



THE CITADEL FOOTBALL

SOCON CHAMPIONS - 1961, 1992, 2021S, 2016 | FCS PLAYOFFS - 1988, 1990, 1992, 2015, 2016

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GAMEDAY CENTRAL

Date Saturday, Oct. 26

Kickoff 2:02 pm ET

Location Charleston, S.C.

Stadium Sansom Field at

 Johnson Hagood Stadium

Capacity 11,427

 Senior Day / Leaders in Philanthropy

Series Results 9-7, Samford

Last Time L, 7-37 (10/28/2023)

Last at Johnson Hagood L, 3-38 (10/29/2022)

Streak L4

FOLLOW LIVE

TV Broadcast ESPN+

Play-by-Play Dave Weinstein

Analyst Vad Lee

Sideline Matison Little



Radio Broadcast 102.1 FM The City

Play-by-Play Brian Giffin

Analyst Lee Glaze, '86



GAME IX

SATURDAY, OCT. 26 | 2:00 PM ET
CHARLESTON, S.C. | JOHNSON HAGOOD



NR **THE CITADEL BULLDOGS**
[3-5, 1-4 SOCON]

Head Coach: Maurice Drayton, 2nd Season (The Citadel, 1998)

Record at The Citadel: 3-16 (.158) Career Record: Same



RV **SAMFORD BULLDOGS**
[3-3, 2-1 SOCON]

Head Coach: Chris Hatcher, 10th Season (Valdosta State, 1994)

Record at Samford: 60-46 (.566) Career Record: 181-103 (.637)

THE CITADEL 2024 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	TV	RESULT
Saturday, Aug. 31	6 pm	at Charleston Southern [LCBB]	ESPN+	W, 22-21
Saturday, Sept. 7	Noon	vs SOUTH CAROLINA STATE [HoF]	ESPN+	L, 20-23
Saturday, Sept. 14	Noon	vs NORTH GREENVILLE [MA]	ESPN+	W, 54-0
Saturday, Sept. 21	6 pm	at Mercer*	ESPN+	L, 21-38
Saturday, Sept. 28	2 pm	vs ETSU* [PW]	ESPN+	L, 17-34
Saturday, Oct. 5	2 pm	vs FURMAN*	ESPN+	L, 16-17
Saturday, Oct. 12	2:30 pm	at Western Carolina*	ESPN+	L, 16-30
Saturday, Oc. 19	1:30 pm	at VMI* [Military Classic of the South]	ESPN+	W, 13-10
Saturday, Oct. 26	2 pm	vs SAMFORD [SD]	ESPN+	
Saturday, Nov. 2		-----BYE WEEK-----		
Saturday, Nov. 9	2 pm	vs CHATTANOOGA* [HC]	ESPN+	
Saturday, Nov. 16	1:30 pm	at Wofford*	ESPN+	
Saturday, Nov. 23	TBD	at Clemson	TBD	

All times Eastern; All games broadcast via 102.1 FM The City; Home games = **BOLD / CAPS**

* = Southern Conference game; [LCBB] = Lowcountry Boil Bowl; [HoF] = Hall of Fame Weekend;

[MA] = Military Appreciation; [PW] = Parents' Weekend; [HC] = Homecoming

BY THE NUMBERS

CIT [3-5]

2024 STATISTICAL COMPARISON

SAM [3-3]

Avg.	FCS / Conf.	Category	FCS / Conf.
314.6	95 / 6	Total Offense	73 / 5
152.9	60 / 3	Rushing Offense	113 / 8
161.8	96 / 8	Passing Offense	16 / 2
110.69	105 / 7	Pass Efficiency Offense	21 / 2
22.4	82 / 6	Scoring Offense	49 / 4
351.4	49 / 4	Total Defense	72 / 6
142.6	44 / 4	Rushing Defense	20 / 3
208.8	59 / 4	Passing Defense	112 / 8
136.37	75 / 6	Pass Efficiency Defense	89 / 7
21.6	20 / 2	Scoring Defense	58 / 7
-0.25	80 / 6	Turnover Margin	24 / 3
.365	67 / 3	3rd Down Conversion Rate	109 / 5
.327	20 / 3	3rd Down Conversion Rate Defense	35 / 4
.714	102 / 8	Red Zone Offense	107 / 9
.808	47 / 6	Red Zone Defense	49 / 7
40.88	14 / 2	Net Punting	100 / 9
6.6	20 / 3	Tackles-for-Loss	33 / 5
4.50	10 / 2	Fewest Penalties	3 / 1

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Category	Stat	FCS / SoCon
QB Johnathan Bennett		
Pass Yards / Completion	13.7	16 / 3
WR Dervon Pesnell		
Yards / Reception	19.8	11 / 2
LB Thomas Wyatt		
Total Tackles / Game	8.5	27 / 3
Tackles-for-Loss / Game	1.1	42 / 5
DB Bradlee Jones		
Blocked Kicks	2	2 / 1
WR Braylon Knauth		
Combined Kick Returns	451	12 / 3
P James Platte		
Punting	47.5	4 / 1
K Ben Barnes		
Field Goals / Game	1.4	18 / 1

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UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

University Name ___ The Citadel | The Military College of South Carolina
Preferred Name _____ The Citadel
Abbreviation _____ CIT
Location _____ Charleston, S.C.
Founded _____ Dec. 20, 1842
Enrollment _____ 3,727
Affiliation _____ NCAA Division I (FCS)
Conference _____ Southern
Colors _____ Infantry Blue (PMS 542c), Flag Blue (PMS 295c) & White
Nickname _____ Bulldogs
Stadium _____ Johnson Hagood Stadium (11,427)
President _____ Gen. Glenn M. Walters, '79 (The Citadel)
Athletic Director _____ Mike Capaccio (Mary, 1981)
Senior Woman Administrator _____ Joni Stephens (EKU, 1994)
Faculty Athletic Representative _____ Chip Taylor (Tennessee, 1996)

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Offensive Formation _____ Option
Defensive Formation _____ Multiple
2023 Overall Record _____ 0-11
2023 Conference Record _____ 0-8
2023 Conference Finish _____ Ninth
Offensive Starters Returning / Lost _____ 9 / 2
Defensive Starters Returning / Lost _____ 6 / 5
Special Teams Starters Returning / Lost _____ 1 / 2
First Varsity Season _____ 1905
Overall Record _____ 526-607-32 (.452)
All-Time Playoff Record _____ 2-5
SoCon Titles _____ 4 (1961, 1992, 2015, 2016)
NCAA Playoff Appearances _____ 5 (1988, 1990, 1992, 2015, 2016)

STADIUM INFORMATION

Stadium Name _____ Sansom Field at Johnson Hagood Stadium
Field _____ Artificial turf
Capacity _____ 11,427
First Year _____ 1948
First Game _____ Oct. 16, 1948 (Davidson 14, The Citadel 6)
Largest Crowd _____ 23,025 Oct. 17, 1992 (Marshall 34, The Citadel 13)
Record at Stadium _____ 240-170-3 (.581)

STAFF INFORMATION

Head Coach _____ Maurice Drayton (The Citadel, 1998)
Record at The Citadel _____ 3-16 (1-12 SoCon), 2nd Season
Overall Record _____ 3-16 (1-12 SoCon), 2nd Season
Chief of Staff _____ Keith Jones (The Citadel, 1975)
Assistant Head Coach / TE _____ Danny Lewis (South Carolina, 1995)
Co-Offensive Coordinator / OL _____ Patrick Covington (Furman, 2006)
Co-Offensive Coordinator / WR _____ Lamar Owens (Maryland, 2008)
Defensive Coordinator / LB _____ Raleigh Jackson (The Citadel, 2007)
Special Teams Coordinator _____ Tony Coaxum (USMA, 2000)
Recruiting Coordinator / RB _____ Everette Sands (The Citadel, 1993)
Quarterbacks _____ Jackson Eskierka (San Diego State, 2016)
Defensive Line _____ Roberto Pinilla (West Georgia, 1997)
Cornerbacks _____ Jo Jackson (Florida Tech, 2018)
Safeties _____ Blaze Barista (Dubuque, 2019)
Bandits _____ Zane Vance (ETSU, 1986)
General Manager _____ Andy Clawson (Henderson State, 1969)
Director of Football Operations _____ Rett Russell (Wofford, 2022)
Video Coordinator _____ Dennis Carlson (Charlotte, 2010)
Director of Football Equipment _____ Gary Monteer (Arkansas, 2016)
Head Athletic Trainer _____ Caleb Spencer (Appalachian State, 2021)
Director of Strength & Conditioning _____ Joe Varga (Central Conn. State, 2006)

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MEDIA INFORMATION

Monday Press Conference

The Citadel Football head coach Maurice Drayton has a standing weekly press conference every Monday throughout the season at 1 pm in the Pearson Club on the fourth floor of Johnson Hagood Stadium.

The Citadel Cadet-Athlete Media Opportunities

All requests for cadet-athlete interviews must be submitted via email to Assistant Athletic Director for Communications & Creative Services Jay Sullivan (james.sullivan@citadel.edu) at least 24 hours in advance of the requested interview. The best time for interviews is before practice Tuesdays or Wednesdays, but other times can be arranged.

Locker Room Policy

The Citadel maintains a closed locker room policy.

Credentials

All requests for home games must be submitted through Jay Sullivan (james.sullivan@citadel.edu). Season credentials should be requested in the preseason and game-by-game credentials must be requested at least one week prior to the game. Local media requesting credentials for a road game must have said request submitted to Jay Sullivan two weeks prior to the contest (the preceding Monday).

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS STAFF



Jay Sullivan
Assistant AD for
Communications



Collin Smith
Assistant Director



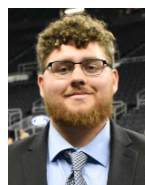
Ryan Ilardi
Assistant Director



Hannah Vernon
Creative Services



Jackson Kaplan
Creative Content



Lucas Ferreira
Broadcast Operations



GAME NOTES | THE CITADEL FOOTBALL

DEPTH CHART // UPDATED OCT. 25

OFFENSE

LT	55	Bryson Jones
	75	Darwin Murillo
LG	63	Nico Rodriguez-Pena
	59	Alex Duré
C	57	Mike Bartilucci
	62	Mike Lengi
RG -- or --	70	Zach Blanchard
	65	Sawyer Whitman
RT	71	Cameron Moewe
	77	Tyler Heggins-Hill
QB	11	Johnathan Bennett
	1	Dustin Fletcher
RB	42	Corey Ibrahim
	27	Cooper Wallace
TE	49	Cole England
	81	Kaiden Swortzel
WR	0	Javonte Graves-Billips
	83	Braylon Knauth
WR	5	Malachi Taylor
	88	Tyler Cherry
WR	7	Dervon Pesnell
	82	Ha'Keem Monroe

DEFENSE

DE	56	Josh Cole
	91	Chris Benton
DT	76	Jordan Marks
	99	Kenneth Pierce Jr.
DT	93	Chris Iverson
	98	Carson Arnold
DE	37	DaVonya Pettis
	33	Jeremiah Holmes
LB	52	Giovanni Ricciardi
	43	Je'Mazin Roberts
LB	2	Thomas Wyatt
	45	Mikey Rosa
N	19	Dominick Poole
	28	Nick McGill
CB	3	Melvin Ravenel
	25	Amond Myers
CB	34	Bradlee Jones
	26	Jaleel Laffitte
-- or --	39	Justice Gilliard
S	16	Evan Byrd
	17	Kaleb Brown
S	31	Cale Williams
	13	Will Pickren

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	87	Ben Barnes	H	86	Jack McCall
	86	Jack McCall		90	James Platte
P	90	James Platte	PR	83	Braylon Knauth
	46	Jack Weil		19	Dominick Poole
LS	61	Nathan Tokar	KR	83	Braylon Knauth
				0	Javonte Graves-Billips



