



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	Pct	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST		
Furman	4-0-0	1.000	12	3	W4	6-1-0	.857	17	6	W4		
Belmont	2-1-1	.625	8	3	L1	5-1-2	.750	15	5	L1		
UNCG	2-1-1	.625	10	6	W2	6-2-1	.722	21	10	W2		
ETSU	2-1-1	.625	5	4	T1	2-4-2	.375	6	10	T1		
Mercer	2-2-1	.500	7	5	W1	4-8-1	.346	14	16	W1		
VMI	0-4-0	.000	1	18	L4	2-7-0	.222	7	32	L6		
Wofford	0-3-0	.000	3	7	L3	0-6-0	.000	6	14	L6		

NOTES

- Furman (6-1-0, 4-0-0 SoCon) entered into Top Drawer Soccer's Division I Top 25 on Monday ranked 24th after defeating VMI 6-0 on Saturday. The Paladins are the only SoCon team unbeaten in conference play with two games remaining in the regular season. The squad travels to Belmont (5-1-2, 2-1-1) on Tuesday for a chance to secure the SoCon regular title.
- Belmont (5-0-2, 2-0-1 SoCon) fell to UNCG on Saturday in overtime, 3-2, and is now included in a three-way tie for second in the conference standings with UNCG and ETSU. Despite its loss on Saturday, Belmont finished with an impressive 3-1-1 mark in road matches in the 2021 spring season.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

March 30 (Tuesday) VMI at ETSU*% Furman at Belmont*% UNCG at UNCG*%	3 p.m. 6 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 1 (Thursday) Wofford at Furman*	7 p.m.
April 3 (Saturday) Wofford at VMI* Mercer at Belmont* ETSU at UNCG*	3:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.
April 9 or 10 (Friday/Saturday) SoCon Tournament Semifinals	TBA
April 16 or 17 (Friday/Saturday) SoCon Tournament Finals	TBA

%ESPN+
*Southern Conference Game

PLAYER OF THE WEEK RELEASE

SPARTANBURG, S.C. – UNCG's Theo Collomb and Furman's Ben Hale have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition from March 23-29.

Collomb scored two goals, which included the Spartans' overtime game-winning goal against Belmont on Saturday, and dished an assist for a total of five points on the week. Against VMI on Tuesday, Collomb scored in the 74th minute of the 4-0 shutout win. With only 1:11 left in the first overtime period against the Bruins, the freshman from Clermont, France, headed home a cross from Daniel Mangarov to give UNCG a 3-2 comeback victory in Greensboro, North Carolina, placing the team at a three-way tie with Belmont and ETSU for second place in the conference standings. Collomb is one of six SoCon players this season to have scored five goals.

UNCG (6-2-1, 2-1-1 SoCon) travels to Spartanburg, South Carolina, on Tuesday to play Wofford (0-6-0, 0-3-0) at 6 p.m. The game will be streamed on ESPN+. The Spartans conclude the regular season on Saturday, April 3, versus ETSU (2-4-2, 2-1-1) for a chance to secure a spot in the 2020-21 SoCon tournament.

Hale played 180 scoreless minutes in goal and stopped 13 shots to help conference leader Furman to a pair of shutouts this past week. The Frisco, Texas, native recorded a career-high 10 saves, including several point-blank stops, in a 1-0 double-overtime victory over Mercer on Tuesday. He followed the clean sheet with 73 minutes of shutout action and three stops in a 6-0 win over VMI on Friday. Hale, a redshirt senior, leads the conference with three shutouts and is second with an .824 save percentage.

Furman (6-1-0, 4-0-0 SoCon), who is ranked 24th by Top Drawer Soccer, is set to compete for the SoCon regular-season title on Tuesday at 6 p.m. against Belmont (5-1-2, 2-1-1) on ESPN+. The Paladins' postponed game against Wofford has been rescheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. and will mark the end of their regular season.



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

- With two different goal scorers against UNCG, eight separate Bruins have scored at least one of Belmont's 15 goals this year.
- ETSU (2-4-2, 2-1-1) returns from a seven-day break in its schedule to host VMI on March 30 at 3 p.m. The Bucs' three-game unbeaten conference streak is the second time in the last three years ETSU has gone at least three games without a loss in SoCon play.
- Mercer (4-8-1, 2-2-1) recognized its seniors prior to its 3-1 win over Wofford on Saturday. The Bears will close out the regular season in Nashville, Tenn., against Belmont at 6 p.m.
- Leo Toledo Jr. became the fourth player in Mercer's program history to record 20 career assists and is the conference's active career leader in the category.

