



# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER

# 2024

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## 2024 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L-T	Pts	CONFERENCE			OVERALL				
			GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
The Citadel	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
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	-
Samford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Chattanooga	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	-
Western Carolina	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

• Eight of the 10 league teams get the 2024 season, the SoCon's 31st, underway on Thursday, while Western Carolina kicks off their 2024 campaign on Friday and UNCG begins play on Sunday.

• The Citadel and Western Carolina will each play against UNC Asheville this week

• Defending Southern Conference tournament champion Western Carolina was picked to win the 2024 league title in voting by the league's 10 head coaches.

• Western Carolina won the 2023 Southern Conference women's soccer championship by downing Samford, 1-0, on Nov. 5, 2023, in Cullowhee, N.C. The Catamounts fell to Alabama, 2-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament five days later.

• Furman and Samford each face off against top 25 opponents on Sunday. The Paladins travel to No. 21 South Carolina, while the Bulldogs welcome No. 15 Notre Dame.

• Conference play starts Thursday, Sept. 19. Each team will play the nine others once.

• The 2024 SoCon Championship will feature all 10 schools. The first round will feature two matchups, No. 7 vs. No. 10 and No. 8 vs. No. 9, and will be held at the higher seeds on Oct. 29. The quarterfinals and semifinals, hosted by the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, will take place on Nov. 1 and Nov. 3, respectively. The SoCon Championship will be held at the highest remaining seed on Nov. 9 or 10.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

### August 15 (Thursday)

Matchup	TV/Digital	Time
Furman at Charleston So.	ESPN+	3 p.m.
UNC Asheville at The Citadel	ESPN+	4 p.m.
Davidson at VMI	ESPN+	4 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Samford	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Presbyterian at Wofford	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Mercer at Kennesaw State		7 p.m.
Chattanooga at Georgia State	ESPN+	7 p.m.
ETSU at UAB		8 p.m.

### August 16 (Friday)

Matchup	TV/Digital	Time
Western Carolina at Florida	SEC Network	7 p.m.

### August 18 (Sunday)

Matchup	TV/Digital	Time
Stetson at Wofford	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at ETSU	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Winthrop at The Citadel	ESPN+	2 p.m.
American at VMI	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Chattanooga at Tennessee	SEC Network	6 p.m.
UNCG at UNC Wilmington	FloSports	7 p.m.
No. 15 Notre Dame at Samford	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Furman at No. 21 South Carolina		7 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Western Carolina		7 p.m.

### August 19 (Monday)

Matchup	TV/Digital	Time
Berry at Mercer	ESPN+	6 p.m.

## COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Ciaran Traquair, The Citadel	85-123-15 (12th)	55-81-13 (9th)	12-48-5 (9th)
Jay Yelton, ETSU	24-21-15 (5th)	Same	14-12-7 (5th)
Andrew Burr, Furman	236-110-35 (20th)	Same	113-45-26 (20th)
Tony Economopoulos, Mercer	135-123-34 (16th)	125-81-34 (13th)	46-25-15 (11th)
Stefani Workman, UNCG	0-0-0 (1st)	Same	0-0-0 (1st)
Todd Yelton, Samford*	316-144-65 (26th)	276-112-61 (22nd)	118-14-23 (16th)
Gavin McKinney, Chattanooga	134-99-29 (15th)	63-73-26 (10th)	35-33-13 (10th)
Chris Haught-Thompson, VMI	35-85-13 (9th)	8-74-7 (6th)	1-41-3 (5th)
Chad Miller, Western Carolina	209-165-37 (23rd)	116-110-26 (14th)	59-64-10 (14th)
Elissa Post, Wofford	5-11-4 (2nd)	Same	2-5-2 (2nd)

\* later vacated 24 overall wins and four ties (13 wins and four ties in SoCon play) from 2012-13



## ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

### Points

- 60 Kendall Cook, MER
- 55 Nieva Gaither, FUR
- 45 Naya Marcil, WCU
- 39 Isabella DeMarco, WCU
- 35 Ella Simpson, SAM

### Goals

- 19 Kendall Cook, MER
- 17 Nieva Gaither, FUR
- 16 Ella Simpson, SAM
- 14 Naya Marcil, WCU
- 14 Isabella DeMarco, WCU

