



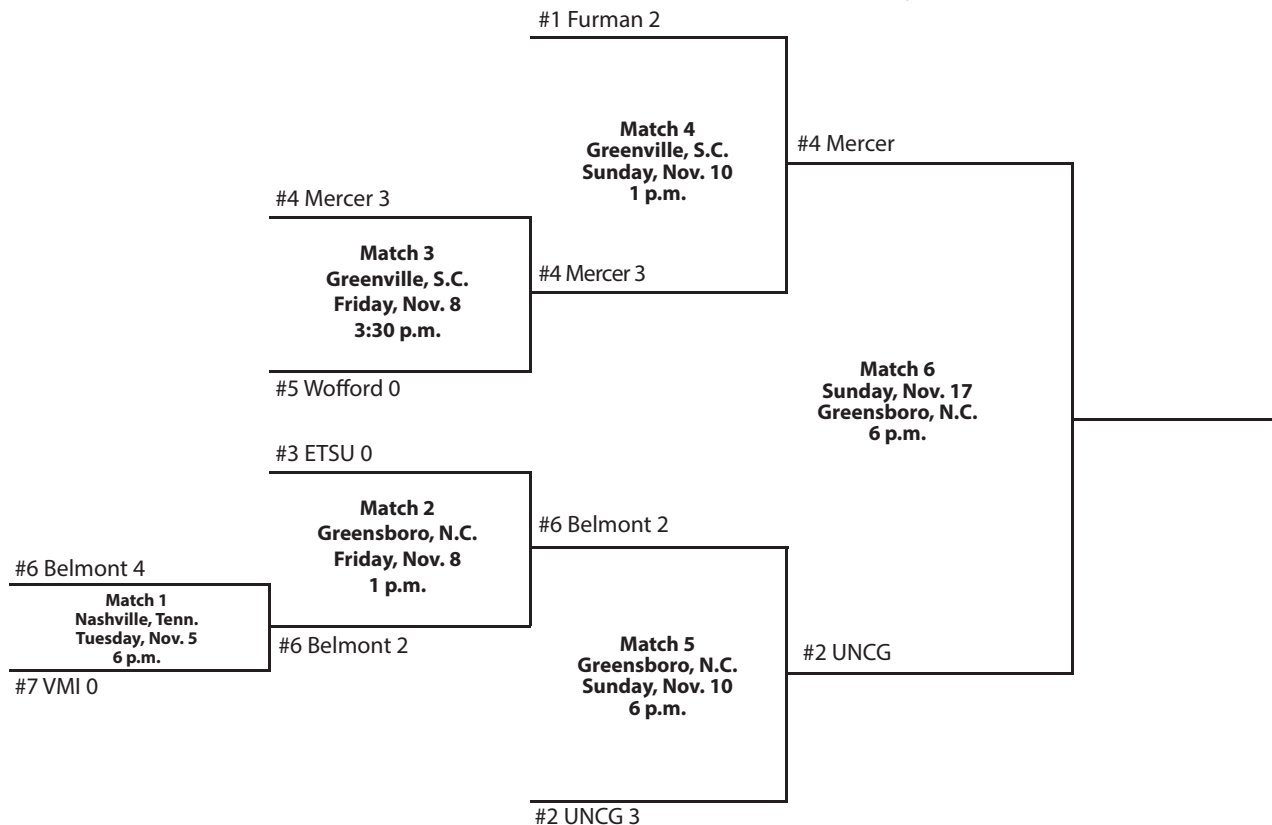
# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER 2019



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## MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINAL RECAPS

**GREENVILLE, S.C.** – No. 4 seed Mercer took down No. 1 Furman in the first semifinal game of the Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship, taking a 3-2 victory in the second overtime period. The Bears will square off with No. 2 UNCG in the championship match on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Dylan Gaither opened the scoring for the Bears in the third minute, scoring from a deflected cross in the box to put Mercer in front. Furman's Conor Sloan tied it with an excellent chip from the edge of the box before Miles Fenton put the Paladins in front in the 28th minute. Fenton was set up by Cole McLagan, who made a slick turn around a defender and served a perfect cross into the box for Fenton. Six minutes later, Mercer's Roberto Arteaga brought the Bears level with a strike from outside the box to send the teams into the half tied with two goals each.

