



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER 2020-21



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2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-5-0	.167	6	10	L4
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-2-0	.000	1	4	L2
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-1-0	.000	0	2	L1
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-1-0	.000	0	5	L1
Belmont	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-

NOTES

- Three men's soccer squads competed last week. ETSU and Mercer went on the road, while VMI hosted Gardner-Webb.
- ETSU dropped the Feb. 13 battle to Lipscomb, 1-2. Freshman Jared Leheta scored the Bucs' lone goal of the day in the 31st minute, which was also his first collegiate goal. Jack Perry and Tarik Pannholzer were the only Bucs to take a shot in the second 45 minutes of action, both went above the crossbar.
- Mercer opened its spring slate against North Florida on Feb. 13, after the match at Davidson was postponed. Dawson Gideon scored his second goal of the season and the Bears' only goal of the day in the 87th minute. Gideon is now tied with Dylan Gaither and Trevor Martineau for the team lead in goals this season (2).
- VMI will host their second home match of the season on Saturday Feb. 20 against Marymount. First-year coach Max Watson coached his first game as a Keydet on Feb. 14.
- The Belmont Bruins open the 2021 campaign on Feb. 20, when the squad travels to Louisville, Kentucky, for a midday match up against Bellarmine.
- The Furman Paladins will take on their first regular season game Feb. 21 against South Carolina on ESPN+.
- UNCG returns to the field Feb. 17 for the 2021 spring home opener against Belmont Abbey, at 7 p.m. ET. The team's original home opener scheduled for Feb. 14 against Davidson was postponed. The match is being streamed on ESPN+.
- Wofford travels to Rock Hill, South Carolina, on Feb. 17 to take on Winthrop at 7 p.m. ET. The game can be streamed on ESPN+.
- Mercer won the 2019 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 win over No. 2 seed UNCG in the title game after defeating No. 1 seed Furman in the semifinal round 3-2 in 2OT. It was the Bears' third title since joining the league in 2014.
- The 2020-21 SoCon Men's Soccer Championship is set to be contested on consecutive weekends in April. The top two seeds will host semifinal matches on either April 9 or 10, with the top remaining seed hosting the final on April 16 or 17.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Feb. 17 (Wednesday) Mercer vs. Stetson UNCG vs. Belmont Abbey% Wofford @ Winthrop%	Can. 7 p.m. 7 p.m.
Feb. 20 (Saturday) Marymount at VMI Belmont at Bellarmine	3 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Sunday) Mercer at Jacksonville South Carolina at Furman%	4 p.m. 6 p.m.
Feb. 23 (Tuesday) ETSU at Marshall	2 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Wednesday) UNCG at Gardner-Webb Furman at USC Upstate	6 p.m. 7 p.m.

%ESPN+

PLAYER OF THE WEEK RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Mercer's Dawson Gideon and JR DeRose have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all spring competition through Feb. 15.

Gideon opened the 2021 spring slate with his second goal of the season, against North Florida on Feb. 13. Early in the game, he fired his first shot toward the bottom right corner of the goal, forcing North Florida's goalkeeper to make the save. The junior scored Mercer's lone goal against the Ospreys in the 87th minute on a penalty kick. His goal from Saturday places him alongside teammates Dylan Gaither and Trevor Martineau for the team lead in goals on the season (two).

DeRose, the 2021 preseason All-SoCon goalkeeper, played in all 90 minutes against North Florida and made three saves during the game. North Florida tested the redshirt senior in the 17th minute when he punched a shot from LJ Estes over the bar to keep the Ospreys off the board. DeRose played in his 45th game for the Bears, while also tallying his 159th career save.

The Bears return to the field on Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. when the squad travels to Jacksonville, Florida, for a matchup against Jacksonville University.

