

# SoCon Men's Soccer



# 2018

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## 2018 SoCon Men's Soccer Standings

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA	ST	W-L-T	Pct	GF	GA	ST
Belmont	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
ETSU	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Furman	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Mercer	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
UNCG	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
VMI	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-
Wofford	0-0-0	0	0	0	-	0-0-0	.000	0	0	-

## NOTES

•Preseason favorites UNCG, return 2017 SoCon Freshman of the Year Nelson Oceano, 2017 all conference second-team forward Matt Mattis, and 2017 all-conference first-team midfielder Leeroy Maguraushe.

•Mercer posted a 7-9-6 (4-4-2 SoCon) record in 2017, as they won their second consecutive SoCon tournament title and making their second straight NCAA tournament appearance. The conference championship win also puts them ahead of ETSU, with four total SoCon titles and NCAA tournament appearances.

•ETSU will be under the direction of first year head coach David Casper, who came to the Bucs after six years as an assistant at Kentucky. Before coaching at Kentucky, he was an assistant coach at St. Francis and William Patterson.

•UNCG's senior midfielder Leeroy Maguraushe returns for the 2018 season as the current active career leader in points scored (40), goals (13), assists (17) and is tied for game-winning goals with Furman's midfielder Josiah Baker in game-winning goals (5). His teammate senior goalkeeper Jon Milligan is the current active career leader in goals against average (0.84), saves (103), wins (17) and shutouts (13).

•The 2018 regular season opens on Friday, Aug. 24 with all seven schools in action. Wofford and VMI start their seasons off at home while the other remaining five schools kicking off on the road.

•Conference match-ups begin Oct. 6.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

### Aug. 24 (Friday)

Longwood at VMI % 4 p.m.  
 Furman at Ohio State 7 p.m.  
 Mercer at North Florida 7 p.m.  
 UNCG at Presbyterian % 7 p.m.  
 High Point at Wofford 7 p.m.  
 ETSU at North Carolina 7:30 p.m.

### Aug. 27 (Monday)

UNC Asheville at Wofford %# 7 p.m.

### Aug. 28 (Tuesday)

Liberty at VMI 4 p.m.  
 UNCG at Longwood 6 p.m.

### Aug. 26 (Sunday)

Dayton vs Furman (Columbus, Ohio) 12 p.m.  
 ETSU at Wake Forest 7 p.m.  
 Mercer at Jacksonville % 7 p.m.

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#=SDN

## SoCon Preseason Info

### Preseason poll

School (1st)	Pts.
1. UNCG (5)	35
2. Furman (2)	31
T3. ETSU	24
T3. Mercer	24
5. Wofford	15
6. Belmont	10
7. VMI	6

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

F Cole McLagan, Furman  
 F Matt Mattis, UNCG  
 F Nelson Oceano, UNCG  
 F Lucas Altman, Wofford  
 MF Cameron Woodfin, ETSU  
 MF Josiah Baker, Furman  
 MF Danny Kierath, Furman  
 MF Laurence Wyke, Furman  
 MF Leeroy Maguraushe, UNCG  
 D Joe Pickering, ETSU  
 D Dalton Souder, Furman  
 D Jake Mezei, Mercer  
 GK Jon Milligan, UNCG

**SPARTANBURG, S.C.**-For the first time since 2016, UNCG is the preseason favorite to win the Southern Conference men's soccer title in voting of the league's seven head coaches. The Spartans edged out Furman by just four points and 2017 tournament champion Mercer by 11.

The coaches also selected a preseason all-conference team which featured 13 student-athletes due to ties in the voting selection. Furman picked up a league-best five selections with UNCG picking up four selections, ETSU earning two and Mercer and Wofford each picking up one selection.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own teams or players in the balloting.

UNCG, which claimed five first-place votes, finished with 35 points to top the poll. Furman claimed a close second-place finish with the remaining two first-place votes and 31 points. 2017 tournament champion Mercer and ETSU tied for third with 24 points apiece. Wofford and new associate member Belmont claimed fourth and fifth with 15 and 10 points, respectively, and VMI rounded out the poll with six points.

