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2017 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

C/SI	STANDINGS	CONFERENCE			OVERALL			H	A	N	ST
		W-L	PF	PA	W-L	PF	PA				
7/7	Wofford	2-0	52	50	3-0	79	74	2-0	1-0	0-0	W3
11/8	The Citadel	1-0	31	25	3-0	110	46	1-0	2-0	0-0	W3
RV/RV	Western Carolina	1-0	38	34	3-1	161	119	2-0	1-1	0-0	W3
RV/RV	Chattanooga	1-0	63	7	1-3	93	100	0-1	1-1	0-1	W1
	ETSU	1-1	51	54	2-2	92	116	2-1	0-1	0-0	W1
23/25	Samford	0-1	34	38	2-2	125	144	2-0	0-2	0-0	L2
	Furman	0-1	23	24	1-3	115	121	0-1	1-2	0-0	W1
	VMI	0-1	7	63	0-4	27	175	0-2	0-2	0-0	L4
	Mercer	0-2	50	54	1-3	108	85	1-1	0-2	0-0	L3

C - FCS Coaches Poll; SI - STATS FCS Top 25

NOTES

• Western Carolina earned its first win over a ranked FCS opponent since 2006 Saturday when it topped No. 17 Samford 38-34 in Cullowhee, North Carolina. The Catamount defense allowed 620 yards of total offense on the day but got the crucial stop it had to have with the game on the line, keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone after they earned a first-and-goal at the Western Carolina 3-yard line with 20 seconds left.

• Samford quarterback Devlin Hodges had a big day in the losing effort, throwing for 516 yards and four touchdowns. The 516 passing yards were a school record and the third-most in a game in SoCon history. His top target on the day was Chris Shelling, whose 245 receiving yards were the 10th-most in a game in SoCon history.

• The Citadel, which was idle last week, earned its 500th program win Sept. 16, downing ETSU 31-25 in Johnson City, Tennessee.

• Wofford coach Mike Ayers picked up his 200th win at the helm for the Terriers on Saturday. Ayers, in his 30th year at Wofford, is 200-136-1 at the school and 211-157-2 for his 33-year career overall.

• Three league teams are nationally ranked this week, with Wofford leading the way at No. 7 in both the FCS Coaches Poll and the STATS FCS Top 25. The Citadel is No. 11 in the FCS Coaches Poll and No. 8 in the STATS poll after an idle week, while Samford slid to No. 23 in the coaches poll and 25th in the STATS rankings after dropping a road game at Western Carolina.

• Five of the six SoCon games thus far this season have been decided by one possession. Since the start of the 2013 season, 59 of 130 (.454) league games have been decided by one possession.

• Chattanooga and Furman both got in the win column with blowout victories Saturday. The Mocs snapped their three-game season-opening skid with a 63-7 win at VMI, while the Paladins stopped a three-game slide of their own with a 45-14 win at Colgate. The wins were the first for coaches Tom Arth (UTC) and Clay Hendrix (Furman) at their respective schools and the first of Hendrix's career.

• Western Carolina running back Detrez Newsome leads FCS in all-purpose yards per game (216.50) and rushing yards (557) and is second in rushing touchdowns (seven).

• Furman quarterback P.J. Blazejowski leads the FCS with 10.72 yards per pass attempts, while Western Carolina quarterback Tyrie Adams is third nationally with 10.09 yards per attempt.

• On Saturday, several schools from the conference will be wearing special arm patches in honor of the AFCA's Coach to Cure MD program. This is the 10th year coaches around the country join together to raise funds and awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Fans are encouraged to donate by texting "CURE" to 50555 or visiting CoachtoCureMD.org.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Sept. 30 (Saturday)

*ETSU at Furman

*The Citadel at Samford

*VMI at Mercer

*Western Carolina at Chattanooga

Wofford at Presbyterian

Series

Furman leads 24-7

The Citadel leads 6-4

Mercer leads 2-1

Chattanooga leads 27-16

Series tied 40-40-3

TV/Digital

ESPN3

ESPN3

ESPN3

ESPN3

Big South Network

Time

1 p.m.

3 p.m.

4 p.m.

6 p.m.

7 p.m.