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ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown / Previous School
50	Lee Alexander Jr.	LB	0	Javonte Graves-Billips	WR	5-10	195	r-Jr.	Mobile, Ala. / St. Paul's Episcopal School
98	Carson Arnold	DL	1	Dustin Fletcher	QB	6-3	220	GS	Flint, Mich. / Ainsworth HS / Northern Illinois
10	Andre Banks	WR	2	Thomas Wyatt	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	McKeesport, Pa. / McKeesport HS
87	Ben Barnes	K	3	Melvin Ravenel	DB	6-3	180	r-Jr.	Goose Creek, S.C. / Goose Creek HS
57	Mike Bartilucci	OL	4	Johnny Crawford III	RB	5-8	180	Jr.	Moore Haven, Fla. / Moore Haven HS
29	Elijah Bass	TE	5	Malachi Taylor	WR	6-3	190	r-Sr.	Goose Creek, S.C. / Goose Creek HS / Coastal Carolina
	Jameson Bell	LB	6	Reese Patterson	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Druid Hills HS
	Zander Benitez	OL	6	Cobey Thompkins	QB	6-1	180	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Stockbridge HS
11	Johnathan Bennett	QB	7	Dervon Pesnell	WR	6-4	205	GS	Moncks Corner, S.C. / Berkeley HS / Campbell
91	Chris Benton	DL	8	Justin Preaster	DB	6-2	210	So.	Orlando, Fla. / Central Florida Christian Academy
	Ben Bessinger	DL	9	Alex Lewis	WR	5-11	185	Sr.	West Columbia, S.C. / Heathwood Hall HS / Presbyterian
	Peyton Betts	DB	10	Andre Banks	WR	6-0	220	GS	Lincolnton, S.C. / Summerville HS / Newberry
70	Zach Blanchard	OL	11	Johnathan Bennett	QB	6-1	235	GS	Summerville, S.C. / Summerville HS / Liberty
58	Maurice Bonneau Jr.	DL	12	JJ Hudson	DB	5-11	175	r-So.	Athens, Ga. / T.L. Hanna HS
44	Sebastien Boyle	RB	13	Will Pickren	DB	6-2	175	GS	Mount Pleasant, S.C. / Wando HS / Hampden-Sydney
78	James Brockington	DL	16	Evan Byrd	DB	5-10	175	GS	Lawrenceville, Ga. / Greater Atlanta Christian / Rhodes
17	Kaleb Brown	DB	17	Kaleb Brown	DB	6-0	185	r-Fr.	Hollywood, S.C. / Baptist Hill HS
92	Dwayne Bryant Jr.	DL	18	Ryland Mitchell	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	Summerville, S.C. / Summerville HS
	Chase Burton	WR	18	Graeson Underwood	QB	6-1	255	GS	Irmo, S.C. / Dutch Fork HS
16	Evan Byrd	DB	19	Dominick Poole	DB	6-0	195	GS	Randleman, N.C. / Randleman HS
41	Berlin Campfort	DB	20	Jenorris Wilcher Jr.	RB	5-10	175	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Pahokee HS
88	Tyler Cherry	WR	21	Romello Jones	WR	6-0	180	So.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City HS
56	Josh Cole	LB	22	Garrison Johnson	RB	5-11	220	GS	Manvel, Texas / Manvel HS / Northwestern State
96	Phillip Collins	DL	23	Jabraivon Woodard	DB	6-0	175	So.	Conway, S.C. / Conway HS
4	Johnny Crawford III	RB	24	Nikolas Mirabella	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / East Lake HS
	Caleb Davis	RB	25	Amond Myers	DB	6-0	175	So.	Greeleyville, S.C. / Kingstree HS
	Tyler DeRienzo	TE	26	Jaleel Laffitte	DB	6-0	195	GS	Phoenix, Ariz. / McClintock HS / Baker University
80	Saul Diaz	TE	27	Cooper Wallace	RB	5-10	190	GS	Florence, S.C. / West Florence HS
59	Alex Duré	OL	28	Nick McGill	DB	6-0	180	So.	North Charleston, S.C. / Fort Dorchester HS
32	Temarcus Elam	DB	29	Elijah Bass	TE	6-1	230	Sr.	Stafford, Va. / Colonial Forge HS
49	Cole England	TE	30	Cooper Johns	RB	5-10	190	r-Fr.	Lexington, S.C. / River Bluff HS
40	Pierre Fertil	DB	31	Cale Williams	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Canton, Ga. / Creekview HS
1	Dustin Fletcher	QB	32	Temarcus Elam	DB	6-0	205	r-Fr.	Augusta, Ga. / Lakeside HS
39	Justice Gilliard	DB	33	Jeremiah Holmes	LB	6-3	240	So.	Durham, N.C. / Hillside HS
0	Javonte Graves-Billips	WR	34	Bradlee Jones	DB	6-1	175	So.	Greenwood, S.C. / Emerald HS
	Colton Green	TE	37	DaVonyae Pettis	LB	6-2	235	So.	Shelby, N.C. / Crest HS
64	Quentin Green	OL	38	HJ Grigsby III	RB	6-1	170	Fr.	Joliet, Ill. / Joliet Catholic Academy
38	HJ Grigsby III	RB	39	Justice Gilliard	DB	6-0	185	r-So.	Yorktown, Va. / Grafton HS
	Austin Hadlock	LB	40	Pierre Fertil	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Pahokee HS
	Will Hall	OL	41	Berlin Campfort	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Miami Central HS
77	Tyler Heggins-Hill	OL	42	Corey Ibrahim	RB	5-10	190	r-So.	Raleigh, N.C. / Myrtle Beach Collegiate
97	John Hewlett	DL	43	Je'Mazin Roberts	LB	6-2	235	r-So.	Milledgeville, Ga. / John Milledge Academy
89	Whit Hobgood	LB	44	Sebastien Boyle	RB	5-11	215	Fr.	Scottsbluff, Neb. / Scottsbluff HS
33	Jeremiah Holmes	LB	45	Mikey Rosa	LB	6-3	245	r-Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / Wando HS
12	JJ Hudson	DB	46	Jack Weil	K / P	6-1	220	r-Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / Lucy Beckham HS
69	Brock Hundley	OL	47	Daniel Turpin	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Decatur, Ga. / Arabia Mountain HS
42	Corey Ibrahim	RB	48	Cameron Sutton	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	Lexington, S.C. / Lexington HS
93	Chris Iverson	DL	49	Cole England	TE	6-4	230	r-Jr.	Laurens, S.C. / Laurens HS
73	Andrew Jackson	DL	50	Lee Alexander Jr.	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Warren Central HS
72	Carter Jacobs	OL	52	Giovanni Ricciardi	LB	6-0	220	GS	Winston-Salem, N.C. / West Forsyth HS / Western Carolina
30	Cooper Johns	RB	53	Miles Robinson	OL	6-5	330	r-Fr.	Tyrone, Ga. / Sandy Creek HS
22	Garrison Johnson	RB	54	Ryan Johnson	LB	5-11	210	Jr.	Fairfax, Va. / Amador Valley HS / Laney College
54	Ryan Johnson	LB	55	Bryson Jones	OL	6-4	290	GS	Greenwood, S.C. / Emerald HS
36	Tanner Johnson	LB	56	Josh Cole	DL	6-3	245	r-So.	Roswell, Ga. / Fellowship Christian School
34	Bradlee Jones	DB	57	Mike Bartilucci	OL	6-1	300	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Fletcher HS
55	Bryson Jones	OL	58	Maurice Bonneau Jr.	DL	6-1	245	r-So.	Rock Hill, S.C. / Rock Hill HS
21	Romello Jones	WR	59	Alex Duré	OL	6-1	310	r-So.	Lake Butler, Fla. / Union County HS
83	Braylon Knauth	WR	60	Brady Pickett	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Myrtle Beach HS
48	AJ Kut	WR	61	Nathan Tokar	LS	5-9	265	GS	Naperville, Ill. / Waubonsie Valley HS / Saint Xavier
26	Jaleel Laffitte	DB	62	Mike Lengi	OL	6-1	300	r-Fr.	Montreal, Quebec / Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School
89	Varney Layman	WR	63	Nico Rodriguez-Pena	OL	6-1	310	So.	Bradenton, Fla. / Manatee HS
62	Mike Lengi	OL	64	Quentin Green	OL	6-0	250	Jr.	Moncks Corner, S.C. / C.E. Murray HS
9	Alex Lewis	RB	65	Sawyer Whitman	OL	6-1	300	Jr.	Gaffney, S.C. / Gaffney HS
85	Wilson Long	WR	70	Zach Blanchard	OL	6-2	340	GS	Clover, S.C. / Clover HS
76	Jordan Marks	DL	71	Cameron Moewe	OL	6-4	255	GS	Jacksonville, Fla. / Bishop Kenny HS
86	Jack McCall	LS / H	72	Carter Jacobs	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Apex, N.C. / Middle Creek HS
			73	Andrew Jackson	DL	6-2	220	Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / West Ashley HS
			75	Darwin Murillo	OL	6-4	310	So.	Garland, Texas / South Garland HS
			76	Jordan Marks	DL	6-0	305	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Centennial HS
			77	Tyler Heggins-Hill	OL	6-4	280	r-Fr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Millbrook HS
			78	James Brockington	DL	6-1	280	Fr.	Kingstree, S.C. / Kingstree HS
			79	Brock Nobles	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Lyons, Ga. / Toombs County HS
			80	Saul Diaz	TE	6-3	230	GS	Columbia, S.C. / Hammond HS
			81	Kaiden Swartzel	TE	6-3	250	r-Fr.	Floyd County, Va. / Floyd County HS
			82	Ha'Keem Monroe	WR	6-2	185	r-So.	Ruskin, Fla. / Lennard HS
			83	Braylon Knauth	WR	5-8	170	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Minneola HS