The Spartans (6-2-1, 2-1-1 SoCon) defeated Belmont in a 3-2 overtime battle on Saturday. Theo Collomb scored the game-winning goal off an assist from freshman Daniel Mangarov in the first overtime period, after Mani Austmann forced OT with a penalty kick with only two seconds remaining in regulation. Saturday's remarkable game was dedicated to UNCG seniors, who were honored prior to the game.

VMI goalkeeper Broaden Schull, who leads the NCAA DI active career leaders with 297 saves, also leads the DI with 59 saves on the season after VMI's 6-0 loss to the Paladins. Sophomore Nathan Lam leads the Keydets this season with three goals and is one of three players to start all nine games.

Wofford fell to Mercer 3-1 on Saturday. The Terriers are set to battle UNCG Tuesday at 6 p.m. on ESPN+.

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.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

February

Offense..... Shaun-Chris Joash, F, Furman
 Defense..... Ben Hale, GK, Furman

March

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Feb. 16

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

Feb. 23

Offense..... AJ Chastonay, MF, Belmont
 Defense..... Brant Zuluaf, GK, Mercer

March 2

Offense..... Shaun-Chris Joash, F, Furman
 Defense..... Cameron Petty, GK, Belmont

March 9

Offense..... Mani Austmann, F, UNCG
 Defense..... Myson Darden, D, UNCG

March 16

Offense..... Jake Raine, F, Furman
 Defense..... Drew Romig, GK, Belmont

March 23

Offense..... Cole McLagan, D, Furman
 Defense..... Josh Perryman, GK, ETSU

March 30

Offense..... Theo Collomb, F, UNCG
 Defense..... Ben Hale, GK, Furman

April 6

ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

POINTS SCORED

- 67 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 45 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- 42 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 39 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
- T5. 25 Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG
- T5. 25 Dylan Gaither, So., MER

GOALS

- 25 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- 18 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- 12 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
- 11 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- 10 Dylan Gaither, So., MER

ASSISTS

- 20 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- T2. 17 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- T2. 17 Nelson Oceano, Sr., UNCG
- 15 Niccolo Dagnoni, Jr. BEL
- 9 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR

GAME-WINNING GOALS

- 10 Trevor Martineau, Jr., MER
- T2. 5 Leo Toledo Jr., R-Sr., MER
- T2. 5 Shaun-Chris Joash, So., FUR
- T4. 3 Cole McLagan, R-Sr., FUR
- T4. 3 Jake Raine, Fr., FUR

SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

- 298 Broden Schull, Jr., VMI
- 172 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 159 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 148 Josh Perryman, R-Jr. ETSU
- 116 Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL

WINS

- 31 Ben Hale, R-Sr., FUR
- 26 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 15 Josh Perryman, R-Jr., ETSU
- 9 Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
- 6 Nicolo Dini, Sr., BEL

SHUTOUTS

- 17 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
- 11 JR DeRose, R-Sr., MER
- 8 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 4 Brendan Pulley, So., UNCG
- 3 Cameron Petty, Jr., BEL

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

- 1.01 Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
- 1.16 Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
- 1.22 JR DeRose, R-Sr. MER

() indicates SoCon career rank

UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	Prev.
1. Clemson (23)	1
2. Georgetown	2
3. Pittsburgh (1)	5
4. Wake Forest (1)	5
5. Indiana	7
6. Stanford	9
7. University of Washington	4
8. Missouri State	10
9. UNCW	12
10. Loyola Marymount	13
11. Seton Hall	15
12. New Hampshire	14
13. Marshall	8
14. Michigan	11
15. UNC	16
16. Grand Canyon	20
17. Charlotte	17
18. Marquette	21
19. Oregon State	3
20. St. Mary's-Calif.	23
21. Akron	19
22. Coastal Carolina	24
23. Tulsa	25
24. UIC	RV
25. High Point	RV

*Through games of March 30, 2021

NR=Not Ranked

RV=Recieved Votes

COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	10-13-4 (2nd)	Same	2-5-2 (2nd)
David Casper, ETSU	19-19-5 (3rd)	Same	9-6-2 (3rd)
Doug Allison, Furman	315-146-57 (26th)	Same	139-51-21 (26th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	119-105-27 (13th)	Same	34-18-5 (7th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	15-11-2 (2nd)	Same	7-2-1 (2nd)
Max Watson, VMI	2-7-0 (1st)	Same	0-4-0 (1st)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	4-19-1 (2nd)	Same	2-6-1 (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 (3-2-0)

2/13 Lipscomb 2, ETSU 1
 2/13 North Florida 2, Mercer 1
 2/20 Belmont 3, Bellarmine 0
 2/21 Mercer 1, Jacksonville 0
 3/2 Belmont 2, Lipscomb 1

Atlantic 10 (0-1-1)

2/27 ETSU 0, VCU 0
 3/6 Davidson 3, Wofford 2

Big East (0-1-0)