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB
Western Carolina

Western Carolina quarterback Tyrie Adams led the Catamounts to a 38-34 upset of No. 17 Samford on Saturday, accounting for 464 yards of total offense. Adams threw for 312 yards, counting a 59-yard touchdown among his 19 completions, for his fourth career game of 300 passing yards or more. The redshirt sophomore from St. Petersburg, Florida, also ran for a career-high 152 yards and another score on 20 rushes. His 152 yards on the ground were the most in the league on the week and good for an average of 7.6 yards per attempt.

DEFENSIVE

Keion Crossen, Sr., DB
Western Carolina

Western Carolina defensive back Keion Crossen had eight tackles and two pass breakups in the Catamounts' 38-34 win over No. 17 Samford on Saturday. The senior from Garysburg, North Carolina, saved his biggest play for last, breaking up Samford quarterback Devlin Hodges' fourth-and-goal pass from the 1-yard line in the back of the end zone as time expired to preserve Western Carolina's first win over a ranked opponent since 2006. Crossen had six solo stops and a tackle for loss among his eight tackles.

SPECIAL TEAMS

JJ Jerman, Jr., K
ETSU

ETSU kicker JJ Jerman booted a pair of field goals and converted both of his point after touchdown attempts in Saturday's 26-23 overtime win over Mercer. The junior from Seymour, Tennessee, kicked a 25-yard field goal in the second quarter to put the Bucs ahead 10-0 and converted from a career-long 49 yards in the fourth quarter to halt the Bears' 20-point scoring run. The 49-yard field goal was the fourth-longest in program history and pushed Jerman into fourth in school history with 25 made field goals. His two PATs moved him into a tie for fifth in program history with 49.

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FCS POLL SITE



PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year
Devlin Hodges, R-Jr., QB, Samford

Defensive Player of the Year
Kailik Williams, Sr., DB, The Citadel

First Team Offense

QB Devlin Hodges, R-Jr., Samford
RB Cam Jackson, Sr., The Citadel
RB Detrez Newsome, Sr., Western Carolina
OL Tyler Davis, Jr., The Citadel
OL Matthew Schmidt, Sr., Furman
OL Thomas Marchman, Sr., Mercer
OL Josh Cardiello, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Roo Daniels, Sr., Wofford
TE Sam Walker, R-Jr., Mercer
WR Kelvin McKnight, Jr., Samford
WR Terryon Robinson, R-Sr., Western Carolina

First Team Defense

DL Ahmad Gooden, R-Jr., Samford
DL Isaiah Mack, Jr., Chattanooga
DL Miles Brown, Jr., Wofford
DL Tyler Vaughn, Sr., Wofford
LB Shaheed Salmon, Sr., Samford
LB Dale Warren, Sr., Chattanooga
LB Allan Cratsenberg, Sr., VMI
LB Datavious Wilson, So., Wofford
DB Kailik Williams, Sr., The Citadel
DB Omari Williams, Sr., Samford
DB Lucas Webb, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Devin Watson, Jr., Wofford

First Team Specialists

PK Cole Fisher, Jr., Mercer
P Ian Berryman, R-Jr., Western Carolina
RS Detrez Newsome, Sr., Western Carolina

Second Team Offense

QB Alejandro Bennifield, Sr., Chattanooga
RB Antonio Wilcox, Sr., Furman
RB Richardre Bagley, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Alex Rios, Sr., ETSU
OL Caleb Yates, Sr., Mercer
OL Malcolm White, So., Chattanooga
OL Nathan Dalton, R-Jr., Western Carolina
OL Ross Demmel, Jr., Wofford
TE Chandler Gouger, Sr., Wofford
WR Marquise Irvin, Jr., Mercer
WR James Stovall, Sr., Chattanooga

Second Team Defense

DL Ken Allen, Jr., The Citadel
DL Jonathan King, Sr., The Citadel
DL Jaylan Reid, R-Jr., Furman
DL Isaiah Buehler, R-Jr., Mercer
DL Taylor Reynolds, Sr., Chattanooga
LB Myles Pierce, Sr., The Citadel
LB Dylan Weigel, R-Jr., ETSU
LB Ryan Francis, R-Sr., VMI
DB Aaquil Annoor, Jr., Furman
DB Trevor Wright, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Greg Sanders, Sr., VMI
DB Keion Crossen, Sr., Western Carolina
DB George Gbese, So., Wofford