SoCon PRESEASON POLL/TEAM

School (1st)	Pts.
1. Mercer (5)	34
2. Furman (1)	30
3. UNCG (1)	29
4. ETSU	17
5. Wofford	16
6. Belmont	15
7. VMI	6

Presason all-conference team Pos, Player, school

F	Trevor Martineau, Mercer
F	Niccolo Dagnoni, Belmont
F	Micah Albert, UNCG
MF	Kieran Richards, ETSU
MF	Adrian Roseth, Wofford
MF	Nelson Oceano, UNCG
D	Cole McLagan, Furman
D	Tommy Kay, Furman
D	Kareve Richards, Mercer
D	Buster Sjoberg, Wofford
GK	JR DeRose, Mercer



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

February

March

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 16

Offense.....Dawson Gideon, F, Mercer
Defense.....JR DeRose, GK, Mercer

Feb. 23

March 2

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

April 6

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

1.	67	Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
2.	41	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
3.	39	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
4.	34	Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
5.	24	Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG

GOALS

1.	25	Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
2.	16	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
T3.	11	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
T3.	11	Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
5.	9	Micah Albert, Jr., UNCG

ASSISTS

1.	20	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
2.	17	Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
3.	16	Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG
4.	12	Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
5.	7	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR

GAME-WINNING GOALS

1.	10	Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
2.	5	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
3.	3	Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
T4.	2	Michael Ille, , MER
T4.	2	Micah Albert, Jr., UNCG
T4.	2	Kieran Richards, So., ETSU

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

1.	245	Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
2.	158	JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
3.	131	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
4.	118	Josh Perryman, R-Jr. ETSU
5.	116	Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL

WINS

T1.	26	JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
T1.	26	Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
3.	15	Josh Perryman, R-Jr., ETSU
4.	8	Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
5.	6	Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL

SHUTOUTS

1.	14	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
2.	11	JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
3.	7	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
4.	3	Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
T5.	2	Nicolo Dini, Jr., BEL
T5.	2	Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
T5.	2	Cameron Petty, Jr., BEL

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

1.	1.04	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
2.	1.21	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
3.	1.25	JR DeRose, R-Sr. MER

() indicates SoCon career rank

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	Prev.
1. Clemson	8-2-1
2. Pittsburgh	7-1-0
3. Wake Forest	7-2-0
4. Virginia Tech	3-2-2
5. Coastal Carolina	6-1-1

*Final rankings from Fall 2020 season

NR=Not Ranked

RV=Recieved Votes

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	5-12-2 (2nd)	Same	1-4-1 (2nd)
David Casper, ETSU	17-17-3 (3rd)	Same	7-5-1 (3rd)
Doug Allison, Furman	309-144-56 (26th)	Same	135-51-21 (26th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	116-102-26 (13th)	Same	32-16-4 (7th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	9-10-1 (2nd)	Same	5-1-0 (2nd)
Max Watson, VMI	0-1-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	4-13-1 (2nd)	Same	2-3-1 (2nd)

2020-21 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The 2020-21 SoCon Men's Soccer Championship was postponed from the fall to the spring because of the coronavirus pandemic and will be contested on campus sites on consecutive weekends in April. The top two seeds will host semifinal matches on either April 9 or 10, with the top remaining seed hosting the final on April 16 or 17.

Semifinals

Friday, April 9 or Saturday April 10

M1: No. 1 seed vs. No. 4 seed

M2: No. 2 seed vs. No. 3 seed

Final

Friday, April 16 or Saturday, April. 17

M3: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner



SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

2/13	Lipscomb 2, ETSU 1	
2/13	North Florida 2, Mercer 1	
2/17	Steston at Mercer	6 p.m.
2/20	Belmont at Bellarmine	5:30 p.m.
2/21	Mercer at Jacksonville	4 p.m.
3/2	Lipscomb at Belmont	7 p.m.

Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

2/14	Davidson at UNCG	PPD
2/27	VCU at ETSU	7 p.m.
3/6	Wofford at Davidson	7 p.m.

Big East (0-1-0)

2/5	Xavier 2, ETSU 0	
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Big South (0-0-0)

2/14	USC Upstate at Wofford	PPD
2/14	Gardner-Webb 5, VMI 0	
2/17	Wofford at Winthrop	7 p.m.
2/24	UNCG at Gardner-Webb	6 p.m.
2/24	Furman at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
3/3	Furman at Gardner-Webb	6 p.m.
3/3	VMI at Radford	7 p.m.
3/10	Longwood at VMI	4 p.m.

Colonial (0-1-0)

2/6	UNCW 2, UNCG 0	
2/28	Elon at UNCG	6 p.m.

Conference USA (0-2-0)

10/10	South Carolina 1, Mercer 0	
10/14	Kentucky 3, Mercer 1	
2/21	South Carolina at Furman	6 p.m.
2/23	ETSU at Marshall	2 p.m.
2/27	Wofford at South Carolina	6 p.m.