The second half saw a pair of excellent performances in goal from Furman's Max Fisher and Mercer's JR DeRose, as each made crucial saves to deny goal-scoring opportunities. Each team came close but failed to find the back of the net before the end of regulation.

Both keepers were strong once again as the first overtime period ended scoreless. After chances from each team, Mercer's Dawson Gideon slipped a pass to Leo Toledo Jr., who struck a shot from outside the box that sailed past the Fisher and sent Mercer to the final.

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** – No. 2 seed UNCG topped No. 6 Belmont in the second semifinal of the day, notching a 3-2 win in overtime to cement its spot in the final. The Spartans will square off with No. 4 Mercer in Greensboro, North Carolina on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. in the championship match.

Belmont looked to be heading for its first appearance in the final after opening the scoring in the 27th minute and finding the back of the net once again in the 50th minute to take a two-goal lead. Niccolo Dagnoni provided the assist on both goals, with Jordan Dozzi netting the first and Brett Royster heading home the second.

After falling behind by two goals, UNCG managed to pull one back just three minutes later after Matther Cutler assisted the goal by Micah Albert. The Spartans leveled it in the 63rd minute as Albert Pedra scored from the penalty spot. Belmont goalkeeper Cameron Petty managed to get a hand on the attempt but could not deny Pedra's equalizer. The Spartans continued to dominate the second half, outshooting the Bruins 12-4 but could not find the winner in regulation.

UNCG continued to find space in the attacking half in the opening period of overtime and in the 97th minute, Pedra came through once again with his second goal of the game, this time from open play as Angel Bacho provided the assist.

## UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL

School (1st)	Prev.
1. Clemson (19)	2
2. Virginia (6)	4
3. Georgetown (0)	3
4. Stanford (1)	5
5. UCF	6
6. Washington (1)	1
7. Wake Forest	7
8. Indiana	9
9. Missouri State	10
10. SMU	11
11. Saint Mary's	12
12. Penn State	13
13. Marshall	14
14. St. John's	8
15. Kentucky	16
16. UC Santa Barbara	15
17. Charlotte	17
18. New Hampshire	18
19. Virginia Tech	22
20. UNC Wilmington	21
21. Seattle	RV
22. Maryland	23
23. FIU	19
24. UC Davis	24
25. Pittsburgh	RV

NR=Not Ranked  
RV=Received Votes

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

## SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### Offensive

Sept. 3.....	Trevor Martineau, So., F, MER
Sept. 10.....	Trevor Martineau, So., F, MER
Sept. 17.....	Emery May, Sr., F, FUR
Sept. 24.....	Hauk Andreas Fossen, Fr. F, ETSU
Oct. 1.....	Trevor Martineau, So., F, MER
Oct. 8.....	Trevor Martineau, So., F, MER
Oct. 15.....	Niccolo Dagnoni, So., F, BEL
Oct. 22.....	Hauk Andreas Fossen, Fr. F, ETSU
Oct. 29.....	Rocky Guerra, Sr., MF, FUR
Nov. 5.....	Albert Pedra, Sr., MF, UNCG

### Defensive

Sept. 3.....	JR DeRose, R-Jr., GK, MER
Sept. 10.....	Cole McLagan, R-Jr., D, FUR
Sept. 17.....	Jack Shiels, Sr., D, FUR
Sept. 24.....	Josh Perryman, R-So., GK, ETSU
Oct. 1.....	Joe Pickering, R-Jr., D, ETSU
Oct. 8.....	JR DeRose, R-Jr., GK, MER
Oct. 15.....	Cole McLagan, R-Jr., D, FUR
Oct. 22.....	Brendan Pulley, Fr., GK, UNCG
Oct. 29.....	Merveil Bilomba, Sr., D, ETSU
Nov. 5.....	Brendan Pulley, Fr., GK, UNCG

## ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

### POINTS SCORED

1.	61	Trevor Martineau, So., MER
2.	46	Emery May, Sr., FUR
3.	41	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Jr., MER
4.	39	Cole McLagan, R-Jr., FUR
5.	34	Niccolo Dagnoni, So., BEL