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown / Previous School
84	Will Ramey	WR	6-1	195	r-Jr.	Charleston, S.C. / Philip Simmons HS
85	Wilson Long	WR	6-3	190	r-So.	Roswell, Ga. / Fellowship Christian School
86	Jack McCall	LS / H	5-8	165	Jr.	Columbia, S.C. / Hammond HS
87	Ben Barnes	K	5-10	190	r-So.	Medina, Ohio / Buckeye HS
88	Tyler Cherry	WR	6-1	195	GS	Piedmont, S.C. / Wren HS
89	Whit Hoggood	LB	6-4	230	r-So.	Charleston, S.C. / St. Francis DeSales HS / Mt. Union
89	Varney Layman	WR	6-1	185	Sr.	Concord, N.C. / Cox Mill HS
90	James Platte	P	6-0	210	GS	Aiken, S.C. / South Aiken HS
91	Chris Benton	DL	6-0	250	So.	Haines City, Fla. / Haines City HS
92	Dwayne Bryant Jr.	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	Chadbourne, N.C. / West Columbus HS
93	Chris Iverson	DL	6-0	265	r-Jr.	Richmond, Va. / Life Christian Academy
94	Terrance Wells Jr.	DL	6-3	235	Fr.	Irmo, S.C. / Dutch Fork HS
96	Phillip Collins	DL	6-0	275	r-Jr.	Aiken S.C. / Aiken HS
97	John Hewlett	DL	6-1	280	r-Sr.	Beaufort, S.C. / Thomas Heyward Academy
98	Carson Arnold	DL	6-3	280	r-So.	Charleston, S.C. / Oceanside Collegiate
99	Kenneth Pierce Jr.	DL	6-2	285	GS	Concord, N.C. / Northwest Cabarrus HS
	Caleb Davis	RB	6-0	175	Fr.	Walterboro, S.C. / Colleton Prep Academy
	Cooper Tankersley	QB	6-4	180	So.	Greenville, S.C. / Wade Hampton HS
	Colton Green	TE	6-6	230	r-Fr.	Brookfield, Wis. / Brookfield Academy
	Drew Spires	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Winnsboro, S.C. / Richard Winn Academy
48	AJ Kut	WR	5-11	170	r-Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / Lucy Beckham HS
69	Brock Hundley	OL	6-6	255	r-Fr.	Kingstree, S.C. / Williamsburg Academy
	CJ Meetze	DB	5-10	185	r-So.	Batesburg, S.C. / Gilbert HS
36	Tanner Johnson	LB	6-0	210	r-So.	Lexington, S.C. / Lexington HS
	Chase Burton	WR	6-3	205	r-So.	Anderson, S.C. / T.L. Hanna HS
	Tyler DeRienzo	TE	6-0	260	Fr.	Lexington, S.C. / Lexington HS
	Haydan Pinckney	DB	6-0	190	r-Jr.	Wilmington, N.C. / IMG Academy / Jacksonville State
	Peyton Betts	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Irmo, S.C. / Dutch Fork HS
12	Hayden Vasquez	QB	6-2	200	r-So.	Sumter, S.C. / Sumter HS
38	Rhyder Poppell	RB	5-10	220	r-Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Florida HS
	Zander Benitez	OL	6-1	275	Fr.	Fallbrook, Calif. / Santa Margarita Catholic HS
	Will Hall	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C. / Socastee HS
95	Ashton Phillips	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Desmet Jesuit HS
	Andrew Tumbleston	OL	6-4	260	Fr.	Summerville, S.C. / Cane Bay HS
	Jameson Bell	LB	6-3	240	Fr.	Mount Pleasant, S.C. / Wando HS
	Hunter Zorn	OL	6-2	235	Fr.	Barnwell, S.C. / Jefferson Davis Academy
	Mason Williams	OL	6-2	260	Fr.	Annapolis, Md. / Mount Saint Joseph HS
	Austin Hadlock	LB	6-3	190	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / East Lake HS
	Andy Young V	LS	6-0	150	Fr.	Greenville, S.C. / Greenville HS
	Ben Bessinger	DL	5-10	250	Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / First Baptist HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:
 Chief of Staff:
 Assistant Head Coach / Tight Ends:
 Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line:
 Co-Offensive Coordinator / Wide Receivers:
 Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers:
 Special Teams Coordinator / Gameday Management:
 Recruiting Coordinator / Running Backs:
 Assistant Coach / Quarterbacks:
 Assistant Coach / Defensive Line:
 Assistant Coach / Cornerbacks:
 Assistant Coach / Safeties:
 Assistant Coach / Bandits:
 Offensive Assistant / Tight Ends:
 Offensive Assistant / Runnings Backs:
 Offensive Assistant / Wide Receivers:
 Defensive Assistant / Defensive Line:
 Student Assistant / Offensive Line:
 Student Assistant / Analytics & Research:

Maurice Drayton (The Citadel, 1998)
 Keith Jones (The Citadel, 1975)
 Danny Lewis (South Carolina, 1995)
 Patrick Covington (Furman, 2006)
 Lamar Owens (Maryland, 2008)
 Raleigh Jackson (The Citadel, 2007)
 Tony Coaxum (USMA, 2000)
 Everette Sands (The Citadel, 1993)
 Jackson Eskierka (San Diego State, 2016)
 Roberto Pinilla (West Georgia, 1997)
 Jo Jackson (Florida Tech, 2018)
 Blaze Barista (Dubuque, 2019)
 Zane Vance (ETSU, 1986)
 Barry Casterlin (South Carolina, 2001)
 Tobias Jordan (Coastal Carolina, 2024)
 Jason Simmons Jr. (Syracuse, 2024)
 Greg Dixon (Thomas More, 2010)
 Garrett Bonneville
 Shane Mahoney

SUPPORT STAFF

General Manager:
 Director of Football Operations:
 Video Coordinator:
 Director of Football Equipment:
 Director of Strength & Conditioning:
 Associate Director of S&C / Head of Nutrition:
 Strength & Conditioning / Nutrition / Team Activities:
 Head Athletic Trainer:
 Athletic Trainer:
 Athletic Trainer:

Andy Clawson (Henderson State, 1969)
 Rett Russell (Wofford, 2022)
 Dennis Carlson (Charlotte, 2010)
 Gary Monteer (Arkansas, 2016)
 Joe Varga (Central Conn. State, 2006)
 Russell Hubbs (The Citadel, 2018)
 Sierra Chavez (Newberry, 2022)
 Caleb Spencer (Appalachian State, 2020)
 Logan Hatley (Appalachian State, 2021)
 Sean O'Donnell (UNC Wilmington, 2021)

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
28	Nick McGill	DB
	CJ Meetze	DB
24	Nikolas Mirabella	DB
18	Ryland Mitchell	DB
71	Cameron Moewe	OL
82	Ha'Keem Monroe	WR
75	Darwin Murillo	OL
25	Amond Myers	DB
79	Brock Nobles	DL
6	Reese Patterson	DB
7	Dervon Pesnell	WR
37	DaVonyae Pettis	LB
95	Ashton Phillips	LB
60	Brady Pickett	OL
13	Will Pickren	DB
99	Kenneth Pierce Jr.	DL
	Haydan Pinckney	LB
90	James Platte	P
19	Dominick Poole	DB
38	Rhyder Poppell	RB
8	Justin Preaster	DB
84	Will Ramey	WR
3	Melvin Ravenel	DB
52	Giovanni Ricciardi	LB
43	Je'Mazin Roberts	LB
53	Miles Robinson	OL
63	Nico Rodriguez-Pena	OL
45	Mikey Rosa	LB
	Drew Spires	WR
48	Cameron Sutton	TE
81	Kaiden Swortzel	TE
	Cooper Tankersley	QB
5	Malachi Taylor	WR
6	Cobey Thompkins	QB
61	Nathan Tokar	LS
	Andrew Tumbleston	OL
47	Daniel Turpin	LB
18	Graeson Underwood	QB
12	Hayden Vasquez	QB
27	Cooper Wallace	RB
46	Jack Weil	K / P
94	Terrance Wells Jr.	DL
65	Sawyer Whitman	OL
20	Jenorris Wilcher Jr.	RB
31	Cale Williams	DB
	Mason Williams	OL
23	Jabraivon Woodard	DB
2	Thomas Wyatt	LB
	Andy Young V	LS
	Hunter Zorn	OL





MAURICE DRAYTON

**HEAD COACH | 2ND SEASON
THE CITADEL, '98**

Former Bulldog cadet-athlete and defensive coordinator Maurice Drayton currently serves as the head football coach at The Citadel. The announcement was made by Director of Athletics Mike Capaccio on Dec. 14, 2022.

"We are very excited to have Maurice back at The Citadel," said Capaccio. "We conducted a very thorough search and it was clear that Maurice was the best person for this position. He understands what it takes to be a cadet-athlete at The Citadel, and also understands what it takes to be successful on the field."

A former standout player and defensive coordinator, Drayton returned to The Citadel after spending the previous seven seasons working in the NFL. He most recently served as the assistant special teams coordinator for the Las Vegas Raiders. Drayton also served as the special teams coordinator in Green Bay in 2021, assistant special teams coordinator for the Packers from 2018-20, and assisted with special teams for the Indianapolis Colts in 2016-17.

In his final season in Green Bay, Drayton worked with newcomer P Corey Bojorquez, who finished with the highest gross punting average (46.5 avg.) in a season (min. 35 punts) in franchise history. He also saw K Mason Crosby set a new franchise record with a streak of 24 consecutive field goals made from 2019-2021.

Drayton's first season with the Colts saw him guide Pat McAfee to his second Pro Bowl after leading the league with a 49.3 yard average. Additionally, he helped Adam Vinatieri register his 19th and 20th 100-point seasons, extending his NFL record.

"I want to thank Gen. Walters, Mike Capaccio and the entire committee for giving me this opportunity. I made the decision several years ago to take the road less traveled, and it allowed me to meet people that have remained loyal.

"I believe in the divine power of God and that has moved in the minds of those who extended the invitation to return home. For me and my family, Moncks Corner, Charleston and The Citadel will always be home. I am prepared to assist in taking our school to the next level."

Drayton served as The Citadel's defensive coordinator from 2014-15, helping the Bulldogs to the 2015 Southern Conference Championship. The 2015 defense led the conference with 31 takeaways, 11 fumble recoveries, 10 passing TDs allowed and a 36.5 opponent third-down conversion percentage. The defense also ranked third in the FCS with 20 interceptions, including five returned for touchdowns.

THE DRAYTON FILE

2023-	The Citadel Head Coach
2022	Las Vegas Raiders Assistant Special Teams
2021	Green Bay Packers Special Teams Coordinator
2018-20	Green Bay Packers Assistant Special Teams
2016-17	Indianapolis Colts Special Teams Assistant
2014-15	The Citadel Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Cornerbacks
2013	Montreal Alouettes Guest Coach
2012	Southern Mississippi Secondary
2010-11	Coastal Carolina Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams/Wide Receivers
2008-09	South Carolina State Special Teams/Defensive Backs
2007	Goose Creek High School Assistant Coach
2006	Seinajoki Crocodiles Defensive Coordinator
2003-05	The Citadel Special Teams/Secondary/Recruiting Coordinator
2002	The Citadel Outside Linebackers
2001	The Citadel Wide Receivers
2000	The Citadel Tight Ends/Tackles
1999	The Citadel Graduate Assistant/Secondary





All-in-all, Drayton spent 14 seasons at The Citadel as a player or coach prior to taking over the helm as head coach ahead of the 2023 campaign. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1998 and his master's in education in 2007.

As a player, Drayton was a two-year starter at cornerback and finished his career with 145 tackles, 17 pass break-ups and three interceptions.

After completing his eligibility in 1998, Drayton spent the next seven seasons as a member of the Bulldog coaching staff. He began as a graduate assistant/secondary coach, before spending the 2000 season coaching the tackles/tight ends. He also worked with the wide receivers (2001) and outside linebackers (2002), before spending the 2003-05 seasons coaching the secondary, special teams and serving as the recruiting coordinator.

Drayton spent the 2006 season as the defensive coordinator for the Seinajoki (Finland) Crocodiles of the European Football League. He spent 2007 as an assistant principal and assistant coach at Goose Creek High School.

Drayton joined the staff at South Carolina State in 2008, coaching the defensive backs and special teams. In his two seasons in Orangeburg, Drayton helped SCSU capture a pair of Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) titles.

Drayton spent the 2010-11 seasons as the assistant head coach, special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach at Coastal Carolina.

He would serve as the secondary coach for former Bulldog head coach Ellis Johnson at Southern Miss in 2012 before working with the defense and special teams with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in 2013.

A native of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, Drayton and his wife are the proud parents of two children.

