



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

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2024 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

STANDINGS	W-L-T	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
		Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST	
ETSU	1-0-0	3	2	0	W1	2-5-3	.350	9	18	W1	
UNCG	0-0-1	1	1	1	T1	5-1-4	.700	16	7	W1	
Mercer	0-0-1	1	1	1	T1	4-2-5	.591	14	9	T1	
VMI	0-1-0	0	0	2	L1	4-5-2	.455	13	19	L1	
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	4-2-2	.625	12	11	W2	
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	4-2-2	.625	7	6	T1	

Notes

- UNCG leads the conference in four stat categories including goals, goal differential, save percentage, and goals against average
- ETSU paces the conference in saves and saves per game while Furman is ahead of the field in assists. Mercer leads the league in shutouts, VMI is first in shots, and Wofford sits in the lead of goals against.
- Mercer goalkeeper, Trevor McMullen leads the NCAA shutouts with seven on the season he is also tied for 22nd in save percentage at .800
- UNCG goalkeeper Seth Wilson is 16th in the NCAA for save percentage (.811) while Wofford defender Jakob Andersson is 22nd in assists per game (.57)
- The Bears clinched the 2023 Men's Soccer Championship after scoring twice in the first six minutes of the 2023 SoCon Championship match to claim a 2-1 victory over No. 3 seed Furman
- Mercer's 2023 title win marks their second SoCon championship title in program history.
- ETSU won the regular season title last year with a 4-0-1 record.
- Mercer garnered the most votes for the preseason all-conference team, with 22 total points, including two first-place votes, and the team picked up four preseason all-conference selections, including the 2023 freshman of the year Barzee Blama, Carlos Santamaria, SoCon tournament MVP Sekou Agard, and Trevor McMullen.
- Furman forward Christian Kraus and defender Slade Starnes were both All-Tournament and All-Conference selections a season ago. Kraus led the Paladins offensively with 10 goals, two game-winning, and five assists for a total of 25 points on the season. Starnes started in all five conference games, coming off an injury, to earn a second team All-Conference nod.
- Arnaud Tattevin and midfielder Basile Marc made the preseason team after making the All-Conference second team last season. Tattevin scored seven goals for the Spartans, contributing 14 points. Marc started all 17 games last season and contributed three points with a goal and an assist.
- Wofford midfielder Jakob Andersson was selected after leading the league in assists last year. He made seven assists, combined with two goals for 11 points in 16 starts. Bryce Peacock, a defender, started in all 17 games for the Terriers in 2023.
- ETSU rounds out the preseason team with Gabriel Ramos, a forward who started 17 games for the Bucs. Ramos scored six goals on his way to contributing 17 points on the season with two game winning goals
- VMI return 11 players that started in at least three conference games last year, including Zack Murphy and Kyle Grant, who earned player of the week nods last season, and Cole Mooney who earned a spot on the All-Conference second team.

Upcoming Schedule (all times eastern)

Oct. 12 (Saturday)

Mercer at VMI 1 P.M.
Furman at UNCG 7 P.M.
ETSU at Wofford 7 P.M.

Oct. 15 (Tuesday)

ETSU vs Gardner-Webb 6 P.M.
Furman at Presbyterian 7 P.M.
UNCG vs Elon 7 P.M.
Wofford vs Longwood 7 P.M.
Mercer at Georgia State 7 P.M.

Player of the Week

SPARTANBURG, S.C. - Wofford forward Declan Mettee and ETSU goalkeeper Marc Kouadio have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Oct. 1-7.

Mettee contributed three points to Wofford's 3-2 victory over Gardner-Webb on Saturday, Oct. 5. The sophomore forward scored the first goal of the game in the 37th minute off an assist by Thaddeus Dennis. In the 43rd minute of the game, the Asheville, North Carolina, product logged an assist to Dennis, resulting in a second goal for the Terriers.

Kouadio turned in record-setting performance this week for ETSU. In a 0-2 loss to Wake Forest, the senior goalkeeper made 14 saves, a single game record for the Bucs program, on 16 shots on target. Later in the week, the Montreal, Canada, native produced a shutout against VMI, making six saves in 2-0 victory. Kouadio leads the SoCon in saves (52) and saves per game (5.2).

Wofford (4-2-1) travels to Wake Forest on Tuesday, then hosts ETSU on Saturday. ETSU (2-5-3, 1-0-0 SoCon) visits Winthrop on Tuesday.