Second Team Specialists

PK JJ Jerman, Jr., ETSU
P Austin Barnard, R-Sr., Samford
RS Chandler Curtis, Sr., Mercer

STATS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA

First team

P Ian Berryman, Western Carolina

Second team

RB Detrez Newsome, Western Carolina
DL Miles Brown, Wofford
LB Shaheed Salmon, Samford
DB Kailik Williams, The Citadel

Third team

QB Devlin Hodges, Samford
DB Omari Williams, Samford
LB Dale Warren, Chattanooga

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Sept. 4..... Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB, WCU
Sept. 11..... Detrez Newsome, Sr., RB, WCU
Sept. 18..... Dominique Allen, Sr., QB, CIT
Sept. 25..... Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB, WCU
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

Defensive

Sept. 4..... Malik Rivera, Sr., S, WOF
Sept. 11..... Devin Watson, Jr., CB, WOF
Sept. 18..... Dylan Weigel, R-Jr., LB, ETSU
Sept. 25..... Keion Crossen, Sr., DB, WCU
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

Special teams

Sept. 4..... Luke Carter, So., P/K, WOF
Sept. 11..... Cole Fisher, Jr., K, MER
Sept. 18..... Austin Barnard, Sr., P, SAM
Sept. 25..... JJ Jerman, Jr., K, ETSU
Oct. 2.....
Oct. 9.....
Oct. 16.....
Oct. 23.....
Oct. 30.....
Nov. 6.....
Nov. 13.....
Nov. 20.....

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Offensive

September.....
October.....
November.....

Defensive

September.....
October.....
November.....

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLLS

For the first time in its history, Wofford was the preseason choice to win the Southern Conference title, by both the league's coaches and media.

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)

Team	Total
1. Wofford (7)	63
2. The Citadel (2)	54
3. Samford	52
4. Chattanooga	41
5. Mercer	32
6. Western Carolina	27
7. Furman	26
8. ETSU	17
9. VMI	12

Media

Team (1st-place votes)

Team	Total
1. Wofford (11)	178
2. The Citadel (6)	166
3. Samford (3)	156
4. Chattanooga (2)	152
5. Mercer	101
6. Furman	87
7. Western Carolina	71
8. ETSU	49
9. VMI	30

COACHING RECORDS

Coch, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	13-2 (2nd)	Same	9-0 (2nd)
Carl Torbush, ETSU	29-43 (8th)	9-17 (3rd)	3-7 (2nd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	1-3 (1st)	Same	0-1 (1st)
Bobby Lamb, Mercer	95-62 (14th)	28-22 (5th)	50-42 (13th)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	136-69 (18th)	15-12 (3rd)	20-19 (6th)
Tom Arth, Chattanooga	41-11 (5th)	1-3 (1st)	1-0 (1st)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	5-21 (3rd)	Same	2-14 (3rd)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	22-39 (6th)	Same	13-26 (6th)
Mike Ayers, Wofford	211-157-2 (33rd)	200-136-1 (30th)	101-75 (24th)

SoCon record book

Coach Mike Ayers is the dean of active Southern Conference football coaches. Now his 30th year at Wofford, Ayers has tallied 154 wins at ETSU (11) and Wofford (143) in his 23 years in the SoCon. He ranks third on the league's all-time wins list behind Appalachian State's Jerry Moore and Duke's Wallace Wade. Mercer's Bobby Lamb is fourth on the all-time wins list with 85.

SoCon wins leaders

Wins	
1. Jerry Moore	215
Appalachian State (1989-2012)	
2. Wallace Wade	171
Alabama (1923-30); Duke (1931-41; 1946-50)	
3. Mike Ayers	154
ETSU (1985-87); Wofford (1997-present)	
4. Bobby Lamb	85
Furman (2002-10); Mercer (2014-present)	
5. D.C. Walker	77
Wake Forest (1937-50)	

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS Opponents (0-6)

Atlantic Coast (0-1)

Sept. 16 NC State 49, Furman 16
Nov. 18 The Citadel at Clemson
Nov. 18 Western Carolina at North Carolina