THE CITADEL FOOTBALL | GAME NOTES

THE CITADEL UNDER MAURICE DRAYTON

In August	1-0	When allowing 30+ points	0-11	With 300+ passing yards	0-1
In September	1-8	When scoring first	2-2	When out-gaining opponents	1-2
In October	1-5	When leading after 1st quarter	2-2	When allowing less than 300 yards	2-5
In November	0-3	When tied after 1st quarter	0-1	When allowing 300-399 yards	1-4
In December	0-0	When trailing after 1st quarter	1-13	When allowing 400-499 yards	0-5
In SoCon home games	0-6	When leading at halftime	1-1	When allowing 500+ yards	0-4
In SoCon road games	1-6	When tied at halftime	0-1	When allowing less than 100 rush yards	2-1
In non-conference home games	1-2	When trailing at halftime	2-14	When allowing 100-199 rush yards	1-9
In non-conference road games	1-2	When leading after 3rd quarter	1-2	When allowing 200-299 rush yards	0-5
vs. ranked FCS opponents at home	0-2	When tied after 3rd quarter	0-0	When allowing 300+ rush yards	0-1
vs. ranked FCS opponents on road	0-2	When trailing after 3rd quarter	2-14	When allowing less than 100 pass yards	0-1
vs. FBS opponents	0-1	In overtime	0-0	When allowing 100-199 pass yards	2-5
In home day games	1-8	When gaining less than 300 yards	1-11	When allowing 200-299 pass yards	1-6
In home night games	0-0	When gaining 300-399 yards	2-4	When allowing 300+ pass yards	0-4
In road day games	1-4	When gaining 400-499 yards	0-1	When scoring non-offensive TD	1-1
In road night games	1-4	When gaining 500+ yards	0-0	When allowing non-offensive TD	0-2
In games decided by 10 points or less	2-4	When gaining less than 100 rush yards	0-5	When committing 3+ turnovers	0-3
In games decided by 3 points or less	2-2	When gaining 100-199 rush yards	2-10	When forcing 3+ turnovers	0-1
When scoring 0-13 points	1-7	When gaining 200-299 rush yards	1-1	When leading time of possession	2-9
When scoring 14-20 points	0-7	When gaining 300-399 rush yards	0-0		
When scoring 21-29 points	1-2	When gaining 400-499 rush yards	0-0		
When scoring 30+ points	1-0	When gaining 500+ rush yards	0-0		
When allowing 0-13 points	2-1	With less than 100 passing yards	1-3		
When allowing 14-20 points	0-2	With 100-199 passing yards	2-10		
When allowing 21-29 points	1-2	With 200-299 passing yards	0-2		

GAMEDAY COACHING STAFF GPS

ON THE SIDELINE

Maurice Drayton	Head Coach
Danny Lewis	Assistant Head Coach / Tight Ends
Patrick Covington	Co-Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line
Raleigh Jackson	Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers
Tony Coaxum	Special Teams Coordinator
Everette Sands	Recruiting Coordinator / Running Backs
Roberto Pinilla	Assistant Coach / Defensive Line
Blaze Barista	Assistant Coach / Safeties
Barry Casterlin	Offensive Assistant / Tight Ends
Jason Simmons Jr.	Offensive Assistant / Wide Receivers
Greg Dixon	Defensive Assistant / Defensive Line

IN THE PRESS BOX

Keith Jones	Chief of Staff
Lamar Owens	Co-Offensive Coordinator / Wide Receivers
Jackson Eskierka	Assistant Coach / Quarterbacks
Jo Jackson	Assistant Coach / Cornerbacks
Zane Vance	Assistant Coach / Bandits
Tobias Jordan	Offensive Assistant / Running Backs

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

STUDENT- & CADET-ATHLETES

3 Melvin Ravenel	rah-VIN-ell	52 Giovanni Ricciardi	rich-CHAR-dee
23 Jabraivon Woodard	juh-BRAY-vee-on	57 Mike Bartilucci	BAR-till-ew-chee
26 Jaleel Laffitte	luh-feet	58 Maurice Bonneau Jr.	bon-NO
29 Elijah Bass	like the fish	59 Alex Duré	dur-A
37 DaVonyae Pettis	duh-VON-yay	61 Nathan Tokar	rhymes with 'poker'
39 Justice Gilliard	gill-YURD	62 Mike Lengi	lin-GUY
40 Pierre Fertil	FUR-till	71 Cameron Moewe	Maui, like the island
42 Corey Ibrahim	EE-bra-heem	83 Braylon Knauth	noth
43 Je'Mazin Roberts	juh-MAZE-in	CJ Meetze	meets
46 Jack Weil	while	Tyler DeRienzo	duh-REE-EN-zoh

COACHING STAFF

Tony Coaxum	COKE-um	Roberto Pinilla	pin-EL-uh
Jackson Eskierka	ES-CARE-kuh	Blaze Barista	bah-REE-sta



GAME NOTES | THE CITADEL FOOTBALL

Sunday 10/20	Monday 10/21	Tuesday 10/22	Wednesday 10/23	Thursday 10/24	Friday 10/25	Saturday 10/26
Recovery	Maurice Drayton Press Conference	Practice	Practice	Practice	Practice	vs. Samford
No Media Availability	1 pm ET Johnson Hagood	Potential Media Availability	Potential Media Availability	Potential Media Availability	No Media Availability	Kickoff 2:02 pm ET

NOTABLE NOTES

STARTING OFF ON THE RIGHT (OR LEFT) FOOT

A monumental effort from graduate student P James Platte has provided the Bulldogs a dynamic edge in terms of field position throughout the season, posting a 47.5 punting average thus far -- good for fourth-best nationally within the FCS and first in the SoCon -- with 12 punts breaking the 50-yard mark while a total 12 pinned opposing teams inside the 20-yard line.

BLOCK PARTY

Ignited by a pair of blocked kicks from sophomore DB Bradlee Jones to launch the season, The Citadel special teams emerged as a high-impact unit early in the campaign and has maintained that designation behind key plays in virtually every contest since. Eight games in, Jones holds credit for tipping the potential game-winning field goal at Charleston Southern as well as the opening PAT attempt against SC State while fellow DB Melvin Ravenel scored a key blocked punt turned touchdown recovery versus North Greenville, newcomer DB Evan Byrd shut down the initial PAT attempt from ETSU and true freshman Nikolas Mirabella diverted a punt at Western Carolina. Accordingly, Jones ranks second on the leaderboard nationally for the individual category while The Citadel maintains second as well behind Dayton (6) via five total blocked kicks.

THE LOCAL CONNECTION

Despite playing against one another at rival Charleston-area high schools Summerville and Berkeley, QB Johnathan Bennett and WR Dervon Pesnell established a rhythm throughout the early goings this season. Thus far, the pair have connected 18 times for a total 357 yards, including a trio of 45-plus yarders against NGU, Mercer and Furman, for a notable 19.8 yards per reception average, good for 11th-best nationally.

FORWARD MARCH

Bolstered by a veteran corps of returning offensive linemen, The Citadel has leaned on the ancient roots of the program's never-fall-short philosophy, surrendering 4.0 tackles-for-loss per game thus far on the year, good for 15th-best in the FCS.

ONE-MAN ARMY

A lead-by-example centerpiece for The Citadel defense, redshirt junior Thomas Wyatt has made his presence felt throughout the 2024 campaign, registering 68.0 total tackles thus far, good for 27th in the FCS. The Pennsylvania native also ranks as the team's top backfield disrupter, leading the squad with 9.0 TFLs.

THE BULLDOGS' RECORD WHEN...

The Citadel's Record in...

August	1-0
September	1-3
October	1-2
November	0-0

The Citadel's Conference Record...

At home	0-2
On the road	1-2

The Citadel's Non-Conference Record

At home	1-1
On the road	1-0

The Citadel vs. Ranked Opponents...

At home	0-0
On the road	0-1

The Citadel's Record in Games Decided by...

1-3 points	2-2
4-7 points	0-0
8-10 points	0-0
11-19 points	0-3
20-29 points	0-0
30+ points	1-0

The Citadel's Record When Scoring...

10 or fewer points	0-0
11-19 points	1-3
20-29 points	1-2
30+ points	1-0

The Citadel's Record When Allowing...

10 or fewer points	2-0
11-19 points	0-1
20-29 points	1-1
30+ points	0-3

The Citadel's Record in Games...

Day games (kickoff prior to 6 pm)	2-4
Night games (kickoff 6 pm or later)	1-1
Scoring first	2-2
Scoring on first drive	1-1
Opponent scores first	1-3
Leading after 1st quarter	2-2
Trailing after 1st quarter	1-2
Tied after 1st quarter	0-1
Leading at halftime	1-1
Trailing at halftime	2-4
Tied at Half	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	1-1
Trailing after 3rd quarter	2-4
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
In overtime	0-0

The Citadel's record with...

200-yard passer	0-1
100-yard rusher	1-1
100-yard receiver	0-1
Less than 300 yards total offense	1-3
300-399 yards total offense	2-1
400-499 yards total offense	0-1
500+ yards total offense	0-0
Surrendered less than 300 total yards	2-1
Surrendered 300-399 total yards	1-1
Surrendered 400-499 total yards	0-3
Surrendered 500+ total yards	0-0
Committing fewer turnovers	1-1
Committing more turnovers	1-3
Turnovers are equal	1-1



THE LAST TIME...

PASSING

30 Pass Attempts

CIT: 31 by Johnathan Bennett vs. ETSU (2024)
Opp.: 38 by Gonzales, Western Carolina (2024)

40 Pass Attempts

CIT: 43 by Graeson Underwood at ETSU (2023)
Opp.: 40 by Carlos Davis, Western Carolina (2021)

20 Completions

CIT: 22 by Graeson Underwood at ETSU (2023)
Opp.: 28 by Gonzales, Western Carolina (2024)

200 Passing Yards

CIT: 304 by Johnathan Bennett at Mercer (2024)
Opp.: 294 by Gonzales, Western Carolina (2024)

300 Passing Yards

CIT: 304 by Johnathan Bennett at Mercer (2024)
Opp.: 353 by Hiers, Samford (2023)

400 Passing Yards

CIT: 428 by Kip Allen vs. Wofford (1985)
Opp.: 401 by Carlos Davis, Western Carolina (2021)

Three Touchdown Passes

CIT: 3 by Brandon Rainey vs. Western Carolina (2019)
Opp.: 3 by Hiers, Samford (2023)

Four Touchdown Passes

CIT: 6 by Bart Blanchard vs. Presbyterian (2009)
Opp.: 4 by Chase Brice, App State (2022)

RUSHING

25 Rushing Attempts

CIT: 26 by Hi'keem Elmore vs. Wofford (2023)
Opp.: 25 by Ryan Ingram, Wofford (2023)

35 Rushing Attempts

CIT: 36 by Graeson Underwood at Western Carolina (2022)
Opp.: 35 by Jerick McKinnon, Georgia Southern (2010)

100 Rushing Yards

CIT: 164 by Johnathan Bennett at Western Carolina (2024)
Opp.: 126 by Bryson Ibry & 119 by Khamran Laborn, ETSU (2024)

200 Rushing Yards

CIT: 217 by Brandon Rainey vs. Samford (2018)
Opp.: 220, Donnavan Spencer, Western Carolina (2021)

Three Rushing Touchdowns

CIT: 3 by Brandon Rainey vs. Samford (2019)
Opp.: 5 by Reid, Western Carolina (2023)
FCS Opp.: 3 by Mike Holloway, Charleston Southern (2015)

Four Rushing Touchdowns

CIT: 4 by Lorenzo Ward vs. Samford (2018)
Opp.: 5 by Reid, Western Carolina (2023)
FCS Opp.: 4 by Chaz Williams, Georgia Southern (2004)

Two 100-Yard Rushers in Same Game

CIT: Jaylan Adams (188) and Logan Billings (112) vs. VMI (2021)
Opp.: Ibry (126) & Laborn (119), ETSU (2024)

Three 100-Yard Rushers in Same Game

CIT: Dominique Allen (174), Tyler Renew (129), Cam Jackson (113) and Vinny Miller (100) at Coastal Carolina, 2015
Opp.: Brothel Cole (137), Steve Bishop (101), Mike Glenn (100), Furman (1980)

Four 100-Yard Rushers in Same Game

CIT: Dominique Allen (174), Tyler Renew (129), Cam Jackson (113) and Vinny Miller (100) at Coastal Carolina, 2015

Two Players with Three Rushing Touchdowns in Same Game

CIT: Erick Little (3) and Everette Sands (3) vs. Lees-McRae (1993)

RECEIVING

10 Receptions

CIT: 10 by Raleigh Webb vs. VMI (2019)
Opp.: 10 by Kendall Watson, Samford (2022)

100 Receiving Yards

CIT: 105 by Javonte Graves-Billips at Mercer (2024)
Opp.: 102 by Booker, Western Carolina (2024)

Three Touchdown Receptions

CIT: 4 by Andre Roberts vs. Presbyterian (2009)
Opp.: 4 by Garris Schwarting, Charleston Southern (2021)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Three Field Goals Made