### GOALS

1.	22	Trevor Martineau, So., MER
2.	18	Emery May, Sr., FUR
3.	16	Cole McLagan, R-Jr., FUR
4.	12	Lucas Altman, Sr., WOF
T5.	11	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Jr., MER
T5.	11	Niccolo Dagnoni, BEL

### ASSISTS

1.	20	Rocky Guerra, Sr., FUR
2.	19	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Jr., MER
3.	17	Trevor Martineau, So., MER
4.	16	Nelson Oceano, Jr., UNCG.
5.	14	Roberto Arteaga, Sr., MER

### GAME-WINNING GOALS

1.	9	Trevor Martineau, So., MER
2.	5	Emery May, Sr., FUR
3.	4	Leo Toledo Jr., R-Jr., MER
T4.	3	Lucas Altman, Sr., WOF
T4.	3	Sam Ross, Sr., WOF
T4.	3	Cole McLagan, R-Jr., FUR
T4.	3	Rocky Guerra, Sr., FUR

### SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

1.	237	Broden Schull, So., VMI
2.	139	JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
3.	131	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
4.	116	Niccolo Dini, Jr., BEL
5.	112	Josh Perryman, R-So. ETSU

### WINS

T1.	26	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
T1.	26	JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
3.	15	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
4.	8	Max Fisher, Sr., FUR
5.	6	Niccolo Dini, Jr., BEL
6.	5	Shane Berson, R-So., WOF

### SHUTOUTS

1.	14	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
2.	10	JR DeRose, R-Jr., MER
T3.	7	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU
T3.	8	Max Fisher, Sr., FUR
T5.	3	Niccolo Dini, Jr., BEL
T5.	3	Shane Berson, R-So., WOF

### GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (MIN. 2,000 MINUTES)

1.	1.04	Ben Hale, R-Jr., FUR
2.	1.18	JR DeRose, R-Jr. MER
3.	1.19	Josh Perryman, R-So., ETSU

## SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### Offensive

September.....	Trevor Martineau, So., F, Mercer
October.....	Rocky Guerra, Sr., M, Furman

### Defensive

September.....	JR DeRose, R-Jr., GK, Mercer
October.....	Josh Perryman, R-So., GK, ETSU

## COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCON (YRS.)
David Costa, Belmont	5-12-2 (1st)	Same	1-4-1 (1st)
David Casper, ETSU	16-15-3 (2nd)	Same	7-5-1 (2nd)
Doug Allison, Furman	309-144-56 (25th)	Same	135-51-21 (25th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	114-97-26 (12th)	Same	32-16-4 (6th)
Chris Rich, UNCG	9-8-1 (1st)	Same	5-1-0 (1st)
Charlie Hubbard, VMI	1-16-0 (1st)	Same	0-6-0 (1st)
Joel Tyson, Wofford	4-13-1 (1st)	Same	2-2-1 (1st)

## SoCON PRESEASON INFO

### Presason poll School (1st)

1. Mercer (5)	Pts. 35
2. Furman (2)	31
3. ETSU	27
4. UNCG	20
5. Belmont	15
6. Wofford	13
7. VMI	6

### Presason all-conference team Pos, Player, school

F	Bruno Andrade, ETSU
F	Emery May, Furman
F	Trevor Martineau, Mercer
MF	Niccolo Dagnoni, Belmont
MF	Rocky Guerra, Furman
MF	Roberto Arteaga, Mercer
D	Merveil Bilomba, ETSU
D	John Lucchesi, ETSU
D	Jack Shiels, Furman
D	Joshua Harrison, Mercer
GK	Ben Hale, Furman

## 2019 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

### CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

This Southern Conference Men's Soccer Championship debuts a new format in 2019, with no predetermined sites. The first-round game between the Nos. 6 and 7 seeds will be played at the No. 6 seed on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds will host the quarterfinals and semifinals the following weekend, with the highest remaining seed hosting the title match on Sunday, Nov.17.