Mountain West (0-2)

Sept. 2 Air Force 62, VMI 0
Sept. 2 Hawai'i 41, Western Carolina 18

Southeastern (0-3)

Sept. 9 #12 LSU 45, Chattanooga 10
Sept. 16 #15 Auburn 24, Mercer 10
Sept. 16 #13 Georgia 42, Samford 14
Nov. 18 Wofford at South Carolina
Nov. 18 Mercer at Alabama

FCS Opponents (7-5)

Big South (2-0)

Aug. 31 Samford 28, Kennesaw State 23
Sept. 9 The Citadel 48, Presbyterian 7
Sept. 16 Western Carolina 42, Gardner-Webb 27
Sept. 23 Wofford 27, Gardner-Webb 24
Sept. 30 Wofford at Presbyterian

Colonial (0-2)

Sept. 9 Elon 34, Furman 31
Sept. 9 #1 James Madison 52, ETSU 10

Northeast (0-1)

Sept. 16 Robert Morris 23, VMI 0
Oct. 7 Robert Morris at ETSU

Ohio Valley (0-2)

Aug. 26 Jacksonville State 27, Chattanooga 13
Sept. 16 UT Martin 21, Chattanooga 7

Patriot League (1-0)

Sept. 23 Furman 45 Colgate 14

Pioneer League (2-0)

Aug. 31 Mercer 48, Jacksonville 7
Sept. 9 Western Carolina 63, Davidson 17

Non-Division I Opponents (3-1)

Sept. 2 The Citadel 31, Newberry 14
Sept. 2 ETSU 31, Limestone 10
Sept. 7 Samford 49, West Alabama 41
Sept. 9 Catawba 27, VMI 20

Southern Conference Championships

No.	Team	Years
13	Furman	1978c-80-81-82-83-85-88c-89-90-99c-01c-04c-13c
7	Chattanooga	1977c-78c-79-84-13c-14-15c
7	VMI	1951c-57-59-60-62-74-77c
4	The Citadel	1961-92-15c-16
4	Wofford	2003-07c-10c-12c
1	Samford	2013c

c-denotes co-champions

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	228-142-3	.615	68th	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	2-1-0	.667	1st	William B. Greene Jr. Stadium
Furman	161-58-1	.734	35th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	20-8-0	.714	5th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	160-80-4	.664	48th	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	57-52-0	.523	19th	Finley Stadium
VMI	98-147-3	.401	55th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	124-97-2	.561	42nd	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	85-32-0	.726	20th	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	28	35-0 – Wofford (2010)	77
ETSU	44-0 – Concord College (2003)	37	31-0 – Wofford (2016)	13
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	151	45-0 – Samford (2014)	31
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	21	52-0 – Rollins (1941)	55
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	19	29-0 – Tennessee Tech (2000)	183
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	16	49-0 – Alabama (2013)	43
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	104	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	2
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	104	51-0 – Chattanooga (2014)	29
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	6	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	46

All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	79th	205-287-5	.418
ETSU	27th	71-119-0	.374
Furman	79th	259-210-11	.551
Mercer	4th	7-17-0	.292
Samford	10th	37-34-0	.521
Chattanooga	41st	140-146-2	.490
VMI	83rd	182-294-23	.388
Western Carolina	41st	108-183-1	.372
Wofford	21st	96-60-0	.615

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 38-47 (.447) all-time in overtime games. League teams played six overtime games in 2016, matching the record set in 2006. The Citadel and Wofford played two OT games each last season, including the Bulldogs' 24-21 win over the Terriers on Oct. 22. Wofford saw its season end in double overtime at eventual national runner-up Youngstown State in the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs. Mercer and ETSU played in the lone overtime game thus far this season on Sept. 23, with the Bucs emerging with a 26-23 win.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	9-8	.529
ETSU	4-2	.667
Furman	4-10	.286
Mercer	2-2	.500
Samford	2-1	.667
Chattanooga	5-12	.294
VMI	6-3	.667
Western Carolina	2-6	.250
Wofford	4-3	.571
Total	37-46	.446

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The Citadel
(3-0, 1-0 SoCon)

