

# 2017 Southern Conference Football



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## 2017 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

C/SI	STANDINGS	CONFERENCE			OVERALL						
		W-L	PF	PA	W-L	PF	PA	H	A	N	ST
t7/7	Wofford	7-1	228	177	9-1	286	208	4-1	5-0	0-0	W3
24/20	Furman	6-1	274	133	7-3	366	230	5-1	2-2	0-0	W7
13/17	Samford	5-2	202	113	7-3	293	219	4-1	3-2	0-0	W2
RV/RV	Western Carolina	5-3	256	175	7-4	379	260	3-2	4-2	0-0	L1
	Mercer	4-4	212	173	5-5	270	204	3-2	2-3	0-0	W1
	The Citadel	3-5	155	208	5-5	234	229	2-3	3-2	0-0	L2
	ETSU	2-5	151	238	4-6	250	296	4-2	0-4	0-0	L1
	Chattanooga	2-5	155	188	2-8	185	281	0-4	2-3	0-1	L1
	VMI	0-8	68	296	0-11	88	408	0-5	0-6	0-0	L11

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

## NOTES

• Wofford wrapped up at least a share of its fifth Southern Conference title and first since 2012 with its 45-14 win at VMI on Saturday. The Terriers finished their league slate at 7-1, a mark Furman could match with a win at Samford on Saturday, but Wofford secured the SoCon's automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs by virtue of its 24-23 win over the Paladins to open the season on Sept. 2.

• If Furman downs Samford on Saturday, the Paladins would claim a share of their league-best 14th SoCon title and first since 2013. Both teams come into the contest with 7-3 overall records, nationally ranked and trying to bolster FCS Playoff résumés.

• ETSU visits Chattanooga in the only other league game on the slate for the final weekend of the regular season. The Citadel, Mercer, Western Carolina and Wofford are all in action at FBS Power 5 opponents.

• The SoCon is the only conference in college football that will take on both the reigning FCS and FBS national champions this season. In addition to ETSU squaring off against FCS top-ranked JMU on Sept. 9, The Citadel will face Clemson on Saturday.

• Furman, which is in the STATS FCS Top 25 for the third straight week, moving up one spot to No. 20, debuted in the FCS Coaches Poll for the first time this season at No. 24. The Paladins are in the coaches' rankings for the first time since the Sept. 15, 2014, poll.

• Wofford moved up one spot to seventh in both polls, while Samford climbed one spot to 13th in the coaches' rankings but dropped one spot to 17th in the STATS poll despite a 42-7 win over ETSU on Saturday.

• Western Carolina fell 35-33 to Mercer on Saturday, dropping the Catamounts from the national rankings and dealing their FCS Playoff hopes a hit. WCU has one more chance to impress the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee when it heads to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Saturday for a date against the North Carolina Tar Heels.

• Mercer will take on its second SEC opponent this season when it faces No. 1 Alabama on Saturday. The Bears faced then-No. 15 Auburn on Sept. 16.

• Samford quarterback Devlin Hodges threw for four touchdowns in a 42-7 win over ETSU on Saturday, pushing his career total to 76 and moving him past two-time Walter Payton Award winner and SoCon Hall of Famer Armani Edwards of Appalachian State into second on the SoCon's career list.

• Western Carolina running back Detrez Newsome needs just seven rushing yards to become the first-ever Catamount with three 1,000-yard seasons. With 118 all-purpose yards at Mercer on Saturday, Newsome moved into second place in SoCon history with 6,814, passing SoCon Hall of Famer and 1999 Walter Payton Award winner Adrian Peterson of Georgia Southern (6,784) and second only to VMI's Thomas Haskins, who had 7,355 from 1993-96.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

### Nov. 18 (Saturday)

Mercer at Alabama  
The Citadel at Clemson  
\*ETSU at Chattanooga  
Western Carolina at North Carolina  
\*Furman at Samford  
Wofford at South Carolina

### Series

Alabama leads 2-0  
Clemson leads 31-5-1  
Chattanooga leads 21-18-1  
First meeting  
Furman leads 10-9  
South Carolina leads 19-4

### TV/Digital

SEC Network  
ACC Network  
ESPN3  
ACC Network Extra  
Stadium^  
SEC Network Alternate

### Time

12 p.m.  
12:20 p.m.  
2 p.m.  
3 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.  
4 p.m.