The Spartans went 10-7-3 overall last season and 6-3-1 in conference play, coming in second during the regular season and finishing runner-up in the conference tournament to Mercer. They are represented on the preseason all-conference team by 2017 Freshman of the Year forward Nelson Oceano, 2017 all-conference second-team forward Matt Mattis, 2017 all-conference first-team midfielder Leeroy Maguraushe and 2017 two-time player of the week goalkeeper Jon Milligan.



UNCG's Nelson Oceano was the 2017 SoCon Freshman of the Year and returns for the Spartans

# SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

## SoCon PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

September  
October

## SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 28  
Sept. 4  
Sept. 11  
Sept. 18  
Sept. 25  
Oct. 2  
Oct. 9  
Oct. 16  
Oct. 23  
Oct. 30

## ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS

### POINTS SCORED

1.	40	Leeroy Maguraushe, Sr., UNCG
2.	27	Josiah Baker, Sr., FUR
3.	26	Matteo Busio, Sr., UNCG
T4.	23	Kobe Perez, Sr., MER
T4.	23	Jake Mezei, Sr., MER

### GOALS

1.	13	Leeroy Maguraushe, Sr., UNCG
2.	10	Josiah Baker, Sr., FUR
T3.	9	Lucas Altman, Jr., WOF
T3.	9	Laurence Wyke, So., WOF
T5.	7	Matteo Busio, Sr., UNCG
T5.	7	Jake Mezei, Sr., MER
T5.	7	Kobe Perez, Sr., MER
T5.	7	Matt Mattis, Sr., UNCG
T5.	7	Kyle Nelson, Sr., WOF

### ASSISTS

1.	17	Leeroy Maguraushe, Sr., UNCG
2.	12	Matteo Busio, Sr., UNCG
T3.	9	Jake Mezei, Sr., MER
T3.	9	Kobe Perez, Sr., MER
T3.	9	Austin Matthews, Sr., MER

### GAME-WINNING GOALS

T1.	5	Leeroy Maguraushe, Sr., UNCG
T1.	5	Josiah Baker, Sr., FUR

T2.	4	Matt Mattis, So., UNCG
T2.	4	Danny Kierath, Jr., FUR
T3.	3	Lucas Altman, So., WOF
T3.	3	Kyle Nelson, Sr., WOF
T3.	3	Sam Ross, Jr., WOF
T3.	3	Jeffrey George, Sr., ETSU

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

1.	0.84	Jon Milligan, Sr., UNCG	(2)
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### SAVES (MIN. 1 GAME)

1.	103	Jon Milligan, Sr., UNCG
2.	46	Matthew Reynolds, Sr., WOF
3.	43	Ben Hale, R-So, FUR

### WINS

1.	17	Jon Milligan, Sr., UNCG
2.	11	Ben Hale, Jr., FUR
3.	1	Matthew Reynolds, Sr., WOF

### SHUTOUTS

1.	13	Jon Milligan, Sr., UNCG
2.	6	Ben Hale, R-So, FUR

() indicates SoCon career rank

## COACHES' RECORDS

COACH, SCHOOL	OVERALL (YRS.)	SCHOOL (YRS.)	SoCon (YRS.)
Bryan Green, Belmont	192-162-40 (18th)	15-49-7 (5th)	0-0-0 (1st)
David Casper, ETSU	0-0-0 (11th)	0-0-0 (1st)	0-0-0 (1st)
Doug Allison, Furman	297-136-57 (24th)	Same	126-48-21 (24th)
Brad Ruzzo, Mercer	89-86-24 (11th)	Same	24-12-4 (5th)
Justin Maullin, UNCG*	74-64-31 (9th)	Same	38-21-8 (9th)
Michael Bonelli, VMI	28-88-18 (9th)	0-49-4 (3rd)	0-36-2 (3rd)
Ralph Polson, Wofford	283-210-41 (27th)	87-106-15 (10th)	41-55-4 (11th)

\* later vacated 22 wins and six ties (nine wins and three ties in SoCon play) from 2010-11

## 2018 SoCon CHAMPIONSHIP

### CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

This year's tournament format has changed to include a first-round game on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at the No. 6 seed. Quarterfinals will follow the weekend of Nov. 3-4 at campus sites and the semifinals and finals will take place at ETSU's Summers-Taylor Stadium in Johnson City, Tennessee, on Nov. 9 and 11, respectively.

