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REVIEW



BULLDOGS RIDE HIGHS AND LOWS IN 2010-11

The 2010-11 Samford basketball season was characterized by huge highs and great lows. The entire campaign was filled with last-second wins and losses. It contained dramatic second-half comebacks, as well as games in which the Bulldogs let large second-half leads slip away. From overtime victories to overtime losses, Samford's 2010-11 season was filled with the ebb and flow of competing against the most talented slate of conference teams in school history.

The senior-laden Southern Conference lived up to its potential in 2010-11. The College of Charleston, Appalachian State, Wofford and The Citadel were all led by their senior all-time leading scorers. Andrew Goudelock closed out his record-setting career at College of Charleston, while Donald Sims (Appalachian State), Noah Dahlman (Wofford) and Cameron Wells (The Citadel) did the same at their respective schools.

"Last season was definitely one of the toughest years of conference games

we've ever faced," said Samford Head Coach Jimmy Tillette. "The league was about as strong, top to bottom, as it could possibly be. Having said that, we didn't do our own part, and that was disappointing."

Samford concluded the 2010-11 season with a 12-19 overall record and a 4-14 mark in conference play. The Bulldogs finished sixth in the SoCon's North Division and lost to Furman in the opening round of the 2011 conference tournament, 61-48.

"We got off to a great start," Tillette said, "but the games we lost at home were the most disappointing. We had a lot of opportunities to win, and we also lost some close games on the road. We could easily have been at least .500 in the league."

Samford's campaign opened with more highs than lows. The Bulldogs streaked out of the gates for an early 8-4 record and tallied momentous victories against Auburn, Campbell, Georgia State, Western Carolina and Texas-San Antonio.

Samford defeated the Auburn Tigers for the first time since Jan. 27, 1940, on Nov. 19, 2010. The Bulldogs shot 54.5 percent from beyond the arc in a 79-68 victory at Auburn Arena. The victory snapped Auburn's 21-game winning streak in the series between the teams.

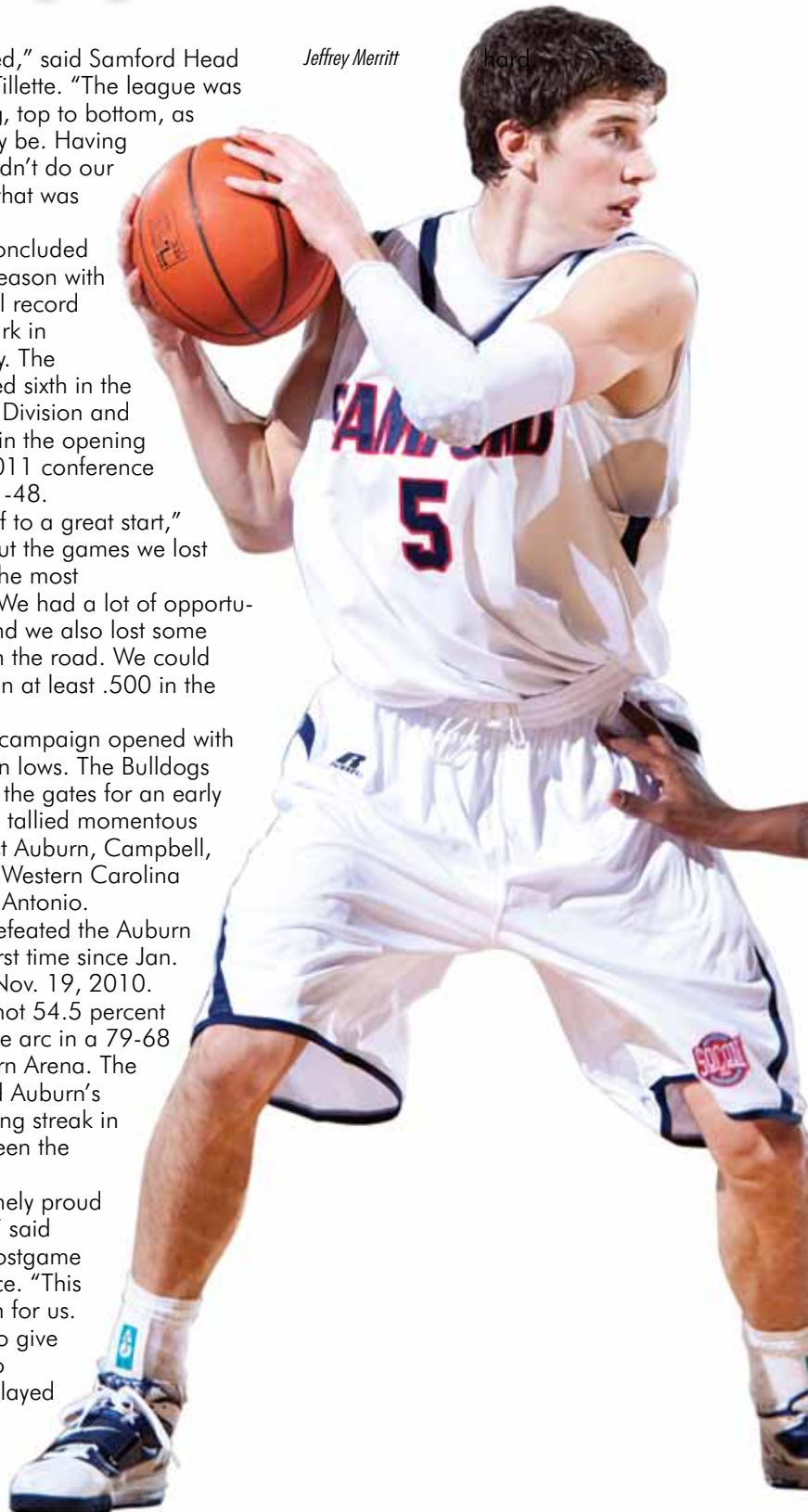
"I'm extremely proud of our players," said Tillette in the postgame press conference. "This was a great win for us. We also have to give some respect to Auburn. They played

Jeffrey Merritt

hard



John Peterson



and I know they're disappointed."

The game marked the first time that the in-state rivals squared off since Dec. 3, 1963. Samford's offensive attack versus Auburn was paced by seniors Josh Davis and Josh Bedwell. Davis matched a career-high with 30 points on 10-of-12 shooting from the field, while Bedwell tallied a season-high 21 points on a five-of-seven shooting performance. Down the stretch, Bedwell knocked down all six of his free-throw attempts to help hold off the Tigers.

Davis and Bedwell combined to score 51 points on 15-of-19 shooting from the field, including a 13-of-17 barrage from 3-point range. Davis opened the game by going seven of seven from beyond the arc in the first half. Bedwell closed out the victory in the second half by scoring 18 of his 21 points down the stretch.

"It felt great to hit that many 3-pointers in a row," said Davis. "When I made that deep shot right before the half, it was a sign, and we hoped that we could keep things going just like that."

