

2025-26 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE					OVERALL					
	W-L	PCT	H	A	ST	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	ST
UTC						1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0		W1
FUR						1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0		W1
MER						1-0	1.000	0-0	1-0		W1
SAM						1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0		W1
WOF						1-0	1.000	1-0	0-0		W1
WCU						0-0	.000	0-0	0-0		
ETSU						0-1	.000	0-1	0-0		L1
UNCG						0-1	.000	0-0	0-1		L1

2025-26 PRESEASON POLL

TEAM (1ST-PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL
1. Chattanooga (6)	48
2. UNCG (2)	39
3. ETSU	38
4. Wofford	28
5. Furman	26
6. Samford	19
7. Western Carolina	14
8. Mercer	12

2025-26 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

2025-26 PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Caia Elisaldez, Jr., G, Chattanooga

2025-26 PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TEAM

Meghan Downing, Sr., F, ETSU
Carmen Richardson, So., G, ETSU
Clare Coyle, So., F, Furman
Ariana Bennett, Sr., F, Mercer
Makiah Asidanya, Jr., G, UNCG
Jaila Lee, Sr., G, UNCG
Emily Bowman, R-Sr., C, Samford
Gianna Corbitt, So., F, Chattanooga
Caia Elisaldez, Jr., G, Chattanooga
Molly Masingale, So., G, Wofford



20-POINT SEASON OPENERS

ETSU sophomore guard Carmen Richardson (21 points) and Chattanooga junior guard Caia Elisaldez (20 points) and each opened the season with 20-point performances.

ETSU fell to Elon in an over-time battle, while the Mocs secured a win over King.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE (ET)

AWAY AT HOME	GAME TIME	STREAM	*BOLD INDICATES SOCON TEAM.
Wednesday, November 5 UNCG at San Francisco (WCC)	7:30 pm	ESPN+	
Thursday, November 6 Chattanooga at Florida (SEC)	5:00 pm	SECN+	
Virginia-Lynchburg at Western Carolina	6:00 pm	ESPN+	
Furman at Georgia (SEC)	6:30 pm	SECN+	
Mercer at Clemson (ACC)	7:00 pm	ESPN+	
Friday, November 7 ETSU at Tennessee (SEC)	6:30 pm	SECN+	
Saturday, November 8 Wofford at High Point (Big South)	12:00 pm	ESPN+	
Samford at Nebraska (Big Ten)	6:00 pm	Big 10+	
Sunday, November 9 Tusculum at Western Carolina	2:00 pm	ESPN+	
Chattanooga at Lipscomb (ASUN)	3:00 pm		
Monday, November 10 Furman at Vanderbilt (SEC)	7:00 pm	SECN+	
Gardner-Webb (Big South) at Mercer	7:00 pm	ESPN+	
UNCG at Auburn (SEC)	7:00 pm	SECN+	
Tuesday, November 11 Georgia State (Sun Belt) at Wofford	7:00 pm	ESPN+	

2026 INGLES SOCON WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern Conference Basketball Championships will be held March 5-9. The women's tournament will be held March 5-8 at the Harrah's Cherokee Center - Asheville, in Asheville, North Carolina. The tournament will include all eight women's teams.



2025-26 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

The Spartans dropped their season-opening contest to Stanford and now look to close out their West Coast trip at San Francisco. UNCG will face the Dons—ranked sixth in the West Coast Conference preseason poll—in their season opener. Graduate transfer Jeni Levine led the Spartans with 18 points against Stanford and will be a key source of veteran leadership as the team wraps up its early road swing.

SOUTHERN VERSUS SOUTHEASTERN

Across the Southern Conference, women's basketball teams are set to face SEC opponents early in the season. After a 20-point opening-day performance, Caia Elissalde and the Mocs will travel to Gainesville to face the Florida Gators on November 6. Chattanooga looks to build momentum, with head coach Deandra Schirmer emphasizing team dynamics and consistency as key areas of focus during basketball media day.

Furman will face the Georgia Bulldogs on November 6 for the 15th time in program history. Returners Clare Coyle, Raina McGowens, and Chantelle Stuart all scored in last year's matchup. The Paladins will also travel to Nashville on November 10 for a game against Vanderbilt, marking their first matchup since 2019.

ETSU will head to Knoxville on November 7 for an in-state clash with the Lady Vols—their first meeting since 2021. To round out the regional battles, UNCG will face Auburn on November 10—a first for the program.

REGIONAL RUMBLES

Additional regional foes from the Big South appear on early season schedules, with Wofford traveling to High Point on November 8 for a mid-day matchup and Mercer hosting Gardner-Webb on November 10. The Terriers have historically fared well against the Panthers, Wofford is 4-1 in the series all-time. Wofford's lone Preseason All-Conference selection, Molly Masingale, contributed seven points in last year's meeting and returns as a key piece of the lineup.