### Assists

- 22 Kendall Cook, MER
- 21 Nieva Gaither, FUR
- 17 Naya Marcil, WCU
- 11 Isabella DeMarco, WCU
- 10 Maggie Lloyd, WCU

### Game-Winning Goals

- 8 Jada Moorman, MER
- 6 Kendall Cook, MER
- 5 Nieva Gaither, FUR
- 4 Naya Marcil, WCU
- 4 Caroline Richvalsky, UTC
- 4 Valentina Mosquera, FUR
- 4 Maggie Lloyd, WCU
- 4 Whitaker Buchanan, SAM
- 4 Abbie Lainhart, WCU

### Goals Against Average (Min. 2000 Minutes)

- 1.03 Lindsay Bell, MER
- 1.15 Leanne Trudel, WCU
- 1.19 Caroline Ekern, UTC
- 1.20 Ashton Blair, ETSU
- 1.28 Addison Corn, FUR

### Saves

- 219 Addison Corn, FUR
- 159 Lindsay Bell, MER
- 138 Ashton Blair, ETSU
- 115 Caroline Ekern, UTC
- 110 Leanne Trudel, WCU

### Wins

- 24 Addison Corn, FUR
- 20 Lindsay Bell, MER
- 17 Caroline Ekern, UTC
- 17 Leanne Trudel, WCU
- 14 Ashton Blair, ETSU

### Shutouts

- 12 Lindsay Bell, MER
- 12 Ashton Blair, ETSU
- 11 Leanne Trudel, WCU
- 10 Caroline Ekern, UTC
- 7 Addison Corn, FUR

### Saves Per Game (Min. 10 Games)

- 3.83 Ashton Blair, ETSU
- 3.79 Lindsay Bell, MER
- 3.71 Addison Corn, FUR
- 3.31 Rylee Godbold, WOF
- 3.19 Caroline Ekern, UTC

## SoCON vs. OTHER CONFERENCES

Overall: 0-0-0

## ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SoCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	23rd	33-151-12	.199
ETSU	27th	54-93-17	.381
Furman	30th	189-61-29	.729
Mercer	10th	47-27-15	.612
UNCG	27th	183-56-21	.744
Samford	16th	118-15-22	.832
Chattanooga	28th	70-171-27	.312
VMI	10th	13-72-5	.172
Western Carolina	25th	116-106-23	.520
Wofford	27th	82-142-36	.385

## SoCON HISTORY

The SoCon is the fourth-oldest NCAA Division I college athletic association. The SoCon contested the first-ever collegiate conference basketball tournament in 1921, tackled freshman eligibility in 1922, became the first conference to adopt the 3-point field goal in basketball in 1980 and developed women's championships in 1984.

## UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25

rankings as of Aug. 1

School (1st)	PTS	Record
1. Florida State (8)	200	22-0-1
2. Stanford	190	20-1-4
3. BYU	178	20-3-3
4. Penn State	170	16-3-4
5. Clemson	155	18-4-4
6. Nebraska	139	17-4-3
7. Pittsburgh	137	17-6-1
8. North Carolina	128	13-2-8
8. Texas Tech	128	16-2-5
10. Memphis	125	20-2-0
11. UCLA	111	16-2-1
12. Saint Louis	109	19-3-2
13. Michigan State	105	14-5-3
14. Georgia	104	13-4-6
15. Notre Dame	90	12-4-4
16. Arkansas	87	15-5-2
17. Texas	77	17-5-2
18. Mississippi State	74	12-6-5
19. Wisconsin	57	14-5-4
20. Alabama	41	12-5-5
21. South Carolina	29	12-3-6
22. Santa Clara	26	14-5-2
23. Southern California	24	11-5-3
24. Duke University	15	6-7-3
25. Iowa	13	13-5-4
25. Texas A&M	13	10-8-4

Records shown are final 2023 records.



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# SoCon Preseason All-Conference Honors

## Western Carolina predicted to win 2024 women's soccer championship

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – Defending Southern Conference regular-season and tournament champion Western Carolina is the preseason favorite to win the 2024 Southern Conference women's soccer title in voting of the league's 10 head coaches. The Catamounts outlasted Samford, 1-0, in the 2023 Southern Conference Championship, claiming their first tournament championship in 15 years.