Just two days removed from knocking off Auburn on its home floor, Samford registered a hard-fought 60-56 victory against Campbell to claim the championship title of the 2010 Global Sports Hoops Showcase. The Bulldogs closed out the four-team, three-day competition with a 2-1 record.

In its come-from-behind win against Campbell, Samford mounted a late 16-1 run and closed out the game by using a 19-5 stretch to earn the victory. The second-half comeback was ignited by three consecutive 3-point baskets by Bedwell, Andy King and Jeffrey Merritt. Samford's late barrage of 3-pointers ignited the team's decisive run. The Bulldogs knocked down a game-high 14 3-point field goals in the contest.

Second-half charges proved to be the norm for the Bulldogs in the preconference portion of the 2010-11 campaign. Samford's most improbable comeback victory was achieved on the road against Georgia State Nov. 27.

Samford rallied to score 14 points in the final 1:14 of play, including a deep 3-point basket from King with 9.1 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime. In the extra period, Samford outscored Georgia State, 14-5, to earn the 9-point victory.

"This was a great win," said Tillette after the come-from-behind triumph. "Our guys continued to play hard all the way. We got much better this week, and we worked really hard since our loss



Gregg Wooten

the other night. To come in here and win against this team was huge for us."

Against Georgia State, junior Kaylin Johnson led Samford in scoring with a career-high 20 points on six-of-eight shooting from the field. The game marked the second straight time that Johnson set a career high in scoring. He posted a 15-point performance against Jacksonville Nov. 24. Johnson went three for four from 3-point range in the victory and knocked down five key free throws. He also grabbed five rebounds from his guard position.

With 1:14 to play in the game, Samford trailed Georgia State, 50-42. The Panthers held a lead for the majority of the contest and led by as many as 11 points with 2:42 left to play in the second half. Down the stretch in regulation, Samford's Davis and Johnson knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers to trim Georgia State's lead to 52-48 with 1:01 remaining. The Panthers' James Fields then knocked down a free throw, but Samford's Gregg Wooten streaked down the court to score on a driving layup, making it a 3-point game, 53-50, with 42 seconds left in regulation.

Trailing by 3 points, Samford worked the ball down the court against Georgia State's pressure defense, and Merritt found King open on the left flank for a 25-foot 3-pointer to tie the score at 56-56. On the Panthers' final possession of regulation, Jihad Ali drove the ball hard to the goal from the left wing but committed a charging foul to turn the ball over.

After rallying to victory at Georgia State, Samford returned home in early December to tally wins against Western Carolina, Texas-Arlington and Asbury University.

The Bulldogs picked up their most dramatic win of the season on the road against Texas-San Antonio Dec. 20. With Samford trailing, 73-70, with less than 10 seconds to play, Davis gathered a pass with the shot clock running out from the deep wing. The senior from Lubbock, Texas, faked to his left and heaved up a 3-pointer to tie the game at 73-73 with 4.5 seconds remaining.

Davis' fade-away 3-point field goal was scored despite being surrounded by a trio of tenacious Roadrunner defenders. The game-tying 3-pointer also tied Samford's season high of 18 3-point baskets made in a game. Earlier in the season, the Bulldogs drained 18 3-pointers in their 79-68 victory at Auburn Nov. 19.

Immediately after Davis' shot tied the game, Roadrunner Devin Gibson turned the ball over on the inbounds pass after being called for a travel. Samford called timeout, and on the game-winning possession, Wooten found King breaking toward the basket for a contested layup. King was fouled by UTSA's Tyler Wood and made the second of two free throws to secure the victory, 74-73.

"This was an outstanding win for us," Tillette said. "We were 13 down in the second half, and we once again found a way to get the victory. The difference in the game, especially in the



Kaylin Johnson



second half, was senior leadership. They really stepped it up in their communicating and were really supportive of each other. They also made big plays on each side of the court, and that was huge."

Samford's 2010-11 senior class was comprised of Bedwell, Gaby Bermudez, Davis and King. Bedwell, a 6-foot sharpshooter from Hartselle, Ala., will go down in Samford lore as one of the best shooters in school history. He closed out his career with 165 3-point baskets and turned in a 43.2-percent mark from beyond the arc as a senior. Bedwell consistently proved to be one of the best shooters in the SoCon, and finished the 2011 season as the fourth-ranked 3-point shooter in the conference.

Bermudez, an energetic point guard from Miami, Fla., overcame a number of nagging injuries throughout his career. Despite those setbacks, he bounced back to have the best season

of his Bulldog tenure as a senior in 2011. He started in 26 of 30 games, and registered season-highs in scoring, rebounding and assists.

Davis, an athletic 3-point marksman from Lubbock, Texas, will be remembered as one of the top scorers in school history. During his senior campaign, the 6-4 guard became the 22nd player in Samford's 108-year program to reach the 1,000-point plateau. He closed out his four-year career ranked 19th on the school's all-time scoring list and finished his career with 1,068 total points.

King, a 6-8 center from Omaha, Neb., will go down in Samford history as the best 3-point shooter to ever grace the court at the post position. In Tillette's precision-based offense, King finished his senior season ranked fifth in the SoCon in 3-point shooting with a 42.2 percent mark from beyond the arc. He also was one of the best passers on Samford's roster and led the team in assists as a senior. King finished his career with a 44.7 field-goal percentage.

The Bulldogs earned back-to-back victories against Eastern Michigan and UNC-Greensboro, running their record to 10-5 to open the season. Unfortunately, their fortunes turned. Leads disappeared and game-tying shots fell short.

"I've gone over that stretch in my mind many times, and we've actually had coaching staff meetings about that and what happened," said Tillette. "We've spent a lot of time looking back and trying to figure out what went on, but there's not one thing that we could put our finger on. It was more of the day-to-day grind of a grueling season that caused it. We had a great win at Greensboro, but then we lost at Elon, and that really seemed to start the slide."

On Jan. 17, a disturbing trend started for Samford as it surrendered a double-digit lead to The Citadel in a heartbreaking 61-50 loss at home. The Bulldogs later suffered similar home defeats against Furman and Chattanooga.

Tillette said the loss to The Citadel was disappointing because Samford had a double-digit lead in that game. "We had three games at home last season where we had double-digit leads and ended up losing," he said. "It was our own failure to finish games that was disappointing."

Despite Samford's substandard finish to the 2010-11 season, the underclassmen gained valuable experience in game situations, and their growth on the court should translate to many more wins in the future.