#### First Round

Wednesday, Oct. 31  
M1: No. 7 seed at No. 6 seed

#### Quarterfinals

Saturday, Nov 3, or Sunday, Nov. 4  
M2: No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed  
M3: Match 1 winner at No. 3 seed

#### Semifinals

Friday, November 9  
M4: Match 2 winner at No. 1 seed  
M5: Match 3 winner at No. 2 seed

#### Final

M6: Match 4 winner vs. Match 5 winner



# SOCON VS. NONCONFERENCE

<b>American (0-0-0)</b>		9/8 Presbyterian at Furman	7 p.m.	9/16 Evansville at Mercer	2 p.m.
9/15 Belmont at Memphis	7 p.m.	9/12 VMI at Campbell	7 p.m.		
		9/15 VMI at Gardner-Webb	4 p.m.	<b>Northeast</b>	
<b>Atlantic Coast (0-0-0)</b>		9/18 Belmont at Presbyterian	5 p.m.	9/22 VMI at Mount St. Mary's-MD	7 p.m.
8/24 ETSU at North Carolina	7:30 p.m.	9/25 Mercer at Presbyterian	7 p.m.		
8/26 ETSU at Wake Forest	7 p.m.	9/25 Campbell at UNCG	7 p.m.	<b>Ohio Valley</b>	
9/11 Virginia Tech at UNCG	7 p.m.	9/25 Gardner-Webb at Furman	7 p.m.	9/9 Mercer at Eastern Illinois	TBA
9/18 North Carolina at UNCG	7 p.m.	10/2 Furman at USC Upstate	7 p.m.	9/25 Eastern Illinois at Belmont	6:30 p.m.
9/18 Furman at Clemson	7 p.m.	10/9 USC Upstate at Mercer	7 p.m.		
10/2 UNCG at Wake Forest	7 p.m.	10/20 VMI at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.	<b>Sun Belt</b>	
		10/27 USC Upstate at Wofford	7 p.m.	9/1 VMI at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
<b>Atlantic Sun (0-0-0)</b>		<b>Big 10 (0-0-0)</b>		9/3 Belmont at Appalachian State	12 p.m.
8/24 Mercer at North Florida	7 p.m.	8/24 Furman at Ohio State	7 p.m.	9/11 Georgia State at Belmont	6:30 p.m.
8/26 Mercer at Jacksonville	7 p.m.			9/22 ETSU at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.
8/28 Liberty at VMI	4 p.m.	<b>Colonial (0-0-0)</b>		9/22 Georgia State at Mercer	7 p.m.
9/3 Liberty at ETSU	4 p.m.	9/15 Elon at UNCG	7 p.m.	9/22 UNCG at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
9/15 ETSU at Lipscomb	7 p.m.	10/13 Belmont at UNCW	6 p.m.	9/29 Georgia Southern at Mercer	7 p.m.
10/2 Wofford at Duke	7 p.m.			9/29 VMI at Howard	7 p.m.
<b>Atlantic 10 (0-0-0)</b>		<b>Conference USA (0-0-0)</b>		<b>West Coast</b>	
8/26 Dayton at Furman	12 p.m.	8/31 Furman at Charlotte	7 p.m.	9/8 San Diego at Belmont	1 p.m.
9/1 Davidson at UNCG	7 p.m.	9/11 South Carolina at Furman	7 p.m.		
9/4 Furman at Davidson	7 p.m.	9/19 Wofford at South Carolina	7 p.m.	<b>Western Athletic</b>	
9/11 Dayton at ETSU	7 p.m.	9/25 Wofford at Charlotte	7 p.m.	9/8 UNCG at UTRGV	7 p.m.
9/19 VMI at St. Joseph's	7 p.m.	9/26 ETSU at Kentucky	7:30 p.m.	9/9 California Baptist at Wofford	7:30 p.m.
		10/3 Marshall at ETSU	7 p.m.		
<b>Big South (0-0-0)</b>		<b>Mountain West (0-0-0)</b>		<b>Non Division 1 (0-0-0)</b>	
8/24 Longwood at VMI	4 p.m.	9/7 Wofford at UNLV	10 p.m.	10/2 Regent University at VMI	4 p.m.
8/24 UNCG at Presbyterian	7 p.m.			10/4 North Greenville at Furman	7 p.m.
8/24 High Point at Wofford	7 p.m.	<b>Metro Atlantic (0-0-0)</b>			
8/27 UNC Asheville at Wofford	7 p.m.	9/7 Manhattan at VMI	4 p.m.	<b>Total.....0-0-0 (.000)</b>	
8/28 UNCG at Longwood	6 p.m.	9/9 Niagara at VMI	1 p.m.		
8/31 Mercer at Winthrop	7 p.m.	<b>Mid-American (0-0-0)</b>		<b>Ranking=United Soccer Coaches</b>	
8/31 Wofford at Gardner-Webb	7 p.m.	9/15 Bowling Green at Wofford	7 p.m.		
8/31 High Point at ETSU	7 p.m.	9/29 Belmont at SIUE	7 p.m.		
9/1 Belmont at Campbell	6 p.m.	<b>Missouri Valley (0-0-0)</b>			
9/2 Mercer at Gardner-Webb	2 p.m.	9/7 Mercer at Missouri State	TBA		
9/2 Wofford at Winthrop	6 p.m.				
9/4 Liberty at ETSU	4 p.m.				
9/4 High Point at UNCG	7 p.m.				