Mercer holds a 5-7 all-time record against the Runnin' Bulldogs and snapped a multi-game losing streak with a win in their most recent matchup in 2021. The Bears will look to build on that momentum as they welcome Gardner-Webb to Hawkins Arena for the first time in six years.

WESTERN CAROLINA OPENS SEASON

While the Catamounts did not compete on opening day, they will host Virginia-Lynchburg for their season opener on November 6. Western Carolina welcomes nine new players to the roster this season and Kehinde Obasuyi returns from injury. The team aims to build on lessons from last year, when nine of their 11 conference losses came after holding fourth-quarter leads. The Catamounts will continue their home opening stretch against Tusculum on November 9.

ROUNDING IT OUT

Mercer and Clemson, along with Samford and Nebraska, will meet on November 6 and 8, respectively, to close out the week's major matchups. Rounding out the mid-major slate, Chattanooga will face Lipscomb on November 9, while Wofford hosts Georgia State on November 11.

COLLEGEINSIDER.COM MID-MAJOR TOP 25 10/27/2025

SCHOOL (1ST-PLACE)	RECORD	PTS.	CONFERENCE
1. South Dakota State (20)	0-0	746	Summit
2. Harvard (6)	0-0	730	Ivy
3. James Madison (1)	0-0	615	CAA
4. Green Bay	0-0	301	Horizon
5. Fairfield	0-0	587	MAAC
6. Princeton (1)	0-0	562	Ivy
7. Gonzaga	0-0	537	WCC
8. Murray State	0-0	503	MVC
9. Middle Tennessee	0-0	445	CUSA
10. Kent State	0-0	428	MAC
11. Ball State	0-0	384	MAC
12. Illinois State	0-0	377	MVC
13. Aiblene Christian	0-0	364	WAC
14. Belmont	0-0	267	MVC
15. Montana State	0-0	260	Big Sky
16. Columbia	0-0	232	Ivy
17. FGCU	0-0	195	ASUN
18. Liberty	0-0	188	CUSA
19. Arkansas State	0-0	184	Sun Belt
20. Quinnipiac	0-0	178	MAAC
21. Troy	0-0	152	Sun Belt
22. Louisiana Tech	0-0	133	CUSA
23. Charleston	0-0	116	CAA
24. Farleigh Dickison	0-0	105	Northeast
25. Hawaii	0-0	96	Big West

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Maine 94, Chattanooga 93, High Point 88, Howard 86, Tennessee Tech 75, North Dakota State 72, Stephen F Austin 63, Portland 60, Cleveland State 58, Navy 53, Lindenwood 44, Toledo 44, Drake 32, Missouri State 29, Norfolk State 26, Santa Clara 22, Southern 20, Drexel 19, UT Arlington 18, Youngstown State 11, McNeese 10, Northern Arizona 10, UC Irvine 10, Buffalo 9, Montana 8, Incarnate Word 7, Vermont 7, Bowling Green 6, Army 5, UNCG 5, Purdue Fort Wayne 3, Miami (OH) 2, Robert Morris 1.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE COACHING RECORDS (AS OF 11/4/25)

COACH, SCHOOL	SEASON AT SCHOOL	CAREER	SCHOOL RECORD	SOCON RECORD	CAREER RECORD
Brenda Mock Brown, ETSU	4th	12th	60-36	24-18	177-173
Pierre Curtis, FUR	3rd	3rd	32-32	10-18	32-32
Michelle Clark-Heard, MER	2nd	15th	9-22	3-11	261-175
Trina Patterson, UNCG	10th	27th	146-130	68-58	329-430
Matt Wise, SAM	1st	1st	1-0	--	1-0
Deandra Schirmer, UTC	2nd	7th	18-15	9-5	132-46
Jonathan Tsipis, WCU	2nd	10th	13-17	3-11	155-154
Jimmy Garrity, WOF	10th	13th	141-127	64-61	207-153

ACTIVE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE LEADERS (AS OF 10/29/25)

Points scored per game (min. 35 games)

Name	School	GP	FG	3FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Maddie Heiss	WOF	59	213	85	74	585	9.92
Caia Elisaldez	UTC	64	214	35	108	571	8.92
Emily Bowman	SAM	84	223	0	154	600	7.14
Makiah Asidanya	UNCG	54	90	40	72	292	5.41

3-point field goals made

Name	School	GP	3FG	AVG
Molly Masingale	WOF	29	46	1.59
Maddie Heiss	WOF	59	85	1.44
Gianna Corbitt	UTC	32	34	1.06

