



THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

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2026 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams ^{Rank}	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
The Citadel	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
ETSU ^{RV/RV}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Furman ^{RV/RV}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Mercer ^{17/21}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Samford	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Chattanooga ^{RV}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Tennessee Tech ^{15/14}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
VMI	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Western Carolina ^{RV/RV}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-
Wofford ^{RV}	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	-

Rankings listed AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25/Stats Perform FCS Top 25

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(ALL TIMES EASTERN)

Aug. 27 (Thursday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Chattanooga ^{RV} at West Georgia	First meeting	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Anderson at Furman ^{RV/RV}	First meeting	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Aug. 29 (Saturday)	Series	TV/Digital	Time
Campbell at ETSU	First meeting	CBS Sports Network	5:30 p.m.
VMI at Idaho State ^{RV/RV}	First meeting	ESPN+	6 p.m.
The Citadel at Wofford	The Citadel leads 45-33-1	ESPN+	6 p.m.
East Texas A&M at Mercer	First meeting	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Monmouth ^{23/22} at Tennessee Tech ^{15/14}	First meeting	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Western Carolina ^{RV/RV}	Eastern Kentucky leads 5-3	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Samford at North Alabama	North Alabama leads 6-5-2		7 p.m.

FCS rankings listed AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25/Stats Perform FCS Top 25
FBS rankings listed Associated Press Top 25/AFCA FBS Coaches' Top 25

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

The Southern Conference returns 34 percent of its starters from last season, with Chattanooga, VMI and Wofford leading the way with each returning 52 percent of its starters back.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	5/6	2/9	1/2	8/17	.320
ETSU	2/9	4/7	3/3	9/19	.321
Furman	2/9	8/3	2/0	12/12	.500
Mercer	3/8	1/10	2/2	6/20	.231
Samford	6/5	3/8	2/2	11/15	.423
Chattanooga	5/6	6/5	2/1	13/12	.520
Tennessee Tech	4/7	2/9	1/4	7/20	.259
VMI	5/6	6/5	2/1	13/12	.520
Western Carolina	3/8	1/10	1/2	5/20	.200
Wofford	8/3	4/7	1/2	13/12	.520
Total	43/67	37/73	17/19	97/159	.340

NOTES

• The Southern Conference football season opens Thursday with Furman hosting Anderson, while Chattanooga travels to West Georgia.

• The 2026 campaign is the 105th season of SoCon football. Founded in 1921, the SoCon is the fifth-oldest Division I conference.

• Two SoCon squads - Tennessee Tech and Mercer - are ranked in both the AFCA and Stats Perform preseason polls to begin the season. The Golden Eagles begin their first SoCon season ranked No. 15 in the AFCA and No. 14 in the Stats Perform poll, while the Bears sit in the No. 17 and No. 21 spots in the polls respectively. Five other SoCon squads received votes in at least one of the polls.

• Mercer was picked to win the SoCon for the third consecutive season after 9-3 overall and a perfect 8-0 in SoCon play in 2025. Bears wide receiver Brayden Smith was picked as the Preseason SoCon Offensive Player of the Year.

• The SoCon will feature four new head coaches this season. Mercer's Joel Taylor, Samford's John Grass and VMI's Ashley Ingram are all new hires, while Tennessee Tech's Bobby Wilder begins his third season with the Golden Eagles and the team's first cycle into SoCon play.

• Two SoCon players are on the preseason watch list for the Walter Payton Award and the Buck Buchanan Award. Mercer's Smith and Tennessee Tech running back MJ Flowers are on the initial Payton list. Furman defensive lineman Joshua Stoneking, the SoCon Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, and Western Carolina defensive back Ken Moore Jr. are on the Buchanan list.

• Stoneking finished as the runner-up for the Buchanan Award following the 2025 season.

• Six SoCon teams will be facing opponents for the first time in program history this season.

• The Citadel travels to Wofford for the first game between SoCon teams this season. The road team has won the last three matchups between these in-state foes.

