

2018

#SoConFB

Southern Conference Football



702 North Pine Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303 • 864-591-5100 • Fax: 864-591-3448

Phil Perry, Assistant Commissioner for Media Relations (FB contact)

facebook.com/SouthernConference • twitter.com/SoConSports • instagram.com/SouthernConference

2018 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

C/SI	STANDINGS	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
		W-L	PCT	H	A	ST	W-L	PCT	H	A	ST
24/20	Chattanooga	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	W2	4-0	1.000	2-0	2-0	W4
--/RV	ETSU	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	W2	3-1	.750	2-0	1-1	W2
6/7	Wofford	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	W2	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	L1
RV/RV	Western Carolina	1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0	W1	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	W3
--/RV	Mercer	1-1	.500	0-1	1-0	L1	2-2	.500	1-1	1-1	L1
	The Citadel	1-2	.333	0-1	1-1	W1	1-2	.333	0-1	1-1	W1
	Furman	0-1	.000	0-0	0-1	L1	0-3	.000	0-0	0-3	L3
RV/RV	Samford	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	L2	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	L3
	VMI	0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3	0-4	.000	0-1	0-3	L4

C - AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25; SI - STATS FCS Top 25

NOTES

• All nine league teams are in action Saturday. Chattanooga visits ETSU in a battle of first-place squads, and in nonconference play, Samford visits No. 4 Kennesaw State and The Citadel heads to No. 25 Towson.

• The Mocs downed No. 17 Samford 27-20 on Saturday, improving to 4-0 on the season and 2-0 in SoCon play and earning their first national rankings of the young season. Chattanooga entered the AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25 at No. 24 and the STATS FCS Top 25 at No. 20. Samford, which peaked at No. 9 in both polls, dropped out of both after suffering its third straight defeat.

• Idle Wofford remained sixth in the AFCA poll and moved up one spot to seventh in the STATS FCS Top 25. Samford and Western Carolina are receiving votes in both polls, while ETSU and Mercer are receiving votes in the STATS poll.

• All four games in week four were one-score affairs. The Citadel downed Mercer 38-31 on a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown with 57 seconds left, while Western Carolina survived VMI 52-50 when the Keydets were unable to convert a tying 2-point conversion with 22 seconds left. ETSU scored 23 unanswered points to stun Furman 29-27, tying the game on a touchdown with 2:23 left and getting a Dylan Weigel safety just 13 seconds of game time later to complete the comeback. Samford drove 64 yards to the UTC 15 on its final drive but ran out of time in its attempt to tie things up.

• The SoCon's offensive prowess was on full display on Saturday. Three backs ran for more than 100 yards, with The Citadel's Grant Drakeford (139), Western Carolina's Tyrie Adams (117) and ETSU's Quay Holmes (102) all surpassing the century mark. Three quarterbacks surpassed 300 yards passing, including Mercer's Robert Riddle (school-record 347), Samford's Devlin Hodges (366) and VMI's Reece Udinski (school-record 491). Four wide receivers reached at least 100 yards, including VMI's Javeon Lara (143), Mercer's Marquise Irvin (132), Samford's Kelvin McKnight (128) and Chattanooga's Bryce Nunnally (108).

• ETSU's Holmes was named the STATS FCS National Freshman of the Week for his efforts against Furman, as he ran for two touchdowns and added 14 yards receiving and 45 yards on kickoff returns. He has notched a pair of 100-yard rushing games in just four career contests.

• Nunnally (163.5 yards per game) and McKnight (141.5) have both recorded at least 100 receiving yards in all four of their contests this year and rank second and sixth in the FCS in yards per game.

• Western Carolina's Adams also threw for 229 yards against VMI, giving him 346 yards of total offense on the day. It marked the second straight game that he had run and thrown for more than 100 yards each.

• Furman's Grayson Atkins and Wofford's Luke Carter have the seventh-best and ninth-best consecutive PAT conversion streaks in league history, respectively. Atkins has converted all 60 of his career attempts so far, while Carter has connected on all 56 of his.

• ETSU kicker JJ Jerman hit a pair of first-half field goals against Furman on Saturday to become the Bucs' career leader with 39 makes in his career.

• Western Carolina defensive lineman Solomon Clark recorded 4.0 sacks for 40 yards in the win over VMI on Saturday, matching the Catamounts' single-game sacks record. Clark's total was the highest in the SoCon since Furman's Mitch McGrath had 4.0 on Oct. 29, 2011.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(* SoCon GAME; ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Sept. 29 (Saturday)

*Mercer at VMI	Mercer leads 3-1	ESPN3	1:30 p.m.
*Western Carolina at Furman	Furman leads 31-12-2	ESPN+/CW62	2 p.m.
The Citadel at Towson	First meeting	CAA.TV	4 p.m.
Samford at Kennesaw State	Series tied 1-1	ESPN3	6 p.m.
Wofford at Gardner-Webb	Wofford leads 18-8	ESPN+	6 p.m.
*Chattanooga at ETSU	Chattanooga leads 22-18-1	ESPN+	7:30 p.m.