Drew Windler



DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SITE	SU	OPP	ATTEND
Nov. 12	at Youngstown State	L	A	61	64	1,729
Nov. 15	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN	W	H	57	54	415
Nov. 19	at Auburn†	W	A	79	68	5,240
Nov. 20	vs. Middle Tennessee†	L	N	55	68	5,011
Nov. 21	vs. Campbell†	W	N	60	56	4,824
Nov. 24	JACKSONVILLE	L	H	49	60	511
Nov. 27	at Georgia State	W (OT)	A	70	61	611
Dec. 2	WESTERN CAROLINA*	W	H	63	58	550
Dec. 4	APPALACHIAN STATE*	L	H	69	78	603
Dec. 11	TEXAS-ARLINGTON	W	H	68	60	851
Dec. 18	ASBURY UNIVERSITY	W	H	80	67	751
Dec. 20	at Texas-San Antonio	W	A	74	73	1,432
Dec. 22	at Creighton	L	A	40	58	16,550
Dec. 31	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	H	55	51	651
Jan. 6	at UNC-Greensboro*	W	A	68	64	2,196
Jan. 8	at Elon*	L	A	54	67	1,607
Jan. 15	at Chattanooga*	L	A	60	65	3,258
Jan. 17	THE CITADEL*	L	H	50	61	744
Jan. 20	at Furman*	L	A	55	74	1,504
Jan. 22	at Wofford*	L	A	43	81	1,620
Jan. 27	ELON*	W	H	69	67	1,101
Jan. 29	UNC-GREENSBORO*	L	H	72	91	1,348
Feb. 3	DAVIDSON*	L	H	49	62	602
Feb. 5	at Georgia Southern*	W	A	58	50	2,312
Feb. 10	at Appalachian State*	L	A	59	65	1,274
Feb. 12	at Western Carolina*	L	A	63	85	1,638
Feb. 16	WOFFORD*	L	H	68	81	869
Feb. 19	FURMAN*	L	H	63	70	535
Feb. 21	at College of Charleston*	L	A	49	75	4,386
Feb. 26	CHATTANOOGA*	L (OT)	H	72	77	778
March 4	vs. Furman**	L	N	48	61	2,466

†2010 Global Sports Hoops Showcase

*SoConGame

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OVERALL

PLAYER	GP-GS	---TOTAL---		----3-PTS----		----REBOUNDS----		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
		FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT								OFF-DEF-TOT	AVG
Jeffrey Merritt	31-30	118-251	.470	26-77	.338	58-107	.542	47-147-194	6.3	75-5	61	62	11	37	320	10.3
Josh Bedwell	31-20	76-165	.461	51-118	.432	55-61	.902	15-64-79	2.5	44-0	54	39	1	24	258	8.3
Gregg Wooten	30-4	80-194	.412	13-48	.271	54-100	.540	8-43-51	1.7	36-0	45	64	0	21	227	7.6
Josh Davis	31-20	72-194	.371	46-148	.311	43-47	.915	15-79-94	3.0	46-0	28	38	2	25	233	7.5
Andy King	31-3	66-145	.455	46-109	.422	27-33	.818	10-60-70	2.3	55-1	66	32	6	14	205	6.6
Drew Windler	31-28	67-152	.441	35-85	.412	24-35	.686	14-44-58	1.9	70-2	38	40	20	12	193	6.2
John Peterson	31-8	46-101	.455	24-59	.407	37-47	.787	18-51-69	2.2	57-0	17	24	1	10	153	4.9
Kaylin Johnson	31-12	42-118	.356	19-71	.268	27-40	.675	9-51-60	1.9	58-0	28	37	2	13	130	4.2
Gaby Bermudez	30-26	30-73	.411	8-28	.286	14-25	.560	4-28-32	1.1	45-0	57	52	0	18	82	2.7
Will Cook	24-4	20-51	.392	7-28	.250	7-12	.583	7-23-30	1.3	28-0	5	14	2	4	54	2.3
Matthew Friday	22-0	10-19	.526	0-4	.000	5-13	.385	7-10-17	0.8	8-0	10	12	2	4	25	1.1
Levi Barnes	4-0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	1-0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0
Total	31	627-1464	.428	275-776	.354	351-520	.675	190-650-840	27.1	523-8	409	418	49	182	1880	60.6
Opponents	31	722-1672	.432	247-669	.369	381-540	.706	380-741-1121	36.2	549-6	370	401	82	206	2072	66.8

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	843	1016	21
Opponents	960	1095	17

CONFERENCE GAMES

PLAYER	GP-GS	---TOTAL---		----3-PTS----		----REBOUNDS----		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
		FGM-A	PCT	3FGM-A	PCT	FTM-A	PCT								OFF-DEF-TOT	AVG
Jeffrey Merritt	18-17	72-155	.465	17-49	.347	30-57	.526	26-75-101	5.6	45-3	32	36	6	22	191	10.6
Josh Bedwell	18-12	44-100	.440	26-66	.394	25-26	.962	13-40-53	2.9	29-0	27	22	0	12	139	7.7
Gregg Wooten	18-4	48-119	.403	6-28	.214	30-54	.556	6-22-28	1.6	19-0	35	31	0	9	132	7.3
Andy King	18-2	43-93	.462	28-70	.400	14-16	.875	9-34-43	2.4	33-0	32	21	1	10	128	7.1
John Peterson	18-6	36-68	.529	15-35	.429	33-39	.846	10-35-45	2.5	39-0	12	14	1	5	120	6.7
Josh Davis	18-10	35-104	.337	22-81	.272	19-21	.905	9-37-46	2.6	27-0	12	23	2	11	111	6.2
Drew Windler	18-16	38-87	.437	17-47	.362	12-17	.706	4-29-33	1.8	43-2	19	26	13	7	105	5.8
Kaylin Johnson	18-7	25-69	.362	9-38	.237	13-18	.722	5-31-36	2.0	31-0	17	18	1	5	72	4.0
Will Cook	13-3	14-30	.467	3-12	.250	3-4	.750	4-8-12	0.9	19-0	2	10	2	3	34	2.6
Gaby Bermudez	17-13	13-36	.361	3-14	.214	6-12	.500	3-12-15	0.9	22-0	34	25	0	12	35	2.1
Matthew Friday	12-0	6-11	.545	0-3	.000	5-10	.500	5-5-10	0.8	4-0	6	5	2	3	17	1.4
Levi Barnes	3-0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0-0	0.0	1-0	0	0	2	0	0	0.0
Total	18	374-873	.428	146-444	.329	190-274	.693	116-356-472	26.2	312-5	228	234	30	99	1084	60.2
Opponents	18	440-966	.455	149-389	.383	242-331	.731	218-433-651	36.2	299-3	219	221	49	107	1271	70.6

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	493	591	1084
Opponents	608	663	1271



