

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

*2020-21* 

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# 2020-21 Southern Conference Football Standings

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Teams	W-L	Pct	Н	Α	ST	W-L	Pct	Н	Α	ST
ETSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Furman	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Samford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Chattanooga	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
VMI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Western Carolina	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Wofford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	
Mercer	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		0-4	.000	0-1	0-3	L4

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

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Oct. 24 (Saturday)	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b> 12 p.m. 4 p.m.
Mercer at Army West Point	Army West Point leads 1-0	CBS Sports Network	
Chattanooga at Western Kentucky	Chattanooga leads 8-5	ESPN3	
<b>Oct. 31 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b> 3 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Mercer	First meeting	ESPN3/Nexstar	
<b>Nov. 14 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b> 12 p.m.
Western Carolina at Liberty	Series tied 3-3	ESPN+	
<b>Nov. 21 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	Time
Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Kentucky leads 3-2	ESPN+	3 p.m.
<b>Dec. 11 (Friday)</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>TV/Digital</b>	<b>Time</b> 7 p.m.
Western Carolina at North Carolina	North Carolina leads 2-0	ACC Network	

#### Nexstar affiliates for Oct. 31

WYCW (Greenville/Spartanburg/Asheville) WMUB (Macon)

WJHL (Tri-Cities) WWCW (Roanoke) WCBD (Charleston)

# Coaching Records

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	26-24 (5th)	Same	19-13 (5th)
Randy Sanders, ETSU	11-13 (3rd)	Same	7-9 (3rd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	22-14 (4th)	Same	18-6 (4th)
Drew Cronic, Mercer	47-7 (5th)	0-1 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	153-83 (21st)	32-26 (6th)	35-27 (9th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	6-6 (2nd)	Same	5-3 (2nd)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	11-45 (6th)	Same	6-33 (6th)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	32-60 (9th)	Same	20-42 (9th)
Josh Conklin, Wofford	17-8 (3rd)	Same	13-3 (3rd)

#### SoCon Stats

# **NCAA S**TATS





### SCHEDULE NOTE

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.

#### **N**otes

- After an idle week, the Southern Conference resumes play with two contests at FBS opponents on Oct. 24. Mercer will visit Army West Point and Chattanooga will play its lone fall contest of the season when it heads to Western Kentucky.
- Mercer will be facing Army West Point for the second time in program history but the first since 1933, when the Black Knights took a 19-6 win at home.
- · Army West Point is 5-1 on the season, including a 14-9 win over The Citadel on Oct. 10.
- The Bears opened their fall season and the Drew Cronic era with a 34-28 loss at Jacksonville State on Oct. 10. Mercer got off to an electric start, as Deondre Johnson returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, good for the longest special teams play in program history. The Bears would lead 14-3 after a quarter, but the Gamecocks outscored Mercer 24-0 in the second to take a lead they would not relinquish.
- Mercer running back Tyray Devezin ran for 94 yards and a touchdown at JSU, moving over 2,000 yards for his career and becoming one of just three active players in the league to hit the milestone, joining ETSU running back Quay Holmes (2,071) and Citadel quarterback Brandon Rainey (2,061). Now with 2,080 career rushing yards, Devezin is one of just four players in Mercer history to surpass 2,000 yards.
- Freshman linebacker Isaac Dowling had a game-high 15 tackles against JSU in his collegiate debut.
- Chattanooga owns an 8-5 lead in the series against Western Kentucky, though the Hilltoppers have won two straight, with the last one coming in 2007, WKU's first year of transition to the FBS level.
- The Hilltoppers are 1-4 on the season so far with a conference win over Middle Tennessee.
- The Mocs received votes in the Stats Perform 2020 Preseason FCS Top 25. Stats Perform is not conducting a weekly poll this fall.
- Chattanooga returns senior wide receiver Bryce Nunnelly, who is the SoCon's active career leader in receptions (143) and receiving yards (2,120). Nunnelly, who had 57 catches for 794 yards and five touchdowns last season, was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2019.
- · The Mocs also return running back Ailym Ford, who finished fifth in the Jerry Rice Award voting last season. Before a season-ending injury in November, Ford ran for 1,081 yards, averaging 108.1 per contest.
- Western Carolina is the fourth SoCon squad playing fall contests. The Catamounts open their season Nov. 14 at FBS Liberty and face Eastern Kentucky the following week before closing at North Carolina on Dec. 11.
- The Citadel went 0-4 this fall and played three FBS opponents in a season for the first time. The Bulldogs wrapped up their fall schedule with a tightly contested 14-9 loss at FBS Army West Point on Oct. 10, earning Stats Perform FCS Team of the Week honors. Defensive back Sean-Thomas Faulkner (career-high 16 tackles) was named FCS Co-Player of the Week.
- The SoCon announced its spring league schedule on Wednesday. Play begins on Feb. 20 and wraps up on April 17 before the FCS playoffs start on April 24.
- Former Samford defensive lineman Ahmad Gooden was signed to the Buffalo Bills' practice squad as a linebacker on Thursday.