CIT: 3 by Ben Barnes vs. Furman (2024)
Opp.: 3 by Caleb Dowden, Campbell (2022)

Four Field Goals Made

CIT: 5 by Eric Goins vs. VMI (2015)
Opp: by JJ Jerman, ETSU (2018)

DEFENSE

20 Tackles

CIT: 23 by Rod Harland vs. Wofford (2011)
Opp.: 23 by Chandler Martin, ETSU (2022)

Three Sacks

CIT: 3.0 by Mitchell Jeter at Samford (2015)
Opp.: 3.0 by Patrick Hatcher, Samford (2008)

Two Interceptions

CIT: 2 by Dominick Poole at Western Carolina (2022)
Opp.: 2 by Tyree Robinson, ETSU (2018)

Interception Returned for Touchdown

CIT: Dominick Poole (13 yards) at Mercer (2024)
Opp.: TJ Moore (39 yards), Mercer (2024)

Two Interceptions Returned for Touchdowns in Same Game

CIT: Cortez Allen (7 yards) and Demetrius Jackson (52 yards) vs. Chowan (2010)

Four Interceptions

CIT: vs. VMI - Q. Washington (2), Malik Diggs, Tevin Floyd (2015)

Fumble Returned for Touchdown

CIT: Jonathan King (54 yards) at VMI (2016)
Opp.: Trey Elston (53 yards), Samford (2022)

Safety Scored

CIT: TEAM at Western Carolina (2024)
Opp.: Wofford tackled Ben Dupree in end zone (2011)

Blocked Punt

CIT: Nikolas Mirabella at Western Carolina (2024)
Opp.: Eric Rankin, VMI (2022)

Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

CIT: Whit Hobgood (0 yards) vs. North Greenville (2024)
Opp.: Elijah Quamily (20 yards), VMI (2022)

Punt Returned for Touchdown

CIT: DeAndre Schoultz (81 yards) at Gardner-Webb (2016)
Opp.: Montrell Washington (68 yards), Samford (2021)

Two Punt Returns for Touchdowns in Same Game

CIT: Carlos Frank (53 and 80 yards) vs. Newberry (1997)

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown

CIT: Raleigh Webb (77 yards) vs. Charleston Southern (2018)
Opp.: Joshua Edwards (100 yards), North Greenville (2021)

Blocked Field Goal

CIT: Bradlee Jones at Charleston Southern (2024)
Opp.: by ETSU (2024)

Blocked Field Goal Returned for Touchdown

CIT: Demetrius Jackson (74 yards) vs. Chowan (2010)
Opp.: S. Arnold II (99 yards), ETSU (2023)

Blocked PAT

CIT: Evan Byrd vs. ETSU (2024)
Opp.: Timothy Jamison, Western Carolina (2021)

Defensive Extra Point Scored

CIT: Never
Opponent: Robert Mason, VMI (2003)

MISC

Earned Shutout

The Citadel vs. North Greenville, 54-0 (2024)
The Citadel vs. DI vs. Davidson, 69-0 (2022)
Opponent: at Georgia Southern (2023), 0-34

Beat FBS Team

The Citadel: at Georgia Tech, 2019

GAME NOTES | THE CITADEL FOOTBALL

OPPONENT PROFILES

GAME I | AT CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Date _____ Saturday, Aug. 31
Kickoff _____ 6:02 pm ET
Location _____ Ladson, S.C.
Stadium _____ Buccaneer Field
Capacity _____ 4,000
Rivalry _____ Lowcountry Boil Bowl
Series Results _____ 8-6, The Citadel
Last Time _____ W, 22-21 (8/31/2024)
Last at Buccaneer Field _____ W, 22-21 (8/31/2024)
Streak _____ W1

2024 SCHEDULE [1-6, 0-4 BIG SOUTH/OVC]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ The Citadel _____ L, 21-22
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at Furman _____ W, 24-20
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at Richmond _____ L, 0-38
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ at Tennessee State* _____ L, 9-13
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ Western Illinois* _____ L, 20-31
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ at Lindenwood* _____ L, 14-29
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Southeast Missouri State* _____ L, 13-26
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ at Tennessee Tech* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ Gardner-Webb* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ UT Martin* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Eastern Illinois* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at Florida State _____

GAME II | VS. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Date _____ Saturday, Sept. 7
Kickoff _____ 12:02 pm ET
Location _____ Charleston, S.C.
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
_____ Hall of Fame Weekend
Series Results _____ 4-2, The Citadel
Last Time _____ L, 20-23 (9/7/2024)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ L, 20-23 (9/7/2024)
Streak _____ L2

2024 SCHEDULE [4-2, 0-0 MEAC]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ at Florida A&M _____ L, 18-22
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at The Citadel _____ W, 23-20
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at Georgia Southern _____ L, 14-42
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ North Carolina A&T _____ W, 45-25
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at Tennessee Tech _____ W, 22-20
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Fort Valley State _____ W, 30-3
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ Delaware State* _____
Thursday, Oct. 31 _____ North Carolina Central* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ at Howard* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Morgan State* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ Norfolk State* _____

GAME III | VS. NORTH GREENVILLE

Date _____ Saturday, Sept. 14
Kickoff _____ 12:02 pm ET
Location _____ Charleston, S.C.
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
_____ Military Appreciation
Series Results _____ 3-0, The Citadel
Last Time _____ W, 54-0 (9/14/2024)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ W, 54-0 (9/14/2024)
Streak _____ W3

2024 SCHEDULE [3-3, 2-1 GSC]

Thursday, Sept. 5 _____ Keiser University _____ L, 20-23
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at The Citadel _____ L, 0-54
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ at Mississippi College* _____ W, 29-7
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ Shorter University _____ CANCELLED
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at Benedict College _____ W, 38-21
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ Valdosta State* _____ L, 24-32
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Erskine College* _____ W, 52-35
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ Delta State* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ West Florida* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ Chowan* _____



THE CITADEL FOOTBALL | GAME NOTES

OPPONENT PROFILES

GAME IV | AT MERCER

Date _____ **Saturday, Sept. 21**
Kickoff _____ **6:02 pm ET**
Location _____ **Macon, Ga.**
Stadium _____ Five Star Stadium
Capacity _____ 10,200
Series Results _____ **10-10-1, Even**
Last Time _____ L, 21-38 (9/21/2024)
Last at Five Star Stadium _____ L, 21-38 (9/21/2024)
Streak _____ L5

2024 SCHEDULE [6-1, 3-1 SOCON]

Thursday, Aug. 29 _____ Presbyterian _____ W, 63-10
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at Bethune-Cookman _____ W, 31-2
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at Chattanooga* _____ W, 10-3
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ The Citadel* _____ W, 38-21
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ at Wofford* _____ W, 22-3
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ Princeton* _____ W, 34-7
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ at Samford* _____ L, 35-55
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ Western Carolina* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ ETSU* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ at VMI* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Alabama _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ Furman* _____

GAME V | VS. ETSU

Date _____ **Saturday, Sept. 28**
Kickoff _____ **2:02 pm ET**
Location _____ **Charleston, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
_____ Parents' Weekend
Series Results _____ **20-12, ETSU**
Last Time _____ L, 17-34 (9/28/2024)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ L, 17-34 (9/28/2024)
Streak _____ L2

2024 SCHEDULE [4-3, 2-1 SOCON]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ at Appalachian State _____ L, 10-38
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ UVA Wise _____ W, 61-0
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ North Dakota State _____ L, 35-38
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ at Elon _____ W, 34-14
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ at The Citadel* _____ W, 34-17
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ Chattanooga* _____ L, 10-17
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ Samford* _____ W, 31-28
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ at Wofford* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ at Mercer* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ Western Carolina* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ Furman* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at VMI* _____

GAME VI | VS. FURMAN

Date _____ **Saturday, Oct. 5**
Kickoff _____ **2:02 pm ET**
Location _____ **Charleston, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
Series Results _____ **63-37-3, Furman**
Last Time _____ L, 16-17 (10/5/2024)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ L, 16-17 (10/5/2024)
Streak _____ L4

2024 SCHEDULE [2-5, 1-2 SOCON]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ at Ole Miss _____ L, 0-76
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ Charleston Southern _____ L, 20-24
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ Stetson _____ W, 48-7
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ at William & Mary _____ L, 24-34
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ Samford* _____ POSTPONED
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at The Citadel* _____ W, 17-16
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ Chattanooga* _____ L, 10-41
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Western Carolina* _____ L, 20-52
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ at VMI* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ Wofford* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at ETSU* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at Mercer* _____



GAME NOTES | THE CITADEL FOOTBALL

OPPONENT PROFILES

GAME VII | AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Date _____ **Saturday, Oct. 12**
Kickoff _____ **2:32 pm ET**
Location _____ **Cullowhee, N.C.**
Stadium _____ Bob Waters Field at
_____ E.J. Whitmire Stadium
Capacity _____ 13,742
Series Results _____ **26-21-1, The Citadel**
Last Time _____ L, 16-30 (10/12/2024)
Last at E.J. Whitmire Stadium _____ L, 16-30 (10/12/2024)
Streak _____ L2

2024 SCHEDULE [4-3, 3-0 SOCON]

Thursday, Aug. 29 _____ at North Carolina State _____ L, 21-38
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ Campbell _____ L, 16-24
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at Elon _____ W, 24-17
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ at Montana _____ L, 35-46
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ Wofford* _____ W, 21-17
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ The Citadel* _____ W, 30-16
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ at Furman* _____ W, 52-20
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ at Mercer* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ Chattanooga* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ at ETSU* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ VMI* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at Samford* _____

GAME VIII | AT VMI

Date _____ **Saturday, Oct. 19**
Kickoff _____ **1:32 pm ET**
Location _____ **Lexington, Va.**
Stadium _____ Alumni Memorial Field at
_____ Foster Stadium
Capacity _____ 10,000
Rivalry _____ The Military Classic of the South
Series Results _____ **45-33-2, The Citadel**
Last Time _____ W, 13-10 (10/19/2024)
Last at Foster Stadium _____ W, 13-10 (10/19/2024)
Streak _____ W1

2024 SCHEDULE [0-7, 0-3 SOCON]

Thursday, Aug. 29 _____ at William & Mary _____ L, 7-41
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ Bucknell _____ L, 28-35
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ at Georgia Tech _____ L, 7-59
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ Norfolk State _____ L, 10-32
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at Samford* _____ L, 3-27
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ at Wofford* _____ L, 16-31
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ The Citadel* _____ L, 10-13
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ at Chattanooga* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ Furman* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ Mercer* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Western Carolina* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ ETSU* _____

GAME IX | VS. SAMFORD

Date _____ **Saturday, Oct. 26**
Kickoff _____ **2:02 pm ET**
Location _____ **Charleston, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
_____ Senior Day / Leaders in Philanthropy
Series Results _____ **9-7, Samford**
Last Time _____ L, 7-37 (10/28/2023)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ L, 3-38 (10/29/2022)
Streak _____ L4

2024 SCHEDULE [3-3, 2-1 SOCON]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ at West Georgia _____ L, 29-38
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at Florida _____ L, 7-45
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ Alabama State _____ W, 12-7
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ at Furman* _____ POSTPONED
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ VMI* _____ W, 27-3
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ at ETSU* _____ L, 28-31
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Mercer* _____ W, 55-35
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ at The Citadel* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ Wofford* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ Tennessee Tech _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Chattanooga* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ Western Carolina* _____



THE CITADEL FOOTBALL | GAME NOTES

OPPONENT PROFILES

GAME X | VS. CHATTANOOGA

Date _____ **Saturday, Nov. 9**
Kickoff _____ **2:02 pm ET**
Location _____ **Charleston, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Samson Field at
_____ Johnson Hagood Stadium
Capacity _____ 11,427
_____ Homecoming
Series Results _____ **34-20-2, Chattanooga**
Last Time _____ L, 3-48 (9/16/2023)
Last at Johnson Hagood Stadium _____ L, 21-31 (11/5/2022)
Streak _____ L2

