



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	-	1-4-0	.200	5	8	L3
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-1-0	.000	0	2	L1
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-1-0	.000	0	2	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	-
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-

NOTES

• UNCG and ETSU opened the spring slate this past weekend, while Mercer, VMI and Wofford are set to open the 2020-21 spring season this coming week. Furman will compete in two exhibition matches before taking on its first regular season game Feb. 21 against South Carolina on ESPN+. The Belmont Bruins open the 2021 campaign on Feb. 20, when the squad travels to Louisville, Kentucky, for a midday match up against Bellarmine.

• ETSU suffered a 2-0 season opening defeat on Feb. 5 to Xavier, which marked the two team's first match up in the Buccaneers' program history. Goalkeeper Josh Perryman made four saves against the Musketeers, totaling 118 saves throughout his career.

• UNCG traveled to Wilmington, North Carolina, for an in-state battle against UNC Wilmington. The Spartans began the season with a 2-0 setback, after a 447 day hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Maycol Reyes and Mani Austmann registered the Spartans' first shots on goal of the season. UNCG returns to action Feb. 14 for its home opener against Davidson at 6 p.m.

• UNCG and Furman shared the 2019 SoCon regular-season title, but opted out of participating in fall competition along with Belmont, ETSU, VMI and Wofford.

• The SoCon preseason favorite Mercer finished the fall slate with a record of 1-4-0, after falling to No. 4 Kentucky with a 3-1 setback. The Bears were the only SoCon men's soccer team to compete during the fall.

• 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.

• The Southern Conference Council of Presidents announced on Aug. 13 that the league would postpone conference competition for all fall sports to the spring due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, with schools able to participate in nonconference play in the fall at their discretion.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Feb. 10 (Wednesday)
VMI @ Southern Virginia University 7 p.m.
Furman vs. Erskine College (Exb.)% 7 p.m.

Feb. 11 (Thursday)
Wofford vs. Newberry College (Exb.) 6 p.m.

Feb. 13 (Saturday)
ETSU @ Lipscomb 2 p.m.
Mercer @ North Florida 1 p.m.

Feb. 14 (Sunday)
Wofford vs. USC-Upstate 4 p.m.
VMI vs. Gardner-Webb% 2 p.m.
Furman vs. UNC Asheville (Exb.)% 2 p.m.
UNCG vs. Davidson% 6 p.m.

Feb. 17 (Wednesday)
Mercer vs. Stetson 6 p.m.
UNCG vs. Belmont Abbey 7 p.m.
Wofford @ Winthrop 7 p.m.

%ESPN+

SoCon PRESEASON INFO

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

PRESEASON MEN'S SOCCER RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Defending Southern Conference men's soccer tournament champion Mercer has been selected as the preseason favorite by the league's seven head coaches for the second straight season, after claiming the 2019 championship title with a 1-0 win over UNCG.

The coaches also selected an 11-member preseason all-conference team, with the Bears leading the conference with three selections. Furman, UNCG and Wofford each have two players on the preseason team, while Belmont and ETSU round the squad out with one selection each.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team or players during the process.

The Bears received 34 points and five first-place votes to secure first in this season's coaches' poll. Furman and 2019 tournament runner-up UNCG, who shared the 2019 regular-season title, split the remaining first-place votes, earning a close 30 and 29 points, respectively. ETSU was voted to finish fourth with 17 points, followed closely by Wofford (16) and Belmont (15). VMI rounded out the poll with six points.



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

February

March

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 16

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.	239	Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
2.	155	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.	1.24	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	17-16-3 (3rd)	Same	7-5-1 (3rd)
Doug Allison, Furman	309-144-56 (26th)	Same	135-51-21 (26th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	116-101-26 (13th)	Same	32-16-4 (7th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	9-10-1 (2nd)	Same	5-1-0 (2nd)
Max Watson, VMI	0-0-0 (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	ETSU at Lipscomb	2 p.m.
2/13	Mercer at North Florida	1 p.m.
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	6 p.m.
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	4 p.m.
2/14	Gardner-Webb at VMI	2 p.m.
2/14	UNC Asheville at Furman	2 p.m.
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	7 p.m.
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.....0-4-0 (.000)

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

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

- F5 vs. XavierL, 0-2
- F13 at Lipscomb..... 2 p.m.
- 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

(1-4-0, 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.....1 p.m.
- F17 vs. Stetson.....6 p.m.
- 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 6 p.m.
- 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

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

- F10 at Southern Virginia 7 p.m.
- F14 vs. Gardner-Webb 2 p.m.
- 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..... 4 p.m.
- 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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