# SoCon vs. Other Conferences

#### FBS opponents (0-3)

American Athletic (0-1)

Sept. 12 South Florida 27, The Citadel 6

Atlantic Coast (0-1)

Sept. 19 <u>Clemson</u> 49, The Citadel 0 Dec. 11 Western Carolina at <u>North Carolina</u>, TBA

Independents (0-1)

Oct. 10 Army West Point 14, The Citadel 9 Oct. 24 Mercer at Army West Point, 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14 Western Carolina at Liberty, 2 p.m.

Conference USA (0-0)

Oct. 24 Chattanooga at Western Kentucky, 4 p.m.

#### FCS opponents (0-2)

Ohio Valley (0-2)

Sept. 26 Eastern Kentucky 37, The Citadel 14 Oct. 10 Jacksonville State 34, Mercer 28 Nov. 21 Western Carolina at Eastern Kentucky, 3 p.m.

Southland (0-0)

Oct. 31 Abilene Christian at Mercer, 3 p.m.

Home team underlined All times Eastern

# SoCon Players in the NFL

Sixteen former SoCon players are on NFL active rosters.

NFL team Player, SoCon team Atlanta Falcons Younghoe Koo, Georgia Southern **Buffalo Bills** Andre Roberts, The Citadel Chicago Bears Buster Skrine, Chattanooga Cleveland Browns Kendall Lamm, Appalachian State **Cleveland Browns** Tae Davis, Chattanooga **Denver Broncos** Sam Martin, Appalachian State Nick Williams, Samford Keion Crossen, Western Carolina **Detroit Lions Houston Texans** Kansas City Chiefs Daniel Kilgore, Appalachian State Miami Dolphins Matt Breida, Georgia Southern Dakota Dozier, Furman Minnesota Vikings C.J. Board, Chattanooga New York Giants James Bradberry, Samford Jaquiski Tartt, Samford **New York Giants** San Francisco 49ers San Francisco 49ers Jerick McKinnon, Ga. Southern Tennessee Titans Isaiah Mack, Chattanooga

Four more former SoCon players are on NFL practice squads.

NFL team	Player, SoCon team
Buffalo Bills	Ahmad Gooden, Samford
L.A. Chargers	John Brannon, Western Carolina
Pittsburgh Steelers	Devlin Hodges, Samford
Tennessee Titans	Kareem Orr, Chattanooga

### Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 49-59 (.454) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	10-10	.500
ETSU	5-4	.556
Furman	4-10	.286
Mercer	3-2	.600
Samford	3-3	.500
Chattanooga	6-14	.300
VMI*	8-5	.615
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-3	.700
Total	49-59	.454

<sup>\*</sup> includes two losses as a member of the Big South Conference

# Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	234-152-3	.605	71st	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	12-6-0	.667	4th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	173-60-1	.741	38th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	26-16-0	.619	8th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	170-84-4	.667	51st	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	65-59-0	.524	22nd	Finley Stadium
VMI	102-157-3	.395	58th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	129-106-2	.549	45th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	98-35-0	.737	23rd	Gibbs Stadium

# **SHUTOUT CHART**

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	62	49-0 - Clemson (2020)	3
ETSU	45-0 - Gardner-Webb (2018)	19	38-0 – Vanderbilt (2019)	1
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	183	45-0 – Samford (2014)	63
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	51	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	25
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	49	52-0 – Auburn (2019)	1
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	46	45-0 – Tennessee (2019)	10
VMI	49-0 - St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	134	23-0 - Robert Morris (2017)	31
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	135	41-0 – NC State (2019)	11
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	41	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	81

# ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SOCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	81st	215-300-5	.418
ETSU	29th	79-133-0	.373
Furman	81st	277-215-11	.562
Mercer	6th	18-28-0	.391
Samford	12th	52-42-0	.553
Chattanooga	43rd	151-158-2	.487
VMI	85th	186-313-23	.378
Western Carolina	43rd	115-199-1	.367
Wofford	23rd	114-64-0	.640