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Reece Udinski, So., QB
VMI

Udinski set three program records in the Keydets' 52-50 loss at Western Carolina on Saturday, posting new school standards in completions (43), attempts (72) and passing yards (491). His nearly 500 yards through the air were good for seventh in a game in SoCon history and are tops in the FCS this season, while he added four touchdown passes on the day. Udinski led VMI on two scoring drives of more than 60 yards after the Catamounts – who entered the contest receiving votes in both major national polls – took a 15-point lead with 6:19 left in the game.

DEFENSIVE

Marshall Cooper, Jr., LB
Chattanooga

Cooper had eight tackles, a forced fumble and an interception as the Mocs earned a 27-20 win over No. 17 Samford on Saturday. Six of his tackles were solo stops, while his forced fumble came on a Chattanooga goal-line stand in the first half and resulted in a takeaway. Cooper's first career interception came as Samford was trailing by two scores but driving deep in Chattanooga territory in the fourth quarter, and his 41-yard return flipped the field for the Mocs. Cooper also added a pass breakup in the game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Rod Johnson, Jr., RB/KR
The Citadel

Johnson returned a kickoff 94 yards for the game-winning touchdown in the Bulldogs' 38-31 win at Mercer on Saturday. After the Bears had tied the contest at 31 with 1:11 to play, Johnson immediately reclaimed momentum and the lead for The Citadel, notching the school's first kickoff return for a touchdown since 2002. It was tied for the third-longest in school history. Johnson had two more returns for a total of 116 yards on the day, while the running back also ran for 19 yards and a score for a total of 135 all-purpose yards on the day.

SoCON STATS



NCAA STATS



SoCON MEDIA GUIDE



PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

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

Defensive Player of the Year
Ahmad Gooden, R-Sr., DL, Samford

First Team Offense

QB Devlin Hodges, R-Sr., Samford
RB Kealand Dirks, R-Sr., Furman
RB Andre Stoddard, Sr., Wofford
OL Tyler Davis, Sr., The Citadel
OL Austin Sanders, R-Jr., Mercer
OL Nick Nixon, Jr., Samford
OL Zach Weeks, R-Sr., Western Carolina
OL Michael Ralph, Jr., Wofford
TE Sam Walker, R-Sr., Mercer
WR Marquise Irvin, Sr., Mercer
WR Kelvin McKnight, Sr., Samford

First Team Defense

DL Nasir Player, R-Jr., ETSU
DL Ahmad Gooden, R-Sr., Samford
DL Isaiah Mack, R-Sr., Chattanooga
DL Miles Brown, Sr., Wofford
LB Elijah McKoy, So., Furman
LB LeMarkus Bailey, R-Sr., Mercer
LB Datavious Wilson, Jr., Wofford
DB Aron Spann III, Sr., The Citadel
DB Aaquil Annoor, Sr., Furman
DB Marvin Tillman, Sr., Western Carolina
DB Devin Watson, Sr., Wofford

First Team Specialists

PK Luke Carter, Jr., Wofford
P Ian Berryman, R-Sr., Western Carolina
RS Brandon Dowdell, So., Chattanooga

Second Team Offense

QB Tyrie Adams, R-Jr., Western Carolina
RB Tee Mitchell, Sr., Mercer
RB Tyrell Price, Jr., Chattanooga
OL Drew McEntyre, Jr., The Citadel
OL Matt Pyke, R-Sr., ETSU
OL Reed Kroeber, R-So., Furman
OL Malcolm White, R-Jr., Chattanooga
OL Brad Davis, So., VMI
OL Nathan Dalton, R-Sr., Western Carolina
OL Andrew Miles, R-Sr., Western Carolina
OL Justus Basinger, Jr., Wofford
TE Jake Walker, So., Furman
WR Thomas Gordon, Jr., Furman
WR Chris Shelling, Jr., Samford
WR Bingo Morton, R-Sr., Chattanooga

Second Team Defense

DL Ja'Lon Williams, Jr., The Citadel
DL Jaylan Reid, R-Sr., Furman
DL Isaiah Buehler, R-Sr., Mercer
DL Mikel Horton, Jr., Wofford
LB Noah Dawkins, Sr., The Citadel
LB Dylan Weigel, R-Sr., ETSU
LB Christian Stark, Sr., Samford
DB Eric Jackson, R-Jr., Mercer
DB Darius Harvey, R-Sr., Samford
DB Kareem Orr, Sr., Chattanooga
DB Mason Alstatt, Jr., Wofford

Second Team Specialists

PK JJ Jerman, Sr., ETSU
P Matt Shiel, Gr., Mercer
P Luke Carter, Jr., Wofford
RS Quan Harrison R-Jr., ETSU

DID YOU KNOW?