S2 NEWBERRY (CFDS/ESPN3)..... W, 31-14
S9 at Presbyterian (BSN) W, 48-7
S16 at ETSU* (ESPN3) W, 31-25
S30 at Samford* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
O7 MERCER* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
O14 WOFFORD* (ESPN3) 6 p.m.
O21 at Chattanooga* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
O28 VMI* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
N4 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
N11 at Furman* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
N18 at Clemson..... TBA



ETSU
(2-2, 1-1 SoCon)

S2 LIMESTONE (ESPN3) W, 31-10
S9 at #1 James Madison (CSN-MA+)... L, 10-52
S16 #13 THE CITADEL* (ESPN3)..... L, 25-31
S23 MERCER* (ESPN3) W, 26-23 (OT)
S30 at Furman* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
O7 ROBERT MORRIS (ESPN3)..... 3:30 p.m.
O14 at Western Carolina* (ESPN3)..... 3:30 p.m.
O28 WOFFORD* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
N4 VMI* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
N11 at Samford* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
N18 at Chattanooga* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.



Furman
(1-3, 0-1 SoCon)

S2 at Wofford* (ESPN3)..... L, 23-24
S9 ELON (WMYA/ESPN3) L, 31-34
S16 at NC State (ACC Network)..... L, 16-49
S23 at Colgate (PLN) W, 45-14
S30 ETSU* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
O7 at Chattanooga* (ESPN3) 4 p.m.
O14 VMI* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
O21 MERCER* (ESPN3)..... 1:30 p.m.
O28 at Western Carolina* (ESPN3)..... 3:30 p.m.
N11 THE CITADEL* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
N18 at Samford* (Stadium)..... 3:30 p.m.



Mercer
(1-3, 0-2 SoCon)

A31 JACKSONVILLE (ESPN3)..... W, 48-7
S9 WOFFORD* (ESPN3) L, 27-28
S16 at #15 Auburn (SEC Alternate)..... L, 10-24
S23 at ETSU* (ESPN3) L, 23-26 (OT)
S30 VMI* (ESPN3) 4 p.m.
O7 at The Citadel* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
O14 CHATTANOOGA* (Stadium)..... 3:30 p.m.
O21 at Furman* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
N4 SAMFORD* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
N11 at Western Carolina* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
N18 at Alabama TBA



Samford
(2-2, 0-1 SoCon)

A31 KENNESAW STATE (CFDS/ESPN3) ... W, 28-23
S7 WEST ALABAMA (ESPN3)..... W, 49-41
S16 at #13 Georgia (SEC Alternate) L, 14-42
S23 at Western Carolina* (ESPN3)..... L, 34-38
S30 THE CITADEL* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
O7 at VMI* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
O21 at Wofford* (ESPN3)..... 1:30 p.m.
O28 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN3) 3 p.m.
N4 at Mercer* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
N11 ETSU* (ESPN3) 3 p.m.
N18 FURMAN* (Stadium)..... 3:30 p.m.



Chattanooga
(1-3, 1-0 SoCon)

A26 vs. #5 Jacksonville State (ESPN)..... L, 13-27
S9 at #12 LSU (SEC Alternate) L, 10-45
S16 UT MARTIN (ESPN3) L, 7-21
S23 at VMI* (Stadium) W, 63-7
S30 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN3)..... 6 p.m.
O7 FURMAN* (ESPN3) 4 p.m.
O14 at Mercer* (Stadium)..... 3:30 p.m.
O21 THE CITADEL* (ESPN3)..... 2 p.m.
O28 at Samford* (ESPN3)..... 3 p.m.
N4 at Wofford* (ESPN3)..... 1:30 p.m.
N18 ETSU* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.



VMI
(0-4, 0-1 SoCon)

S2 at Air Force (ESPN3) L, 0-62
S9 CATAWBA (ESPN3)..... L, 20-27
S16 at Robert Morris (NEC Front Row) ... L, 0-23
S23 CHATTANOOGA* (Stadium)..... L, 7-63
S30 at Mercer* (ESPN3)..... 4 p.m.
O7 SAMFORD* (ESPN3)..... 1:30 p.m.
O14 at Furman* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
O21 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
O28 at The Citadel* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
N4 at ETSU* (ESPN3) 3 p.m.
N11 WOFFORD* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.



