



# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

# 2024

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## 2024 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

### Notes

• Mercer leads the conference in three stat categories including shutouts, goals, and shots

• VMI paces the conference in saves and saves per game while UNCG is ahead of the field in save percentage and goal differential

• Wofford and Furman sit in the lead of goals against average and assists, respectively

• 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 Sekous 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.

STANDINGS	W-L-T	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
		Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-1-1	.700	4	2	W1
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-1-2	.667	8	3	T1
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-1-3	.643	9	6	T1
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-2-2	.500	5	8	T1
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	3-4-0	.429	10	16	W1
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-4-2	.286	6	15	L2

### Upcoming Schedule (all times eastern)

#### Sept. 22 (Sunday)

VMI at Saint Peters 2 P.M.

#### Sept. 24 (Tuesday)

ETSU at UNC Asheville 6 P.M.

Furman vs Gardner-Webb 7 P.M.

Mercer at North Carolina 7 P.M.

Wofford vs USC Upstate 7 P.M.

UNCG vs High Point 7 P.M.

### Player of the Week

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – VMI forward Kyle Grant and UNCG goalkeeper Seth Wilson have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Sept. 10-16.

In just under 15 minutes of play, Grant, a sophomore forward, scored the game winning goal for the Keydets in their 2-1 victory over Howard. The Montego Bay, Jamaica, product's goal was unassisted and boosted VMI to their first win against a Division I opponent on Patchin Field since 2014.

Wilson, who was honored on Aug. 27, turned in two clean sheets for the Spartans last week. On Tuesday against Longwood, The Frisco, Texas, native made three saves to protect UNCG's 2-0 win. Against No. 19 Charlotte on Friday, the redshirt sophomore recorded four saves on four shots on target to produce a scoreless draw. Wilson has played all 540 minutes in goal for the Spartans and leads the conference in save percentage at 87 percent.

UNCG (3-1-2) goes to West Virginia for a Tuesday match up, while VMI (3-4-0) travels to Saint Peter's on Sunday.

**Also nominated for offensive player of the week:** Barzee Blama (Mercer), Jack Birch (UNCG)

**Also nominated for defensive player of the week:** Aaron Salinas (Furman)

### SoCon

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

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

## United Soccer Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll

## Active Career Leaders (updated Sept. 10)

School (1st)	PTS	Record
1. Stanford (8)	200	6-1-0
2. Pittsburgh	192	5-1-0
3. Denver	184	4-0-3
4. Clemson	174	3-1-2
5. West Virginia	169	4-0-1
6. North Carolina	161	4-0-2
7. Ohio State	152	5-0-1
8. Seton Hall	144	6-0-0
9. Western Michigan	136	5-0-2
10. Marshall	128	4-1-1
11. Pennsylvania	115	4-1-0
12. Hofstra	113	5-0-1
13. Virginia Tech	105	5-0-1
14. Elon	97	6-0-0
15. San Diego	89	5-0-2
16. Michigan	79	5-0-2
17. Wisconsin	74	6-1-0
18. N.C. State	64	4-0-2
19. Charlotte	56	3-0-2
20. Northwestern	48	5-2-0
21. James Madison	27	2-0-3
22. U.C. Santa Barbara	16	4-1-2
23. Charleston	15	6-0-0
24. Bowling Green State	11	5-1-0
25. Connecticut	10	5-0-1

### Points Scored

- 36 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU
- 34 - Christian Kraus, Furman
- 29 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer
- 23 - Cole Mooney, VMI
- 22 - Grant Martin, VMI

### Goals

- 14 - Christian Kraus, Furman
- 12 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU
- 10 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer
- 9 - Grant Martin, VMI
- 9 - Barzee Blama, Mercer
- 9 - Sekou Agard, Mercer

### Assists

- 12 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU
- 10 - Jakob Andersson, Wofford
- 9 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer
- 9 - Cole Mooney, VMI
- 7 - Carlos Santamaria, Mercer

### Game-Winning Goals

- 4 - Nick Wanzer; Mercer
- 4 - Blama, Barzee; Mercer
- 3 - Christian Kraus; Furman
- 3 - Slade Starnes; Furman
- 3 - Thaddeus Dennis
- 3 - Kyle Grant, VMI
- 3 - Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG
- 3 - Magnus Kjoller, Wofford
- 3 - Carlos Santamaria, Mercer

### Saves (min. 1 Game)

- 178 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
- 89 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
- 49 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU
- 48 - Salinas, Aaron, Furman
- 13 - Seth Wilson, UNCG

### Wins

- 20 - Trevor McMullen; Mercer
- 6 - Murphy, Zack; VMI
- 5 - Salinas, Aaron; Furman
- 3 - Marc Kouadio; ETSU
- 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG

### Shutouts

- 14 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
- 3 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
- 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
- 2 - Leo Ledin, Wofford
- 1 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU
- 1 - Aaron Salinas, Furman

### Goals Against Average (min. 2,000 minutes)

- 1.12 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
- 2.44 - Zack Murphy, VMI

## Coaches' Records (updated Sept. 11)

Coch, School	Overall (Yrs.)	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Vital Allen, ETSU	295-207-62 (26)	1-2-2	Same
Doug Allison, Furman	342-171-67 (28)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	150-129-40 (16)	Same	103-69-30 (10)
Chris Rich, UNCG	49-29-16 (5)	Same	Same
Nick Regan, VMI Joel	9-31-1 (2)	Same	Same
Tyson, Wofford	25-44-13 (5)	Same	Same

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