# RECORDS VS. RANKED FCS FOES

SoCon teams' records vs. ranked FCS opponents since 2016 (including playoffs)

Team	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-0	1-2	0-3	0-4	2-1	3-10	.231
ETSU	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-5	1-2	2-10	.167
FUR	0-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	0-3	3-9	.250
MER	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-2	0-3	3-9	.250
SAM	0-0	2-1	2-1	3-1	0-3	7-6	.538
UTC	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	3-8	.273
VMI	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-4	0-9	.000
WCU	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-7	.125
WOF	0-0	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-2	9-6	.600

# STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS
North Dakota State (147)	1
James Madison	2
Northern Iowa	3
Weber State	4
South Dakota State	5
Montana State	6
Montana	7
Villanova	8
Illinois State	9
Kennesaw State	10
Central Arkansas	11
Sacramento State	12
Austin Peay	13
Nicholls	14
Furman	15
Wofford	16
Albany	17
Eastern Washington	18
North Carolina A&T	19
New Hampshire	20
Southeastern Louisiana	21
Sam Houston State	22
Monmouth	23
Southern Illinois	24
Southeast Missouri	25

Others receiving votes (schools listed on two or more ballots): Jacksonville State, Florida A&M, The Citadel, Central Connecticut State, Towson, Dartmouth, Delaware, Yale, Princeton, San Diego, North Dakota, South Carolina State, Alcorn State, Houston Baptist, Richmond, Chattanooga, Elon, Holy Cross, UIW, UT Martin, Portland State, Youngstown State, McNeese, UC Davis, Maine, Duquesne, Charleston Southern, Eastern Kentucky

\* Stats Perform will not conduct a weekly poll this

# National/Regional Awards

#### Athlon Sports Preseason FCS All-America Team Defense

LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams
PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

# FCS Preseason Punter of the Year Award watch list

Matthew Campbell, Jr., The Citadel

#### **HERO Sports Preseason All-America** First team Offense

ATH - Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel Special teams

PR - Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

#### Second team

Defense

LB - Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman

**Special teams** KR – Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

Offense

RB - Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman

TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga AP – Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel

LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams

LS – Robert Solderholm, Jr., VMI

#### Phil Steele/DraftScout.com Preseason All-America First team

RB - Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel **Defense** 

DL – Adrian Hope, R-Jr., Furman LB – Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

AP - Quay Holmes, R-Jr., ETSU

#### Third team

Offense

RB – Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman

OL – Cole Strange, Sr., Chattanooga

#### **Stats Perform Preseason All-America** First team

Offense

RB - Alex Ramsey, R-Sr., The Citadel Defense

LB - Willie Eubanks III, Sr., The Citadel

Special teams

PR – Montrell Washington, Sr., Samford

AP – Quay Holmes, R-Jr. ETSU

#### Second team

Offense

TE – Chris James, Sr., Chattanooga

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RB - Devin Wynn, Sr., Furman

Defense

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**Special teams** AP – Brandon Rainey, Sr., The Citadel

#### Stats Perform FCS Team of the Week

The Citadel

10/11/20

#### Stats Perform FCS Player of the Week

Sean-Thomas Faulkner, The Citadel 10/11/20

#### William V. Campbell Trophy presented by Mazda **Semifinalists**

Bryce Nunnelly, Sr., WR, Chattanooga Grady Thomas, Sr., OL, Western Carolina

# RECORD WATCH - CAREER (SoCon RECORDS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

#### **TOTAL OFFENSE**

MOST GAMES 250 OR MORE TOTAL YARDS

Career

38, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18

35, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09 28, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10

24, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15 24, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19 17, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2012-15

16, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00 16, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16 15, Jamal Jackson (APP), 2010-13

14, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

13, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

#### RUSHING

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK Career

4,361, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

4,051, Jacob Huesman, (UTC), 2012-15 3,899, Jerick McKinnon (GSU), 2010-13

3,674, Jack Douglas (CIT), 1989-92

5,674, Jack Douglas (CIT), 1989-92 3,664, Jayson Foster (GSU), 2004-07 3,309, Greg Hill (GSU), 1996-99 2,768, Chaz Williams (GSU), 2001-04 2,547, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19 2,475, Tony Scales (VMI), 1989-92

2,202, Dominque Allen (CIT), 2014-17

2,061, Brandon Rainey (CIT), 2017-pr.