2024 SCHEDULE [4-3, 3-1 SOCON]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ at Tennessee _____ L, 3-69
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at Georgia State _____ L, 21-24
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ Mercer* _____ L, 3-10
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ Portland State _____ W, 45-30
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at ETSU* _____ W, 17-10
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ at Furman* _____ W, 41-10
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Wofford* _____ W, 37-5
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ VMI* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ at Western Carolina* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ **at The Citadel*** _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ Samford* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at Austin Peay _____

GAME XI | AT WOFFORD

Date _____ **Saturday, Nov. 16**
Kickoff _____ **1:32 pm ET**
Location _____ **Spartanburg, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Gibbs Stadium
Capacity _____ 13,000
Rivalry _____ Big Dog Trophy
Series Results _____ **44-31-1, The Citadel**
Last Time _____ L, 3-11 (11/11/2023)
Last at Gibbs Stadium _____ L, 16-31 (10/15/2022)
Streak _____ L2

2024 SCHEDULE [3-4, 1-3 SOCON]

Thursday, Aug. 29 _____ at Gardner-Webb _____ W, 21-20
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ at Richmond _____ W, 26-19
Saturday, Sept. 14 _____ William & Mary _____ L, 21-28
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ Mercer* _____ L, 3-22
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at Western Carolina* _____ L, 17-21
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ VMI* _____ W, 31-16
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ at Chattanooga* _____ L, 5-37
Saturday, Oct. 26 _____ ETSU* _____
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ at Samford* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ at Furman* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ **The Citadel*** _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ at South Carolina* _____

GAME XII | AT CLEMSON

Date _____ **Saturday, Nov. 23**
Kickoff _____ **TBD**
Location _____ **Clemson, S.C.**
Stadium _____ Memorial Stadium
Capacity _____ 81,500
Series Results _____ **33-5-1, Clemson**
Last Time _____ L, 0-49 (9/19/2020)
Last at Memorial Stadium _____ L, 0-49 (9/19/2020)
Streak _____ L18

2024 SCHEDULE [6-1, 5-0 ACC]

Saturday, Aug. 31 _____ vs. Georgia _____ L, 3-34
Saturday, Sept. 7 _____ Appalachian State _____ W, 66-20
Saturday, Sept. 21 _____ North Carolina State* _____ W, 59-35
Saturday, Sept. 28 _____ Stanford* _____ W, 40-14
Saturday, Oct. 5 _____ at Florida State* _____ W, 29-13
Saturday, Oct. 12 _____ at Wake Forest* _____ W, 49-14
Saturday, Oct. 19 _____ Virginia* _____ W, 48-31
Saturday, Nov. 2 _____ Louisville* _____
Saturday, Nov. 9 _____ at Virginia Tech* _____
Saturday, Nov. 16 _____ at Pitt* _____
Saturday, Nov. 23 _____ **The Citadel** _____
Saturday, Nov. 30 _____ South Carolina _____





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2024 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams ^{rank}	CONFERENCE					OVERALL				
	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST	W-L	Pct	H	A	ST
Western Carolina ^{RV/24}	3-0	1.000	2-0	1-0	W3	4-3	.571	2-1	2-2	W3
Mercer ^{17/14}	3-1	1.000	1-0	2-1	L1	6-1	.857	3-0	3-1	L1
Chattanooga ^{25/19}	3-1	.500	1-1	2-0	W3	4-3	.571	2-1	2-2	W4
ETSU ^{RV/23}	2-1	.667	1-1	1-0	W1	4-3	.571	2-2	2-1	W1
Samford ^{RV/RV}	2-1	.667	2-0	0-1	W1	3-3	.500	3-0	0-3	W1
Furman	1-2	.333	0-2	1-0	L2	2-5	.286	1-3	1-2	L2
Wofford	1-3	.250	1-1	0-2	L1	3-4	.429	1-2	2-2	L1
The Citadel	1-4	.200	0-2	1-2	W1	3-5	.375	1-3	2-2	W1
VMI	0-3	.000	0-1	0-2	L3	0-7	.000	0-3	0-4	L7

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

Oct. 26 (Saturday)

Series	TV/Digital	Time
*Samford ^{RV/RV} at The Citadel	ESPN+	2 p.m.
*ETSU ^{RV/23} at Wofford	ESPN+	2 p.m.
*Western Carolina ^{RV/24} at Mercer ^{17/14}	ESPN+	3:30 p.m.
*VMI at Chattanooga ^{25/19}	ESPN+	4 p.m.

* Denotes SoCon game

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 51.5 percent of its starters from last season, with The Citadel, Chattanooga and Wofford leading the way with 64 percent of its starters back.

Team	Offense	Defense	Specialists	Total	Pct.
The Citadel	9/2	6/5	1/2	16/9	.640
ETSU	5/6	5/6	4/2	14/14	.500
Furman	3/8	3/8	2/1	8/17	.320
Mercer	4/7	6/5	2/1	12/13	.480
Samford	6/5	3/8	2/4	11/17	.392
Chattanooga	8/3	7/4	1/2	16/9	.640
VMI	5/6	6/5	3/3	14/14	.500
Western Carolina	5/6	6/5	3/1	14/12	.538
Wofford	7/4	7/4	2/1	16/9	.640
Total	52/47	49/50	20/17	121/114	.515

NOTES

• Eight SoCon teams are in action on Saturday, with all squads playing conference opponents. Furman is on a bye this week.

• Four SoCon squads - ETSU, Mercer, Chattanooga and Western Carolina - are ranked in national polls. The Bears and Mocs are ranked in both the AFCA and Stats Perform polls, while the Bucs and Catamounts are in the Stats Perform poll. ETSU and Western Carolina received votes in the AFCA poll. Samford received votes in both polls.

• Furman's Trey Hedden and Wofford's CJ Coombes were named to the Jerry Rice Award Watch List on Wednesday.

• Western Carolina at Mercer is the Stats Perform FCS Game of the Week. The Bears have won eight straight games over the Catamounts, with the last Western Carolina win coming in 2015 by a score of 24-21 in Cullowhee.

• Western Carolina established two conference record last week at Furman. The Catamounts had 801 total yards on offense, breaking the record that was set by Chattanooga (795) in 1978. Cole Gonzales threw for 620 yards, a program and SoCon record along with being the seventh-best total in FCS history in passing yards.

• Samford handed Mercer its first loss of the season last Saturday. Quincy Crittendon tied a SoCon record for touchdown passes in a quarter during the contest, tossing four scores in the first frame.

• The Citadel head coach Maurice Drayton got his first SoCon win last week in the 80th installment of 80th installment of the Military Classic of the South.

• ETSU and Wofford have split the last four matchups between the two squads. The two teams have the best 4th Down Conversion Percentage Defenses in the SoCon, with Wofford (.250) ranked sixth in the FCS in the category.

• During its current four-game winning streak, Chattanooga is averaging 35 points per game and allowing 13.8 points per game.

• Mercer wide receiver Brayden Smith is ranked eighth in FCS football in all-purpose yards per game (136.6) and is one of two players in the nation to have multiple punt return touchdowns this season.

• The Citadel is ranked second in the FCS in blocked kicks with five this season.

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AFCA FCS COACHES' TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	W-L	PTS	PREV
1. North Dakota State (24)	7-1	648	2
2. Montana State (2)	8-0	614	3
3. South Dakota State	5-2	590	1
4. South Dakota	6-1	581	4
5. UC Davis	7-1	542	6
6. Southeast Missouri State	7-1	502	8
7. North Dakota	5-2	476	10
8. Tarleton State	6-1	472	9
9. Montana	5-2	409	11
10. Central Arkansas	5-2	366	12
11. UIW	5-2	350	13
12. Idaho	5-3	327	14
13. Richmond	5-2	308	15
14. Villanova	5-2	301	5
15. William & Mary	5-2	285	16
16. Rhode Island	6-1	262	17
17. Mercer	6-1	261	7
18. Missouri State	5-2	201	20
19. ACU	5-3	192	21T
20. Illinois State	5-3	147	23
21. North Carolina Central	5-2	131	21T
22. Dartmouth	5-0	110	24
23. Jackson State	5-2	82	25
24. Stony Brook	5-2	49	NR
25. Chattanooga	4-3	40	NR

Others receiving votes: Duquesne, 37; New Hampshire, 22; **ETSU, 18**; UT Martin, 18; **Western Carolina, 18**; Florida A&M, 15; Monmouth (N.J.), 15; Tennessee St., 13; Sacramento St., 10; Harvard, 8; Drake, 7; Columbia, 5; Lafayette, 4; Robert Morris, 4; Lamar, 3; Butler, 2; Northern Arizona, 2; **Samford, 2**; South-eastern Louisiana, 1.

STATS PERFORM FCS TOP 25

Team (1st-place votes)	W-L	PTS	PREV
1. North Dakota State (40)	7-1	13842	
2. Montana State (16)	8-0	13513	
3. South Dakota State	5-2	12861	
4. South Dakota	6-1	12374	
5. UC Davis	7-1	11726	
6. Southeast Missouri State	7-1	10748	
7. North Dakota	5-2	10069	
8. Tarleton State	6-1	929	10
9. Montana	5-2	854	11
10. UIW	5-2	826	14
11. Idaho	5-3	809	13
12. Central Arkansas	5-2	785	12
13. Villanova	5-2	736	5
14. Mercer	6-1	708	7
15. Rhode Island	6-1	637	16
16. William & Mary	5-2	558	15
17. Abilene Christian	5-3	518	17
18. Richmond	5-2	512	18
19. Chattanooga	4-3	395	19
20. North Carolina Central	5-2	237	20
21. Illinois State	5-3	199	21
22. Dartmouth	5-0	184	22
23. ETSU	4-3	142	23
24. Western Carolina	4-3	124	NR
25. Tennessee State	6-2	103	NR

Others receiving votes: UT Martin 82; Stony Brook 69; Duquesne 39; Sacramento State 36; Harvard 32; Monmouth 30; Jackson State 29; Northern Arizona 28; Southeastern Louisiana 18; Drake 14; New Hampshire 12; Florida A&M 6; Dayton 5; **Samford 5**; Lamar 4; Maine 2

RECORDS VS. RANKED FCS FOES

Team	'24	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19	Total	Pct.
CIT	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-8	.200
ETSU	0-1	0-3	0-2	3-1	1-1	0-1	4-9	.308
FUR	0-2	4-0	2-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	8-7	.533
MER	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-1	3-1	0-2	7-9	.438
SAM	1-0	1-2	3-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	9-8	.529
UTC	1-1	2-3	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-3	6-10	.375
VMI	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-7	.300
WCU	1-1	2-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	3-7	.300
WOF	1-3	1-3	0-1	0-4	0-1	1-1	3-13	.188

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	Presbyterian at Mercer	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Campbell at Western Carolina	1 p.m.
Sept. 14	North Greenville at The Citadel	Noon
Sept. 28	Portland State at Chattanooga	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	The Citadel at VMI	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Furman at ETSU	Noon



COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School	Career Record	School (Yrs.)	SoCon (Yrs.)
Maurice Drayton, The Citadel	3-16 (2nd)	Same	1-12 (2nd)
Tre Lamb, ETSU	24-23 (5th)	4-3 (1st)	2-1 (1st)
Clay Hendrix, Furman	53-34 (8th)	Same	40-18 (8th)
Mike Jacobs, Mercer	80-18 (9th)	6-1 (1st)	3-1 (1st)
Chris Hatcher, Samford	181-103 (25th)	60-46 (10th)	56-40 (13th)
Rusty Wright, Chattanooga	34-25 (6th)	Same	27-13 (5th)
Danny Rocco, VMI	126-78 (18th)	5-13 (2nd)	4-7 (2nd)
Kerwin Bell, Western Carolina	114-57 (16th)	21-19 (4th)	16-10 (4th)
Shawn Watson, Wofford	19-38 (6th)	8-16 (3rd)	6-12 (3rd)

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 league has 16 title-game appearances, the most among FCS conferences.**

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

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

• Overall, current SoCon football members have combined for 52 total FCS playoffs appearances.