### Nov. 19 (Sunday)

NCAA FCS Playoff Selection Show

### TV/Digital

ESPNU

### Time

11 a.m.

^ Stadium clearances listed on page 6 of these notes

## SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### OFFENSIVE

**Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB**  
Western Carolina

Adams accounted for 433 yards of total offense and threw for three touchdowns in the Catamounts' 35-33 loss at Mercer. The redshirt sophomore went 35-for-47 for a season-best 378 yards through the air, good for a completion percentage of 74.5 percent, and ran for 55 yards on 15 carries. His 433 yards of total offense tied for fifth in a game in school history, while his passing yardage pushed his season total to 2,225, 10th-most in a season in WCU history. Adams, who tossed three TD passes for the second straight game, moved his season total to 21 touchdown passes, matching the Catamount school record for a single season.

### DEFENSIVE

**Lee Bennett, Sr., LB**  
Mercer

Bennett recorded 16 tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass Saturday to help the Bears to a 35-33 win over No. 25 Western Carolina. The senior counted 1.5 tackles for loss for 6 yards among his stops against the Catamounts. With WCU leading 7-0 in the first quarter, Bennett recorded his first interception of the season deep in Western Carolina territory to set up a three-play, 13-yard scoring drive that pulled Mercer even. In the third quarter, with the Bears nursing a 28-23 lead and the Catamounts inside the red zone and threatening to pull ahead, Bennett recovered a fumble at the Mercer 15-yard line to stop the drive.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Chandler Curtis, Sr., WR/RS**  
Mercer

Curtis accounted for a game-high 184 all-purpose yards in Saturday's win over No. 25 Western Carolina, racking up 128 yards on kick returns and 46 on punt returns in addition to 10 receiving yards. The senior from Calhoun, Georgia, returned a first-quarter punt 39 yards to the Western Carolina 36-yard line, setting up the Bears' second score of the day. Midway through the fourth quarter, Curtis returned a kickoff 77 yards to the WCU 17, setting up what would prove to be the decisive touchdown in the Bears' two-point win. The 77-yard kick return was the third-longest in program history.

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## 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 Ryan 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.....Devlin Hodges, R-Jr., QB, SAM  
Oct. 9.....Andre Stoddard, Jr., FB, WOF  
Oct. 16.....Brandon Goodson, Sr., QB, WOF  
Oct. 23.....Devlin Hodges, R-Jr., QB, SAM  
Oct. 30.....Antonio Wilcox, Sr., RB, FUR  
Nov. 6.....Detrez Newsome, Sr., RB, WCU  
Nov. 13.....Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB, WCU  
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.....Tahjai Watt, R-Sr., LB, WCU  
Oct. 9.....Lee Bennett, Sr., LB, MER  
Oct. 16.....John Brannon III, So., DB, WCU  
Oct. 23.....Omari Williams, Sr., DB, SAM  
Oct. 30.....Tae Davis, Sr., LB, UTC  
Nov. 6.....Devin Watson, Jr., CB, WOF  
Nov. 13.....Lee Bennett, Sr., LB, MER  
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.....Logan McCarter, R-Sr., WR/RS, FUR  
Oct. 9.....Luke Carter, So., P/K, WOF  
Oct. 16.....Jon Croft Hollingsworth, Sr., P/K, FUR  
Oct. 23.....Joshua Gibson, Jr., K, WCU  
Oct. 30.....Victor Ulmo, Fr., K, UTC  
Nov. 6.....Luke Carter, So., P/K, WOF  
Nov. 13.....Chandler Curtis, Sr., WR/RS, MER  
Nov. 20.....

## SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### Offensive

September.....Tyrie Adams, R-So., QB, WCU  
October.....Devlin Hodges, R-Jr., QB, SAM  
November.....