There have been eight 400-yard passing games in the FCS this season, and the Southern Conference has the top two.

VMI's Reece Udinski threw for 491 yards at Western Carolina on Sept. 22 and Samford's Devlin Hodges threw for 475 at FBS Florida State on Sept. 8.

No other FCS league has multiple 400-yard passers so far this season.

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Sept. 3 Bryce Nunnely, So., WR, UTC
Sept. 10 Bryce Nunnely, So., WR, UTC
Sept. 17 Robert Riddle, R-Fr., QB, MER
Sept. 24 Reece Udinski, So., QB, VMI
Oct. 1
Oct. 8
Oct. 15
Oct. 22
Oct. 29
Nov. 5
Nov. 12
Nov. 19

Defensive

Sept. 3 Noah Dawkins, Sr., LB, CIT
Sept. 10 Aaron Harris, Sr., LB, SAM
Sept. 17 Jared Folks, R-Sr., LB, ETSU
Sept. 24 Marshall Cooper, Jr., LB, UTC
Oct. 1
Oct. 8
Oct. 15
Oct. 22
Oct. 29
Nov. 5
Nov. 12
Nov. 19

Special teams

Sept. 3 Mitchell Fineran, Fr., PK, SAM
Sept. 10 Mitchell Fineran, Fr., PK, SAM
Sept. 17 Cole Fisher, Sr., PK, MER
Sept. 24 Rod Johnson, RB/KR, Jr., CIT
Oct. 1
Oct. 8
Oct. 15
Oct. 22
Oct. 29
Nov. 5
Nov. 12
Nov. 19

SoCON PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Offensive

September
October
November

Defensive

September
October
November

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLLS

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Samford (7)	63
2. Wofford (1)	53
3. Furman (1)	52
4. Western Carolina	39
5. Chattanooga	34
6. Mercer	32
7. The Citadel	28
8. ETSU	15
9. VMI	8

Media

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Samford (20)	204
2. Furman (2)	174
3. Wofford (1)	163
4. Mercer	133
5. Western Carolina	114
6. Chattanooga	88
7. The Citadel	83
8. ETSU	53
9. VMI	23

COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Brent Thompson, The Citadel	16-10 (3rd)	Same	12-7 (3rd)
Randy Sanders, ETSU	3-1 (1st)	Same	2-0 (1st)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	8-8 (2nd)	Same	6-3 (2nd)
Bobby Lamb, Mercer	101-67 (15th)	34-27 (6th)	55-45 (14th)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	143-74 (19th)	22-17 (4th)	26-22 (7th)
Tom Arth, Chattanooga	47-16 (6th)	7-8 (2nd)	4-5 (2nd)
Scott Wachenheim, VMI	5-32 (4th)	Same	2-24 (4th)
Mark Speir, Western Carolina	29-43 (7th)	Same	18-29 (7th)
Josh Conklin, Wofford	2-1 (1st)	Same	2-0 (1st)

SoCon record book

Mercer coach Bobby Lamb is fourth on the all-time wins list with 91. Lamb spent nine seasons as the head coach at Furman and is in his sixth at Mercer and fifth since the Bears joined the SoCon.

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	161
ETSU (1985-87); Wofford (1997-17)	
4. Bobby Lamb	91
Furman (2002-10); Mercer (2014-present)	

SoCON vs. Other Conferences

FBS Opponents (0-5)

American Athletic (0-1)

Sept. 1 Memphis 66, Mercer 14

Atlantic Coast (0-2)

Sept. 1 #2 Clemson 48, Furman 7

Sept. 8 Florida State 36, Samford 26

Nov. 17 Western Carolina at North Carolina

Conference USA (0-0)

Nov. 17 VMI at Old Dominion

Mid-American (0-1)

Sept. 1 Toledo 66, VMI 3

Mountain West (0-1)

Sept. 15 Wyoming 17, Wofford 14

Southeastern (0-1)

Sept. 8 Tennessee 59, ETSU 3

Nov. 17 The Citadel at Alabama

Nov. 17 Chattanooga at South Carolina

FCS Opponents (4-1)

Big South (1-0)

Sept. 14 Western Carolina 28, Gardner-Webb 30

Sept. 29 Samford at #4 Kennesaw State

Sept. 29 Wofford at Gardner-Webb

Oct. 6 Gardner-Webb at ETSU

Nov. 17 Presbyterian at Wofford

Nov. 29 Charleston Southern at The Citadel

Colonial (0-1)

Sept. 8 #15 Elon 45, Furman 7

Sept. 29 The Citadel at #25 Towson

Ivy (0-0)

Oct. 13 Mercer at Yale

Ohio Valley (2-0)

Aug. 30 Chattanooga 34, Tennessee Tech 10

Sept. 15 Chattanooga 34, UT Martin 24

Patriot League (0-0)

Sept. 15 #25 Colgate at Furman, canceled

Pioneer League (1-0)

