



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2020-21

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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall					
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	ST
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	-
UNCG	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	-
Chattanooga	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	-

NOTES

• Five of the eight Southern Conference schools open the season Wednesday, followed by two more on Saturday. Chattanooga begins its 2020-21 campaign on Dec. 6.

• Mercer, the preseason SoCon favorite by the coaches, hosts Georgia on Wednesday to begin its season. Wofford is the only other SoCon school to host this week, welcoming Winthrop to Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium for a Wednesday afternoon contest.

• Defending SoCon tournament champion Samford plays two road games this week, taking on Alabama in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday and facing off at Auburn on Saturday.

• Samford, which won the 2019-20 SoCon tournament after being picked seventh in the preseason, lost eight seniors from their championship squad and was unable to participate in the NCAA Tournament that was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

• UNC Greensboro finished with the top RPI in 2019-20 (141).

• After two coaches joined the league last season, Samford's Carley Kuhns and Western Carolina's Kiley Hill, there were no head coaching changes heading in to 2020-21.

• Four of the 10 coaches' All-SoCon selections from last year return to the league in 2020-21. Mercer's Jaron Dougherty and Samford's Natalie Armstrong, the 2020 SoCon tournament Most Outstanding Player, are the lone returning first-teamers. Dougherty's teammate, Shannon Titus, a 2019-20 second team selection, is the preseason player of the year.

• Collectively, the league returns 23 of 40 starters from last season. ETSU, Mercer and Western Carolina each returns four starters.

• Furman redshirt-senior guard/forward Tierra Hodges, a preseason all-conference selection and a 2019-20 second-team all-conference pick, was one of 23 players named to the Becky Hammon Mid-Major Player of the Year Award Watchlist. Hodges is the only player from the Southern Conference to be named to the preseason watch list which is made up of players from 23 teams and 15 conferences. In January, 15 players will be named to the midseason watch list. The 10 semifinalists will be announced in February, with five finalists being announced in early March. The winner will be announced in late March.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Nov. 25 (Wednesday)

Samford at Alabama, 1 p.m.	SEC+
Winthrop at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.	ESPN+
Furman at Clemson, 2 p.m.	ACCNE
Western Carolina at UNC Asheville, 3:30 p.m.	ESPN+
Georgia at Mercer, 6 p.m.	ESPN+

Nov. 28 (Saturday)

UNCG at North Carolina, 1 p.m.	ACCNE
Samford at Auburn, 1 p.m.	SECN
Tennessee State at Mercer, 2 p.m.	ESPN+
ETSU at Longwood, 3 p.m.	ESPN+

Nov. 29 (Sunday)

Wofford at College of Charleston, 1 p.m.	FloHoops
Western Carolina at Duke, 2 p.m.	ACCNE

Preseason predictions

Mercer is the preseason favorite to win the 2020-21 Southern Conference women's basketball title in polling of the league's 8 women's basketball coaches. The media tabbed Chattanooga as their preseason pick.

Preseason Player of the Year

Shannon Titus, Sr., G/F Mercer

Preseason All-Southern Conference Team

E'Lease Stafford, Jr., G/F, ETSU
 Tierra Hodges, R-Sr., G/F, Furman
 Jaron Dougherty, Jr., F, Mercer
 Shannon Titus, Sr., G/F, Mercer
 Aja Boyd, R-Sr., F/G, UNCG
 Natalie Armstrong, Sr., F, Samford
 Bria Dial, Sr, G, Chattanooga
 Eboni Williams, Jr., F, Chattanooga
 Lauren LaPlant, R-Sr., G, Western Carolina
 Jamari McDavid, Sr., F, Wofford

Coaches poll

Team (1st)	Total	Team (1st)	Total
1. Mercer (5)	45	1. Chattanooga (8)	115
2. Chattanooga (1)	39	2. Samford (4)	111
3. Samford	33	3. Mercer (2)	100
4. Furman (1)	31	4. Furman (3)	89
5. UNCG (1)	30	UNCG (1)	89
6. Wofford	24	6. Wofford	68
7. ETSU	15	7. ETSU	52
8. Western Carolina	7	8. Western Carolina	24

TV/DIGITAL KEY

ACCNE	ACC Network Extra
ESPN+	ESPN+
FloHoops	FloHoops (\$)
SEC+	SEC Network+

CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

• Samford's Natalie Armstrong is the league's returning scorer after averaging 14.5 points per game last season, fifth most in 2019-20. Mercer's Shannon Titus was just behind her at 14.4 points per contest.

• Furman senior Celena Taborn enters play in 2020-21 with 1,015 career points to her credit, most among active players. She's averaged 10.8 points per game, also a league best among active players.