### Defensive

September.....Marvin Tillman, Jr., DB, WCU  
October.....Aron Spann III, Jr., DB, CIT  
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

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	15-7 (2nd)	Same	11-5 (2nd)
Carl Torbush, ETSU	31-47 (8th)	11-21 (3rd)	4-11 (2nd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	7-3 (1st)	Same	6-1 (1st)
Bobby Lamb, Mercer	99-64 (14th)	32-24 (5th)	54-44 (13th)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	141-70 (18th)	20-13 (3rd)	25-20 (6th)
Tom Arth, Chattanooga	42-16 (5th)	2-8 (1st)	2-5 (1st)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	5-28 (3rd)	Same	2-21 (3rd)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	26-42 (6th)	Same	17-29 (6th)
Mike Ayers, Wofford	217-158-2 (33rd)	206-137-1 (30th)	106-76 (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 160 wins at ETSU (11) and Wofford (149) 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 88.

### 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	160
ETSU (1985-87); Wofford (1997-present)	
4. Bobby Lamb	88
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 12:20 p.m.  
 Nov. 18 Western Carolina at North Carolina 3 p.m.

#### 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 Mercer at Alabama 12 p.m.  
 Nov. 18 Wofford at South Carolina 4 p.m.

### FCS Opponents (9-5)

#### Big South (5-0)

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 31, Presbyterian 7

#### Colonial (0-2)

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

#### Northeast (1-1)

Sept. 16 Robert Morris 23, VMI 0  
 Oct. 7 ETSU 16, Robert Morris 3

#### 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

## ALL-TIME RECORDS IN SoCON PLAY

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	79th	207-292-5	.416
ETSU	27th	72-123-0	.369
Furman	79th	265-210-11	.557
Mercer	4th	11-19-0	.367
Samford	10th	42-35-0	.545
Chattanooga	41st	141-151-2	.483
VMI	83rd	182-301-23	.382
Western Carolina	41st	112-186-1	.376
Wofford	21st	101-61-0	.623

## HOME FIELD RECORDS

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	229-145-3	.611	68th	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	4-2-0	.667	1st	William B. Greene Jr. Stadium
Furman	165-58-1	.739	35th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	22-9-0	.710	5th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	162-81-4	.664	48th	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	57-55-0	.509	19th	Finley Stadium
VMI	98-150-3	.396	55th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	125-99-2	.558	42nd	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	87-33-0	.725	20th	Gibbs Stadium

## SHUTOUT CHART

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	35	35-0 – Wofford (2010)	84
ETSU	44-0 – Concord College (2003)	43	31-0 – Wofford (2016)	19
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	157	45-0 – Samford (2014)	37
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	27	52-0 – Rollins (1941)	61
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	25	29-0 – Tennessee Tech (2000)	189
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	22	49-0 – Alabama (2013)	49
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	111	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	9
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	111	51-0 – Chattanooga (2014)	36
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	13	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	53

## NATIONAL/REGIONAL RECOGNITION

### STATS FCS Walter Payton Award watch list

Devlin Hodges, Samford, R-Jr., QB  
 Detrez Newsome, Western Carolina, Sr., RB

### STATS FCS Buck Buchanan Award watch list

Kailik Williams, The Citadel, Sr., DB  
 Ahmad Gooden, Samford, Jr., DL

### STATS FCS Jerry Rice Award watch list

Reynard Ellis, Furman, LB  
 Kaelan Riley, Mercer, QB

### William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist

A.J. Newman, Western Carolina

### STATS FCS National Players of the Week

10/9 Lee Bennett, Mercer, Sr., LB Defense

### CoSIDA Academic All-District District 3

A.J. Newman, Western Carolina, Sr., LB

### District 4

Tee Mitchell, Mercer, Jr., RB  
 Andy Schumpert, Furman, Sr., TE  
 Jared Jacon-Duffy, Wofford, Sr., OL  
 Thomas Marchman, Mercer, Sr., OL  
 Caleb Yates, Mercer, Sr., OL  
 Dorian Kithcart, Mercer, Jr., DL  
 Myles Pierce, The Citadel, Sr., LB  
 Malik Rivera, Wofford, Sr., DB

## OVERTIME RECORDS

Current Southern Conference teams are 40-49 (.449) all-time in overtime games. There have been three overtime games in the league this season, with Wofford winning twice in extra time.

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	5-13	.278
VMI	6-3	.667
Western Carolina	2-7	.222
Wofford	6-3	.667
<b>Total</b>	<b>40-49</b>	<b>.449</b>

## CONSECUTIVE RANKED WEEKS

Three SoCon teams are currently ranked in the FCS Coaches Poll. Samford has the longest active streak, which includes postseason and preseason polls.