First Round  
Tuesday, Nov. 5  
M1: No. 6 Belmont 4, No. 7 VMI 0

Quarterfinals  
Friday, Nov. 8  
M2: No. 4 Mercer 3, No. 5 Wofford 0  
M3: No. 6 Belmont 2, No. 3 ETSU 0

Semifinals  
Sunday, November 10  
M4: No. 4 Mercer 3, No. 1 Furman 2 (2OT)  
M5: No. 2 UNCG 3, No. 6 Belmont 2 (OT)

Final  
Sunday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.  
M6: No. 4 Mercer at No. 2 UNCG



# SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

## American (2-1-0)

8/30 Mercer 2, Cincinnati 0  
 9/8 Mercer 1, Memphis 0  
 9/17 Memphis 2, Belmont 0

## Atlantic Coast (0-6-0)

8/30 Furman 0, Duke 1  
 9/6 UNCG 1, #1 Clemson 2  
 9/9 North Carolina 1, UNCG 0  
 9/24 #1 Clemson 2, Furman 0  
 10/1 Belmont 0, Louisville 3  
 10/8 ETSU 1, NC State 2

## Atlantic Sun (1-4-0)

9/7 Lipscomb 3, ETSU 0  
 9/17 Jacksonville 2, Mercer 1  
 9/17 VMI 0, Liberty 1  
 10/5 VMI 0, NJIT 5  
 10/7 North Florida 0, Mercer 2

## Atlantic 10 (3-2-1)

8/30 ETSU 0, VCU 1  
 8/30 George Washington 0, UNCG 2  
 9/7 VMI 0, Duquesne 1  
 9/14 Davidson 2, Furman 3  
 10/1 UNCG 1, Davidson 1  
 10/15 ETSU 2, Davidson 1

## Big South (13-13-0)

8/30 Winthrop 2, VMI 0  
 9/2 UNCG 3, Radford 4  
 9/2 Presbyterian 1, Mercer 2.  
 9/4 VMI 1, UNC Asheville 2  
 9/6 Furman 5, Gardner-Webb 4  
 9/6 Winthrop 0, Wofford 1  
 9/8 Furman 3, Winthrop 0  
 9/8 Gardner-Webb 1, Wofford 0  
 9/11 UNC Asheville 1, Furman 2  
 9/11 VMI 1, Longwood 5  
 9/13 UNCG 0, Campbell 2

9/14 Gardner-Webb 2, VMI 1  
 9/17 Presbyterian 0, ETSU 3  
 9/17 Wofford 0, High Point 1  
 9/18 UNCG 5, UNC Asheville 1  
 9/21 Presbyterian 0, Belmont 2  
 9/21 USC Upstate 1, Furman 4  
 9/21 ETSU 2, High Point 0  
 9/21 Wofford 4, UNC Asheville 0  
 9/24 Mercer 3, USC Upstate 2  
 9/28 Furman 0, Presbyterian 3  
 10/1 Winthrop 1, Mercer 2  
 10/1 Campbell 2, Wofford 0  
 10/5 UNCG 0, High Point 1  
 10/8 Longwood 2, Wofford 1  
 10/26 Wofford 2, USC Upstate 3

## Colonial (0-1-1)

9/1 Furman 3, Elon 3  
 9/25 UNCG 0, Elon 3

## Conference USA (3-7-0)

9/2 ETSU 3, Old Dominion 2  
 9/6 Mercer 3, UAB 2  
 9/10 ETSU 1, Marshall 2  
 9/11 Mercer 0, South Carolina 1  
 9/18 Furman 0, South Carolina 3  
 9/24 #17 Charlotte 3, Wofford 2  
 10/1 #17 Charlotte 2, Furman 1  
 10/5 #15 Kentucky 1, ETSU 0  
 11/2 Old Dominion 1, UNCG 3

## Metro Atlantic (0-1-0)

9/21 St. Peter's College 5, VMI 0

## Missouri Valley (0-0-1)

8/30 Belmont 0, Bradley 0

## Pac-12 (0-1-0)

9/6 Belmont 1, San Diego State 2

## Summit League (0-2-0)

9/13 Belmont 1, Purdue Fort Wayne 2  
 9/24 Belmont 2, Eastern Illinois 3

## Sun Belt (1-4-2)

9/2 Belmont 1, Georgia State 3  
 9/21 Appalachian State 4, UNCG 2  
 9/28 Howard 4, VMI 2  
 9/28 Georgia State 2, ETSU 2  
 9/28 Mercer 3, Georgia Southern 2  
 10/1 ETSU 1, Appalachian State 1  
 10/4 Wofford 2, Georgia Southern 3  
 10/5 Mercer 1, Georgia State 2

