



# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER

# 2024

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## 2024 Southern Conference Men's Soccer Standings

## Notes

STANDINGS	W-L-T	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
		Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-0-1	.750	2	1	W1
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-1-0	.667	4	1	L1
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-1-0	.667	8	5	L1
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	2-1-1	.625	5	5	L1
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-1-2	.500	2	3	T1
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	1-2-1	.375	4	10	L1

- UNCG received 6 points in the United Soccer Coaches Poll after a 2-1 start to their season with wins over USC Upstate and Coastal Carolina
- 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.

## Upcoming Schedule (all times eastern)

### Sept. 5 (Thursday)

Memphis at Mercer 7 P.M.

### Sept. 6 (Friday)

VMI at Canisius 6 P.M.

UNCG at Davidson 7 P.M.

### Sept. 7 (Saturday)

UNC Wilmington at ETSU 1 P.M.

Wofford at Radford 6 P.M.

### Sept. 8 (Sunday)

Southern Indiana at Mercer 11 A.M.

VMI at Niagara 2 P.M.

Virginia Tech at Furman 4 P.M.

## Player of the Week

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.** – Mercer defender Sekou Agard and goalkeeper Trevor McMullen have been named the Southern Conference men's soccer offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively, for all competition Aug. 27-Sept. 2.

Agard scored the game winning goal against Jacksonville on a pass from Carlos Santamaria in the 48th minute. The senior from Snellville, Georgia, now has two goals on the year, accounting for all the Bears' goals this season. Against North Florida, Agard played 90 minutes in the backfield for the Bears in a scoreless draw.

McMullen recorded back-to-back clean sheets for the Bears this week. The Decatur, Georgia, product faced seven shots and made seven saves this week, improving his total to 10 for the season. Against Jacksonville, the graduate goalkeeper made four saves on four shots, then had three saves on three shots against North Florida. He currently holds a .769 save percentage this season, second in the conference.

Mercer (1-1-2) hosts Memphis on Thursday before welcoming Southern Indiana on Sunday.

**Also nominated for offensive player of the week:** Jakob Andersson (Wofford)

**Also nominated for defensive player of the week:** Axel Alejandre (UNCG)

• 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.

## SoCon Preseason

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. 4)

School (1st)	PTS	Record	Points Scored	Saves (min. 1 Game)
1. West Virginia (7)	197	3-0-0	1. 34 - Christian Kraus, Furman	1. 174 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer
2. Clemson University (1)	182	1-0-1	2. 33 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	2. 79 - Murphy, Zack, VMI
3. Denver	169	2-0-2	3. 29 - Kadeem Agard, MEercer	3. 48 - Salinas, Aaron, Furman
4. Western Michigan	156	3-0-1	4. 23 - Cole Mooney, VMI	4. 44 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU
5. Stanford	146	3-1-0	5. 22 - Grant Martin, VMI	5. 10 - Seth Wilson, UNCG
6. UCLA	145	2-0-1	<b>Goals</b>	
7. Marshall	144	2-1-0	1. 14 - Christian Kraus, Furman	
8. Pittsburgh	127	3-1-0	2. 11 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	
9. Northwestern	113	4-0-0	3. 10 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	
10. Wisconsin	108	4-0-0	4. 9 - Grant Martin, VMI	
11. Seattle	107	1-0-1	5. 8 - Barzee Blama, Mercer	
12. North Carolina	97	3-0-1	<b>Assists</b>	
13. VCU	86	2-0-1	1. 11 - Gabriel Ramos, ETSU	
14. Georgetown	81	2-1-1	2. 9 - Kadeem Agard, Mercer	
15. Louisville	78	3-0-0	9 - Cole Mooney, VMI	
16. Kentucky	70	1-0-1	9 - Jakob Andersson, Wofford	
17. UCF	67	1-0-2	5. 6 - Christian Kraus, Furman	
18. Portland	57	2-1-0	6 - Basile Marc, UNCG	
19. Saint Louis	56	1-1-1	<b>Game-Winning Goals</b>	
20. Syracuse	48	2-1-1	1. 4 - Nick Wanzer; Mercer	
21. Ohio State	44	3-0-1	2. 3 - Christian Kraus; Furman	
22. Seton Hall	42	3-0-0	3 - Blama, Barzee; Mercer	
22. Southern Methodist	42	2-0-2	3 - Slade Starnes; Furman	
24. Hofstra University	35	3-0-1	3 - Thaddeus Dennis	
24. Pennsylvania	35	1-0-0	3 - Kyle Grant, VMI	
			3 - Emmanuel Hagan, UNCG	
			<b>Wins</b>	
			1. 18 - Trevor McMullen; Mercer	
			2. 6 - Murphy, Zack; VMI	
			3. 5 - Salinas, Aaron; Furman	
			4. 3 - Marc Kouadio; ETSU	
			5. 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG	
			<b>Shutouts</b>	
			1. 12 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer	
			2. 3 - Murphy, Zack, VMI	
			3. 2 - Seth Wilson, UNCG	
			4. 1 - Leo Ledin, Wofford	
			1 - Marc Kouadio, ETSU	
			1 - Aaron Salinas, Furman	
			<b>Goals Against Average (min. 2,000 minutes)</b>	
			1. 1.12 - Trevor McMullen, Mercer	

## Coaches' Records (updated Sept. 4)

Coach, School	Overall (Yrs.)	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Vital Allen, ETSU	295-207-61 (26)	First	First
Doug Allison, Furman	342-170-67 (28)	Same	Same
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	148-129-40 (16)	Same	101-69-30 (10)
Chris Rich, UNCG Nick	48-29-15 (5)	Same	Same
Regan, VMI Joel	9-29-1 (2)	Same	Same
Tyson, Wofford	24-44-12 (5)	Same	Same

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