
N. 21	at Florida State	TBA



VMI (0-0, 0-0)

S. 3	at Ball State	7:00 p.m.
S. 12	MOREHEAD STATE	1:30 p.m.
S. 19	at Richmond	6:00 p.m.
S. 26	*at Furman	3:00 p.m.
O. 3	BUCKNELL	1:30 p.m.
O. 10	*SAMFORD	1:30 p.m.
O. 17	*CHATTANOOGA	1:30 p.m.
O. 24	*at Mercer	3:00 p.m.
O. 31	*WOFFORD	1:30 p.m.
N. 7	*at The Citadel	2:00 p.m.
N. 21	*WESTERN CAROLINA	1:30 p.m.



Western Carolina (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	MARS HILL	7:00 p.m.
S. 12	*at The Citadel	6:00 p.m.
S. 19	at Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
O. 3	PRESBYTERIAN	3:30 p.m.
O. 10	*MERCER	3:30 p.m.
O. 17	*at Wofford	1:30 p.m.
O. 24	*SAMFORD	3:30 p.m.
O. 31	*at Chattanooga	2:00 p.m.
N. 7	*FURMAN	3:30 p.m.
N. 13	at Texas A&M	TBA
N. 21	*at VMI	1:30 p.m.



Wofford (0-0, 0-0)

S. 5	at Clemson	12:30 p.m.
S. 12	TENNESSEE TECH	7:00 p.m.
S. 19	at Idaho	5:00 p.m.
S. 26	GARDNER-WEBB	7:00 p.m.
O. 3	*at Mercer	6:00 p.m.
O. 10	*at The Citadel	2:00 p.m.
O. 17	*WESTERN CAROLINA	1:30 p.m.
O. 24	*CHATTANOOGA	1:30 p.m.
O. 31	*at VMI	1:30 p.m.
N. 14	*SAMFORD	1:30 p.m.
N. 21	*FURMAN	3:30 p.m.

SoCon By the Numbers

Home Field Records

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Yrs.	Stadium Name
The Citadel	218	140	3	.608	66th	Johnson Hagood
Furman	158	50	1	.758	33rd	Paladin
Mercer	12	3	0	.800	2nd	Five Star
Samford	150	77	4	.658	46th	Seibert
Chattanooga	46	49	0	.478	17th	Finley
VMI	96	137	3	.413	53rd	Foster
Western Carolina	115	94	2	.550	40th	E.J. Whitmire
Wofford	75	28	0	.728	18th	Gibbs

All-Time Conference Record

Team	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
The Citadel	75	191	284	5	.403
Furman	75	254	198	11	.560
Mercer	1	1	6	0	.143
Samford	6	29	26	0	.527
Chattanooga	38	126	143	2	.467
VMI	81	180	280	23	.396
Western Carolina	37	101	174	1	.368
Wofford	17	84	54	0	.609

Southern Conference Champions

No.	Team	Years
13	Furman	1978c-80-81-82-83-85-88c-89-90-99c-01c-04c-13c
7	VMI	1951c-57-59-60-62-74-77c
6	Chattanooga	1977c-78c-79-84-13c-14
4	Wofford	2003-07c-10c-12c
2	The Citadel	1961-92
1	Samford	2013c

c-denotes co-champions

Shutout Chart

Team	Last Shutout Win	Games Ago	Last Shutout Loss	Games Ago
The Citadel	76-0, Webber International, 2007	90	35-0, Wofford, 2010	49
Furman	10-0, Elon, 2004	125	45-0, Samford, 2014	5
Mercer	56-0, Warner, 2014	2	52-0, Rollins, 1941	29
Samford	55-0, Concordia College, 2014	4	29-0, Tennessee Tech, 2000	156
Chattanooga	51-0, Western Carolina, 2014	6	49-0, Alabama, 2013	14
VMI	49-0, St. Francis (Pa.), 2008	78	49-0, Virginia, 2013	20
Western Carolina	35-0, Shorter, 2008	78	51-0, Chattanooga, 2014	4
Wofford	82-0, Lincoln (Pa.), 2012	34	3-0, Gardner-Webb, 2013	19

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