Sept. 8 Mercer 45, Jacksonville 3

Non-Division I Opponents (3-0)

Aug. 30 Samford 66, Shorter 9

Sept. 1 Western Carolina 33, Newberry 26

Sept. 1 ETSU 28, Mars Hill 7

Nov. 3 Tusculum at VMI

Home team underlined

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	229-146-3	.610	69th	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	6-2-0	.750	2nd	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	165-58-1	.739	36th	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	23-10-0	.697	6th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	164-82-4	.664	49th	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	60-55-0	.522	20th	Finley Stadium
VMI	98-151-3	.395	56th	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	127-99-2	.561	43rd	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	90-33-0	.732	21st	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	69-0 – Davidson (2015)	39	35-0 – Wofford (2010)	88
ETSU	44-0 – Concord College (2003)	48	31-0 – Wofford (2016)	24
Furman	10-0 – Elon (2004)	163	45-0 – Samford (2014)	43
Mercer	52-0 – ETSU (2015)	32	56-0 – Alabama (2017)	5
Samford	43-0 – Clark Atlanta (2015)	31	29-0 – Tennessee Tech (2000)	195
Chattanooga	34-0 – Presbyterian (2016)	27	49-0 – Alabama (2013)	54
VMI	49-0 – St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	115	23-0 – Robert Morris (2017)	13
Western Carolina	35-0 – Shorter (2008)	115	51-0 – Chattanooga (2014)	40
Wofford	17-0 – VMI (2016)	19	3-0 – Gardner-Webb (2013)	59

All-Time Records in SoCON Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	79th	208-294-5	.415
ETSU	27th	74-124-0	.374
Furman	79th	265-212-11	.554
Mercer	4th	12-20-0	.375
Samford	10th	43-37-0	.538
Chattanooga	41st	144-151-2	.488
VMI	83rd	182-304-23	.380
Western Carolina	41st	113-186-1	.378
Wofford	21st	103-61-0	.628

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 41-50 (.451) all-time in overtime games. Chattanooga topped The Citadel on Sept. 8 in the SoCon's first OT game of this season.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	9-9	.500
ETSU	4-2	.667
Furman	4-10	.286
Mercer	2-2	.500
Samford	2-1	.667
Chattanooga	6-13	.316
VMI	6-3	.667
Western Carolina	2-7	.222
Wofford	6-3	.667
Total	41-50	.451

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
5	Wofford	2003-07c-10c-12c-17
4	The Citadel	1961-92-15c-16
1	Samford	2013c

c-denotes co-champions

SoCON Media Relations Directors

School	Website	Media relations	Email	Office phone	Press box phone
The Citadel	CitadelSports.com	John Brush	jbrush@citadel.edu	843-953-6795	843-953-9957
ETSU	ETSUBucs.com	Kevin Brown	brownk@mail.etsu.edu	423-439-5263	423-747-3877
Furman	FurmanPaladins.com	Hunter Reid	hunter.reid@furman.edu	864-294-2061	864-294-3066
Mercer	MercerBears.com	Gerrit Van Genderen	vangenderen_gw@mercerc.edu	478-301-5209	919-632-0217
Samford	SamfordSports.com	Joey Mullins	jmmullin1@samford.edu	205-726-2799	205-726-2143
Chattanooga	GoMocs.com	Jay Blackman	jay-blackman@utc.edu	423-425-5292	423-757-9322
VMI	VMIKeydets.com	Wade Branner	brannerwh@vmi.edu	540-464-7515	540-464-7834
Western Carolina	CatamountSports.com	Daniel Hooker	dhooker@email.wcu.edu	828-227-2339	828-227-2116
Wofford	WoffordTerriers.com	Brent Williamson	williamsondb@wofford.edu	864-597-4093	864-597-4487
SoCon	SoConSports.com	Phil Perry	pperry@socon.org	864-591-5100	

AFCA FCS COACHES' TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS	S3	S10	S17	S24
North Dakota State (26)	1	1	1	1	1
James Madison	2	2	2	2	2
South Dakota State	3	3	3	3	3
Kennesaw State	5	8	8	5	4
Eastern Washington	7	5	5	t6	5
Wofford	11	7	7	t6	6
Weber State	8	13	13	8	7
Jacksonville State	6	12	11	9	8
Elon	13	15	14	12	9
Illinois State	20	19	t18	15	10
McNeese	18	14	15	10	11
Central Arkansas	15	17	17	13	12
North Carolina A&T	14	6	6	4	13
Villanova	19	11	10	14	14
Nicholls	17	10	12	18	15
Maine	-	25	20	16	16
Stony Brook	22	23	21	19	17
Montana	25	16	16	20	18
Sam Houston State	4	4	4	11	19
Rhode Island	-	-	-	23	20
Northern Iowa	12	18	t18	22	21
UC Davis	-	-	-	25	22
Colgate	-	-	25	24	23
Chattanooga	-	-	-	-	24
Princeton	-	-	-	-	25
Samford	10	9	9	17	-
Austin Peay	23	24	23	21	-
Northern Arizona	-	20	22	-	-
South Dakota	-	-	24	-	-
Furman	21	21	-	-	-
New Hampshire	9	22	-	-	-
Delaware	16	-	-	-	-
Youngstown State	24	-	-	-	-