SoCon

School (1st)	Pts.
1. Mercer (2)	22
2. Wofford	20
3. UNCG (2)	17
4. UNCG (1)	16
5. Furman(1)	10
6. ETSU	10
VMI	5

Preseason all-conference team

Pos. Player, school

F Gabriel Ramos, ETSU
F Christian Kraus, Furman
F Barzee Blama, Mercer
F Arnaud Tattevin, UNCG
MF Carlos Santamaria, Mercer
MF Basile Marc, UNCG
MF Jakob Andersson, Wofford
D Slade Starnes, Furman
D Sekou Agard, Mercer
D Bryce Peacock, Wofford
D Trevor McMullen
GK Trevor McMullen

Also nominated for offensive player of the week: Gabriel Ramos (ETSU), Barzee Blama (Mercer), Jack Birch (UNCG), Grant Martin (VMI)

Also nominated for defensive player of the week: Daniel Longo (UNCG)

2024 SoCon Men's Soccer Offensive Players of the Week

- Aug. 27 Enzo Dovlo, So., F, UNCG
- Sept. 3 Sekou Agard, Sr., D, Mercer
- Sept. 10 Sekou Agard, Sr., D, Mercer
- Sept. 17 Kyle Grant, So, F, VMI
- Sept. 24 Wilfer Bustamante, Fr., F, Furman
- Oct. 1 Segun Afolabi, Sr., F, Mercer
- Oct. 8 Declan Mettee, So., F, Wofford

2024 SoCon Men's Soccer Defensive Players of the Week

- Aug. 27 Seth Wilson, R-So., GK, UNCG
- Sept. 3 Trevor McMullen, Gr., GK, Mercer
- Sept. 10 Trevor McMullen, Gr., GK, Mercer
- Sept. 17 Seth Wilson, R-So., GK, UNCG
- Sept. 24 Zack Murphy, Jr., GK, VMI
- Oct. 1 Trevor McMullen, Gr., GK, Mercer
- Oct. 8 Marc Kouadio, Sr., GK, ETSU

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United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll			Active Career Leaders (updated Oct. 9)		
School (1st)	PTS	Record	Points Scored		Saves (min. 1 Game)
1. Pittsburgh (8)	200	10-1-0	1.	43 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	1. 208 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
2. Ohio State	192	9-0-2	2.	39 - Christian Kraus, Furman	2. 117 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
3. Denver	182	7-1-4	3.	34 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	3. 62 - Aaron Salinas, Furman
4. West Virginia	177	7-0-3	4.	26 - Barzee Blama, Mercer	4. 33 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
5. Stanford	169	8-1-2	5.	25 - Grant Martin, VMI	5. 21 - Leo Ledin, Wofford
6. Marshall	160	7-1-2	Goals		Save Percentage
7. North Carolina	152	6-1-3	1.	15 - Christian Kraus, Furman	1. .825 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
8. James Madison	144	5-0-4	2.	14 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	2. .778 - Leo Ledin, Wofford
9. Maryland	136	6-1-4	3.	12 - Barzee Blama, Mercer	3. .765 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
10. San Diego	128	8-1-2		12 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	4. .705 - Salinas, Aaron; Furman
11. Seton Hall	120	8-1-1	4.	10 - Grant Martin, VMI	5. .654 - Zack Murphy, VMI
12. Clemson	112	6-2-2	Assists		Shutouts
13. George Mason	104	9-1-0	1.	16 - Jakob Andersson, Wofford	1. 20 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
14. Western Michigan	96	7-0-5	2.	15 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	2. 6 - Aaron Salinas, Furman
15. Southern Methodist	88	6-1-4	3.	10 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	3. 5 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
16. Duke	80	4-2-3	4.	9 - Cole Mooney, VMI	4. 4 - Leo Ledin, Wofford
17. Missouri	72	7-2-1		9 - Christian Kraus, Furman	5. 3 - Zack Murphy, VMI
18. Pennsylvania	64	7-1-1			Goals Against Average (min. 2,000 minutes)
19. Georgetown	56	5-3-3			1. 1.08 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
20. Cornell	48	7-1-2			2. 1.21 - Aaron Salinas, Furman
21. Hofstra	28	8-2-1			3. 2.24 - Zack Murphy, VMI
22. Charlotte	22	6-1-3			
23. U.C. Santa Barbara	21	7-2-2			
24. Virginia Tech	14	6-3-1			
25. Wisconsin	10	6-3-1			

Coaches' Records (updated Oct. 9)

Coach, School	Overall (Yrs.)	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Vital Allen, ETSU	296-210-63 (26)	2-5-3	Same
Doug Allison, Furman	344-171-68 (28)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	151-130-43 (16)	Same	104-70-33 (10)
ChrisRich, UNCG	51-29-18 (5)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI	11-33-3 (2)	Same	Same
Joel Tyson, Wofford	27-46-13 (5)	Same	Same

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