The coaches also selected an 11-member preseason all-conference team. Western Carolina picked up a league-best three selections. ETSU, Mercer and Samford each placed two on the team, while Furman and Chattanooga had one apiece.

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

Western Carolina, which garnered eight first-place votes, finished with 80 points. Samford was second with 72 points and had the final two first-place votes. ETSU was picked third with 60 points, while Mercer was fourth with 57 points. Furman was selected fifth with 46 points and Chattanooga was behind them with 45 points to take sixth. UNCG had 39 points and Wofford finished with 22 points, placing seventh and eighth, respectively. The Citadel had 19 points to finish ninth and VMI rounded out the poll with 10 points.

Western Carolina went 13-5-3 overall last season and went 7-2 in conference play enroute to its first regular-season title. Following their tournament championship, the Catamounts fell to Alabama, 2-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Catamounts' three preseason all-conference selections – Isabella DeMarco, Naya Marcil and Becca Campbell – were each first-team All-SoCon performers a season ago.

DeMarco, who was the first Western Carolina player to win SoCon Player of the Year in 2023, netted 10 goals and amassed seven assists last season, placing her in the top three in both categories in the league. Marcil finished 2023 with nine goals and nine assists, while Campbell played and started all 21 games for the Catamounts a year ago, logging three goals. DeMarco and Marcil were each named to the SoCon All-Tournament team last season as well.

Samford put midfielder Whitaker Buchanan and defender Ella Simpson on the preseason all-conference team. The Bulldogs finished the 2023 season with a 12-4-5 overall record and a 6-1-2 mark in conference games. Samford finished as the runner-up in the SoCon Tournament a season ago.

ETSU, which made an appearance in the tournament semifinals last season after finishing 11-3-5 overall and 6-1-2 in league games, put Sydney Somogyi and Ashton Blair, the reigning SoCon Defensive Player of the Year, on the preseason all-conference squad. Mercer placed forwards Jada Moorman and Larkin Thomason on the preseason all-conference team. Both were All-SoCon picks in 2023.

Furman forward Nieva Gaither and Chattanooga midfielder Clarissa Salinas round out the preseason squad. Gaither missed the conference season in 2023 but was a first-team all-conference selection in 2022, while Salinas was a second-team selection last season.

The 2024 regular season begins on Thursday, Aug. 15, as The Citadel, Furman, ETSU, Mercer, UNCG, Samford, Chattanooga, VMI and Wofford are all in action. Western Carolina begins its season the following day.

The SoCon Women's Soccer Championship will feature all 10 schools. The first round will feature two matchups, No. 7 vs. No. 10 and No. 8 vs. No. 9, and will be held at the higher seeds on Oct. 29. The quarterfinals and semifinals, hosted by the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, will take place on Nov. 1 or Nov. 3, respectively. The SoCon Championship will be held at the highest remaining seed on Nov. 9 or Nov. 10.

### 2024 Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Western Carolina (8)	80
2. Samford (2)	72
3. ETSU	60
4. Mercer	57
5. Furman	46
6. Chattanooga	45
7. UNCG	39
8. Wofford	22
9. The Citadel	19
10. VMI	10

### 2024 Preseason All-Conference Team

F	Jada Moorman, Mercer
F	Larkin Thomason, Mercer
F	Isabella DeMarco, Western Carolina
MF	Nieva Gaither, Furman
MF	Whitaker Buchanan, Samford
MF	Clarissa Salinas, Chattanooga
MF	Naya Marcil, Western Carolina
D	Sydney Somogyi, ETSU
D	Ella Simpson, Samford
D	Becca Campbell, Western Carolina
GK	Ashton Blair, ETSU

( ) denotes first-place votes

# SoCon Offensive Players of the Week

August 20	.....
August 27	.....
September 3	.....
September 10	.....
September 17	.....
September 24	.....
October 1	.....
October 8	.....
October 15	.....
October 22	.....

# SoCon Defensive Players of the Week

August 20	.....
August 27	.....
September 3	.....
September 10	.....
September 17	.....
September 24	.....
October 1	.....
October 8	.....
October 15	.....
October 22	.....

# SoCon Offensive Players of the Month

August	.....
September	.....
October	.....

# SoCon Defensive Players of the Month

August	.....
September	.....
October	.....