• Paladins' redshirt senior Tierra Hodges is the leading active rebounder in the SoCon with 655 in her career. Her 7.64 rebounds per game leads all league players.

• The 2021 Ingles Southern Conference Women's Basketball Championship presented by General Shale will take place March 4-7 at Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville in Asheville, North Carolina.

MID-MAJOR TOP 25 (FINAL)

CollegiateInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25

Rank	School (1st-place)	Record	Points	LW	Conf.
1.	South Dakota (16)	30-2	757	1	Summit
2.	Princeton (14)	26-1	755	2	Ivy
3.	James Madison	25-4	678	4	Colonial
4.	Gonzaga	28-3	658	3	West Coast
5.	Marist	26-4	649	5	Metro Atlantic
6.	Missouri State (1)	26-4	639	6	Missouri Valley
7.	Florida Gulf Coast	30-3	613	7	Atlantic Sun
8.	Drake	22-8	555	8	Missouri Valley
9.	Coastal Carolina	25-4	485	9	Sun Belt
10.	IUPUI	23-8	480	16	Horizon
11.	Rider	26-4	454	11	Metro Atlantic
12.	Stony Brook	28-3	437	15	America East
13.	Troy	25-4	387	14	Sun Belt
14.	Montana State	25-6	350	18	Big Sky
15.	Central Michigan	23-7	314	10	Mid-American
16.	Drexel	23-7	270	17	Colonial
17.	Portland	21-11	245	NR	West Coast
18.	Bucknell	24-6	221	20	Patriot
19.	Bradley	22-7	196	23	Missouri Valley
20.	South Dakota State	23-10	190	13	Summit
21.	SEMO	25-7	162	NR	Ohio Valley
22.	San Diego	20-11	108	25	West Coast
23.	Penn	20-7	86	NR	Ivy
24.	Bethune Cookman	23-6	69	16	MEAC
25.	UC Davis	17-12	61	NR	Big West

SoCon RECORD BOOK

INDIVIDUAL

Overall winning percentage (min. two seasons)

%	W	L		
1.	.760	358	113	Wes Moore, UTC 1998-13
2.	.750	120	40	Jim Foster, UTC 2013-18
3.	.670	132	65	Susie Gardner, MER 2014-pr.

SoCon winning percentage (min. two seasons)

%	W	L		
1.	.864	64	10	Jim Foster, UTC 2013-18
2.	.849	241	43	Wes Moore, UTC 1998-13
3.	.774	65	19	Susie Gardner, MER 2014-pr.

ACTIVE SoCON CAREER LEADERS

Points scored

1,015 - Celena Taborn, Furman, Sr.
883 - Natalie Armstrong, Samford, Sr.
857 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
807 - Jamari McDavid, Wofford, Sr.
717 - Tierra Hodges, Furman, R-Sr.

Points scored per game (min. 35 games)

10.80 - Celena Taborn, Furman, Sr.
10.71 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
10.51 - Aja Boyd, UNCG, R-Sr.
9.81 - Natalie Armstrong, Samford, Sr.
9.70 - Jaron Dougherty, Mercer, Jr.

Field-goal percentage (min. 30 made)

.638 - Celena Taborn, Furman, Sr.
.602 - Lindsey Taylor, Furman, So.
.562 - Sutton West, Furman, Jr.
.502 - Natalie Armstrong, Samford, Sr.
.494 - Aja Boyd, UNCG, R-Sr.

3-point field goals made

131 - Lauren LaPlant, Western Carolina, Sr.
88 - Bria Dial, Chattanooga, Sr.
73 - Katie Allen, Samford, R-Sr.
68 - Milica Manojlovic, Furman, R-So.
47 - Amoria Neal-Tysor, Mercer, Jr.

3-point field-goal percentage (min. 30 made)

.384 - Katie Allen, Samford, R-Sr.
.382 - Lilly Hatton, Wofford, So.
.340 - Pernilla Sorensen, UNCG, So.
.340 - Makaila Woolard, Samford, Sr.
.339 - Alyssa Walker, Western Carolina, So.

Free-throw percentage (min. 15 made)

.870 - Dena Jarrells, Chattanooga, So.
.830 - Katie Allen, Samford, R-Sr.
.787 - Lauren LaPlant, Western Carolina, Sr.
.778 - Lilly Hatton, Wofford, So.
.778 - Tori Powell, UNCG, R-Sr.

Rebounds

655 - Tierra Hodges, Furman, R-Sr.
427 - Jamari McDavid, Wofford, Sr.
423 - Natalie Armstrong, Samford, Sr.
420 - Aja Boyd, UNCG, R-Sr.
408 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.