Western Carolina
(3-1, 1-0 SoCon)

S2 at Hawai'i (Spectrum PPV/MWC app) ... L, 18-41
S9 DAVIDSON (ESPN3)..... W, 63-17
S16 at Gardner-Webb (WMYA/BSN) ... W, 42-27
S23 SAMFORD* (ESPN3) W, 38-34
S30 at Chattanooga* (ESPN3) 6 p.m.
O7 at Wofford* (ESPN3)..... 1:30 p.m.
O14 ETSU* (ESPN3) 3:30 p.m.
O21 at VMI* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
O28 FURMAN* (ESPN3) 3:30 p.m.
N4 at The Citadel* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
N11 MERCER* (ESPN3) 2 p.m.
N18 at North Carolina..... TBA



Wofford
(3-0, 2-0 SoCon)

S2 FURMAN* (ESPN3) W, 24-23
S9 at Mercer* (ESPN3)..... W, 28-27
S23 GARDNER-WEBB (ESPN3) W, 27-24
S30 at Presbyterian (BSN) 7 p.m.
O7 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
O14 at The Citadel* (ESPN3) 6 p.m.
O21 SAMFORD* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
O28 at ETSU* (ESPN3) 1 p.m.
N4 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
N11 at VMI* (ESPN3) 1:30 p.m.
N18 at South Carolina..... TBA

All times Eastern
CFDS - 7 Communications' College Football Down South

* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game

FCS COACHES POLL

Team (1st-place votes)	PS	S4	S11	S18	S25	O2	O9	O16	O23	O30	N6	N13	N20	J8
James Madison (25)	1	1	1	1	1									
North Dakota State (1)	2	2	2	2	2									
Sam Houston State	3	3	3	3	3									
South Dakota State	6	4	4	4	4									
Youngstown State	8	t6	5	5	t5									
Jacksonville State	5	5	t6	7	t5									
Wofford	11	10	9	9	7									
Eastern Washington	4	t6	12	11	t8									
Illinois State	18	15	14	12	t8									
South Dakota	-	-	23	14	10									
The Citadel	12	13	13	10	11									
Central Arkansas	15	16	16	13	12									
North Carolina A&T	25	t21	20	15	13									
New Hampshire	16	12	11	16	14									
Richmond	7	9	t6	6	15									
Western Illinois	-	-	22	21	16									
Villanova	9	8	8	8	17									
Weber State	22	20	21	18	18									
Grambling State	21	23	25	22	19									
Northern Iowa	20	t21	18	24	20									
UT Martin	-	-	-	-	21									
Albany	-	-	-	-	22									
Samford	19	17	17	17	23									
Tennessee State	-	24	24	20	24									
McNeese	-	-	-	-	25									
North Dakota	10	11	10	19	-									
Nicholls	-	-	-	23	-									
Holy Cross	-	-	-	25	-									
Chattanooga	13	14	15	-	-									
Charleston Southern	14	18	19	-	-									
Lehigh	17	19	-	-	-									
Colgate	-	25	-	-	-									
Cal Poly	23	-	-	-	-									
North Carolina Central	24	-	-	-	-									

STATS FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS	S4	S11	S18	S25	O2	O9	O16	O23	O30	N6	N13	N20	J8
James Madison (154)	1	1	1	1	1									
North Dakota State (5)	2	2	2	2	2									
Sam Houston State (2)	3	3	3	3	3									
South Dakota State (1)	4	4	4	4	4									
Jacksonville State	6	5	5	5	5									
Youngstown State	9	8	6	6	6									
Wofford	11	10	11	9	7									
The Citadel	16	14	13	10	8									
Eastern Washington	5	7	12	11	9									
South Dakota	-	-	23	13	10									
Central Arkansas	15	15	14	12	11									
Illinois State	20	18	18	14	12									
Western Illinois	25	22	20	19	13									
Villanova	10	6	7	7	14									
New Hampshire	13	12	9	15	15									
Richmond	7	9	8	8	16									
North Carolina A&T	-	-	25	21	17									
UT Martin	-	-	-	24	18									
Albany	24	-	-	-	19									
Weber State	-	25	-	23	20									
Grambling State	21	24	24	22	21									
Liberty	-	20	19	16	22									
Elon	-	-	-	-	23									
Tennessee State	-	23	22	20	24									
Samford	19	17	17	18	25									
North Dakota	8	11	10	17	-									
Holy Cross	-	-	-	25	-									
Chattanooga	12	13	15	-	-									
Charleston Southern	14	16	16	-	-									
Northern Iowa	18	21	21	-	-									
Lehigh	17	19	-	-	-									
Fordham	22	-	-	-	-									
Cal Poly	23	-	-	-	-									