STATS FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PS	S3	S10	S17	S24
North Dakota State (152)	1	1	1	1	1
James Madison (3)	2	2	2	2	2
South Dakota State	3	3	3	3	3
Kennesaw State	5	7	7	5	4
Eastern Washington	9	6	6	6	5
Weber State	8	10	11	7	6
Wofford	10	8	8	8	7
Jacksonville State	6	13	12	10	8
Illinois State	21	19	19	16	9
McNeese	17	16	16	9	10
Elon	12	15	14	12	11
North Carolina A&T	14	5	4	4	12
Villanova	19	12	10	15	13
Central Arkansas	16	17	18	14	14
Nicholls	18	11	13	18	15
Maine	-	22	17	13	16
Montana	24	14	15	19	17
Stony Brook	20	24	24	20	18
UC Davis	-	-	23	21	19
Chattanooga	-	-	-	-	20
Sam Houston State	4	4	5	11	21
Rhode Island	-	-	25	23	22
Northern Iowa	13	21	21	25	23
Colgate	-	-	-	-	24
Towson	-	-	-	-	25
Samford	11	9	9	17	-
North Dakota	-	-	-	22	-
Austin Peay	22	-	-	24	-
Northern Arizona	-	18	20	-	-
South Dakota	-	23	22	-	-
New Hampshire	7	20	-	-	-
Furman	23	25	-	-	-
Delaware	15	-	-	-	-
Youngstown State	25	-	-	-	-

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

Preseason Southern Conference favorite Samford returns a league-best 20 starters from 2017, including 10 on its high-octane offense. All nine league schools return more starters than they lost overall, with Furman leading the way on defense with nine. As a whole, the league returns 63.2 percent of its starters from last season.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	9/2	4/7	3/0	16/9	.640
ETSU	7/4	8/3	4/0	19/7	.731
Furman	5/6	9/2	1/1	15/9	.625
Mercer	7/4	8/3	3/2	18/9	.667
Samford	10/1	6/5	4/1	20/7	.741
Chattanooga	7/4	7/4	2/1	16/9	.640
VMI	7/4	5/6	2/1	14/11	.560
Western Carolina	7/4	3/8	3/0	13/12	.520
Wofford	5/6	6/5	2/0	13/11	.542
Total	64/35	56/43	24/6	144/84	.632

NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS

AFCA Good Works Team nominees

Avery Armstrong, R-So., WR, Furman
Isaiah Buehler, R-Sr., DL, Mercer
Kevin Marion, Sr., TE, Samford
Alex Trotter, Sr., RB, Chattanooga

HERO Sports Preseason All-America

First team

Offense

QB – Devlin Hodges, R-Sr., Samford

Defense

DL – Ahmad Gooden, R-Sr., Samford
DB – Marvin Tillman, Sr., Western Carolina

Second team

Offense

WR – Kelvin McKnight, Sr., Samford
OL – Tyler Davis, Sr., The Citadel

Defense

DL – Miles Brown, Sr., Wofford

Special teams

P – Ian Berryman, R-Sr., Western Carolina

Third team

Defense

DB – Aron Spann III, Sr., The Citadel

STATS Walter Payton Award

Preseason watch list

QB – Devlin Hodges, R-Sr., Samford
QB – Tyrie Adams, R-Jr., Western Carolina

STATS Buck Buchanan Award

Preseason watch list

DL – Ahmad Gooden, R-Sr., Samford
DB – Marvin Tillman, Sr., Western Carolina
DL – Miles Brown, Sr., Wofford

STATS Preseason All-America

First team

Offense

QB – Devlin Hodges, R-Sr., Samford

Defense

DL – Ahmad Gooden, R-Sr., Samford
DL – Miles Brown, Sr., Wofford

Second team

Offense

WR – Kelvin McKnight, Sr., Samford
OL – Tyler Davis, Sr., The Citadel

Defense

DB – Marvin Tillman, Sr., Western Carolina

Special teams

P – Ian Berryman, R-Sr., Western Carolina

Third team

Offense

FB – Andre Stoddard, Sr., Wofford
OL – Zach Weeks, R-Sr., Western Carolina

STATS FCS National Players of the Week

Offense: Bryce Nunnally, So., WR, UTC 9/10
Freshman: Quay Holmes, R-Fr., RB, ETSU 9/24

TOTAL OFFENSE**MOST TOTAL YARDS****Career**

14,753, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 13,147, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
12,552, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 12,248, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR (touchdowns scored and passed for)**Career**

139, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 120, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 107, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
100, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.