• **The SoCon has had seven Walter Payton Award winners, two Buck Buchanan Award winners and five Eddie Robinson Award winners.**

• **Sixty-six former SoCon players and coaches have been enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, with App State's Armanti Edwards and Marshall's Randy Moss going into the hall this year.**

• **Two former SoCon players participated in the Super Bowl LVII in February. Kansas City Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon played at Georgia Southern from 2010-13, while Philadelphia Eagles cornerback James Bradberry played at Samford from 2012-15.**

• **The SoCon broadcasts all of its home games on ESPN+ or ESPN3 and has an over-the-air television network that will air six games in five southern states in 2024.**

• **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 2023 season was the 102nd of Southern Conference football.** The SoCon is the fifth-oldest NCAA Division I college athletic association.



PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year

Cole Gonzales, Jr., QB, Western Carolina

Defensive Player of the Year

Marlon Taylor, Sr., DL, Chattanooga

First team offense

QB Cole Gonzales, Jr., Western Carolina
RB Hunter Rice., Sr., RB, VMI
RB Ryan Ingram, Sr., Wofford
OL Luke Smith, Gr., ETSU
OL Luke Petit, R-Jr., Furman
OL Xavier Jennings, Gr., Mercer
OL Reid Williams, Jr., Chattanooga
OL Tyriq Poindexter, Sr., VMI
OL Blake Whitmore, R-Sr., Western Carolina
TE Jordan Davis, Sr., Wofford
WR Javin Whatley, Jr., Chattanooga
WR AJ Colombo, Jr., Western Carolina

First team defense

DL Xavier Stephens, Sr., Furman
DL Marlon Taylor, Sr., DL, Chattanooga
DL Dorian Starnes, Sr., VMI
DL Brandon Maina, Sr., Wofford
LB Ken Standley, Gr., Mercer
LB Noah Martin, Sr., Samford
LB David Powers, Sr., Wofford
DB Chris Hope, Sr., DB, ETSU
DB Myles Redding, Sr., Mercer
DB Jordan Walker, Jr., Chattanooga
DB Maximus Pulley, Jr., Wofford

First team specialists

PK Ian Williams, R-Sr., Furman
P Nate Brackett, R-Jr., ETSU
LS Colby Cross, R-Sr., Western Carolina
RS Colton Hinton, So., Furman

Second team offense

QB Chase Artopoulos, Sr., QB, Chattanooga
RB Grant Robinson, R-Jr., Furman
RB Branson Adams, Jr., Western Carolina
OL Riley Adcock, Gr., Mercer
OL Chris Noble, Gr., Samford
OL Dave Monnot III, Sr., Chattanooga
OL Derek Simmons, Sr., Western Carolina
OL Anthony Garcia, Sr., Wofford
OL Quincy Hughes, Jr., Wofford
TE Jay Gibson, Sr., Chattanooga
WR Joshua Harris, Sr., Furman
WR Sam Phillips, Jr., Chattanooga

Second team defense

DL Brayden Manley, So., Mercer
DL Jordan Swain, Gr., Mercer
DL Quay Wiggles, Sr., Chattanooga
DL Curtis Fann Jr., R-Sr., Western Carolina
LB Luke Clark, 5th, Furman
LB Evan DiMaggio, R-Sr., Furman
LB Eric Rankin, Sr., VMI
DB Josh Battle, Jr., Sr., Chattanooga
DB Samaurie Dukes, Jr., Western Carolina
DB Ed Jones IV, Sr., Western Carolina
DB CJ Williams, Sr., DB, Western Carolina

Second team specialists

PK Bridger Jones, Jr., Wofford
P James Platte, Jr., The Citadel
LS Tommy DiLiegro, So., Wofford
RS Ivan Thorpe, Jr., WR, VMI

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Sept. 2 DJ Smith, Jr., QB, Mercer
Sept. 9 Amari Odom, R-Fr., QB, Wofford
Sept. 16 Trey Hedden, Fr., QB, Furman
Sept. 23 DJ Smith, Jr., QB, Mercer
Sept. 30 Khamran Laborn, R-Jr., WR, ETSU
Oct. 7 Sam Phillips, R-Jr., WR, Chattanooga
Oct. 14 AJ Johnson, R-So., WR, ETSU
Oct. 21 Cole Gonzales, Jr., QB, Western Carolina
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

Defensive

Sept. 2 Jalen Marshall, Jr., LB, Wofford
Sept. 9 Amir Annoor, Sr., DB, Wofford
Sept. 16 CJ Coombes, R-Fr., DB, Wofford
Sept. 23 TJ Moore, Sr., DB, Mercer
Sept. 30 Dainsus Miller, Jr., DB, Mercer
Oct. 7 David Powers, Sr., LB, Wofford
Oct. 14 TJ Moore, Sr., DB, Mercer
Oct. 21 Noah Martin, Gr., LB, Samford
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

Special teams

Sept. 2 Brayden Smith, So., WR, Mercer
Sept. 9 John McConnell, R-Jr., P, Mercer
Sept. 16 Ian Williams, R-Sr., PK, Furman
Sept. 23 Ewan Johnson, R-So., K, ETSU
Sept. 30 John McConnell, R-Jr., P, Mercer
Oct. 7 Nate Brackett, R-Jr., P, ETSU
Oct. 14 Jude Kelley, R-Jr., PK, Chattanooga
Oct. 21 Jude Kelley, R-Jr., PK, Chattanooga
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

SoCon NATIONAL WEEKLY AWARDS

Stats Perform FCS Special Teams Player of the Week

Sept. 2 Brayden Smith, So., WR, Mercer

Stats Perform National Team of the Week

Sept. 9 Wofford
Sept. 16 Mercer
Sept. 30 ETSU

Stats Perform FCS Freshman of the Week

Sept. 16 Trey Hedden, Fr., QB, Furman

Stats Perform FCS Offensive Player of the Week

Oct. 21 Cole Gonzales, Jr., QB, Western Carolina

PRESEASON SOUTHERN CONFERENCE POLL

Coaches

Team (1st-place votes)

Team (1st-place votes)	Total
1. Chattanooga (5)	61
2. Furman (3)	56
3. Western Carolina (1)	49
4. Mercer	45
5. Samford	37
6. ETSU	26
7. VMI	23
8. Wofford	19
9. The Citadel	8

SoCon PLAYERS OF THE WEEK (OCT. 21)

OFFENSIVE

Cole Gonzales, Jr., QB, Western Carolina

Gonzales had one of the best days through the air in conference history in Western Carolina's 52-20 win at Furman. The junior went 35-for-55 through the air, finishing with a program and SoCon-record 620 yards and career-high five touchdown passes. The 620 yards were also the seventh-best single-game passing performance in FCS history. The Ocala, Florida, native's touchdown passes came from 15, 62, 23, 20 and 48 yards out. Gonzales' performance also helped the Catamounts log 801 total yards of offense, which set a new conference record, eclipsing the previous mark of 795 set by Chattanooga in 1978. Gonzales was named the Stats Perform FCS National Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Furman. Western Carolina is now ranked No. 24 in the Stats Perform Top 25 poll.

DEFENSIVE

Noah Martin, Gr., LB, Samford

Martin finished with a game-high 10 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception returned for a touchdown in Samford's 55-35 upset-win over then-No. 7 Mercer on Saturday. The graduate student's fumble recovery came with 8:46 remaining in the game, stalling a Mercer drive at the Samford 28-yard line. The native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, scored his first career touchdown on a 26-yard pick-six in the fourth quarter with 6:41 remaining, sealing the victory for the Bulldogs.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Jude Kelley, R-Jr., PK, Chattanooga

Kelley, who won the honor for the second consecutive week, accounted for a career-high 13 points in a 37-5 victory over Wofford. The Acworth, Georgia, product converted on all four of his extra point tries, while going 3-for-3 on field goals for the Mocs. The redshirt junior's field goals were from 31 yards out in the first quarter, 48 yards in the third quarter and 44 yards in the fourth quarter. Kelley's 48-yard make was a career best. Chattanooga is now ranked No. 25 in the AFCA poll and No. 19 in the Stats Perform poll.



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/31/2024	at Charleston So.	W	22-21	5831
	09/07/2024	South Carolina St.	L	20-23	10579
	09/14/2024	North Greenville	W	54-0	8867
*	09/21/2024	at Mercer	L	21-38	10489
*	09/28/2024	ETSU	L	17-34	11363
*	10/05/2024	Furman	L	16-17	9053
*	10/12/2024	at Western Caro.	L	16-30	6278
*	10/19/2024	at VMI	W	13-10	8277

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Johnathan Bennett	8	103	434	92	342	3.3	3	34	42.8
Corey Ibrahim	8	78	354	12	342	4.4	1	48	42.8
Cooper Wallace	8	63	209	7	202	3.2	2	18	25.3
Garrison Johnson	8	26	131	1	130	5.0	4	31	16.3
Johnny Crawford III	8	22	86	0	86	3.9	2	18	10.8
Dustin Fletcher	4	11	60	3	57	5.2	2	30	14.3
Javonte Graves-Billips	8	15	75	20	55	3.7	0	15	6.9
Elijah Bass	7	1	33	0	33	33.0	0	33	4.7
Ben Barnes	8	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Team	8	8	0	25	-25	-3.1	0	0	-3.1
Total	8	329	1383	160	1223	3.7	14	48	152.9
Opponents	8	293	1363	222	1141	3.9	14	58	142.6

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Johnathan Bennett	8	110.6	92-183-6	50.3	1260	5	60	157.5
Dustin Fletcher	4	171.4	4-4-0	100.0	34	0	11	8.5
Ha'Keem Monroe	7	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
James Platte	8	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	8	110.7	96-189-6	50.8	1294	5	60	161.8
Opponents	8	136.4	146-221-4	66.1	1670	7	64	208.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Javonte Graves-Billips	8	22	236	10.7	1	60	29.5
Dervon Pesnell	8	18	357	19.8	1	54	44.6
Tyler Cherry	8	12	241	20.1	2	43	30.1
Corey Ibrahim	8	11	80	7.3	0	17	10.0
Cooper Wallace	8	8	74	9.3	0	30	9.3
Malachi Taylor	8	5	82	16.4	0	36	10.3
Andre Banks	7	4	47	11.8	0	22	6.7
Johnny Crawford III	8	4	48	12.0	0	24	6.0
Braylon Knauth	8	4	27	6.8	0	11	3.4
Saul Diaz	6	3	39	13.0	1	24	6.5
Romello Jones	7	3	41	13.7	0	29	5.9
Garrison Johnson	8	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.4
Kaiden Swortzel	6	1	11	11.0	0	11	1.8
Total	8	96	1294	13.5	5	60	161.8
Opponents	8	146	1670	11.4	7	64	208.8

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	3-5	1-3	2-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-4	0-2	1-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	CIT	OPP
First Downs	130	156
Rushing	66	62
Passing	54	83
Penalty	10	11
Rushing Yardage	1223	1141
Rushing attempts	329	293
Average per rush	3.7	3.9
Average per game	152.9	142.6
TDs Rushing	14	14
Passing Yardage	1294	1670
Comp-Att-Int	96-189-6	146-221-4
Average per pass	6.8	7.6
Average per catch	13.5	11.4
Average per game	161.8	208.8
TDs Passing	5	7
Total offense	2517	2811
Average per play	4.9	5.5
Average per game	314.6	351.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	18-388	20-374
Punt returns: #-Yards	14-82	11-110
Int returns: #-Yards	4-15	6-48
Fumbles-Lost	9-5	10-5
Penalties-Yards	36-303	62-495
Punts-Avg	34-47.1	36-37.7
Time of possession / game	30:22	29:38
3rd-down conversion	42/115	33/101
4rd-down conversion	9/17	9/17
PAT-attempts	(18-19) 95%	(20-23) 87%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-2) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dominick Poole	2	15	7.5	1	15
Giovanni Ricciardi	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cale Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	15	3.8	1	15
Opponents	6	48	8.0	2	39