Team	Consecutive	Entered
Samford	20	Oct. 10, 2016
Wofford	15	Nov. 14, 2016
Furman	1	Nov. 13, 2017

Chattanooga's streak of 51 straight appearances ended when the Mocs weren't in the Sept. 18 poll, while The Citadel saw its streak of 26 straight end with the release of the Oct. 16 national poll. Furman, which debuted in the FCS Coaches Poll this week, has been in the STATS FCS Top 25 in each of the last three weeks.

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**The Citadel**  
(5-5, 3-5 SoCon)

S2 NEWBERRY (CFDS/ESPN3)..... W, 31-14  
 S9 at Presbyterian (BSN) ..... W, 48-7  
 S16 at ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 31-25  
 S30 at #23 Samford\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 14-35  
 O7 MERCER\* (ESPN3)..... L, 14-24  
 O14 #5 WOFFORD\* (ESPN3)..... L, 16-20  
 O21 at Chattanooga\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 20-14  
 O28 VMI\* (ESPN3)..... W, 21-3  
 N4 #24 WESTERN CAROLINA\* (ESPN3).....L, 19-31  
 N11 at #21 Furman\* (ESPN3)..... L, 20-56  
 N18 at #4 Clemson (ACC Network) ...12:20 p.m.



**ETSU**  
(4-6, 2-5 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) ..... L, 35-56  
 O7 ROBERT MORRIS (ESPN3)..... W, 16-3  
 O14 at #21 Western Carolina\* (ESPN3).. L, 10-49  
 O28 #10 WOFFORD\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 24-31  
 N4 VMI\* (ESPN3)..... W, 24-6  
 N11 at #14 Samford\* (ESPN3).....L, 7-42  
 N18 at Chattanooga\* (ESPN3) ..... 2 p.m.



**Furman**  
(7-3, 6-1 SoCon)

S2 at #11 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) ..... W, 56-35  
 O7 at Chattanooga\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 41-17  
 O14 VMI\* (ESPN3)..... W, 42-10  
 O21 MERCER\* (ESPN3)..... W, 28-21  
 O28 at #20 Western Carolina\* (ESPN3) . W, 28-6  
 N11 THE CITADEL\* (ESPN3)..... W, 56-20  
 N18 at #13 Samford\* (Stadium) ..... 3:30 p.m.



**Mercer**  
(5-5, 4-4 SoCon)

A31 JACKSONVILLE (ESPN3)..... W, 48-7  
 S9 #10 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) ..... W, 49-14  
 O7 at #17 The Citadel\* (ESPN3)..... W, 24-14  
 O14 CHATTANOOGA\* (Stadium)..... W, 30-10  
 O21 at Furman\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 21-28  
 N4 #15 SAMFORD\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 3-20  
 N11 at #22 Western Carolina\* (ESPN3)... W, 35-33  
 N18 at #1 Alabama (SEC Network) ..... 12 p.m.



**Samford**  
(7-3, 5-2 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 #11 THE CITADEL\* (ESPN3)..... W, 35-14  
 O7 at VMI\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 26-7  
 O21 at #5 Wofford\* (ESPN3)..... W, 24-21  
 O28 CHATTANOOGA\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 21-23  
 N4 at Mercer\* (ESPN3)..... W, 20-3  
 N11 ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 42-7  
 N18 #24 FURMAN\* (Stadium) ..... 3:30 p.m.



**Chattanooga**  
(2-8, 2-5 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)..... L, 7-45  
 O7 FURMAN\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 17-41  
 O14 at Mercer\* (Stadium)..... L, 10-30  
 O21 THE CITADEL\* (ESPN3)..... L, 14-20  
 O28 at #8 Samford\* (ESPN3)..... W, 23-21  
 N4 at #9 Wofford\* (ESPN3)..... L, 21-24 (2OT)  
 N18 ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... 2 p.m.