Free-throw percentage (min. 15 made)

Name	School	GP	FTM	FTA	PCT.
Ariana Bennett	MER	30	92	115	.800
Molly Masingale	WOF	29	74	94	.787

Rebounds

Name	School	GP	OFF	DEF	NO	AVG
Gianna Corbitt	UTC	32	42	192	234	7.31
Clare Coyle	FUR	32	68	132	200	6.25
Emily Bowman	SAM	84	178	346	524	6.24
Ariana Bennett	MER	30	61	84	45	4.83
Meghan Downing	ETSU	82	145	251	396	4.83

Rebounds per game (min. 35 games)

Name	School	GP	NO	AVG
Emily Bowman	SAM	84	524	6.24
Meghan Downing	ETSU	82	396	4.83

Blocked shots

Name	School	GP	NO	AVG
Emily Bowman	SAM	84	150	1.79
Meghan Downing	ETSU	82	117	1.43

Steals

Name	School	GP	NO	AVG
Gianna Corbitt	UTC	32	51	1.59
Chantelle Stuart	FUR	32	47	1.47
Jaila Lee	UNCG	32	42	1.31
Nahawa Diarra	MER	28	35	1.25
Raina McGowens	FUR	30	33	1.10

Assists

Name	School	GP	NO	AVG
Chantelle Stuart	FUR	32	106	3.31
Sierra Godbolt	SAM	31	98	3.16
Caia Elisaldez	UTC	64	200	3.13
Nahawa Diarra	MER	28	76	2.71
Molly Masingale	WOF	29	73	2.52

Assists per game (min. 35 games)

Name	School	GP	NO	AVG
Caia Elisaldez	UTC	64	200	3.13
Maddie Heiss	WOF	59	81	1.37
Makiah Asidanya	UNCG	54	60	1.11
Jada Knight	SAM	49	48	0.98

SPECIALTY STATS LEADERS (AS OF 11/4/25)

40-point games OVR SoCon

30-point games OVR SoCon

20-point games OVR SoCon

Caia Elisaldez (UTC) 1
Carmen Richardson (ETSU) 1

15-rebound games OVR SoCon

10-rebound games OVR SoCon

15-assist games OVR SoCon

10-assist games OVR SoCon

5-block games OVR SoCon

Double-doubles OVR SoCon

20/15 games OVR SoCon

20/10 games OVR SoCon

SOCON VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

American	0-0	Northeast	0-0
America East	0-0	Ohio Valley	0-0
Atlantic 10	0-0	Pacific 12	0-0
Atlantic Coast	0-0	Patriot League	0-0
Stanford	0-1	Southeastern	0-0
Clemson		Auburn	
Atlantic Sun	0-0	Florida	
Lipscomb		Georgia	
Big 12	0-0	Tennessee	
Big East	0-0	Vanderbilt	
Big Sky	0-0	Southland	0-0
Big South	0-0	Southwestern	0-0
Gardner-Webb		Summit league	0-0
High Point		Sun Belt	0-0
UNC Asheville	1-0	Georgia State	
Big Ten	0-0	West Coast	0-0
Nebraska		San Francisco	
Big West	0-0	Western Athletic	0-0
Coastal	0-0	Non Division-I	0-0
Elon	0-1	Converse	1-0
Conference USA	0-0	King (Tenn.)	1-0
Great West	0-0	Montevallo	1-0
Horizon League	0-0	North Greenville	1-0
Independent	0-0	Tusculum	
Ivy	0-0	Total	5-2
Metro Atlantic	0-0	Home	4-1
Mid-American	0-0	Away	1-1
Mid-Eastern	0-0	Neutral	0-0
Missouri Valley	0-0		
Mountain West	0-0		