MOST GAMES 250 OR MORE TOTAL YARDS**Career**

35, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
32, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 28, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 24, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
 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
14, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-pr.
 12, B.J. Coleman (UTC), 2009-11

MOST GAMES 300 OR MORE TOTAL YARDS**Career**

26, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 24, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 20, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
 15, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-15
 12, Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
 11, Al Cobb (VMI), 2014-16
 10, Jamal Jackson (APP), 2010-2013
 9, Thomas Wilson (Elon), 2009-12
 9, Troy Mitchell (WCU), 2012-15
9, Tyrie Adams (WCU), 2016-pr.

HIGHEST AVERAGE GAIN PER PLAY**Career (minimum 3,000 yards)**

7.8 (809-6,277, Ingle Martin (FUR), 2004-05
 7.6 (1,935-14,753), Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 7.5 (429-3,234) P.J. Blazejowski (FUR), 2016-17
 7.330 (911-6,678), Greg Hill (GSU), 1996-99
 7.329 (661-4,845), Bobby Lamb (FUR), 1982-85
 7.1 (992-6,832), Lonnie Galloway (WCU), 1990-93
 7.0, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92
 6.9 (1,044-7,247), Chris Sanders (UTC), 1999-00
6.8 (1,843-12,552), Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 6.7, (826-5,540) DeAndre Presley (APP), 2010-11

PASSING**HIGHEST PASSING EFFICIENCY RATING****Career (minimum 300 attempts)**

156.33, Bobby Lamb (FUR), 1982-85
 154.27, Alejandro Bennifield (UTC), 2014-17
 154.16, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09
 152.23, Ingle Martin (FUR), 2004-05
 149.81, P.J. Blazejowski (FUR), 2016-17
 147.74, Michael Payton (MAR), 1989-92
147.53, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 147.25, Greg Hill (GSU), 1996-99
 147.16, Billy Napier (FUR), 1999-02

MOST PASSES COMPLETED**Career**

1,168, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
1,061, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 768, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

HIGHEST PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**Career (minimum 300 attempts)**

68.6, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 67.3, Jacob Huesman (UTC), 2012-2015

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED**Career**

1,779, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-2010
1,546, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 1,180, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

MOST PASSING YARDS**Career**

13,264, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
11,772, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 10,392, Armanti Edwards (APP), 2006-09

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 200+ YARDS**Career**

39, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-10
33, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 29, D.J. Campbell (APP), 1989-92

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 300+ YARDS**Career**

24, Devlin Hodges (SAM), 2015-pr.
 23, Scott Riddle (Elon), 2007-2010

MOST GAMES PASSING FOR 400+ YARDS**Career**

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

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES**Quarter**

4, Chris Forcier (FUR) vs. Presbyterian, Sept. 24, 2011 (2nd)
4, Devlin Hodges (SAM) vs. Shorter, Aug. 30, 2018 (2nd)

Game

7, Chris Forcier (FUR) vs. Presbyterian, Sept. 24, 2011
 6, Tim Russell (CIT) vs. Furman, Nov. 17, 1979
 6, Kenyon Earl (UTC) vs. Gardner-Webb, Sept. 18, 1993
 6, Chris Sanders (UTC) vs. Mississippi Valley St., Sept. 16, 2000
 6, Justin Barnes (UTC) vs. Kentucky State, Nov. 24, 2001
 6, Bart Blanchard (CIT) vs. Presbyterian, Sept. 26, 2009
 6, Al Cobb (VMI) vs. Gardner-Webb, Oct. 18, 2014
5, 24 times

Last: **Devlin Hodges (SAM) vs. Shorter, Aug. 30, 2018**

Career

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

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES THROWING A TOUCHDOWN PASS**Career**

22, Scott Riddle (Elon) (all 11 of 2007, first 11 of 2008)
 20, Scott Riddle (Elon) (all of 2009 through 2010)
17, Devlin Hodges (SAM) (last 1 of 2016, all 12 of 2017, first 4 of 2018) - ACTIVE STREAK
 16, Armanti Edwards (APP) (last 3 of 2007, all 13 of 2008)
 16, Devlin Hodges (SAM) (last 6 of 2015, first 10 of 2016)

RECEIVING**MOST PASSES CAUGHT****Career**

395, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09 (NCAA record)
 304, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-2012
 285, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
 279, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16
255, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-pr.
 250, Kelsey Pope (SAM), 2010-13)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES CAUGHT**Career**

52, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09
 44, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-2012
 37, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
 31, Brian Quick (Elon), 2008-11
 31, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16
 28, Chas Fox (FUR), 1982-85
28, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-pr.
 26, Gerald Harp (WCU), 1977-80
 26, B.J. Adigun (ETSU), 1994-97

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

28, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006-09
 23, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2009-12
 17, Rick Beasley (APP), 1978-80
 17, Mark Stock (VMI), 1985-88
 17, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
17, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2015-pr.
 14, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2013-16

MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 100+ RECEIVING YARDS

7, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2011
 7, Aaron Mellette (Elon), 2012
 5, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2006
 5, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2009
 5, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2009
 4, Terrell Hudgins (Elon), 2007
 4, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2008
 4, Sean Price (APP), 2012
 4, Karel Hamilton (SAM), 2016
4, Kelvin McKnight (SAM), 2017 - ACTIVE STREAK
4, Bryce Nunnely (UTC), 2017 - ACTIVE STREAK

KICKING**MOST CONSECUTIVE EXTRA POINTS MADE****Career**

152, Adrian Mora (GSU), 2008-11
 124, Tim Openlander (MAR), 1994-96
 96, Adam Shriner (Elon), 2009-11
 94, Julian Rauch (APP), 2004-07
 80, Andrew Wilcox (Elon), 2006-08
 78, Jay Millson (APP), 1989-92
60, Grayson Atkins (FUR), 2017-pr.
 59, Jason Vitaris (APP), 2008-09
 56, Mike Adams (CIT), 2007
56, Luke Carter (WOF), 2016-pr.

PUNTING**HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE****Career (minimum 100 punts)**

44.4, Pumpy Tudors (UTC), 1989-91
44.1, Ian Berryman (WCU), 2015-pr.
 43.4, Joe Parker (APP), 1973-76
 43.4, Pat Velarde (MAR), 1982-83

KICKOFF RETURNS**MOST KICKOFF RETURNS****Career**

120, Mike Rucker (WOF), 2007-10
 108, Carlos Frank (CIT), 1996-99
99, Mason Dermott (VMI), 2015-pr.
 97, CoCo Hillary (APP), 2007-10

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS YARDS**Career**

2,725, Mike Rucker (WOF), 2007-10
 2,535, Carlos Frank (CIT), 1996-99
 2,493, Fabian Truss (SAM), 2010-13
 2,301, CoCo Hillary (APP), 2007-11
 2,279, Detrez Newsome (WCU), 2014-17
 2,257, Laron Scott (GSU), 2008-11
 2,058, Kerry Hayes (WCU), 1991-94
2,056, Mason Dermott (VMI), 2015-pr.
 2,053, Brian Bratton (FUR), 2001-04

DEFENSE**MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS****Game**

7, James Russell (ETSU) vs. Glensville State, Sept. 14, 1996
 7, Bryan Dailer (FUR) vs. Chattanooga, Nov. 22, 1997
 6, Bryan Dailer (FUR) vs. Chattanooga, Nov. 23, 1996
 5, Rayford Cannon (APP) vs. Davidson, Oct. 4, 1986
 5, Kelly Fletcher (FUR) vs. Newberry, Sept. 24, 1988
 5, Kelly Fletcher (FUR) vs. Western Carolina, Oct. 28, 1989
 4, Louis Cooper (WCU) vs. ETSU, Nov. 10, 1984
 4, Derek Summerour (WCU) vs. Marshall, Oct. 14, 1995
 4, Tyler Unzicker (UTC) vs. ETSU, Nov. 10, 2001
 4, Katon Bethay (WOF) vs. VMI, Oct. 15, 2005
 4, Mitch McGrath (FUR) at Chattanooga, Oct. 29, 2011
4, Solomon Clark (WCU) vs. VMI, Sept. 22, 2018



The Citadel
(1-2, 1-2 SoCon)

S1 at #11/10 Wofford* (ESPN+/CW62) L, 21-28
 S8 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN+).....L, 28-29 (OT)
 S22 at Mercer* (ESPN+).....W, 38-31
 S29 at #-/25 Towson (CAA.TV).....4 p.m.
 O13 ETSU* (ESPN3).....2 p.m.
 O20 at VMI* (ESPN3).....1:30 p.m.
 O27 FURMAN* (ESPN+).....2 p.m.
 N3 at Western Carolina* (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 N10 SAMFORD* (ESPN+).....2 p.m.
 N17 at Alabama (TBD).....TBD
 N29 CHARLESTON SOUTHERN^ (ESPN+)..6 p.m.
 ^ if there is no conflict with FCS playoffs



ETSU
(3-1, 2-0 SoCon)

S1 MARS HILL (ESPN+).....W, 28-7
 S8 at Tennessee (SEC Network).....L, 3-59
 S14 at VMI* (ESPN+).....W, 27-24
 S22 FURMAN* (ESPN3).....W, 29-27
 S29 #24/20 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN+)..7:30 p.m.
 O6 GARDNER-WEBB (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 O13 at The Citadel* (ESPN3).....2 p.m.
 O20 at Wofford* (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.
 O27 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN+)...3:30 p.m.
 N3 at Mercer* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 N17 SAMFORD* (ESPN3).....1 p.m.