#### PASSING

#### MOST PASSES COMPLETED

Career

1,310, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18 (NCAA record) 1,168, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10 768, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

743, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15 739, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19 707, Dustin Taliaferro (SAM), 2008-11

703, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16 694, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96 **658, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.** 

657, Reese Hannon (FUR), 2012-16

### MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS Career 39, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10

39, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18 29, D.J. Campbell (APP), 1989-92 26, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96

Gleg Nyali (L130), 1933-90
 Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
 Randy Joyce (APP), 1981-84
 Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19
 Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92

20, B.J. Coleman (UTC), 2009-11 20, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

19, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

# MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS

30, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18

23, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-2010 12, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00 10, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

10, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16

9, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12 9, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-19

**9, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.** 7, Tony Petersen (MAR), 1986-87 7, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92

7, Richie Williams (APP), 2002-05

#### MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 400+ YARDS

12, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-18

4, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00 4, Richie Williams (APP), 2004

3, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92

3, David Rivers (WCU), 2000 3, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10

3, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

3, Andy Summerlin (SAM), 2012-13 3, Reece Udinski (VMI), 2017-pr.

# RECEIVING

#### MOST GAMES WITH 100+ YARDS RECEIVING Career

28, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09

23, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-12 23, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18 17, Rick Beasley (APP), 1978-80

17, Mark Stock (VMI), 1985-88 17, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09 14, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16

13, Brian Quick (APP), 2008-11 13, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-18 10, Isaac West (FUR), 2001-04

9, Bryce Nunnelly (UTC), 2017-pr.

**PUNTING** HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE

Career (minimum 100 punts) 44.4, Pumpy Tudors (UTC), 1989-91 43.8, Ian Berryman (WCU), 2015-18 43.4, Joe Parker (APP), 1973-76 43.4, Pat Velarde (MAR), 1982-83

43.3, Matt Campbell (CIT), 2018-pr. 43.2, Austin Barnard (SAM), 2014-17 43.0, Harold Alexander (APP), 1989-92

43.0, Ray Early (FUR), 2010-13 42.8, Ken Hinsley (WCU), 1995-98 42.4, Nate McKinney (APP), 2000-03

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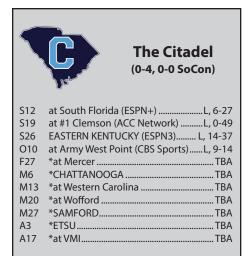
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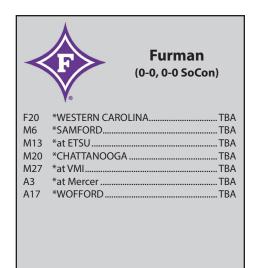
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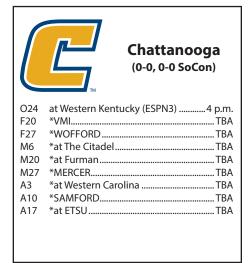




#### Mercer (0-1, 0-0 SoCon)

O10	at Jacksonville State (ESPN3) L, 28-34
O24	at Army West Point (CBS Sports)12 p.m.
O31	ABILENE CHRISTIAN (ESPN3/Nexstar)3 p.m.
F20	*at WoffordTBA
F27	*THE CITADELTBA
M13	*at VMITBA
M20	*WESTERN CAROLINATBA
M27	*at ChattanoogaTBA
А3	*FURMANTBA
A10	*ETSUTBA
A17	*at SamfordTBA

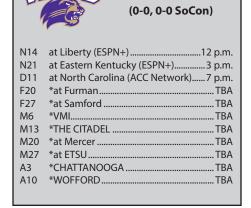






### **VMI** (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

*at ChattanoogaTBA
*ETSUTBA
*at Western CarolinaTBA
*MERCERTBA
*at SamfordTBA
*FURMANTBA
*at WoffordTBA
*THE CITADELTBA



**Western Carolina** 



#### Wofford (0-0, 0-0 SoCon)

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F27	*at Chattanooga	TBA
	*ETSU	
M13	*at Samford	TBA
M20	*THE CITADEL	TBA
A3	*VMI	TBA
A10	*at Western Carolina	TBA
A17	*at Furman	TBA

All times Eastern

\* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game

**Note:** The Citadel played four fall contests, which means it can only play seven spring games to avoid exceeding the NCAA-mandated 11-game regular-season maximum. The SoCon Council of Presidents approved a plan for the Bulldogs to compete in seven league games with one no-contest against a randomly selected league opponent. Furman was selected as that opponent in a blind draw. The no-contest is a game not played and will be considered a forfeit in the conference standings only, per NCAA policies.

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