Kaylin Johnson



Gregg Wooten



POINTS-REBOUNDS-ASSISTS

OPPONENT	WINDLER	BERMUDEZ	DAVIS	MERRITT	BEDWELL	PETERSON	JOHNSON	WOOTEN	FRIDAY	COOK	KING	BARNES
at Youngstown State	6-3-3	4-0-0	9-3-2	19-11-1	6-1-2	2-8-1	0-1-1	9-2-1	2-2-0	DNP	4-2-2	DNP
TENNESSEE WESLEYAN	12-5-2	4-1-5	2-1-0	13-12-3	14-4-1	6-2-0	0-2-0	3-4-1	0-4-0	3-1-1	0-1-1	DNP
at Auburn	8-2-3	5-2-4	30-4-0	8-7-6	21-1-3	3-0-0	0-1-1	1-2-2	0-1-1	3-2-0	0-2-2	DNP
vs. Middle Tennessee	15-3-0	2-0-0	7-4-0	2-7-2	3-2-2	3-2-1	3-1-0	12-0-0	DNP	5-3-1	3-1-2	DNP
vs. Campbell	6-1-0	4-0-2	7-1-4	12-5-2	10-5-2	3-1-1	3-0-0	5-2-1	DNP	0-1-0	10-3-4	DNP
JACKSONVILLE	1-1-1	4-1-1	2-7-1	9-11-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	15-0-0	13-4-0	DNP	0-1-0	5-1-2	DNP
at Georgia State	0-0-0	1-4-0	7-5-0	7-7-3	12-4-3	0-0-0	20-5-2	13-4-0	2-0-1	0-1-0	8-4-4	DNP
WESTERN CAROLINA*	4-2-0	0-1-0	12-1-2	12-8-2	0-4-2	2-1-1	8-2-2	14-5-2	DNP	0-1-0	11-4-2	DNP
APPALACHIAN STATE*	5-4-3	0-0-1	8-1-3	20-9-0	4-2-1	6-1-2	6-2-4	7-0-3	3-0-0	5-0-0	5-4-1	DNP
TEXAS-ARLINGTON	6-0-2	6-2-2	3-7-4	13-5-3	11-0-3	10-2-0	6-2-2	DNP	0-0-0	0-2-0	13-5-5	DNP
ASBURY UNIVERSITY	17-4-4	0-0-4	22-3-1	14-7-0	7-1-4	0-2-0	2-3-1	13-2-1	0-0-0	2-2-0	3-2-1	DNP
at Texas-San Antonio	1-1-1	0-0-0	17-7-2	5-9-3	21-3-2	3-3-2	5-4-1	7-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	15-1-7	DNP
at Creighton	6-0-1	4-3-2	3-2-2	9-4-2	2-0-0	3-0-0	2-2-2	2-1-1	4-0-2	0-3-0	5-1-1	0-0-0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0-2-0	6-2-1	11-3-0	11-3-2	5-2-4	0-1-0	0-1-1	13-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-1	9-2-2	DNP
at UNC-Greensboro*	7-5-3	0-1-2	15-2-0	17-7-1	13-4-4	4-4-0	4-1-1	8-3-1	0-0-1	DNP	0-1-3	DNP
at Elon*	13-4-1	0-2-0	10-5-0	4-3-3	3-2-1	4-1-0	3-2-0	9-3-3	0-0-0	2-2-0	6-0-2	DNP
at Chattanooga*	2-0-0	2-1-5	10-8-1	10-10-3	21-4-1	4-3-2	2-2-0	0-4-0	0-0-0	DNP	9-0-3	DNP
THE CITADEL*	0-1-1	0-2-3	7-3-0	9-3-0	0-2-2	0-6-0	5-3-2	11-3-2	DNP	DNP	18-3-1	DNP
at Furman*	4-4-0	3-1-1	8-2-0	8-2-2	2-0-1	11-1-0	4-3-1	11-1-1	4-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-1	DNP
at Wofford*	8-0-0	0-0-1	0-2-1	15-4-1	0-1-0	5-2-0	0-5-0	9-0-3	4-2-2	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
ELON*	7-0-0	6-0-1	7-3-0	12-6-4	12-3-1	16-4-0	3-2-1	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	6-4-5	DNP
UNC-GREENSBORO*	12-2-0	8-1-1	3-3-0	4-4-2	8-5-4	16-4-2	2-3-0	12-0-1	0-0-1	0-0-0	7-1-0	DNP
DAVIDSON*	3-0-0	2-2-0	10-1-0	7-7-0	4-4-0	7-1-0	0-1-1	10-1-0	4-3-0	0-0-0	2-0-1	DNP
at Georgia Southern*	4-1-3	0-1-2	13-2-0	7-8-3	9-1-0	3-1-1	4-0-1	12-1-2	0-1-0	DNP	6-3-0	DNP
at Appalachian State*	2-1-1	0-2-5	3-1-1	6-8-2	16-8-3	4-3-0	5-2-1	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-0	21-1-1	DNP
at Western Carolina*	9-3-3	2-0-1	3-2-0	17-6-1	2-3-1	5-2-1	9-3-1	6-0-4	2-1-0	2-2-0	6-4-3	DNP
WOFFORD*	5-2-1	DNP	0-1-1	9-7-3	15-3-0	14-3-0	1-2-0	12-2-3	0-0-0	9-0-1	3-1-1	0-0-0
FURMAN*	8-0-0	2-0-4	0-1-1	12-3-3	11-2-4	9-1-2	6-0-0	5-0-1	DNP	4-3-1	6-7-2	DNP
at College of Charleston*	6-4-2	1-0-3	0-2-0	14-3-1	5-3-1	3-4-0	6-3-1	4-1-2	0-1-0	2-3-0	8-4-1	0-0-0
CHATTANOOGA*	6-0-1	9-1-4	2-6-2	8-3-1	14-2-1	7-3-1	4-0-1	2-2-5	DNP	6-0-0	14-6-5	DNP
FURMAN**	10-3-2	7-2-2	2-1-0	7-5-1	7-2-0	0-1-0	2-2-0	4-0-2	0-0-0	7-2-0	2-2-1	DNP

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RECORD	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
All Games	12-19	6-8	5-9	1-2
Conference	4-14	2-7	2-7	0-0
Nonconference	8-5	4-1	3-2	1-2

GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Nov. 21	vs. Campbell	W	60-56	4,824	Merritt—12	Bedwell, Merritt—5
Nov. 24	JACKSONVILLE	L	49-60	511	Johnson—15	Merritt—11
Nov. 27	at Georgia State	W	70-61 (OT)	611	Johnson—20	Merritt—7
Dec. 2	WESTERN CAROLINA*	W	63-58	550	Wooten—14	Merritt—8
Dec. 4	APPALACHIAN STATE*	L	69-78	603	Merritt—20	Merritt—9
Dec. 11	TEXAS—ARLINGTON	W	68-60	851	King, Merritt—14	Davis—7
Dec. 18	ASBURY UNIVERSITY	W	80-67	751	Davis—22	Merritt—7
Dec. 20	at Texas—San Antonio	W	74-73	1,432	Bedwell—21	Merritt—9
Dec. 22	at Creighton	L	40-58	16,550	Merritt—9	Merritt—4
Dec. 31	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	55-51	651	Wooten—13	Davis, Merritt—3
Jan. 6	at UNC—Greensboro*	W	68-64	2,196	Merritt—17	Merritt—7
Jan. 8	at Elon*	L	54-67	1,607	Windler—13	Davis—5
Jan. 15	at Chattanooga*	L	60-65	3,258	Bedwell—21	Merritt—10
Jan. 17	THE CITADEL*	L	50-61	744	King—18	Peterson—6
Jan. 20	at Furman*	L	55-74	1,504	Peterson, Wooten—11	Windler—4
Jan. 22	at Wofford*	L	43-81	1,620	Merritt—15	Johnson—5
Jan. 27	ELON*	W	69-67	1,101	Peterson—16	Merritt—6
Jan. 29	UNC—GREENSBORO*	L	72-91	1,348	Peterson—16	Bedwell—5
Feb. 3	DAVIDSON*	L	49-62	602	Davis, Wooten—10	Merritt—7
Feb. 5	at Georgia Southern*	W	58-50	2,312	Davis—13	Merritt—8
Feb. 10	at Appalachian State*	L	59-65	1,274	King—21	Bedwell, Merritt—8
Feb. 12	at Western Carolina*	L	63-85	1,638	Merritt—17	Merritt—6
Feb. 16	WOFFORD*	L	68-81	869	Bedwell—15	Merritt—7
Feb. 19	FURMAN*	L	63-70	535	Merritt—12	King—7
Feb. 21	at College of Charleston*	L	49-75	4,386	Merritt—14	King, Peterson, Windler—4
Feb. 26	CHATTANOOGA*	L	72-77 (OT)	778	Bedwell, King—14	Davis, King—6
March 4	vs. Furman**	L	48-61	3,528	Windler—10	Merritt—5