Furman
(0-3, 0-1 SoCon)

S1 at #2/2 Clemson (ACC Network).....L, 7-48
 S8 at #15/15 Elon (CollegeSportsLive.com)..L, 7-45
 S15 #25/- COLGATE (ESPN3/CW62).....canc.
 S22 at ETSU* (ESPN3).....L, 27-29
 S29 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN+/CW62)..2 p.m.
 O13 WOFFORD* (ESPN+/CW62).....1 p.m.
 O20 SAMFORD* (ESPN+/CW62).....2 p.m.
 O27 at The Citadel* (ESPN+).....2 p.m.
 N3 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN3/CW62).....1 p.m.
 N10 at VMI* (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.
 N17 at Mercer* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.



Mercer
(2-2, 1-1 SoCon)

S1 at Memphis (ESPN3).....L, 14-66
 S8 JACKSONVILLE (ESPN3).....W, 45-3
 S15 at #9/9 SAMFORD* (ESPN+).....W, 30-24
 S22 THE CITADEL* (ESPN+).....L, 31-38
 S29 at VMI* (ESPN3).....1:30 p.m.
 O13 at Yale (ESPN+).....1 p.m.
 O20 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN+).....4 p.m.
 O27 at Wofford* (ESPN3/CW62).....1:30 p.m.
 N3 ETSU* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 N10 at Chattanooga* (ESPN+).....1 p.m.
 N17 FURMAN* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.



Samford
(1-3, 0-2 SoCon)

A30 SHORTER (ESPN+).....W, 66-9
 S8 at Florida State (ACC Network).....L, 26-36
 S15 MERCER* (ESPN+).....L, 24-30
 S22 at Chattanooga* (ESPN+).....L, 20-27
 S29 at #4/4 Kennesaw State (ESPN3).....6 p.m.
 O6 WESTERN CAROLINA* (ESPN3)....1:30 p.m.
 O13 VMI* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 O20 at Furman* (ESPN+/CW62).....2 p.m.
 N3 WOFFORD* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 N10 at The Citadel* (ESPN+).....2 p.m.
 N17 at ETSU* (ESPN3).....1 p.m.



Chattanooga
(4-0, 2-0 SoCon)

A30 TENNESSEE TECH (ESPN3).....W, 34-10
 S8 at The Citadel* (ESPN+).....W, 29-28 (OT)
 S15 at UT Martin (ESPN+).....W, 34-24
 S22 #17/17 SAMFORD* (ESPN+).....W, 27-20
 S29 at ETSU* (ESPN+).....7:30 p.m.
 O6 WOFFORD* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 O13 at Western Carolina* (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 O27 VMI* (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 N3 at Furman* (ESPN3/CW62).....1 p.m.
 N10 MERCER* (ESPN+).....1 p.m.
 N17 at South Carolina (TBD).....TBD



VMI
(0-3, 0-3 SoCon)

S1 at Toledo (ESPN3).....L, 3-66
 S8 at #7/8 Wofford* (ESPN+/CW62)...L, 14-59
 S14 ETSU* (ESPN+).....L, 24-27
 S22 at Western Carolina* (ESPN+).....L, 50-52
 S29 MERCER* (ESPN3).....1:30 p.m.
 O13 at Samford* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 O20 THE CITADEL* (ESPN3).....1:30 p.m.
 O27 at Chattanooga* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 N3 TUSCULUM (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.
 N10 FURMAN* (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.
 N17 at Old Dominion (ESPN+).....2 p.m.



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

S1 NEWBERRY (ESPN+).....W, 33-26
 S14 at Gardner-Webb (ESPN+).....W, 28-10
 S22 VMI* (ESPN+).....W, 52-50
 S29 at Furman* (ESPN+/CW62).....2 p.m.
 O6 at Samford* (ESPN3).....1:30 p.m.
 O13 CHATTANOOGA* (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 O20 at Mercer* (ESPN+).....4 p.m.
 O27 at ETSU* (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 N3 THE CITADEL (ESPN+).....3:30 p.m.
 N10 WOFFORD* (ESPN3).....3:30 p.m.
 N17 at North Carolina (TBD).....TBD



Wofford
(2-1, 2-0 SoCon)

S1 THE CITADEL* (ESPN+/CW62).....W, 28-21
 S8 VMI* (ESPN+/CW62).....W, 59-14
 S15 at Wyoming (MW Network).....L, 14-17
 S29 at Gardner-Webb (ESPN+).....6 p.m.
 O6 at Chattanooga* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 O13 at Furman* (ESPN+/CW62).....1 p.m.
 O20 ETSU* (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.
 O27 MERCER* (ESPN3/CW62).....1:30 p.m.
 N3 at Samford* (ESPN+).....3 p.m.
 N10 at Western Carolina* (ESPN3).....3:30 p.m.
 N17 PRESBYTERIAN (ESPN+).....1:30 p.m.

All times Eastern

* - Denotes SoCon game

ALL CAPS - Denotes home game
 FCS rankings are listed AFCA/STATS
 FBS rankings are listed Amway Coaches/AP