SoCon STATS

NCAA STATS

SoCon MEDIA GUIDE



AFCA FCS COACHES' TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	PTS	W-L
1. Montana St. (25)	14-2	649
2. Montana	13-2	605
3. South Dakota St. (1)	9-5	591
4. Illinois St.	12-5	553
5. Tarleton St.	12-2	527
6. UC Davis	9-4	498
7. Villanova	12-3	448
8. Rhode Island	11-3	434
9. Youngstown St.	8-5	428
10. North Dakota	8-6	396
11. Lehigh	12-1	359
12. South Dakota	10-5	347
13. Stephen F. Austin	11-3	313
14. ACU	9-5	295
15. Tennessee Tech	11-2	294
16. Southern Illinois	7-5	231
17. Mercer	9-3	189
18. Austin Peay	7-5	186
19. Yale	9-3	164
20. S.E. Louisiana	9-4	160
21. Lamar	8-5	133
22. UT Martin	6-6	123
23. Monmouth (N.J.)	9-3	105
24. Northern Arizona	7-5	67
25. South Carolina St.	10-3	63

Note: Records from 2025 Season

Others receiving votes: Richmond, 31; Southeast Missouri St., 27; Valparaiso, 23; Alabama St., 21; **ETSU, 21; Western Carolina, 20;** Idaho St., 15; Harvard, 14; Central Connecticut St., 12; **Furman, 12;** Jackson St., 11; **Chattanooga, 9;** Eastern Kentucky, 9; UIW, 9; UT-Rio Grande Valley, 9; Dartmouth, 8; Elon, 7; William & Mary, 7; Holy Cross, 6; **Wofford, 5;** Prairie View A&M, 4; Northern Colorado, 3; St. Thomas (Minn.), 3; New Hampshire, 2; Central Arkansas, 1; McNeese St., 1; San Diego, 1; Stony Brook, 1.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	W-L	PTS
1. Montana State (57)	14-2	1,4251
2. Montana	13-2	1,3283
3. South Dakota State	9-5	1,26613
4. Illinois State	12-5	1,2312
5. Tarleton State	12-2	1,1006
6. UC Davis	9-4	1,0638
7. Rhode Island	11-3	1,04811
8. Villanova	12-3	1,008T4
9. Youngstown State	8-5	946 18
10. North Dakota	8-6	945 14
11. Lehigh	12-1	826 10
12. South Dakota	10-5	783 9
13. Stephen F. Austin	11-3	773 7
14. Tennessee Tech	11-2	594 16
15. Abilene Christian	9-5	579 12
16. Southern Illinois	7-5	509 25
17. Austin Peay	7-5	440 NR
18. Yale	9-3	418 15
19. S.E. Louisiana	9-4	392 19
20. Lamar	8-5	380 24
21. Mercer	11-3	306 17
22. Monmouth	9-3	200 22
23. UT Martin	6-6	144 NR
24. South Carolina State	10-3	107 21
25. Northern Arizona	7-5	103 NR

Note: Records from 2025 Season

Others receiving votes: Idaho State 100; **Western Carolina 75;** Harvard 72; New Hampshire 61; Alabama State 59; Jackson State 48; Southern Utah 27; Prairie View A&M 25; West Georgia 25; UTRGV 20; Richmond 15; **ETSU 12;** Elon 11; Southeast Missouri 10; William & Mary 9; Delaware State 7; Drake 7; **Furman 6**

RECORDS VS. RANKED FCS FOES

Team	'26	'25	'24	'23	'22	'21	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-1	1-7	.125
ETSU	0-0	0-2	1-2	0-3	0-2	3-1	4-10	.286
FUR	0-0	0-1	1-3	4-1	2-1	2-1	9-7	.563
MER	0-0	1-1	5-1	1-3	0-2	1-1	8-8	.500
SAM	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	0-2	6-6	.500
UTC	0-0	0-3	1-1	2-3	0-2	1-1	4-10	.286
TTU	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-4	0-1	1-8	.111
VMI	0-0	0-1	0-3	1-2	0-1	1-1	2-8	.200
WCU	0-0	0-1	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-2	4-7	.364
WOF	0-0	0-1	1-4	1-3	0-1	0-4	2-13	.133

INGLES SOCON GAME OF THE WEEK

The Ingles SoCon Game of the Week airs on a regional network of Nexstar stations throughout the SoCon's footprint. All times are Eastern.

Aug. 29	The Citadel at Wofford	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	Wofford at Chattanooga	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Western Carolina at ETSU	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Wofford at Furman	2 p.m.
Oct. 3	Tennessee Tech at Western Carolina	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	ETSU at The Citadel	2 p.m.
Oct. 17	VMI at Wofford	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Mercer at Samford	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Chattanooga at Western Carolina	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Western Carolina at Furman	2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Wofford at Samford	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	Wildcard	TBA
Nov. 14	Wildcard	TBA
Nov. 21	Wildcard	TBA



SOCON POINTS OF PRIDE

• Since it began competing in FCS, the SoCon has amassed the **second-most national championships with eight**. Also boasting another eight national championship runner-up finishes.