Sun Belt (1-2-0)

9/18	Georgia State 2, Mercer 1	
9/22	Mercer 3, Georgia Southern 0	
10/6	Georgia State 2, Mercer 0	
2/25	Central Arkansas at Belmont	6:30 p.m.

Non Division 1 (0-0-0)

2/10	VMI at Southern Virginia	PPD
2/17	Belmont Abbey at UNCG	7 p.m.
2/20	Marymount at VMI	3 p.m.
3/6	Belmont at Trevecca Nazarene	3 p.m.

Total.....1-9-0 (.100)

Ranking=United Soccer Coaches

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Belmont

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

- F20 at Bellarmine..... 1 p.m.
- F25 vs. Central Arkansas ..7:30 p.m.
- M2 vs. Lipscomb 8 p.m.
- M6 at Trevecca Nazarene.... 4 p.m.
- M13 at Wofford* 11 a.m.
- M16 vs. VMI* 6 p.m.
- M23 at ETSU* 3 p.m.
- M27 at UNCG* 5 p.m.
- M30 vs. Furman* 6 p.m.
- A3 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



ETSU

(0-2-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

- F5 vs. XavierL, 0-2
- F13 at Lipscomb.....L, 1-2
- F23 at Marshall 2 p.m.
- F27 vs. VCU..... 7 p.m.
- M13 vs. Furman* 3 p.m.
- M16 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- M20 at Wofford* 7 p.m.
- M23 vs. Belmont..... 3 p.m.
- M30 vs. VMI 3 p.m.
- A3 at UNCG 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Furman

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

- F21 vs. South Carolina 6 p.m.
- F24 at USC Upstate 7 p.m.
- M3 at Gardner-Webb..... 6 p.m.
- M13 at ETSU* 3 p.m.
- M16 vs. Wofford* 7 p.m.
- M20 at UNCG* 7 p.m.
- M23 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.
- M27 vs. VMI* 7 p.m.
- M30 at Belmont* 6 p.m.
- A2 vs. Winthrop 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Mercer

(1-5-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

- S18 GEORGIA STATE..... L, 2-1
- S22 GEORGIA SOUTHERNW, 3-0
- O6 at Georgia State L, 2-0
- O10 SOTUH CAROLINA..... L, 1-0
- O14 at Kentucky..... L, 1-3
- F7 at Davidson.....PPD
- F13 at North Florida.....L, 1-2
- F17 vs. Stetson.....Can.
- F21 at Jacksonville.....4 p.m.
- M13 vs. UNCG*2 p.m.
- M16 vs. ETSU*4 p.m.
- M20 at VMI*2 p.m.
- M23 at Furman*7 p.m.
- M27 vs. Wofford*2 p.m.
- A3 at Belmont*6 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



UNCG

(0-1-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

- F6 at UNCW.....L, 0-2
- F14 vs. Davidson..... PPD
- F17 vs. Belmont Abbey 7 p.m.
- F24 at Gardner-Webb 6 p.m.
- F28 vs. Elon..... 6 p.m.
- M13 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- M20 vs. Furman* 7 p.m.
- M23 at VMI* 3 p.m.
- M27 vs. Belmont* 5 p.m.
- M30 at Wofford* 6 p.m.
- A3 vs. ETSU* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



VMI

(0-1-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

- F10 at Southern Virginia PPD
- F14 vs. Gardner-Webb L 0-5
- F20 vs. Marymount 3 p.m.
- M4 at Radford 7 p.m.
- M10 vs. Longwood 4 p.m.
- M16 at Belmont* 5 p.m.
- M20 vs. Mercer* 2 p.m.
- M23 vs. UNCG* 3 p.m.
- M27 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- M30 at ETSU* 3 p.m.
- A3 vs. Wofford* 3:30 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Wofford

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

- F14 vs. USC Upstate..... PPD
- F17 at Winthrop 7 p.m.
- F27 at South Carolina 6 p.m.
- M6 at Davidson 7 p.m.
- M13 vs. Belmont* 11 a.m.
- M16 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- M20 vs. ETSU* 7 p.m.
- M27 at Mercer* 7 p.m.
- M30 vs. UNCG* 7 p.m.
- A3 at VMI* 3 p.m.

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