## West Coast (0-1-0)

9/8 Belmont 0, San Diego 3

## Western Athletic (0-2-0)

8/30 Wofford 0, Houston Baptist 2  
 9/1 Wofford 1, UTRGV 2

## Non Division 1 (3-0-0)

9/28 Faulkner 1, Belmont 4  
 10/1 Regent University 0, VMI 4  
 10/8 North Greenville 1, Furman 4

**Total.....26-43-5 (.385)**

**Ranking=United Soccer Coaches**

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**Belmont**

**(5-12-2, 1-4-1 SoCon)**

- A30 at Bradley ..... D, 0-0
- S2 at Georgia State ..... L, 3-1
- S6 at Sand Diego State ..... L, 2-1
- S8 at San Diego ..... L, 3-0
- S13 at Purdue Fort Wayne ..... L, 2-1
- S17 MEMPHIS ..... L, 2-0
- S21 PRESBYTERIAN ..... W, 2-0
- S24 at Eastern Illinois ..... L, 3-2
- S28 FAULKNER ..... W, 4-1
- O1 at Louisville ..... L, 3-0
- O12 WOFFORD\* ..... D, 3-3
- O15 UNCG\* ..... L, 2-1
- O26 at VMI\* ..... W, 3-1
- O29 ETSU\* ..... L, 1-0
- O31 at Mercer\* ..... L, 2-0
- N2 at Furman\* ..... L, 2-1
- N5 VMI \$ ..... W, 4-0
- N8 vs. ETSU \$ ..... L, 2-0
- N10 at UNCG \$ ..... L, 3-2

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**ETSU**

**(8-8-2, 4-2-0 SoCon)**

- A30 at VCU ..... L, 1-0
- S2 at Old Dominion ..... W, 3-2
- S7 LIPSCOMB ..... L, 3-0
- S10 at Marshall ..... L, 2-1
- S17 PRESBYTERIAN ..... W, 3-0
- S21 at High Point ..... W, 2-0
- S28 GEORGIA STATE ..... D, 2-2
- O1 at Appalachian State ..... D, 1-1
- O5 #15 KENTUCKY ..... L, 1-0
- O8 at NC State ..... L, 1-0
- O12 at Furman\* ..... L, 1-0
- O15 at Davidson ..... W, 2-1
- O19 at VMI\* ..... W, 3-0
- O22 MERCER\* ..... W, 2-0
- O26 UNCG\* ..... L, 1-0
- O29 at Belmont\* ..... W, 1-0
- N2 WOFFORD\* ..... W, 2-1
- N8 vs. Belmont \$ ..... L, 2-0

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**Furman**

**(11-6-1, 5-1-0 SoCon)**

- A30 at Duke ..... L, 1-0
- S1 vs. Elon ..... D, 3-3
- S6 at Gardner-Webb ..... W, 5-4
- S8 at Winthrop ..... W, 3-0
- S11 UNC ASHEVILLE ..... W, 2-1
- S14 DAVIDSON ..... W, 3-2
- S18 at South Carolina ..... L, 3-0
- S21 USC UPSTATE ..... W, 4-1
- S24 #1 CLEMSON ..... L, 2-0
- S28 at Presbyterian ..... L, 3-0
- O1 #17 CHARLOTTE ..... L, 2-1
- O8 NORTH GREENVILLE ..... W, 4-1
- O12 ETSU\* ..... W, 1-0
- O15 at VMI\* ..... W, 3-0
- O22 UNCG\* ..... W, 1-0
- O26 at Mercer\* ..... L, 4-3
- O29 at Wofford\* ..... W, 4-1
- N2 BELMONT\* ..... W, 2-1
- N10 MERCER \$ ..... L, 3-2