Rebounds per game (min. 35 games)

7.62 - Tierra Hodges, Furman, R-Sr.
6.89 - Aja Boyd, UNCG, R-Sr.
6.44 - Eboni Williams, Chattanooga, Jr.
5.15 - Celena Taborn, Furman, Sr.
5.10 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.

Blocked shots

110 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
99 - Celena Taborn, Furman, Sr.
79 - Natalie Armstrong, Samford, Sr.
68 - Aja Boyd, UNCG, R-Sr.
65 - Bria Dial, Chattanooga, Sr.

Steals

150 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
103 - Kaia Upton, ETSU, Jr.
89 - Jamari McDavid, Wofford, Sr.
68 - Milica Manojlovic, Furman, R-So.
67 - Eboni Williams, Chattanooga, Jr.

Assists

242 - Milica Manojlovic, Furman, R-So.
187 - Kaia Upton, ETSU, Jr.
159 - Jarya Outten, Furman, Sr.
140 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
132 - Cece Crudup, UNCG, Sr.

Assists per game (min. 35 games)

3.97 - Milica Manojlovic, Furman, R-So.
3.07 - Kaia Upton, ETSU, Jr.
1.81 - Jarya Outten, Furman, Sr.
1.75 - Shannon Titus, Mercer, Sr.
1.45 - Cece Crudup, UNCG, Sr.

SoCon COACHING RECORDS

Season	School	SoCon	Overall	Record (Pct.)	Record (Pct.)	Record (Pct.)
Coach, School	At School	Overall	Record (Pct.)	Record (Pct.)	Record (Pct.)	Record (Pct.)
Brittney Ezell, ETSU	8 th	16 th	101-116 (.465)	50-35 (.588)	221-229 (.491)	
Jackie Carson, FUR	11 th	11 th	163-150 (.521)	85-77 (.525)	163-150 (.521)	
Susie Gardner, MER	11 th	22 nd	177-141 (.557)	65-19 (.774)	353-288 (.551)	
Trina Patterson, UNCG	5 th	22 nd	67-62 (.523)	28-28 (.500)	250-361 (.409)	
Carley Kuhns, SAM	2 nd	5 th	18-14 (.562)	10-4 (.714)	84-43 (.661)	
Katie Burrows, UTC	3 rd	3 rd	25-35 (.416)	18-10 (.643)	25-35 (.416)	
Kiley Hill, WCU	2 nd	19 th	5-25 (.167)	2-12 (.143)	299-213 (.584)	
Jimmy Garrity, WOF	5 th	8 th	54-67 (.446)	21-35 (.375)	120-93 (.642)	



ETSU
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N28	at Longwood (ESPN+)	3 p.m.
D1	at Tennessee	7 p.m.
D8	at Vanderbilt	TBA
D12	PRESBYTERIAN	TBA
D18	at Davidson	TBA
D20	APPALACHIAN STATE	TBA
D31	NEWBERRY	TBA
J9	*at Chattanooga	TBA
J14	*MERCER	TBA
J16	*SAMFORD	TBA
J21	*at Furman	7 p.m.
J23	*at Wofford	2 p.m.
J28	*UNCG	TBA
J30	*WESTERN CAROLINA	TBA
F6	*CHATTANOOGA	TBA
F11	*at Samford	7:30 p.m.
F13	*at Mercer	TBA
F18	*WOFFORD	TBA
F20	*FURMAN	TBA
F25	*at Western Carolina	TBA
F27	*at UNCG	TBA
M4-7	at SoCon Championship (Asheville, N.C.)	



Furman
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N25	at Clemson (ACCNE)	2 p.m.
D1	PRESBYTERIAN	7 p.m.
D3	at Georgia Southern	TBA
D6	at Georgia State	2 p.m.
D10	STETSON	7 p.m.
D13	at Elon	TBA
D16	CONVERSE	7 p.m.
D20	at Georgia	2 p.m.
J3	NEWBERRY	2 p.m.
J9	*WOFFORD	TBA
J14	*at UNCG	TBA
J16	*at Western Carolina	TBA
J21	*ETSU	TBA
J23	*CHATTANOOGA	TBA
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Mercer
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N25	GEORGIA (ESPN+)	6 p.m.
N28	TENNESSEE STATE (ESPN+)	2 p.m.
D2	at Clemson	12 p.m.
D10	at Presbyterian	TBA
D13	ALABAMA	2 p.m.
D15	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	7 p.m.
D18	at Western Kentucky	9 p.m.
D21	at Tennessee Tech	3 p.m.
D29	at UNC Wilmington	2 p.m.
J7	*UNCG	TBA
J9	*WESTERN CAROLINA	TBA
J14	*at ETSU	TBA
J16	*at Chattanooga	TBA
J23	*SAMFORD	TBA
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UNC Greensboro
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N28	at North Carolina (ACCNE)	1 p.m.
D1	CAMPBELL	6 p.m.
D3	CONVERSE	6 p.m.
D7	NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN	6 p.m.
D11	at UNC Wilmington	2 p.m.
D14	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6 p.m.
D18	at Elon	TBA
J7	*at Mercer	TBA
J9	*at Samford	TBA
J14	*FURMAN	TBA
J16	*WOFFORD	TBA
J23	*at Western Carolina	TBA
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M4-7	at SoCon Championship (Asheville, N.C.)	