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### Belmont

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at Lipscomb	7 p.m.
S1	at Campbell	6 p.m.
S3	at Appalachian State	12 p.m.
S8	SAN DIEGO	12 p.m.
S11	GEORGIA STATE	5 p.m.
S15	At Memphis	7 p.m.
S18	at Presbyterian	4 p.m.
S25	EASTERN ILLINOIS	6:30 p.m.
S29	at Presbyterian	4 p.m.
O6	at UNCG*	6 p.m.
O9	FURMAN*	6:30 p.m.
O13	at UNC Wilmington	6 p.m.
O16	MERCER*	6:30 p.m.
O20	at Wofford*	6 p.m.
O23	at ETSU*	6 p.m.
O27	VMI*	2 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match



### ETSU

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at North Carolina	7:30 p.m.
A26	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
A31	HIGH POINT	7 p.m.
S4	LIBERTY	4 p.m.
S8	APPALACHIAN STATE	7 p.m.
S11	DAYTON	7 p.m.
S15	at Lipscomb	7 p.m.
S22	at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.
S26	at Kentucky	7:30 p.m.
O3	MARSHALL	7 p.m.
O6	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O9	VMI*	7 p.m.
O13	at UNCG*	7 p.m.
O20	FURMAN*	7 p.m.
O23	BELMONT*	7 p.m.
O27	at Mercer*	7 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match



### Furman

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at Ohio State	7 p.m.
A26	DAYTON	12 p.m.
A31	at Charlotte	7 p.m.
S4	at Davidson	7 p.m.
S8	PRESBYTERIAN	7 p.m.
S11	SOUTH CAROLINA	7 p.m.
S18	at Clemson	7 p.m.
S25	GARDNER-WEBB	7 p.m.
S29	at UNC Asheville	7 p.m.
O2	at USC Upstate	7 p.m.
O4	NORTH GREENVILLE	7 p.m.
O9	at Belmont*	7:30 p.m.
O13	VMI*	7 p.m.
O16	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O20	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O23	MERCER*	7 p.m.
O27	at UNCG*	7 p.m.