• **The SoCon prides itself on quality and depth.**

• Nine of the 10 current SoCon football members have participated in the FCS Playoffs with seven different schools receiving bids since 2016.

• The league had a different champion in six consecutive seasons from 2018-24. Mercer repeated as champion in 2025. The last repeat champion prior to last season was in 2017-19, when Wofford won three straight.

• Overall, current SoCon football members have combined for 54 total FCS playoffs appearances.

• **The SoCon has had seven Walter Payton Award winners, three Buck Buchanan Award winners, five Eddie Robinson Award winners and one Jerry Rice Award winner.**

• **Sixty-six former SoCon players and coaches have been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, with App State's Armani Edwards and Marshall's Randy Moss serving as the most recent inductees from the league in 2024.**

• **The SoCon broadcasts all of its home games on ESPN+ and has an over-the-air television network that will air 15 games in 2026.**

• **The SoCon has been playing Division I FCS football since the 1982 season.** The NCAA created two subdivisions for Division I football beginning in 1978 with the creation of I-A (now FBS) and I-AA (now FCS). The SoCon was shifted from I-A to I-AA along with the Ivy League and Southland Conference following the 1981 season, joining the Mid-Continent, Big Sky, MEAC, SWAC, OVC, and Yankee conferences, along with a number of independents, as I-AA participants.

• **The 2025 season was the 104th of Southern Conference football.** The SoCon is the fourth-oldest NCAA Division I college athletic association.

PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year

Brayden Smith, WR/RS, Mercer

Defensive Player of the Year

Joshua Stoneking, DL, Furman

First team offense

QB Quentin Hayes, The Citadel
RB Jason Albritton, ETSU
RB Leo Boehling, VMI
OL Tyler Heggins-Hill, The Citadel
OL Will McCraw, ETSU
OL Brody Balliew, Mercer
OL Tyler Murray, Mercer
OL Aidan Donald, Chattanooga
TE Charlie Browder, ETSU
WR Brayden Smith, Mercer
WR Preston Bird, Samford

First team defense

DL Brenden LeBlanc, ETSU
DL Joshua Stoneking, Furman
DL Kobe McInnis, Mercer
DL Orlando Daniels, Chattanooga
LB Raleigh Herbert, Furman
LB Jyarius Carter, Mercer
LB Zion Rutledge, Chattanooga
DB Mike Jenkins, ETSU
DB Kam Baah-Slay, Chattanooga
DB Ken Moore Jr, Western Carolina
DB Eli Campbell, Wofford

First team specialists

PK Ewan Johnson, ETSU
P Ben Shrewsbury, VMI
LS Tommy DiLiegro, The Citadel
RS Brayden Smith, Mercer

Second team offense

QB Jax Leatherwood, Tennessee Tech
RB Marcus Harris, Tennessee Tech
RB Gerald Modest, Wofford
OL Chris Luna, Furman
OL Noah Watts, Samford
OL Eric Nunez, Tennessee Tech
OL Bryce Burnett, VMI
OL Zach Watson, Western Carolina
OL Reggie Houston, Wofford
TE Gerard Grewe, Tennessee Tech
WR Josh Williams, Chattanooga
WR AJ Colombo, Western Carolina

Second team defense

DL Demetrius Baldwin, Furman
DL Elihu Lipscomb, Furman
DL Ky Tayo, Chattanooga
DL Ramon McCollough, Wofford
LB Dre Delinois, ETSU
LB Isaiah Grevious, VMI
LB Wyatt Ward, Wofford
DB Jivon Oggs, ETSU
DB AK Burrell, Furman
DB Josh Tarver, Furman
DB Jalen Nelson, Samford

Second team specialists

PK Sam Spence, Wofford
P Heath Jehu, Chattanooga
LS Brock Winstead, ETSU
LS Aidan Barr, Samford
RS Caleb Easterling, Furman

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

Defensive

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

Special teams

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLL

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Mercer (6)	76
2. Tennessee Tech (3)	70
3. ETSU (1)	61
4. Western Carolina	58
5. Chattanooga	48
6. Furman	46
7. Wofford	36
8. Samford	23
9. The Citadel	22
10. VMI	10

COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Maurice Drayton, The Citadel	9-26 (4th)	Same	6-18 (4th)
Will Healy, ETSU	35-50 (9th)	7-5 (2nd)	5-3 (2nd)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	60-43 (10th)	Same	45-25 (10th)
Joel Taylor, Mercer	12-10 (3rd)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
John Grass, Samford	72-26 (9th)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	42-34 (8th)	Same	33-19 (7th)
Bobby Wilder, Tennessee Tech	95-63 (14th)	18-7 (3rd)	0-0 (1st)
Ashley Ingram, VMI	16-6 (3rd)	0-0 (1st)	0-0 (1st)
Kerwin Bell, Western Carolina	124-64 (18th)	31-26 (6th)	25-14 (6th)
Shawn Watson, Wofford	27-47 (8th)	16-25 (5th)	13-17 (5th)

SoCon vs. Other Conferences

FBS opponents (0-0)

Sept. 5	Furman at Tennessee
Sept. 5	VMI at Virginia Tech
Sept. 12	ETSU at North Carolina
Sept. 12	Western Carolina at Cincinnati
Sept. 12	Wofford at Kent State
Sept. 19	Mercer at Georgia Tech
Oct. 3	Samford at UAB
Nov. 21	Samford at Auburn
Nov. 21	Chattanooga at Alabama
Nov. 21	Tennessee Tech at Mississippi State
Nov. 21	Wofford at Ole Miss

FCS opponents (0-0)

Aug. 27	Chattanooga at West Georgia
Aug. 29	Campbell at ETSU
Aug. 29	East Texas A&M at Mercer
Aug. 29	Samford at North Alabama
Aug. 29	Monmouth at Tennessee Tech
Aug. 29	VMI at Idaho State
Aug. 29	Eastern Kentucky at Western Carolina
Sept. 3	Southern Illinois at Samford
Sept. 5	The Citadel at Charlotte
Sept. 5	Presbyterian at Mercer
Sept. 5	Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga
Sept. 5	Western Carolina at Campbell
Sept. 5	Gardner-Webb at Wofford
Sept. 12	Charleston Southern at The Citadel
Sept. 12	Chattanooga at Eastern Kentucky
Sept. 12	Bucknell at VMI
Sept. 19	West Georgia at ETSU
Sept. 19	SC State at Furman
Sept. 19	VMI at Davidson
Sept. 19	Presbyterian at Western Carolina
Sept. 26	Furman at Richmond
Sept. 26	Mercer at Abilene Christian
Oct. 3	The Citadel at SC State
Oct. 10	Wofford at Elon
Oct. 17	Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee Tech

Non-Division I opponents (0-0)

Aug. 27	Anderson at Furman
Sept. 5	Tusculum at ETSU

All times Eastern

Home Field Records

Team	W-L-T	Pct.	Years	Stadium name
The Citadel	244-174-3	.585	76th	Johnson Hagood Stadium
ETSU	33-17-0	.660	9th	William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium
Furman	194-70-1	.733	43rd	Paladin Stadium
Mercer	54-22-0	.711	13th	Five Star Stadium
Samford	188-98-4	.655	56th	Seibert Stadium
Chattanooga	82-69-0	.543	27th	Finley Stadium
Tennessee Tech	192-150-5	.560	61st	Tucker Stadium
VMI	115-175-3	.398	63rd	Foster Stadium
Western Carolina	144-119-2	.549	50th	E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Wofford	108-54-0	.667	28th	Gibbs Stadium

Shutout Chart

Team	Last shutout win	Games ago	Last shutout loss	Games ago
The Citadel	54-0 - North Greenville (2024)	22	49-0 - Ole Miss (2025)	3
ETSU	61-0 - UVA Wise (2024)	24	38-0 - Vanderbilt (2019)	67
Furman	52-0 - North Greenville (2022)	50	76-0 - Ole Miss (2024)	23
Mercer	62-0 - VMI (2025)	6	47-0 - South Dakota (2025)	1
Samford	43-0 - Clark Atlanta (2015)	115	48-0 - Texas A&M (2025)	1
Chattanooga	63-0 - Stetson (2025)	10	31-0 - Illinois (2022)	48
Tennessee Tech	35-0 - Tennessee State (2023)	25	35-0 - Gardner-Webb (2023)	26
VMI	49-0 - St. Francis (Pa.) (2008)	200	62-0 - Mercer (2025)	5
Western Carolina	35-0 - Shorter (2008)	202	76-0 - Oklahoma (2021)	57
Wofford	17-0 - VMI (2016)	104	26-0 - Elon (2022)	46

Overtime Records

Current Southern Conference teams are 69-79 (.466) all-time in overtime games.

