

SoCon Men's Soccer

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2017 SoCon MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
ETSU	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	-
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
VMI	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

• Mercer posted a 13-7-1 (7-3-0 SoCon) record in 2016, winning the SoCon tournament title and making its first NCAA appearance in 15 years. The Bears feature three players on the preseason all-conference team, including reigning SoCon Male Athlete and Player of the Year Will Bagrou. Bagrou, who was recently named to the MAC Hermann Trophy Award Watch List, led Mercer with eight goals, including two game-winners. Bagrou enters 2017 as the SoCon's active leader in career points (63) and game-winning goals (nine).

• UNCG returns eight starters and 18 players, including midfielder Leeroy Maguraushe. Maguraushe, who claimed a spot on the preseason team, was named first-team All-SoCon after scoring a goal and leading the Spartans with six assists in 2016. UNCG posted a 6-4-0 conference record, going 11-7-2 overall and leading the league in scoring before falling to ETSU in the SoCon semifinals.

• Furman defender Kyle McLagan made the preseason all-conference team for the second straight year. McLagan, who was named first-team All-SoCon, appeared in 17 games as a junior, serving as an anchor for the Paladin defense. Junior midfielder Josiah Baker was also named to the preseason all-conference squad, finishing second on the team in points (nine) while leading Furman in assists (three).

• The 2017 regular season opens on Friday, Aug. 25, with all six league schools in action. Wofford has the only home game in the conference that day, hosting Radford at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Aug. 25 (Friday)

ETSU at Dayton	7 p.m.
VMI at Longwood	7 p.m.
Radford at Wofford (SDN)	7 p.m.
Mercer at Georgia State	7 p.m.
Furman at College of Charleston	7:30 p.m.
UNCG at UAB	8 p.m.

Aug. 27 (Sunday)

Cal State Fullerton at Wofford (SDN)	11 a.m.
Furman at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.

Aug. 28 (Monday)

High Point at UNCG (ESPN 3)	7 p.m.
Mercer at South Carolina	7 p.m.

Aug. 29 (Tuesday)

VMI at Liberty (ESPN 3)	7 p.m.
Kentucky at ETSU	7 p.m.

Sep. 1 (Friday)

Gardner-Webb at Wofford %	4 p.m.
Furman at Denver	7 p.m.
Winthrop at Mercer %	7:30 p.m.

Sep. 3 (Sunday)

Winthrop at Wofford %	12 p.m.
VMI at Canisius	1 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Mercer %	2:30 p.m.

SDN = SoCon Digital Network
% Big South/SoCon Challenge

SoCon PRESEASON INFO

Preseason poll

School (1st)	Pts.
1. ETSU (4)	24
2. Mercer (2)	22
3. UNCG	15
4. Furman	13
5. Wofford	11
6. VMI	5

Preseason all-conference team

Pos. Player, school

F	Will Bagrou, Mercer
F	Fletcher Ekern, ETSU
F	Cameron Woodfin, ETSU
MF	Serge Gomis, ETSU
MF	Leeroy Maguraushe, UNCG
MF	Josiah Baker, Furman
MF	Kobe Perez, Mercer
D	Conner Antley, Mercer
D	Joe Pickering, ETSU
D	Kyle McLagan, Furman
GK	Jnny Sutherland, ETSU

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Defending Southern Conference men's soccer regular-season champion ETSU was picked to win the league again in 2017 in voting among the six league head coaches in the preseason poll. The Bucs edged out a Mercer squad that topped ETSU in the 2016 SoCon Championship. ETSU also dominated the preseason all-conference honors, with five players claiming spots on the 11-member team.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams or players in the balloting.

The Bucs totaled 24 points, receiving four first-place votes, to claim the top spot, while Mercer received two first-place votes, placing second with 22 total points. UNCG collected 15 points to claim third, followed by Furman, which received 13 points overall. Wofford (11 points) and VMI (five) rounded out the poll in positions five and six.