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**Mercer**

**(13-6-0, 3-3-0 SoCon)**

- A30 at Cincinnati ..... W, 2-0
- S2 PRESBYTERIAN ..... W, 2-1
- S6 at UAB ..... W, 3-2
- S8 MEMPHIS ..... W, 1-0
- S11 at South Carolina ..... L, 1-0
- S17 JACKSONVILLE ..... L, 2-1
- S24 at USC Upstate ..... W, 3-2
- S27 at Georgia Southern ..... W, 3-2
- O1 WINTHROP ..... W, 2-1
- O5 at Georgia State ..... L, 2-1
- O7 NORTH FLORIDA ..... W, 2-0
- O15 at Wofford\* ..... L, 3-2
- O22 at ETSU\* ..... L, 2-0
- O26 FURMAN\* ..... W, 4-3
- O29 at UNCG\* ..... L, 2-0
- O31 BELMONT\* ..... W, 2-0
- N2 VMI\* ..... W, 4-1
- N8 vs. Wofford \$ ..... W, 3-0
- N10 at Furman \$ ..... W, 3-2
- N17 at UNCG \$ ..... 6 p.m.

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**UNCG**

**(9-8-1, 5-1-0 SoCon)**

- A30 GEORGE WASHINGTON.. W, 2-0
- S2 at Radford ..... L, 3-4
- S6 at #1 Clemson ..... L, 2-1
- S9 NORTH CAROLINA ..... L, 1-0
- S13 at Campbell ..... L, 2-0
- S18 at UNC Asheville ..... W, 5-1
- S21 APPALACHIAN STATE ..... L, 4-2
- S25 at Elon ..... L, 3-0
- O1 at Davidson ..... D, 1-1
- O5 at High Point ..... L, 1-0
- O12 VMI\* ..... W, 4-0
- O15 at Belmont\* ..... W, 2-1
- O19 WOFFORD\* ..... W, 3-2
- O22 at Furman\* ..... L, 1-0.
- O26 at ETSU\* ..... W, 1-0.
- O29 MERCER\* ..... W, 2-0
- N2 OLD DOMINION ..... W, 3-1
- N10 BELMONT \$ ..... W, 3-2
- N17 MERCER \$ ..... 6 p.m.

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**VMI**

**(1-16-0, 0-6-0 SoCon)**

- A30 WINTHROP ..... L, 2-0
- S4 at UNC Asheville ..... L, 2-1
- S7 at Duquesne ..... L, 1-0
- S11 at Longwood ..... L, 5-1
- S14 GARDNER-WEBB ..... L, 2-1
- S17 at Liberty ..... L, 1-0
- S21 ST. PETER'S COLLEGE ..... L, 5-0
- S28 HOWARD ..... L, 4-2
- O1 REGENT UNIVERSITY ..... W, 4-0
- O5 at NJIT ..... L, 5-0
- O12 at UNCG\* ..... L, 4-0
- O15 FURMAN\* ..... L, 3-0
- O19 ETSU\* ..... L, 3-0
- O22 at Wofford\* ..... L, 3-0
- O26 BELMONT\* ..... L, 3-1
- N2 at Mercer\* ..... L, 4-1
- N5 at Belmont \$ ..... L, 4-0

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**Wofford**

**(4-13-1, 2-3-1 SoCon)**

- A30 at Houston Baptist ..... L, 2-0
- S1 vs. UTRGV ..... L, 2-1
- S6 WINTHROP ..... W, 1-0
- S8 GARDNER-WEBB ..... L, 1-0
- S17 at High Point ..... L, 1-0
- S21 at UNC Asheville ..... W, 4-0
- S24 #17 CHARLOTTE ..... L, 3-2
- O1 CAMPBELL ..... L, 2-0
- O4 at Georgia Southern ..... L, 3-2
- O8 LONGWOOD ..... L, 2-1
- O12 at Belmont\* ..... D, 3-3
- O15 MERCER\* ..... W, 3-2
- O19 at UNCG\* ..... L, 3-2
- O22 VMI\* ..... W, 3-0
- O26 at USC Upstate ..... L, 3-2
- O29 FURMAN\* ..... L, 4-1
- N2 ETSU\* ..... L, 2-1
- N8 vs. Mercer \$ ..... L, 3-0

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