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Samford cheerleaders



Will Cook



SAMFORD

	HIGH	LOW
POINTS	80, vs. Asbury University (12/18)	40, at Creighton (12/22)
FIELD GOALS MADE	29, vs. Asbury University (12/18)	13, vs. Jacksonville (11/24)
FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS	56, at College of Charleston (2/21) 56, vs. Appalachian State (12/4)	39, vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)
FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	.578 (26-45), at Auburn (11/19)	.298 (14-47), at Wofford (1/22)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	18, at Texas–San Antonio (12/20) 18, at Auburn (11/19)	2, vs. Davidson (2/3)
3-POINT FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS	39, at Texas–San Antonio (12/20)	15, at Georgia Southern (2/5)
3-POINT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	.571 (12-21), vs. Elon (1/27)	.118 (2-17), vs. Davidson (2/3)
FREE THROWS MADE	23, at Georgia State (11/27)	1, at Appalachian State (2/10)
FREE-THROW ATTEMPTS	30, vs. Wofford (2/16) 30, at Georgia State (11/27)	2, at Appalachian State (2/10)
FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE	.875 (14-16), vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)	.429 (12-28), at Youngstown State (11/12)
REBOUNDS	40, vs. Tennessee Wesleyan (11/15)	17, at Furman (1/20)
ASSISTS	22, at Auburn (11/19)	2, vs. Davidson (2/3)
STEALS	12, at Georgia Southern (2/5)	2, at Western Carolina (2/12)
BLOCKED SHOTS	5, vs. Davidson (2/3)	0, seven times, last vs. Chattanooga (2/26)
TURNOVERS	21, vs. Jacksonville (11/24)	8, at Furman (1/20) 8, vs. The Citadel (1/17)
FOULS	26, vs. UNC–Greensboro (1/29)	9, vs. Tennessee Wesleyan (11/15)

OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
POINTS	91, vs. UNC–Greensboro (1/29)	50, at Georgia Southern (2/5)
FIELD GOALS MADE	37, at Western Carolina (2/12)	16, at Elon (1/8)
FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS	67, at Western Carolina (2/12)	42, vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)
FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	.596 (28-47), vs. Wofford (2/16)	.327 (16-49), at Elon (1/8)
3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE	15, at Furman (1/20)	1, vs. Jacksonville, (11/24)
3-POINT FIELD-GOAL ATTEMPTS	36, vs. Elon (1/27)	7, vs. Jacksonville, (11/24)
3-POINT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	.625 (15-24), at Furman (1/20)	.143 (1-7), vs. Jacksonville (11/24)
FREE THROWS MADE	31, vs. UNC–Greensboro (1/29)	3, three times, last at College of Charleston (2/21)
FREE-THROW ATTEMPTS	35, vs. UNC–Greensboro (1/29)	3, vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)
FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE	.886 (31-35), vs. UNC–Greensboro (1/29)	.500 (3-6), at College of Charleston (2/21)
REBOUNDS	48, at Wofford (1/22)	26, vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)
ASSISTS	19, at Western Carolina (2/12)	7, three times, last at Appalachian State (2/10)
STEALS	14, vs. Jacksonville (11/24)	2, three times, last vs. Davidson (2/3)
BLOCKED SHOTS	6, at College of Charleston (2/21)	0, at Chattanooga (1/15) 0, at Auburn (11/19)
TURNOVERS	21, vs. Eastern Michigan (12/31)	5, at Appalachian State (2/10)
FOULS	28, at Georgia State (11/27)	8, at Appalachian State (2/10)



Jeffrey Merritt



Matthew Friday



Kaylin Johnson



GAME 1

Youngstown State 64, Samford 61
Nov. 12, 2010, Beeghly Center, Youngstown, Ohio

In its opening game of the 2010–11 season, Samford fought back from a 10-point deficit late in the second half to come just a few inches shy of tying the Youngstown State Penguins at the buzzer. As the final horn sounded, Josh Davis' deep 3-point heave came up short as the Bulldogs dropped a hard-fought 64-61 decision at Beeghly Center.

Samford (0-1) trailed, 56-46, with 5:03 remaining in the game, but used 5 straight points from Davis, a key 3-point basket from Jeffrey Merritt and a pair of layups from Gregg Wooten and Merritt to trim Youngstown State's lead to 61-60 with 13 seconds to play. During the late stretch, Samford's defense stepped up and allowed only a layup and 3-pointer from DuShawn Brooks.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring and rebounding by Merritt. The junior from Oklahoma City, Okla., registered his first career double-double and finished the game with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Merritt turned in an eight-of-nine performance from the field and was two for two from 3-point range.

Merritt's biggest basket of the night occurred with 13 seconds remaining as he drained a long 3-pointer from the right flank to cut Youngstown State's (1-0) lead to 61-60.

On the ensuing possession, the Penguins' Vytas Sulskis connected on a pair of free-throw attempts to give his team a 63-60 advantage with 10 seconds remaining.

Samford's Wooten and Youngstown State's Kendrick Perry then traded free throws to make the score 64-61 with three seconds to play. On Samford's final trip down the floor, Wooten was fouled and went to the line to attempt a pair of free throws. He was errant on the first attempt and then purposely missed the second free throw to set up a possible game-tying 3-pointer.

After Wooten's final miss clanked high off the rim, Merritt tapped the rebound out to John Peterson who quickly sent a pass to the deep left to Davis. Davis gathered the ball and fired a quick shot just before the buzzer, but the game-tying attempt came up short and bounced off the front of the rim.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	24	37	61
Youngstown State	23	41	64

GAME 2

Samford 57, Tennessee Wesleyan 54
Nov. 15, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford opened its home schedule with a 57-54 victory against Tennessee Wesleyan as the Bulldogs used double-figure scoring from Josh Bedwell, Jeffrey Merritt and Drew Windler to register their first win of the 2010–11 campaign at Pete Hanna Center.