2016 STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

ETSU, which is in its third season since restarting its program, returns a league-best 23 starters from 2016, including 10 on the offensive side of the ball. Two-time defending SoCon champion The Citadel brings back nine starters, the fewest in the league, with just three on offense.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	3/8	6/5	0/2	9/15	.375
ETSU	10/1	9/2	4/0	23/3	.885
Furman	4/7	4/7	3/1	11/15	.423
Mercer	7/4	6/5	2/1	15/10	.600
Samford	5/6	7/4	2/2	14/12	.538
Chattanooga	5/6	6/5	2/1	13/12	.520
VMI	4/7	7/4	1/1	12/12	.500
Western Carolina	9/2	7/4	1/2	17/8	.680
Wofford	6/5	8/3	1/2	15/10	.600
Total	53/46	60/39	16/12	129/97	.571

SoCON RECORDS

Single-game passing yards

534, Scott Riddle (Elon) vs. Furman, Nov. 3, 2007
 532, Chris Sanders (UTC) vs. Furman, Nov. 20, 1999
516, Devlin Hodges (SAM) at WCU, Sept. 23, 2017
 515, Cedric Stevens (UTC) vs. App State, Oct. 30, 2004

Career passing yards

13,264, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 10,392, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 8,197, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
 7,826, Greg Ryan (ETSU), 1993-96
 7,759, Richie Williams (APP), 2002-05
 7,735, Todd Wells (ETSU), 1997-00
 7,730, Reese Hannon (FUR), 2012-16
 7,727, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16
7,619, Devlin Hodges, (SAM), 2015-present
 7,530, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92

Career completion percentage

69.2, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pres.
 67.3, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-2015
 66.4, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12

Career games passing for 400+ yards

5, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pres.
 4, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
 4, Richie Williams (APP), 2004

Single-game total offense yards

570, Cedric Stevens (UTC) vs. App State, Oct. 30, 2004
543, Devlin Hodges (SAM) at WCU, Sept. 23, 2017
 526, Chris Sanders (UTC) vs. Furman, Nov. 20, 1999

Career total offense yards

14,753, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 13,147, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 12,248, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
 9,397, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2015-15
 9,370, Richie Williams (APP), 2002-05
 8,711, Todd Wells (ETSU), 1997-00
8,223, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pres.
 8,086, John Russ (MER), 2014-16

Career punting average (minimum 100 punts)

44.4, Pumpy Tudors (UTC), 1989-91
44.4, Ian Berryman (WCU), 2015-pres.
 43.4, Joe Parker (APP), 1973-76
 43.4, Pat Velarde (MAR), 1982-83
 43.0, Harold Alexander (APP), 1989-92
 43.0, Ray Early (FUR), 2010-13
 42.8, Ken Hinsley (WCU), 1995-98
42.8, Austin Barnard (SAM), 2014-pres.
 42.1, Greg Cater (UTC), 1977-79
 42.1, Greg Davis (CIT), 1983-86
 42.1, Brent Barth (VMI), 1999-02

Career kickoff return yards

2,725, Mike Rucker (WOF), 2007-2010
 2,535, Carlos Frank (CIT), 1996-99
 2,493, Fabian Truss (SAM), 2010-13
 2,301, CoCo Hillary (APP), 2007-2011
2,279, Detrez Newsome (WCU), 2014-pres.
 2,257, Laron Scott (GSU), 2008-11

Career all-purpose yards

7,355, Thomas Haskins (VMI), 1993-96
 6,784, Adrian Peterson (GSU), 1998-01
 6,640, Fabian Truss (SAM), 2010-13
6,299, Detrez Newsome (WCU), 2014-pres.
 5,843, Eric Breitenstein (WOF), 2009-12