ETSU, which went 12-5-3 overall and 7-1-2 in the SoCon in 2016, returns six seniors, including Cameron Woodfin and Fletcher Ekern. Woodfin led the NCAA in assists, setting up his teammates 12 times while adding five goals. Ekern was a constant threat up front, scoring a team-high nine goals to go with two assists. The Bucs fell to Mercer on penalty kicks (4-1) in the 2016 SoCon Championships but earned an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament, falling to Virginia Tech 1-0.



ETSU's Serge Gomis

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 29
 Sept. 5
 Sept. 12
 Sept. 19
 Sept. 26
 Oct. 3
 Oct. 10
 Oct. 17
 Oct. 24
 Oct. 31

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September
 October

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

- 63 Will Bagrou, Sr., MER
- 45 Fletcher Ekern, Sr., ETSU
- 29 Camerdon Woodfin, Sr., ETSU
- 26 Leeroy Maguraushe, Jr., UNCG
- 21 Matteo Busio, Jr., UNCG

GOALS

- 25 Will Bagrou, Sr., MER
- 20 Fletcher Ekern, Sr., ETSU
- 9 Leeroy Maguraushe, Jr., UNCG
- 7 Kyle Nelson, Jr., WOF
- 6 Cameron Woodfin, Sr., ETSU

ASSISTS

- 17 Cameron Woodfin, Sr., ETSU
- 13 Will Bagrou, Sr., MER
- 10 Trenton Whitely, Sr., MER
- 9 Mateo Busio, Jr., UNCG
- 8 Leeroy Maguraushe, Jr., UNCG

GAME-WINNING GOALS

- 9 Will Bagrou, Sr., MER
- 4 Fletcher Ekern, Sr., ETSU
- 3 Kyle Nelson, Jr., WOF
- 3 Cameron Woodfin, Sr., ETSU
- 3 Eric Gunnarsson, Sr., UNCG
- 3 Josiah Baker, Jr., FUR

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

- 1.00 Jeremy Booth, R-Sr., MER (7)
- 1.06 Jonny Sutherland, Jr., ETSU (12)

SAVES

- 140 Jonny Sutherland, Sr., ETSU
- 136 Jeremy Booth, R-Sr., MER
- 101 Robert Allen, Jr., VMI
- 62 Jonathan Smith, Sr., FUR

WINS

- 23 Jeremy Booth, R-Sr., MER
- 19 Jonny Sutherland, Jr., ETSU
- 7 Jon Milligan, Jr., UNCG
- 5 Jonathan Smith, Sr., FUR
- 1 JR DeRose, So., MER
- 1 Max Fisher, So., FUR

SHUTOUTS

- 14 Jonny Sutherland, Jr., ETSU
- 14 Jeremy Booth, R-Sr., MER
- 4 Jonathan Smith, Sr., FUR
- 4 Jon Milligan, Jr., UNCG

() indicates SoCon career rank

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCON (YRS.)
Bo Oshoniyi, ETSU	27-22-8 (4th)	Same	14-11-5 (4th)
Doug Allison, Furman	273-126-51 (23rd)	Same	109-41-15 (23rd)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	82-77-18 (10th)	Same	20-8-2 (4th)
Justin Maullin, UNCG*	63-57-19 (8th)	Same	32-17-8 (8th)
Michael Bonelli, VMI	58-56-14 (8th)	0-17-0 (2nd)	0-10-0 (2nd)
Ralph Polson, Wofford	275-180-39 (26th)	79-76-13 (9th)	33-34-4 (10th)

* later vacated 22 wins and six ties (nine wins and three ties in SoCon play) from 2010-11

2017 SoCON CHAMPIONSHIP

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

THE 2017 SoCON MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP WILL SEE THE TOP TWO SQUADS EARN BYES INTO THE SEMIFINALS, WITH SEEDS 3-6 COMPETING IN QUARTERFINAL CONTESTS AT CAMPUS SITES ON SATURDAY, NOV. 4. THE SEMIFINALS AND FINAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FURMAN SOCCER STADIUM IN GREENVILLE, S.C., ON NOV. 10 AND 12, RESPECTIVELY.