In the victory, Samford (1-1) led by as many as 14 points, but Tennessee Wesleyan (3-2) fought back to tied the score at 46-46 with 2:33 remaining in the game. At that point, Samford's Bedwell drained a key 3-point basket,

Merritt scored on a driving layup and Gaby Bermudez knocked down a pair of free throws to give the Bulldogs a 53-46 lead with 35 seconds to play. Tennessee Wesleyan's E'Jay Ward scored 8 points in the final half-minute to close the gap to 57-54 at game's end.

Samford was led in scoring by Bedwell's 14 points on four-of-nine shooting from the field. All of his field goals came from beyond the arc as he also knocked down a pair of free throws and grabbed four rebounds.

Merritt, a junior from Oklahoma City, Okla., tallied his second straight double-double. After compiling career-highs in 19 points and 11 rebounds at Youngstown State, Merritt finished with 13 points and a new career-high 12 rebounds against Tennessee Wesleyan. Six of his 12 rebounds came on the offensive end of the court.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Tennessee Wesleyan	26	28	54
Samford	30	27	57

GAME 3

Samford 79, Auburn 68
Nov. 19, 2010, Auburn Arena, Auburn, Ala.

Samford defeated the Auburn Tigers for the first time since Jan. 27, 1940, as the Bulldogs shot 54.5 percent from beyond the arc in a 79-68 victory held at Auburn Arena. The victory snapped Auburn's 21-game winning streak in the series between the teams.

Samford (2-1) defeated Auburn (0-2) for the first time since a 37-33 victory held in Auburn, Ala., on Jan. 27, 1940. The game marked the first time that the in-state rivals squared off since Dec. 3, 1963.

Samford was paced in scoring against Auburn by seniors Josh Davis and Josh Bedwell. Davis matched a career-high with 30 points on 10-of-12 shooting from the field, while Bedwell tallied a season-high 21 points on a five-of-seven shooting performance. Down the stretch, Bedwell knocked down all six of his free-throw attempts to help hold off the Tigers.

Davis and Bedwell combined to score 51 points on 15-of-19 shooting from the field and a 13-of-17 barrage from 3-point range. Davis opened the game by going seven of seven from beyond the arc in the first half, while Bedwell closed out the victory in the second half by scoring 18 of his 21 points down the stretch.

Samford held a 38-32 advantage at halftime and pushed its lead to 47-38 with 16:39 left to play. The Tigers then used a jumper from Kenny Gabriel to trim the Bulldogs' advantage to 54-52 with 9:32 remaining on the clock.

Bedwell, a senior sharpshooter from Hartselle, Ala., took over the game and drained back-to-back 3-pointers to extend Samford's lead to 60-52. Redshirt freshman Drew Windler added a bucket, Davis connected on a runner and Bedwell knocked down yet another 3-point basket to give Samford its biggest lead of the night, 67-52, with 6:27 to play.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	38	41	79
Auburn	32	36	68

GAME 4

Middle Tennessee 68, Samford 55
Nov. 20, 2010, Auburn Arena, Auburn, Ala.

Just one day after shooting lights out in a 79-68 victory against Auburn, the Bulldogs turned in a lackluster 38.1 percentage from the floor in a 68-55 loss against the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders in Samford's second game of the 2010 Global Sports Hoops Showcase at Auburn Arena.

With the loss, Samford (2-2) had its two-game winning streak snapped. Heading into the contest, the Bulldogs were coming off consecutive victories against Tennessee Wesleyan and Auburn.

Samford fell behind early in the game, and Middle Tennessee used a 20-6 run in the opening half to garner a 31-16 lead at halftime. The Bulldogs fought back in the second half and outscored the Blue Raiders 39-37 in the final period, but the damage had been done.

Samford committed a season-high 17 turnovers in the loss, while Middle Tennessee turned the ball over 12 times. The Bulldogs were outrebounded, 39-27, with 15 of the Blue Raiders' boards coming on their offensive end of the court.

The Bulldogs were led in scoring by redshirt freshman Drew Windler's 15 points. The 6-9 native of South Milwaukee, Wis., tallied his career-high total by shooting five of five from the field, including a three-for-three mark from 3-point range. Windler was also two for two from the line, grabbed three rebounds and added a steal.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	16	39	55
Middle Tennessee	31	37	68

GAME 5

Samford 60, Campbell 56
Nov. 21, 2010, Auburn Arena, Auburn, Ala.

The Bulldogs mounted a late 16-1 run and closed out the game by using a 19-5 stretch to earn a 60-56 come-from-behind victory against the Campbell Camels in Samford's final contest of the 2010 Global Sports Hoops Showcase hosted by Auburn University.

With the win, Samford (3-2) closed out the Global Sports Hoops Showcase with a 2-1 record. The Bulldogs defeated Auburn, 79-68, before losing to Middle Tennessee, 68-55.

With 8:06 to play in the game, Samford trailed Campbell, 51-41. The Camels' Lorne Merthie had just connected on his fourth 3-pointer of the contest and gave his squad its biggest lead of the afternoon.

Samford's second-half comeback was ignited by three consecutive 3-point baskets by Josh Bedwell (6:54), Andy King (5:54) and Merritt (4:52). The late barrage of 3-pointers started the team's decisive 16-1 run and were three of Samford's game-high 14 3-point field goals in the contest.

Merritt's key 3-point basket trimmed Campbell's lead to 51-50 with 4:52 left to play in the game. He later knocked down a pair of free throws to tie the score at 52-52 with 2:08 remaining.

Samford finished the game shooting 10 of 16 from the free-throw line for a 62.5 percentage from the charity stripe.



The Bulldogs closed out the game by hitting their final seven of eight free-throw attempts.

With the score knotted at 52-52, Samford's stingy defense forced Campbell into a turnover, and junior Kaylin Johnson buried a critical 3-point basket from the right wing to give his team a 55-52 advantage.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Campbell	30	26	56
Samford	32	28	60

GAME 6

Jacksonville 60, Samford 49
Nov. 24, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford committed a season-high 21 turnovers in a 60-49 loss against the Jacksonville Dolphins in a nonconference matchup at Pete Hanna Center. The meeting was the first between the old Trans America Athletic Conference rivals since 2003, and it was Jacksonville's first victory in the series since Feb. 8, 2001.

Jacksonville used its full-court pressure defense to take an early lead of 10-4 with 12:36 to play in the first half. Samford bounced back to lead by as many as 3 points, 25-22, with 1:23 remaining until the intermission.

Kaylin Johnson paced Samford with 8 points in the first half and closed out the game with a career-high 15 points on four-of-seven shooting from the field. The speedy guard from Baton Rouge, La., also knocked down a career-high four 3-point field goals and connected on three free throws.

Johnson's career-high scoring performance bested his previous mark of 14 points scored against Georgia Southern Feb. 22, 2010.