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### Mercer

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at North Florida	7 p.m.
A26	at Jacksonville	7 p.m.
A31	at Winthrop	7 p.m.
S2	at Gardner-Webb	7 p.m.
S7	at Missouri State	5 p.m.
S9	at Eastern Illinois	12 p.m.
S16	EVANSVILLE	2 p.m.
S22	GEORGIA STATE	7 p.m.
S25	at Presbyterian	7 p.m.
S29	GEORIGIA SOUTHERN	7 p.m.
O6	at VMI*	1 p.m.
O9	USC Upstate	7 p.m.
O13	WOFFORD*	7 p.m.
O16	at Belmont*	8 p.m.
O20	UNCG*	7 p.m.
O23	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O27	ETSU*	7 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match



### UNCG

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	at Presbyterian	7 p.m.
A28	at Longwood	6 p.m.
S1	DAVIDSON	7 p.m.
S4	HIGH POINT	7 p.m.
S8	at UTRGV	7 p.m.
S11	VIRGINIA TECH	7 p.m.
S15	ELON	7 p.m.
S18	NORTH CAROLINA	7 p.m.
S22	at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
S25	CAMPBELL	7 p.m.
O2	at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
O6	BELMONT*	7 p.m.
O9	at Wofford*	7 p.m.
O13	ETSU*	7 p.m.
O16	at VMI*	3 p.m.
O20	Mercer*	7 p.m.
O27	FURMAN*	7 p.m.

\* Southern Conference match



### VMI

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	LONGWOOD	4 p.m.
A28	LIBERTY	4 p.m.
S1	at Appalachian State	7 p.m.
S7	MANHATTAN	4 p.m.
S9	NIAGARA	1 p.m.
S12	at Campbell	7 p.m.
S15	at Gardner-Webb	4 p.m.
S19	at St. Joseph's	7 p.m.
S22	Mount St. Mary's-MD	7 p.m.
S29	at Howard	7 p.m.
O2	REGENT	4 p.m.
O6	MERCER*	1 p.m.
O9	at ETSU*	7 p.m.
O13	at Furman*	7 p.m.
O16	UNCG*	4 p.m.
O20	at UNC Asheville	6 p.m.
O23	WOFFORD*	4 p.m.
O27	at Belmont*	TBA

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**Wofford**

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 SoCon)

A24	HIGH POINT.....	7 p.m.
A27	UNC ASHEVILLE.....	7 p.m.
A31	at Gardner-Webb.....	7 p.m.
S2	at Winthrop.....	6 p.m.
S7	at UNLV.....	10 p.m.
S9	California Baptist.....	7:30 p.m.
S15	BOWLING GREEN.....	7 p.m.
S19	at South Carolina.....	7 p.m.
S25	at Charlotte.....	7 p.m.
O2	at Duke.....	7 p.m.
O6	ETSU*.....	7 p.m.
O9	UNCG*.....	7 p.m.
O13	at Mercer*.....	7 p.m.
O16	at Furman*.....	7 p.m.
O20	BELMONT.....	7 p.m.
O23	at VMI.....	4 p.m.
O27	USC UPSTATE.....	7 p.m.

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Wofford forward Lucas Altman claims a spot on this years preseason all-conference team.



Furman goalkeeper Ben Hale heads into the season 2nd in active career saves and active career wins.



ETSU's defender Joe Pickering is one of two Bucs who were selected to this seasons preseason all-conference team.

**UNITED SOCCER COACHES TOP 25 POLL**

School (1st)	PS
Stanford (23)	1
Indiana (2)	2
North Carolina (2)	3
Akron (1)	4
Wake Forest	5
Louisville	6
Michigan State	7
Southern Methodist	8
Butler University	9
Duke University	10
Clemson	11
Wisconsin	12
Georgetown	13
Western Michigan	14
Virginia	15
Fordham	16
Notre Dame	17
Coastal Carolina	18
New Hampshire	19
Florida International	20
Michigan	21
Seattle	22
Dartmouth	23
Washington	24
Colgate	25

**SOCCER AMERICA TOP 25 POLL**

School (1st)	PS
Stanford	1
Akron	2
Wake Forest	3
North Carolina	4
Indiana	5
SMU	6
Louisville	7
Western Michigan	8
Michigan State	9
Butler	10
Denver	11
Clemson	12
Duke	13
Georgetown	14
Michigan	15
Virginia	16
UCLA	17
Wisconsin	18
Coastal Carolina	19
Notre Dame	20
Maryland	21
Portland	22
NC State	23
Seattle	24
Florida International	25