Quarterfinals

Nov. 4 (Saturday)

M1: No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed
 M2: No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed

Semifinals - Nov. 10 (Friday)

M3: Winner Game 1 vs. No. 1 seed
 M4: Winner Game 2 vs. No. 2 seed.

Championship - Nov. 12 (Sunday)

Game 5 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4



SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)

9/4 North Carolina at UNCG 7 p.m.

Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)

9/5 Lipscomb at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/9 Wofford at USC Upstate 7 p.m.

Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)

8/25 ETSU at Dayton 7 p.m.

8/25 VMI at Longwood 7 p.m.

9/9 St. Joseph's (Pa.) at VMI 12 p.m.

9/20 ETSU at George Mason 7 p.m.

Big South (0-0-0)

8/25 Radford at Wofford 7 p.m.

8/28 High Point at UNCG 7 p.m.

8/29 VMI at Liberty 7 p.m.

9/1 Gardner-Webb vs. Wofford * 4 p.m.

9/1 Winthrop at Mercer * 7:30 p.m.

9/3 Winthrop vs. Wofford * 12 p.m.

9/3 Gardner-Webb at Mercer * 2:30 p.m.

9/9 Presbyterian at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/12 UNC Asheville at Furman 7 p.m.

9/13 Presbyterian at Mercer 7 p.m.

9/13 Radford at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/16 Furman at Prebyterian 1 p.m.

9/16 Gardner-Webb at VMI 4 p.m.

9/16 UNC Asheville at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/17 ETSU at Liberty 7 p.m.

9/19 Wofford at UNC Asheville 4:30 p.m.

9/20 UNCG at Campbell 7 p.m.

9/23 Wofford at Liberty 7 p.m.

9/23 Gardner-Webb at Furman 7 p.m.

Big West (0-0-0)

8/27 Cal State Fullerton at Wofford 11 a.m.

Colonial (0-0-0)

8/25 Furman at Coll. of Charleston 7:30 p.m.

Conference USA (0-0-0)

8/25 UNCG at UAB 8 p.m.

Metro Atlantic (0-0-0)

9/3 VMI at Canisius 1 p.m.

9/13 VMI at Manhattan 12 p.m.

Pac 12 (0-0-0)

9/10 Mercer at Washington 4 p.m.

Southeastern (0-0-0)

8/28 Mercer at South Carolina 7 p.m.

8/29 Kentucky at ETSU 7 p.m.

9/19 Furman at South Carolina 7 p.m.

Summitt (0-0-0)

9/1 Furman at Denver 7 p.m.

Sun Belt (0-0-0)

8/25 Mercer at Georgia State 7 p.m.

8/27 Furman at Georgia Southern 7 p.m.

9/9 ETSU at Appalachian State 7 p.m.

9/20 Howard at VMI 4 p.m.

9/23 Appalachian State at UNCG 7 p.m.

9/23 Mercer at Georgia Southern 7 p.m.

10/1 UNCG at Coastal Carolina 7 p.m.

Western (0-0-0)

9/7 Mercer at Seattle 7 p.m.

Total0-0-0 (.000)

Ranking = United Soccer Coaches

* Big South/SoCon Challenge

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UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	PS	A29	S5	S12	S19	S26	O3	O10	O17	O24
Stanford	1									
Wake Forest	2									
Denver	3									
North Carolina	4									
Clemson	5									
Maryland	6									
Indiana	7									
Syracuse	8									
Louisville	9									
Notre Dame	10									
Washington	11									
Providence	12									
Virginia	13									
Creighton	14									
Charlotte	15									
Akron	16									
Virginia Tech	17									
Massachusetts	18									
Coastal Carolina	19									
New Mexico	20									
UCLA	21									
Michigan State	22									
Florida Gulf Coast	23									
Connecticut	24									
Butler	25									

SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	PS	A30	S6	S13	S20	S27	O4	O11	O18	O25
Stanford	1									
Maryland	2									
North Carolina	3									
Indiana	4									
Wake Forest	5									
Clemson	6									
Denver	7									
Virginia	8									
Notre Dame	9									
Louisville	10									
Syracuse	11									
Providence	12									
Akron	13									
Washington	14									
UCLA	15									
Creighton	16									
Charlotte	17									
Connecticut	18									
Pacific	19									
Utah Valley	20									
Massachusetts	21									
Coastal Carolina	22									
Portland	23									
Virginia Tech	24									
FGCU	25									



ETSU

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

A25	at Dayton	7 p.m.
A29	KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
S5	LIPSCOMB	7 p.m.
S9	at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
S13	RADFORD	7 p.m.
S17	at Liberty	7 p.m.
S20	at George Mason	7 p.m.
S26	UNCG*	7 p.m.
S30	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O3	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O7	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O10	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O14	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O17	VMI*	7 p.m.
O21	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O24	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O28	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match
All times Eastern



Furman

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

A25	at College of Charleston	7:30 p.m.
A27	at Georgia Southern	4 p.m.
S1	at #3 Denver	9 p.m.
S3	at Air Force	2 p.m.
S12	UNC ASHEVILLE (SDN)	7 p.m.
S16	at Presbyterian	1 p.m.
S19	at South Carolina	7 p.m.
S23	GARDNER-WEBB	7 p.m.
S26	VMI*	7 p.m.
S30	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O3	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O7	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O10	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O14	at VMI*	1 p.m.
O17	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O21	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O24	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O28	UNCG*	7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match
All times Eastern



Mercer

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

A25	GEORGIA STATE	8 p.m.
A28	at South Carolina	7 p.m.
S1	WINTHROP%	7:30 p.m.
S3	GARDNER WEBB%	2:30 p.m.
S7	at Seattle	10 p.m.
S10	at Washington	6:30 p.m.
S13	PRESBYTERIAN	7 p.m.
S23	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	7 p.m.
S26	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
S30	VMI*	7 p.m.
O3	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O7	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O10	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O14	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O17	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O21	at UNCG*	7:30 p.m.
O24	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O28	at VMI*	7 p.m.

% Big South/SoCon Challenge (Macon, Ga.)
* Southern Conference match
All times Eastern



UNCG

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

A25	at UAB	8 p.m.
A28	HIGH POINT (ESPN 3)	7 p.m.
S1	at Coastal Carolina	7:30 p.m.
S4	#4 NORTH CAROLINA	7 p.m.
S9	PRESBYTERIAN (SDN)	7 p.m.
S16	UNC ASHEVILLE	7 p.m.
S20	at Campbell	7 p.m.
S23	APPALACHIAN STATE	7 p.m.
S26	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
S30	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O1	at #19 Coastal Carolina	7:30 p.m.
O3	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O7	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O10	at VMI*	4 p.m.
O14	ETSU	7 p.m.
O17	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O21	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O24	VMI*	7 p.m.
O28	at Furman*	7 p.m.

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VMI

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

A25	at Longwood	7 p.m.
A29	at Liberty (ESPN 3)	7 p.m.
S3	at Canisius	1 p.m.
S9	SAINT JOSEPH'S (Pa.)	12 p.m.
S13	at Manhattan	7 p.m.
S16	GARDNER-WEBB	4 p.m.
S20	HOWARD	4 p.m.
S26	at Furman*	7 p.m.
S30	at Mercer*	7 p.m.
O3	ETSU*	4 p.m.
O7	at Wofford*	6 p.m.
O10	UNCG*	4 p.m.
O14	FURMAN*	1 p.m.
O17	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O21	WOFFORD*	12 p.m.
O24	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O28	MERCER*	1 p.m.

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All times Eastern



Wofford

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

A25	RADFORD (SDN)	7 p.m.
A27	CAL STATE FULLERTON (SDN)	11 a.m.
S1	vs. Gardner Webb%	4 p.m.
S3	vs. Winthrop%	12 p.m.
S9	at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
S15	at Davidson	7 p.m.
S19	at UNC Asheville	4:30 p.m.
S23	at Liberty	7 p.m.
S26	MERCER*	7 p.m.
S30	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O3	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
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