The Dolphins used a late jumper from Travis Cohn and a driving layup from Shamile Jeffers to take a slight 26-25 advantage into halftime. Jacksonville rallied to end the opening period by scoring 8 of the final 12 points of the half.

Samford was outscored, 34-24, in the second half and trailed by 10 points, 49-39, with 3:38 remaining in the game. Following a steal by Drew Windler and a running layup by Gregg Wooten, the Bulldogs were able to cut Jacksonville's lead to 49-44 with 2:26 to play.

The Bulldogs shot 31.7 percent from the field (13 of 41) and 23.8 percent from 3-point range (five of 21). After Johnson's four 3-point field goals, senior Andy King connected on Samford's fifth deep shot of the game. He finished with 5 points, two assists and a rebound.

Junior Jeffrey Merritt came 1 point shy of a third double-double this season. The Oklahoma City, Okla., native pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds and finished with 9 points, an assist and a steal. Merritt was also five of six from the free-throw line, but only two of seven from the floor.

Wooten added a career-high 13 points on five-of-eight shooting from the field. The Memphis, Tenn., native grabbed four rebounds and scored on a number of acrobatic layups down the right side of the lane.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Jacksonville	26	34	60
Samford	25	24	49

GAME 7

Samford 70, Georgia State 61 (OT)
Nov. 27, 2010, Georgia State Sports Arena, Atlanta, Ga.

Despite trailing by as many as 11 points and down 50-42 with 1:14 remaining in the game, Samford rallied to earn a 70-61 overtime victory against the Georgia State Panthers in a nonconference matchup at the Georgia State Sports Arena.

The Bulldogs scored 14 points in the final 1:14 of play, including a deep 3-point basket from Andy King with 9.1 in regulation to send the game into overtime. In overtime, Samford (4-3) outscored Georgia State (2-2) 14-5 to earn the 9-point victory.

Junior Kaylin Johnson led Samford in scoring with a career-high 20 points on six-of-eight shooting from the field. The game marked the second straight time that Johnson set a career high in scoring; he posted a 15-point performance against Jacksonville in his last outing.

Johnson went three for four from 3-point range in the victory and knocked down five key free throws. He also grabbed five rebounds from his guard position.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	OT	TOTAL
Samford	24	32	14	70
Georgia State	31	25	5	61

GAME 8

Samford 63, Western Carolina 58
Dec. 2, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford opened its home Southern Conference schedule with a victory for the third straight season as the Bulldogs fought for a physical 63-58 win against the Western Carolina Catamounts at Pete Hanna Center.

Samford (5-3, 1-0 SoCon) finished with four players scoring in double figures for the first time of the season. Sophomore Gregg Wooten tallied a career-high 14 points on five-of-six shooting from the field and knocked down four of six attempts from the free-throw line. He also tied his career high with five rebounds and added two assists.

Wooten, a talented guard from Memphis, Tenn., registered a career-high scoring mark in back-to-back games. Against Georgia State, he came off the bench to notch 13 points and was seven of nine from the free-throw line.

The Bulldogs opened the season with some struggles from the charity stripe, but have since knocked down 41 of 54 shots from the free-throw line in their previous two games for a 75.9 percent mark.

Josh Davis and Jeffrey Merritt both added 12 points apiece. Davis proved to be clutch down the stretch as he went six of six from the free-throw line. Merritt nearly tallied his third double-double of the season by adding a team-high eight rebounds to go along with his 12 points.

Merritt, a junior guard from Oklahoma City, Okla., shot four of seven from the field, knocked down a key 3-point basket, and tallied three steals, two assists and a block.

Senior center Andy King came off the bench to score 11 points on three-of-five shooting from the floor, with all of his field goals coming from beyond the arc. A native of

Omaha, Neb., King pulled down four rebounds, handed out two assists and finished two for two from the free-throw line.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Western Carolina	17	41	58
Samford	25	38	63

GAME 9

Appalachian State 78, Samford 69
Dec. 4, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford was outscored, 45-37, in the second half of a Southern Conference showdown against the Appalachian State Mountaineers as the Bulldogs dropped a 78-69 decision to their North Division rivals at Pete Hanna Center.

Samford's offensive attack was paced by junior guard Jeffrey Merritt's career-high 20 points on nine-of-13 shooting from the floor. The Oklahoma City, Okla., native came just short of notching his third double-double of the season as he grabbed nine rebounds and added a steal. Merritt entered the game as the No. 2 rebounder in the SoCon with an average of 8.5 boards per game this season.

As a team, Appalachian State shot 51 percent from the floor and 36.8 percent from 3-point range. Samford shot 48.2 percent from the field and registered a 34.6 percent outing from beyond the arc.

Midway through the second half, Appalachian State used a 15-1 run to take a decisive 54-42 advantage in the game. During the stretch, Samford went 9:45 without tallying a field goal. Senior Josh Bedwell ended the drought by scoring on a jumper with 8:12 to play in the game.

Following a 3-point basket from freshman Will Cook from the right corner, the Bulldogs trimmed the Mountaineers' lead to 65-56 with 3:41 remaining, but Samford did not get any closer as Appalachian State knocked down nine of its final 10 free-throw attempts.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Appalachian State	33	45	78
Samford	32	37	69

GAME 10

Samford 68, Texas-Arlington 60
Dec. 11, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford rallied in the second half to post a 68-60 nonconference victory against the Texas-Arlington Mavericks in a matchup at Pete Hanna Center.

Despite trailing by 45-37 with 11:32 to play, Samford (6-4) used clutch 3-point shooting from Josh Bedwell, John Peterson and Andy King to battle back for the 68-60 victory. The Bulldogs outscored the Mavericks, 31-15, to close out the game and knocked down seven 3-point baskets in the final 11:20 of play.

Samford finished with four players scoring in double figures for the second time this season and improved to 5-0 when at least three Bulldogs scored in double figures. Jeffrey Merritt and King paced the team with 13 points apiece, while Bedwell added 11 and Peterson chipped in with 10 points on three-of-five shooting.



King, a senior center from Omaha, Neb., turned in his best game of the season and registered season highs in points (13), rebounds (5), assists (5) and 3-point field goals (3). He knocked down all three of his 3-point field goals in a row.

With less than four minutes left to play and Samford trailing, 53-51, King drained his first 3-point basket of the game to give the Bulldogs a 54-53 advantage. He then connected on back-to-back attempts to increase Samford's lead to 60-53 with 2:12 remaining in the game.

After King's heroics, Texas-Arlington (5-3) got no closer than 5 points down as the Bulldogs upped their lead for a final 68-60 decision.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Texas-Arlington	30	30	60
Samford	30	38	68

GAME 11

**Samford 80, Asbury University 67
Dec. 18, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.**

Despite a sluggish 12-minute span to open the game, Samford rallied back from an early 14-point deficit to defeat the Asbury University Eagles, 80-67, in a nonconference contest at Pete Hanna Center.