Samford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N25	at Alabama (SEC+)	1 p.m.
N28	at Auburn (SEC+)	1 p.m.
D3	at Indiana	7:30 p.m.
D8	UT MARTIN	7:30 p.m.
D11	NORTH ALABAMA	7:30 p.m.
D13	at Kentucky	TBA
D16	at Jacksonville State	TBA
D19	at Tennessee Tech	3 p.m.
D21	at Western Kentucky	TBA
D28	at Vanderbilt	TBA
J7	*WESTERN CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
J9	*UNCG	7:30 p.m.
J14	*at Chattanooga	TBA
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Chattanooga
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

D6	UAB	2 p.m.
D9	at Troy	1 p.m.
D13	VANDERBILT	2 p.m.
D15	at Austin Peay	7 p.m.
D18	Eastern Kentucky	7 p.m.
D20	#vs. Georgia Southern	TBA
D21	#at Georgia State	3 p.m.
D29	at North Alabama	2 p.m.
J9	*ETSU	2 p.m.
J14	*SAMFORD	7 p.m.
J16	*MERCER	TBA
J21	*at Wofford	TBA
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#	GSU Classic (Atlanta, Ga.)	



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

N25	at UNC Asheville (ESPN+)	3:30 p.m.
N29	at Duke (ACCNE)	2 p.m.
D5	ELON	TBA
D13	at Charleston Southern	3 p.m.
D16	at Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.
D20	#at Georgia State	1 p.m.
D21	#at Georgia Southern	1 p.m.
D29	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	TBA
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Wofford
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

N25	WINTHROP (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
N29	at College of Charleston (FloHoops)	1 p.m.
D2	at High Point	6 p.m.
D6	at UNC Asheville	2 p.m.
D13	at Xavier	2 p.m.
D19	at Kentucky	TBA
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J9	*at Furman	TBA
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SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Dec. 1	
Dec. 9	
Dec. 15.....	
Dec. 22.....	
Dec. 29.....	
Jan. 5	
Jan. 12.....	
Jan. 19.....	
Jan. 26.....	
Feb. 2.....	
Feb. 9.....	
Feb. 16.....	
Feb. 23.....	

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

December.....	
January.....	
February.....	

NATIONAL/REGIONAL RECOGNITION

SPECIALTY STATS LEADERS

40-point games	Ovr.	SoCon
30-point games	Ovr.	SoCon
20-point games	Ovr.	SoCon
15-rebound games	Ovr.	SoCon
10-rebound games	Ovr.	SoCon
15-assist games	Ovr.	SoCon
10-assist games	Ovr.	SoCon
5-block games	Ovr.	SoCon
Double-doubles	Ovr.	SoCon
20/15 games	Ovr.	SoCon
20/10 games	Ovr.	SoCon

SoCON vs. OTHER CONFERENCES

America East.....	0-0
Atlantic 10.....	0-0
Atlantic Coast.....	0-0
Atlantic Sun	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Big East.....	0-0
Big Sky	0-0
Big South	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big West	0-0
Colonial.....	0-0
Conference USA.....	0-0
Great West.....	0-0
Horizon League.....	0-0
Independent	0-0
Ivy.....	0-0
Metro Atlantic.....	0-0
Mid-American	0-0
Mid-Eastern	0-0
Missouri Valley.....	0-0
Mountain West	0-0
Northeast	0-0
Ohio Valley.....	0-0
Pacific 12.....	0-0
Patriot League	0-0
Southeastern.....	0-0
Southland.....	0-0
Southwestern	0-0
Summit League.....	0-0
Sun Belt.....	0-0
West Coast	0-0
Western Athletic	0-0
Non-Division I	0-0
Total	0-0
Home	0-0
Away.....	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
vs. Top 25	0-0