**VMI**  
(0-11, 0-8 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)..... L, 14-49  
 O7 #20 SAMFORD\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 7-26  
 O14 at Furman\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 10-42  
 O21 #21 WESTERN CAROLINA\* (ESPN3).L, 6-27  
 O28 at The Citadel\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 3-21  
 N4 at ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 6-24  
 N11 #8 WOFFORD\* (ESPN3)..... L, 14-45



**Western Carolina**  
(7-4, 5-3 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 #17 SAMFORD\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 38-34  
 S30 at Chattanooga\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 45-7  
 O7 at #5 Wofford\* (ESPN3).....L, 28-35 (OT)  
 O14 ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 49-10  
 O21 at VMI\* (ESPN3)..... W, 26-7  
 O28 FURMAN\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 6-28  
 N4 at The Citadel\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 31-19  
 N11 MERCER\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 33-35  
 N18 at North Carolina (ACC Network Extra)... 3 p.m.



**Wofford**  
(9-1, 7-1 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) ..... W, 31-7  
 O7 #22 WESTERN CARO.\* (ESPN3) ... W, 35-28 (OT)  
 O14 at #22 The Citadel\* (ESPN3)..... W, 20-16  
 O21 #14 SAMFORD\* (ESPN3) ..... L, 21-24  
 O28 at ETSU\* (ESPN3) ..... W, 31-24  
 N4 CHATTANOOGA\* (ESPN3) .. W, 24-21 (2OT)  
 N11 at VMI\* (ESPN3)..... W, 45-14  
 N18 at South Carolina (SEC Alternate)..... 4 p.m.

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)	P5	S4	S11	S18	S25	O2	O9	O16	O23	O30	N6	N13	N20	J8
James Madison (26)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jacksonville State	5	5	t6	7	t5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Central Arkansas	15	16	16	13	12	8	6	6	4	4	3	3	3	3
Sam Houston State	3	3	3	3	3	11	t9	7	5	5	4	4	4	4
South Dakota State	6	4	4	4	4	9	7	13	t8	8	5	5	5	5
North Dakota State	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	6	6	6
North Carolina A&T	25	t21	20	15	13	12	11	11	6	7	7	7	t7	t7
Wofford	11	10	9	9	7	5	5	5	10	9	8	t7	t7	t7
Weber State	22	20	21	18	18	16	16	23	22	14	12	9	9	9
Western Illinois	-	-	22	21	16	18	17	12	14	18	13	10	10	10
Grambling State	21	23	25	22	19	19	19	17	13	12	11	11	11	11
Stony Brook	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	21	15	12	12	12
Samford	19	17	17	17	23	20	18	14	t8	15	14	13	13	13
New Hampshire	16	12	11	16	14	13	12	18	16	19	16	14	14	14
Elon	-	-	-	-	-	23	20	15	11	10	9	15	15	15
South Dakota	-	-	23	14	10	6	4	4	7	6	10	16	16	16
Nicholls	-	-	-	23	-	25	23	20	23	17	17	17	17	17
Southern Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	19	18	18	18
McNeese	-	-	-	-	25	22	21	19	18	22	18	19	19	19
Eastern Washington	4	t6	12	11	t8	10	t9	8	12	11	21	20	20	20
Kennesaw State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	23	21	21	21
Monmouth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	22	22	22	22
Northern Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	22	24	16	24	23	23	23
Furman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	24	24
Illinois State	18	15	14	12	t8	7	15	24	21	13	20	25	25	25
Western Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	21	20	-	25	-	-	-
Villanova	9	8	8	8	17	15	14	16	15	20	-	-	-	-
Richmond	7	9	t6	6	15	14	13	10	17	-	-	-	-	-
Youngstown State	8	t6	5	5	t5	3	8	9	19	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Iowa	20	t21	18	24	20	21	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Citadel	12	13	13	10	11	17	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UT Martin	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albany	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee State	-	24	24	20	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	10	11	10	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Cross	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chattanooga	13	14	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston Southern	14	18	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lehigh	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colgate	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cal Poly	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina Central	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## 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  
**9,600, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-present**  
 8,197, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15

### Career passing touchdowns

106, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10  
**76, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pres.**  
 74, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

### Career completion percentage

**69.0, 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

**6, 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  
**10,293, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pres.**  
 9,397, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2015-15

### Career punting average (minimum 100 punts)

**44.5, Ian Berryman (WCU), 2015-pres.**  
 44.4, Pumpy Tudors (UTC), 1989-91  
 43.4, Joe Parker (APP), 1973-76  
 43.4, Pat Velarde (MAR), 1982-83  
**43.1, Austin Barnard (SAM), 2014-pres.**  
 43.0, Harold Alexander (APP), 1989-92  
 43.0, Ray Early (FUR), 2010-13