2/5 Xavier 2, ETSU 0

Big South (3-4-0)

2/14 Gardner-Webb 5, VMI 0
 2/24 UNCG 3, Gardner-Webb 0
 2/24 Furman 2, USC Update 0
 3/3 Gardner-Webb 3, Furman 0
 3/3 Radford 4, VMI 1
 3/4 UNCG 2, Longwood 1
 3/10 Longwood 3, VMI 1

Colonial (1-1-0)

2/6 UNCW 2, UNCG 0
 2/28 UNCG 2, Elon 0

Conference USA (1-4-0)

10/10 South Carolina 1, Mercer 0
 10/14 Kentucky 3, Mercer 1
 2/21 Furman 3, South Carolina 0
 2/23 Marshall 2, ETSU 0
 2/27 South Carolina 2, Wofford 1

Sun Belt (1-2-1)

9/18 Georgia State 2, Mercer 1
 9/22 Mercer 3, Georgia Southern 0
 10/6 Georgia State 2, Mercer 0
 2/25 Belmont 0, Central Arkansas 0

Non Division 1 (4-0-0)

2/17 VMI 2, Southern Virginia 1
 2/17 UNCG 4, Belmont Abbey 1
 2/20 VMI 2, Marymount 1
 3/6 Belmont 2, Trevecca Nazarene 1

Total.....13-15-2 (.467)

Ranking=United Soccer Coaches

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Belmont

(5-1-2, 2-1-1 SoCon)

- F20 at Bellarmine..... W, 3-0
- F25 vs. Central Arkansas T, 0-0
- M2 vs. Lipscomb W, 2-1
- M6 at Trevecca Nazarene W, 2-1.
- M13 at Wofford* W, 1-0
- M16 vs. VMI* W, 5-0
- M23 at ETSU* T, 0-0 2OT
- M27 at UNCG* L, 2-3 OT
- M30 vs. Furman* 6 p.m.
- A3 vs. Mercer* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



ETSU

(2-4-2, 2-1-1 SoCon)

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

* Southern Conference match



Furman

(6-1-0, 4-0-0 SoCon)

- F21 vs. South Carolina W, 3-0
- F24 at USC Upstate W, 2-0
- M3 at Gardner-Webb.....L, 0-3
- M13 at ETSU* W, 2-1
- M20 at UNCG*W, 3-2 OT
- M23 vs. Mercer* W, 1-0 2OT
- M27 vs. VMI* W, 6-0
- M30 at Belmont* 6 p.m.
- A1 vs. Wofford* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Mercer

(4-8-1, 2-2-1 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.....W, 1-0
- F28 at UAB..... L, 0-1
- M13 vs. UNCG*T, 1-1
- M16 vs. ETSU*L, 0-1
- M20 at VMI*W, 3-1
- M23 at Furman*L, 0-1
- M27 vs. Wofford*W, 3-1
- A3 at Belmont*6 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



UNCG

(6-2-1, 2-1-1 SoCon)

- F6 at UNCW.....L, 0-2
- F14 vs. Davidson..... PPD
- F17 vs. Belmont Abbey W, 4-1
- F24 at Gardner-Webb W, 3-0
- F28 vs. Elon W, 2-0
- M4 vs. Longwood W, 2-1
- M13 at Mercer* T, 1-1
- M20 vs. Furman* L, 2-3 OT
- M23 at VMI* W, 4-0
- M27 vs. Belmont* W, 3-2 OT
- M30 at Wofford* 6 p.m.
- A3 vs. ETSU* 7 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



VMI

(2-7-0, 0-4-0 SoCon)

- F14 vs. Gardner-Webb L 0-5
- F17 at Southern Virginia W, 2-1
- F20 vs. Marymount W, 2-1
- M4 at Radford L, 1-4
- M10 vs. Longwood L, 1-3
- M16 at Belmont* L, 0-5
- M20 vs. Mercer* L, 1-3
- M23 vs. UNCG* L, 0-4
- M27 at Furman* L, 0-6
- M30 at ETSU* 3 p.m.
- A3 vs. Wofford* 3:30 p.m.

* Southern Conference match



Wofford

(0-5-0, 0-3-0 SoCon)

- F14 vs. USC Upstate..... PPD
- F17 at Winthrop PPD
- F24 at High Point.....L, 1-2
- F27 at South CarolinaL, 1-2
- M6 at DavidsonL, 2-3
- M13 vs. Belmont*L, 0-1
- M20 vs. ETSU*L, 2-3
- M27 at Mercer*L, 1-3
- M30 vs. UNCG* 7 p.m.
- A1 at Furman* 7 p.m.
- A3 at VMI* 3 p.m.

* Southern Conference match