Team	Record	Pct.
The Citadel	11-11	.500
ETSU	6-4	.600
Furman	5-12	.294
Mercer	3-3	.500
Samford	5-6	.455
Chattanooga	7-15	.318
Tennessee Tech	12-10	.545
VMI*	10-5	.667
Western Carolina	3-8	.273
Wofford	7-4	.636
Total	69-79	.466

* includes two losses as a member of the Big

All-Time Records in SoCon Play

Team	Years	W-L-T	Pct.
The Citadel	88th	228-333-5	.408
ETSU	36th	101-155-0	.392
Furman	88th	304-234-11	.563
Mercer	13th	54-39-0	.576
Samford	19th	75-64-0	.539
Chattanooga	50th	178-173-2	.509
Tennessee Tech	1st	0-0	.000
VMI	92nd	201-343-23	.375
Western Carolina	50th	140-218-1	.392
Wofford	30th	127-94-0	.573

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PUNT RETURNS

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE

Career (minimum 25 returns)

18.9, George Hannen (DAV), 1967-69
 18.2, Chandler Curtis (MER), 2014-17
 16.9, David Ames (UR), 1955-57, 1959
 16.4, Montrell Washington (SAM), 2017-21
 16.0, Raja Andrews (GSU), 2005-08
 14.0, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
 13.9, Kerry Hayes (WCU), 1991-94
 13.5, Stefpon Hawkins (UTC), 1996-99
 12.8, Bear Rinehart (FUR), 1999-02
 11.8, Brayden Smith (MER), 2023-pres.

MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN

Career

4, Tim Martin (MAR), 1993-96
 4, Carlos Frank (CIT), 1996-99
 4, Montrell Washington (SAM), 2017-21
 3, Andre Roberts (CIT), 2006-09
 3, A.J. Harris (Elon), 2008-11
 3, Chandler Curtis (MER), 2014-17
 2, David McCrary (UTC), 1982-85
 2, Ricardo Clark (MAR), 1988-91
 2, Anthony Smith (APP), 1989-92
 2, Andre Worrell (FUR), 1991-93
 2, Kerry Hayes (WCU), 1991-94
 2, Ant Williams (GSU), 1999-02
 2, Dexter Jackson (APP), 2004-07
 2, Karlos Sullivan (Elon), 2006-09
 2, Tommy Hudson (UTC), 2010-14
 2, Dante Smith (CIT), 2018-19
 2, Brayden Smith (MER), 2023-pres.

DEFENSE

MOST QUARTERBACK SACKS

Season

17.5, Bryan Dailer (FUR), 1997
 16.0, Kelly Fletcher (FUR), 1989
 16.0, Anthony Jones (WOF), 2002
 15.0, Edward Thomas (GSU), 1996
 15.0, Adrian Hope (FUR), 2018
 14.5, Kelly Fletcher (FUR), 1988
 14.5, Joshua Stoneking (FUR), 2025
 13.5, Keionta Davis (UTC), 2015
 13.0, Marques Murrell (APP), 2005
 13.0, Jason Hunter (APP), 2005
 13.0, Marques Murrell (APP), 2006

NATIONAL/REGIONAL AWARDS

FCS Football Central Preseason All-American Team

First team

Defense

DL – Joshua Stoneking, Furman
 DB – Ken Moore Jr., Western Carolina

Special Teams

P – Ben Shrewsbury, VMI

Second team

Offense

AP – MJ Flowers, Tennessee Tech

Special Teams

AP – Brayden Smith, Mercer

Phil Steele Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Defense

DL – Joshua Stoneking, Furman

Second team

Defense

DL – Chris Benton, The Citadel
 DB – Ken Moore Jr., Western Carolina

Special Teams

P – Ben Shrewsbury, VMI

Third team

Offense

WR – Brayden Smith, Mercer

Special Teams

AP – Brayden Smith, Mercer

Fourth team

Special Teams

PR – Isaiah Scott, Wofford
 LS – Tommy DiLiegro, The Citade

Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Teams

First team

Defense

DL – Joshua Stoneking, Furman

Special Teams

P – Ben Shrewsbury, VMI

Second team

Offense

WR – Eric Weatherly, Tennessee Tech

Defense

DL – Chris Benton, The Citadel
 DB – Ken Moore Jr., Western Carolina

Special Teams

AP – Brayden Smith, Mercer

Third team

Offense

RB – MJ Flowers, Tennessee Tech

Stats Perform Walter Payton Award

Watch list

RB – MJ Flowers, Tennessee Tech
 WR – Brayden Smith, Mercer

Stats Perform Buck Buchanan Award

Watch list

DL – Joshua Stoneking, Furman
 DB – Ken Moore Jr., Western Carolina