### 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  
**6,814, Detrez Newsome (WCU), 2014-pres.**  
 6,784, Adrian Peterson (GSU), 1998-01

### Career interception return yards

453, Rick Harris (ETSU), 1986-89  
 303, Jeff Varnadoe (CIT), 1970-71  
 298, Donnie Abraham (ETSU), 1992-95  
**295, Lucas Webb (UTC), 2014-17**  
 261, Kerr Kump (VMI), 1966-68

## STATS FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	P5	S4	S11	S18	S25	O2	O9	O16	O23	O30	N6	N13	N20	J8
James Madison (163)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jacksonville State	6	5	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Central Arkansas	15	15	14	12	11	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	3	3
North Dakota State	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5	4	4	4
Sam Houston State	3	3	3	3	3	9	9	7	5	5	4	5	5	5
South Dakota State	4	4	4	4	4	8	7	13	11	10	6	6	6	6
Wofford	11	10	11	9	7	5	5	5	8	8	8	7	7	7
North Carolina A&T	-	-	25	21	17	16	15	12	7	9	9	8	8	8
Western Illinois	25	22	20	19	13	15	14	10	12	15	11	9	9	9
Stony Brook	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	22	22	14	12	10	10	10
Elon	-	-	-	-	23	18	16	14	10	7	7	11	11	11
Weber State	-	25	-	23	20	19	18	23	-	19	14	12	12	12
Grambling State	21	24	24	22	21	21	20	17	15	13	13	13	13	13
Southern Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	17	15	14	14	14
South Dakota	-	-	23	13	10	7	4	4	6	6	10	15	15	15
New Hampshire	13	12	9	15	15	13	12	18	17	21	18	16	16	16
Samford	19	17	17	18	25	20	19	16	9	16	16	17	17	17
Eastern Washington	5	7	12	11	9	10	10	8	14	11	19	18	18	18
McNeese	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	20	20	22	20	19	19	19
Furman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	21	20	20	20
Illinois State	20	18	18	14	12	11	17	24	16	12	17	21	21	21
Kennesaw State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	23	22	22	22
Northern Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	24	23	23	23
Northern Iowa	18	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	24	24	24
Nicholls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Western Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	22	21	19	18	24	22	-	-	-
Villanova	10	6	7	7	14	12	11	15	13	20	-	-	-	-
Richmond	7	9	8	8	16	14	13	11	19	-	-	-	-	-
Youngstown State	9	8	6	6	6	3	8	9	21	-	-	-	-	-
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-
Montana	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	21	24	-	-	-	-	-
North Carolina Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Citadel	16	14	13	10	8	17	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Albany	24	-	-	-	19	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UT Martin	-	-	-	24	18	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	-	20	19	16	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tennessee State	-	23	22	20	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	8	11	10	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Cross	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chattanooga	12	13	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston Southern	14	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lehigh	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fordham	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cal Poly	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## STADIUM AFFILIATES – FURMAN AT SAMFORD (SATURDAY, NOV. 18)