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Ben Barnes	11-16	68.8	0-0	1-2	5-6	5-7	0-1	49	1
Opponents	5-11	45.5	0-0	2-3	2-3	1-3	0-2	44	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ben Barnes	-	11-16	18-19	-	-	-	-	-	51
Garrison Johnson	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Johnathan Bennett	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Cooper Wallace	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tyler Cherry	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dustin Fletcher	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Johnny Crawford III	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dervon Pesnell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dominick Poole	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Saul Diaz	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Javonte Graves-Billips	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Corey Ibrahim	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Whit Hobgood	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	21	11-16	18-19	0	0	0	0	1	179
Opponents	23	5-11	20-23	0	0	0	0	0	173

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
The Citadel	26	47	60	46	0	179
Opponents	31	64	27	51	0	173

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
James Platte	32	1519	47.5	69	5	4	12	12	0
Ben Barnes	1	26	26.0	26	0	0	1	0	0
Jack Weil	1	55	55.0	55	0	1	0	1	0
Total	34	1600	47.1	69	5	5	13	13	0
Opponents	36	1357	37.7	61	1	8	8	4	2

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Braylon Knauth	13	82	6.3	0	17
Nikolas Mirabella	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	82	5.9	1	17
Opponents	11	110	10.0	0	46

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Braylon Knauth	17	369	21.7	0	43
Javonte Graves-Billips	1	19	19.0	0	19
Total	18	388	21.6	0	43
Opponents	20	374	18.7	0	35

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Braylon Knauth	8	0	27	82	369	0	478	59.8
Corey Ibrahim	8	342	80	0	0	0	422	52.8
Dervon Pesnell	8	0	357	0	0	0	357	44.6
Johnathan Bennett	8	342	0	0	0	0	342	42.8
Javonte Graves-Billips	8	55	236	0	19	0	310	38.8
Cooper Wallace	8	202	74	0	0	0	276	34.5
Tyler Cherry	8	0	241	0	0	0	241	30.1
Garrison Johnson	8	130	11	0	0	0	141	17.6
Johnny Crawford III	8	86	48	0	0	0	134	16.8
Malachi Taylor	8	0	82	0	0	0	82	10.3
Dustin Fletcher	4	57	0	0	0	0	57	14.3
Andre Banks	7	0	47	0	0	0	47	6.7
Romello Jones	7	0	41	0	0	0	41	5.9
Saul Diaz	6	0	39	0	0	0	39	6.5
Elijah Bass	7	33	0	0	0	0	33	4.7
Dominick Poole	8	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.9
Kaiden Swartzel	6	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.8
Ben Barnes	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Total	8	1223	1294	82	388	15	3002	375.3
Opponents	8	1141	1670	110	374	48	3343	417.9

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Johnathan Bennett	8	286	342	1260	1602	200.3
Corey Ibrahim	8	78	342	0	342	42.8
Cooper Wallace	8	63	202	0	202	25.3
Garrison Johnson	8	26	130	0	130	16.3
Dustin Fletcher	4	15	57	34	91	22.8
Johnny Crawford III	8	22	86	0	86	10.8
Javonte Graves-Billips	8	15	55	0	55	6.9
Elijah Bass	7	1	33	0	33	4.7
Ben Barnes	8	1	1	0	1	0.1
Total	8	518	1223	1294	2517	314.6
Opponents	8	514	1141	1670	2811	351.4



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
2	Thomas Wyatt	8	38	30	68	9-27	3.5-17	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
31	Cale Williams	8	37	17	54	4-12	1-8	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
19	Dominick Poole	8	25	17	42	0.5-0	.	2-15	4	.	.	1	.	.
16	Evan Byrd	8	23	15	38	1-1	.	.	2	1	.	.	1	.
43	Je'Mazin Roberts	8	20	15	35	4.5-20	2-17	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
26	Jaleel Laffitte	8	14	9	23	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
52	Giovanni Ricciardi	7	18	4	22	3-15	1-8	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Josh Cole	8	8	12	20	4-24	1.5-14	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Will Pickren	8	18	1	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
34	Bradlee Jones	8	15	4	19	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	2	.
8	Justin Preaster	7	10	8	18	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Melvin Ravenel	8	8	7	15	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
37	DaVonyae Pettis	8	8	6	14	2.5-15	1.5-12	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
99	Kenneth Pierce Jr.	8	8	5	13	2-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
93	Chris Iverson	8	3	9	12	2.5-12	1.5-11	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
45	Mikey Rosa	8	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
98	Carson Arnold	8	6	4	10	4-12	2-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
33	Jeremiah Holmes	8	6	4	10	1-1	.	.	.	.	1-17	.	.	.
76	Jordan Marks	8	5	4	9	1.5-2	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Kaleb Brown	8	6	3	9	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Nikolas Mirabella	8	3	4	7	1-4	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	1	.
58	Maurice Bonneau Jr.	7	4	1	5	3.5-19	2.5-15	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
91	Chris Benton	8	3	2	5	2.5-19	2-19	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
29	Elijah Bass	7	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Jabraivon Woodard	6	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Phillip Collins	8	1	2	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Ryan Johnson	3	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Dervon Pesnell	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Tyler Cherry	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	John Hewlett	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Ben Barnes	8	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Temarcus Elam	2	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Whit Hobgood	7	1	.	1	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Berlin Campfort	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Rhyder Poppell	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		8	309	192	501	53-198	21-136	4-15	20	7	5-17	6	5	1
Opponents		8	313	170	483	33-129	14-85	6-48	18	26	5-0	5	1	0



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Team Statistics

	CIT	OPP
Scoring	179	173
Points per game	22.4	21.6
Points Off Turnovers	26	17
First Downs	130	156
Rushing	66	62
Passing	54	83
Penalty	10	11
Rushing Yardage	1223	1141
Yards gained rushing	1383	1363
Yards lost rushing	160	222
Rushing attempts	329	293
Average per rush	3.7	3.9
Average per game	152.9	142.6
TDs Rushing	14	14
Passing Yardage	1294	1670
Comp-Att-Int	96-189-6	146-221-4
Average per pass	6.8	7.6
Average per catch	13.5	11.4
Average per game	161.8	208.8
TDs Passing	5	7
Total offense	2517	2811
Total plays	518	514
Average per play	4.9	5.5
Average per game	314.6	351.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	18-388	20-374
Punt returns: #-Yards	14-82	11-110
Int returns: #-Yards	4-15	6-48
Kick return average	21.6	18.7
Punt return average	5.9	10.0
Int return average	3.8	8.0
Fumbles-Lost	9-5	10-5
Penalties-Yards	36-303	62-495
Average per game	37.9	61.9
Punts-Yards	34-1600	36-1357
Average per punt	47.1	37.7
Net punt average	41.4	34.6
Kickoffs-Yards	39-2412	37-2240
Average per kick	61.8	60.5
Net kick average	40.5	38.7
Time of possession / game	30:22	29:38
3rd-down conversion	42/115	33/101
3rd-down pct	37%	33%
4rd-down conversion	9/17	9/17



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	CIT	OPP
4rd-down pct	53%	53%
Sacks by-Yards	21-136	14-85
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	21	23
Field goals - attempts	11-16	5-11
On-Side kicks	0-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(20-28) 71%	(21-26) 81%
Red-zone touchdowns	(14-28) 50%	(17-26) 65%
PAT-attempts	(18-19) 95%	(20-23) 87%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-2) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	39862	30875
Games / Avg per game	4/9966	4/7719
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
The Citadel	26	47	60	46	0	179
Opponents	31	64	27	51	0	173



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/31/2024	at Charleston So.	49	190	3	19	10	170	0	39	10	17	0	170	0	39	2	40	0	23	0	0	0	0	360
09/07/2024	South Carolina St.	26	106	1	48	13	169	1	51	13	22	1	169	1	51	2	83	0	43	1	4	0	4	275
09/14/2024	North Greenville	42	222	5	28	12	124	1	22	12	22	0	124	1	22	0	0	0	0	5	49	1	15	346
09/21/2024	at Mercer	28	89	2	31	17	304	0	60	17	39	1	304	0	60	7	140	0	29	1	0	0	0	393
09/28/2024	ETSU	37	81	1	16	17	188	1	42	17	32	1	188	1	42	4	72	0	28	1	5	0	5	269
10/05/2024	Furman	51	154	0	15	11	103	1	48	11	23	1	103	1	48	0	0	0	0	3	21	0	17	257
10/12/2024	at Western Caro.	49	274	2	34	12	155	0	23	12	28	2	155	0	23	2	32	0	19	1	0	0	0	429
10/19/2024	at VMI	47	107	0	18	4	81	1	43	4	6	0	81	1	43	1	21	0	21	2	3	0	2	188
The Citadel		329	1223	14	48	96	1294	5	60	96	189	6	1294	5	60	18	388	0	43	14	82	1	17	2517
Opponents		293	1141	14	58	146	1670	7	64	146	221	4	1670	7	64	20	374	0	35	11	110	0	46	2811

The Citadel Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
8	3.7	13.5	110.7	21.6	5.9	375.3	314.6

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/2024	at Charleston So.	43	16	59	6.0-34	3-25	2	1-0	0-0	0	2	1	1-1	0	0	0	0	22
09/07/2024	South Carolina St.	46	22	68	3.0-20	2-16	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
09/14/2024	North Greenville	39	30	69	9.0-24	3-15	3	2-17	0-0	0	1	1	6-7	0	0	0	9	54
09/21/2024	at Mercer	35	26	61	8.0-14	1-4	0	0-0	1-15	2	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	21
09/28/2024	ETSU	35	22	57	4.0-15	2-13	0	1-0	3-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
10/05/2024	Furman	35	18	53	9.0-44	5-35	0	1-0	0-0	2	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	3	16
10/12/2024	at Western Caro.	46	20	66	4.0-15	1-8	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	1	2-2	0	0	1	0	16
10/19/2024	at VMI	30	38	68	10.0-32	4-20	1	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
The Citadel		309	192	501	53.0-198	21-136	6	5-17	4-15	7	20	5	18-19	0	0	1	26	179
Opponents		313	170	483	33.0-129	14-85	5	5-0	6-48	26	18	1	20-23	0	0	0	17	173

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/31/2024	at Charleston So.	3	125	41.7	46	0	0	0	0	1	1-2	49	0	5	304	60.8	0	0
09/07/2024	South Carolina St.	3	137	45.7	52	0	0	1	1	2	2-2	47	0	5	292	58.4	2	0
09/14/2024	North Greenville	4	220	55.0	69	0	0	1	3	2	2-2	36	0	10	642	64.2	4	0
09/21/2024	at Mercer	5	222	44.4	57	0	0	0	2	2	0-0	0	0	4	198	49.5	2	0
09/28/2024	ETSU	6	303	50.5	59	0	3	1	2	1	1-3	32	1	3	207	69.0	2	0
10/05/2024	Furman	5	215	43.0	65	0	0	1	1	3	3-3	48	0	5	320	64.0	4	0
10/12/2024	at Western Caro.	3	123	41.0	45	0	1	0	0	1	0-2	0	0	3	192	64.0	1	0
10/19/2024	at VMI	5	255	51.0	59	0	1	1	4	1	2-2	48	0	4	257	64.3	2	0
The Citadel		34	1600	47.1	69	0	5	5	13	13	11-16	49	1	39	2412	61.8	17	0
Opponents		36	1357	37.7	61	2	1	8	4	8	5-11	44	1	37	2240	60.5	17	1