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

DATE	AWAY	HOME	TIME	LOCATION	RESULT
11/3	Montevallo	Samford	12:00 PM EST	Birmingham, AL	SAM 75, MOV 53
11/3	King (Tenn.)	Chattanooga	12:00 PM EST	Chattanooga, TN	CHAT 82, KING 34
11/3	Mercer	UNC Asheville	6:30 PM EST	Asheville, NC	MER 48, UNCA 39
11/3	Converse	Wofford	7:00 PM EST	Spartanburg, SC	WOF 126, CONV 65
11/3	Elon	ETSU	7:00 PM EST	Johnson City, TN	ELON 65, ETSU 56
11/3	North Greenville	Furman	7:00 PM EST	Greenville, SC	FUR 85, NGV 27
11/3	UNC Greensboro	Stanford	10:00 PM EST	Stanford, CA	STAN 87, UNCG 42
11/5	UNC Greensboro	San Francisco	7:30 PM EST	San Francisco, CA	
11/6	Chattanooga	Florida	5:00 PM EST	Gainesville, FL	
11/6	Virginia-Lynchburg	Western Carolina	6:00 PM EST	Cullowhee, NC	
11/6	Furman	Georgia	6:30 PM EST	Athens, GA	
11/6	Clemson	Mercer	7:00 PM EST	Macon, GA	
11/7	ETSU	Tennessee	6:30 PM EST	Knoxville, TN	
11/8	Samford	Nebraska	6:00 PM EST	Lincoln, NE	
11/8	Wofford	High Point	12:00 PM EST	High Point, NC	
11/9	Chattanooga	Lipscomb	3:00 PM EST	Nashville, TN	
11/9	Tusculum	Western Carolina	6:00 PM EST	Cullowhee, NC	
11/10	Furman	Vanderbilt	7:00 PM EST	Nashville, TN	
11/10	Gardner-Webb	Mercer	7:00 PM EST	Macon, GA	
11/10	UNC Greensboro	Auburn	7:00 PM EST	Auburn, AL	
11/11	Georgia State	Wofford	7:00 PM EST	Spartanburg, SC	
11/12	Kennesaw State	ETSU	2:00 PM EST	Johnson City, TN	
11/12	Western Carolina	Campbell	7:00 PM EST	Buies Creek, NC	
11/12	Chattanooga	Troy	7:00 PM EST	Troy, AL	
11/13	Samford	Florida	TBA	Gainesville, FL	
11/13	Mercer	Wake Forest	6:00 PM EST	Winston-Salem, NC	
11/13	Georgia State	Furman	7:00 PM EST	Greenville, SC	
11/14	UNC Greensboro	Presbyterian	6:00 PM EST	Clinton, SC	
11/15	Clafin	ETSU	4:00 PM EST	Johnson City, TN	
11/16	UAB	Chattanooga	2:00 PM EST	Chattanooga, TN	
11/16	Wofford	App State	2:00 PM EST	Boone, NC	
11/16	Oklahoma	Western Carolina	3:30 PM EST	Cullowhee, NC	
11/16	Campbell	Furman	7:00 PM EST	Greenville, SC	
11/19	UNC Asheville	Western Carolina	5:00 PM EST	Cullowhee, NC	
11/19	Furman	Radford	7:00 PM EST	Radford, VA	
11/19	Mercer	Jackson State	7:00 PM EST	Jackson, MS	
11/19	Samford	Alabama	7:00 PM EST	Tuscaloosa, AL	
11/20	Austin Peay	Chattanooga	6:00 PM EST	Chattanooga, TN	
11/20	ETSU	Tennessee Tech	7:00 PM EST	Cookeville, TN	
11/21	Gardner-Webb	UNC Greensboro	7:00 PM EST	Greensboro, NC	
11/22	Mercer	Ga. Southern	1:00 PM EST	Statesboro, GA	
11/22	Northern Ky.	Chattanooga	2:00 PM EST	Chattanooga, TN	
11/22	Wofford	Charlotte	2:00 PM EST	Charlotte, NC	
11/22	ETSU	Memphis	3:00 PM EST	Memphis, TN	
11/23	Western Carolina	Wake Forest	1:00 PM EST	Winston-Salem, NC	
11/23	Clemson	Furman	2:00 PM EST	Greenville, SC	
11/23	UNC Greensboro	North Carolina	6:00 PM EST	Chapel Hill, NC	
11/24	Samford	Central Ark.	2:30 PM EST	Atlanta, GA	
11/25	Samford	Georgia State	12:00 PM EST	Atlanta, GA	
11/25	Western Carolina	West Georgia	2:00 PM EST	Carrollton, GA	
11/25	Wofford	UNC Asheville	4:00 PM EST	Asheville, NC	
11/25	Florida A&M	Mercer	7:00 PM EST	Macon, GA	
11/26	Stony Brook	Samford	2:30 PM EST	Atlanta, GA	
11/26	UNC Greensboro	N.C. Central	11:00 AM EST	Durham, NC	
11/28	Mercer	Charleston So.	2:00 PM EST	Charleston, SC	
11/28	Western Carolina	Clemson	4:00 PM EST	Nassau, Bahamas	
11/28	ETSU	Bellarmine	4:30 PM EST	Louisville, KY	
11/28	Sacramento St.	Chattanooga	5:00 PM EST	Riverside, CA	
11/29	ETSU	Louisville	TBA	Louisville, KY	
11/29	UNC Asheville	Furman	2:00 PM EST	Greenville, SC	
11/30	Eastern Ill.	ETSU	11:30 AM EST	Louisville, KY	
11/30	Ga. Southern	Wofford	1:00 PM EST	Spartanburg, SC	

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