Station	AFFIL	Channel	DMA Name	ST	Station	AFFIL	Channel	DMA Name	ST
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	New York	NY	WQEK LD-4	Stadium	36.4	Memphis	TN
KHIZ LD-4	Stadium	39.4	Los Angeles	CA	Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Providence-New Bedford	RI
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Los Angeles	CA	WNYO-2	Stadium	49.2	Buffalo	NY
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Philadelphia	PA	Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Buffalo	NY
KPFW LD-4	Stadium	18.4	Dallas-Ft. Worth	TX	KMPH-4	Stadium	26.4	Fresno	CA
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Dallas-Ft. Worth	TX	Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Richmond-Petersburg	VA
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Washington DC (Hagrstwn)	DC	WSWB-4	Stadium	38.4	Wilkes Barre-Scranton-Hztn	PA
KEHO LD-5	Stadium	32.5	Houston	TX	KZLL LD-3	Stadium	39.3	Tulsa	OK
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Boston (Manchester)	MA	Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Albany-Schenectady-Troy	NY
WDWW LD-3	Stadium	28.3	Atlanta	GA	WCWN-4	Stadium	45.4	Albany-Schenectady-Troy	NY
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Tampa-St. Pete (Sarasota)	FL	WPMI-3	Stadium	15.3	Mobile	AL
KUNS-3	Stadium	51.3	Seattle-Tacoma	WA	WKEF-2	Stadium	22.2	Dayton	OH
WFEF LD-3	Stadium	50.3	Orlando	FL	KMTW-2	Stadium	36.2	Wichita-Hutchinson	KS
WSWF-2	Stadium	10.3	Orlando	FL	WSET-2	Stadium	13.2	Roanoke-Lynchburg	VA
WQDI D-4	Stadium	20.4	Cleveland-Akron	OH	WCWF-4	Stadium	14.4	Green Bay	WI
KAHC LD-1	Stadium	43.1	Sacramento	CA	KCYM LD-4	Stadium	45.4	Des Moines-Ames	IA
KDNL-4	Stadium	30.4	St. Louis	MO	WVAH-2	Stadium	11.2	Charleston-Huntington	WV
WODK LD-5	Stadium	45.5	St. Louis	MO	WSMH-4	Stadium	66.4	Flint	MI
WVEB LD-3	Stadium	40.3	Charlotte	NC	KXVO-4	Stadium	15.4	Omaha	NE
WPNT-2	Stadium	22.2	Pittsburgh	PA	WACH-2	Stadium	57.2	Columbia	SC
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Pittsburgh	PA	WNWO-2	Stadium	24.2	Toledo	OH
WLFL-2	Stadium	22.2	Raleigh-Durham (Fayetteville)	NC	WIFS-4	Stadium	57.4	Madison	WI
KATU-4	Stadium	2.4	Portland	OR	WZCK LP-4	Stadium	8.4	Madison	WI
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Baltimore	MD	WGME-3	Stadium	13.3	Portland-Auburn	ME
WNAB-2	Stadium	58.2	Nashville	TN	Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Syracuse	NY
WKUW-LD-3	Stadium	40.3	Nashville	TN	WBUI-3	Stadium	23.3	Champaign	IL
KMYS-2	Stadium	35.2	San Antonio	TX	KFXA-4	Stadium	28.4	Cedar Rapids	IA
WTTE-3	Stadium	28.3	Columbus	OH	KFOX-4	Stadium	14.4	El Paso	TX
KCMN LD-4	Stadium	42.4	Kansas City	MO	KAJL LD-1	Stadium	16.1	Ft. Smith-Fay-Sprngdl-Rgrs	AR
WKRC-3	Stadium	12.3	Cincinnati	OH	WWMB-3	Stadium	21.3	Myrtle Beach-Florence	SC
WLOS-4	Stadium	13.4	Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville	SC	KYUU-4	Stadium	35.4	Boise	ID
WMYA	MNT	40.1	Greenville-Spartanburg-Asheville	SC	WTLF-4	Stadium	24.4	Tallahassee	FL
WWHB-3	Stadium	48.3	West Palm Beach	FL	KRXI-3	Stadium	11.3	Reno	NV
KSNV-4	Stadium	33.4	Las Vegas	NV	KXKW	Stadium	32.1	Lafayette	LA
KOKH-3	Stadium	25.3	Oklahoma City	OK	KIMA-3	Stadium	29.3	Yakima-Pasco	WA
KBZC LD-1	Stadium	42.1	Oklahoma City	OK	KBFX-4	Stadium	29.4	Bakersfield	CA
WTVZ-2	Stadium	33.2	Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newpt Nws	VA	WILM-3	Stadium	10.3	Wilmington	NC
Verizon Fios	Stadium	820	Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newpt Nws	VA	KVIH-4/KVII-4	Stadium	7.4/12.4	Amarillo	TX
WBMA-3	Stadium	58.3	Birmingham (Ann and Tusc)	AL	KBTV-4	Stadium	4.4	Beaumont/Port Arthur	TX
WABM	MNT	68.1	Birmingham (Ann and Tusc)	AL	KPTH-4	Stadium	44.4	Sioux City	IA
WXLV-2	Stadium	45.2	Greensboro-H.Point-W.Salem	NC	WRNN-2	Stadium	48.2	Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Westchester, Columbia, Sullivan, Fairfield Counties	NY
WRCZ LD-2	Stadium	35.2	Jacksonville	FL					
WQDT LD-4	Stadium	33.4	New Orleans	LA					