Samford's 80-point outburst was its highest scoring performance of the 2010-11 campaign, surpassing a 79-point outing achieved in a historic 79-68 victory at Auburn earlier in the season.

Samford (7-4) only connected on three of 13 3-point field-goal attempts in the first half and trailed Asbury University (6-5), 23-9, at the 9:34 mark in the opening period. The Eagles knocked down five 3-point baskets in the first 11 minutes of the game and were paced by Phillip Morrison's 15 first-half points.

Despite Samford's slow start, senior Josh Davis knocked down a 3-point basket with 3:50 left in the first period to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the contest at 28-27.

Davis, a 6-4 sharpshooter from Lubbock, Texas, finished the game with a team-high 22 points on a seven-of-nine shooting performance from the field. He also knocked down five of seven attempts from beyond the arc and grabbed a trio of rebounds.

Following Davis' 22 points, redshirt freshman Drew Windler also boosted the offense with a career-high 17 points on six-of-11 shooting. The agile 6-9 center from South Milwaukee, Wis., entered the game ranked third in the Southern Conference in 3-point shooting and knocked down three of his five attempts from long range. He also pulled down four rebounds and handed out four assists.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Asbury University	33	34	67
Samford	36	44	80

GAME 12

**Samford 74, Texas-San Antonio 73
Dec. 20, 2010, Convocation Center, San Antonio, Texas**

With Samford trailing Texas-San Antonio by a score of 73-70 with less than 10 seconds to play, senior Josh Davis gathered a pass with the shot clock running out at the left flank. The senior from Lubbock, Texas, faked to his left and heaved up a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to tie Monday's game at 73-73 with 4.5 seconds remaining at the UTSA Convocation Center.

Davis' fade-away 3-point field goal was scored despite being surrounded by a trio of Roadrunner defenders. The game-tying 3-pointer also tied Samford's season high of 18 3-point baskets. Earlier this season, the Bulldogs drained 18 3-pointers in their 79-68 victory at Auburn Nov. 19.

Immediately after Davis' shot tied the game at 73-73, Roadrunner Jeromie Hill turned the ball over on the baseline after being called for a travel. Samford called timeout, and on the game-winning possession, sophomore Gregg Wooten found Andy King breaking toward the basket for a contested layup. King was fouled by UTSA's Tyler Wood and made the second of two free throws to secure the victory, 74-73.

Samford's Josh Bedwell came off the bench to score a game-high 21 points, 15 of which were scored in the second half. The senior sharpshooter from Hartselle, Ala., finished six of 12 from the field and five of eight from 3-point range. Bedwell tied his season high of 21 points, which he accomplished against Auburn.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	30	44	74
Texas-San Antonio	39	34	73

GAME 13

**Creighton 58, Samford 40
Dec. 22, 2010, Qwest Center Omaha, Omaha, Neb.**

Samford had its three-game winning streak snapped as the Bulldogs dropped a defensive struggle against the Creighton Bluejays, 58-40, in front of 16,550 fans at Qwest Center Omaha. It was the largest crowd to watch Samford play in school history. The previous record was 16,207 against Dayton at the CoSIDA Classic in Albuquerque, N.M., Nov. 20, 1999.

Samford (8-5) opened the game with a 10-2 lead, but Creighton (8-4) methodically worked its way to a 24-19 lead at the half. The Bluejays pulled away from the Bulldogs in the second half as Samford shot 27.3 percent from 3-point range in the game.

Creighton shot 41.5 percent from the field and was led in scoring by Doug McDermott's and Antoine Young's 14 points apiece. They were the only players in the game to score in double figures.

Samford's leading scorer was Jeffrey Merritt, who finished with 9 points on four-of-eight shooting from the field. Redshirt freshman Drew Windler added 6 points on a two-of-seven performance from the floor. Both of Windler's field goals came from 3-point range in the second half of play.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	19	21	40
Creighton	24	34	58

GAME 14

**Samford 55, Eastern Michigan 51
Dec. 31, 2010, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.**

For the fifth time this season, the Samford basketball team overcame a 10-point deficit to rally for a come-from-behind victory. The comeback win against the Eastern Michigan Eagles was held at Pete Hanna Center and featured a 55-51 triumph. The game was Samford's final nonconference matchup of the regular season and extended the team's winning streak at home to three.

Samford (9-5) trailed Eastern Michigan (2-10) by 10 points, 31-21, with 18:45 to play in the second half before using a quick 14-4 run to tie the game at 35-35 with 14:06 remaining.

During the rally, Jeffrey Merritt, Andy King and Josh Bedwell all drained 3-point shots, senior Josh Davis connected on a pair of free throws, and Gregg Wooten completed a 3-point play to ignite Samford's rally. The Bulldogs outscored the Eagles, 34-22, in the second half of play and knocked down 12 of 13 attempts from the free-throw line in the final period.

Samford was led in scoring by Wooten's 13 points on four-of-six shooting from the field. The sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., was also four of five from the charity stripe, and added three steals and a pair of rebounds. Eight of Wooten's 13 points were scored in the second half.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Eastern Michigan	29	22	51
Samford	21	34	55

GAME 15

**Samford 68, UNC-Greensboro 64
Jan. 6, 2011, Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.**

Samford battled its way to a 68-64 Southern Conference road win versus the UNC-Greensboro Spartans as the Bulldogs improved to 4-2 in away games throughout the 2010-11 season. The contest was Samford's first time playing in Greensboro Coliseum.

With the win, Samford (10-5, 2-1 SoCon) registered its fifth victory in six games and improved to 6-1 all-time against UNC-Greensboro (0-13, 0-3 SoCon). The Spartans dropped their 14th straight contest and have not been triumphant since a 66-65 win over Furman in the 2010 SoCon Tournament March 5.

Samford led by as many as 15 points throughout the first half in the game and took a 40-27 advantage into halftime. UNC-Greensboro opened the second half of play with a 13-0 run and evened the score at 40-40 with 15:04 remaining in the game.

Samford finished the contest with three players scoring in double figures. Junior Jeffrey Merritt led the way with 17 points and seven rebounds, and turned in a seven-of-14 performance from the field.



Senior Josh Davis followed with 15 points on five-of-10 shooting from the floor and increased his career total in scoring to 990 points.

Josh Bedwell added 13 points and knocked down a trio of clutch 3-point baskets. Arguably, his most important 3-pointer of the game was his deep basket from the left flank that ended UNC-Greensboro's 13-0 run to open the second half.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	40	28	68
UNC-Greensboro	27	37	64

GAME 16

Elon 67, Samford 54
Jan. 8, 2011, Alumni Gym, Elon, N.C.

Samford used a strong second half to rally from 20 points down to within striking distance at 54-47 late in the game before the Elon Phoenix held on for a 67-54 Southern Conference victory at Alumni Gym.

In the loss, Samford's Josh Davis scored 10 points to become the 22nd player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau. With 2:58 to play, Davis knocked down a pair of free throws to reach the 1,000-point mark in his career. The senior from Lubbock, Texas, extended his consecutive free-throw streak to 13 straight and finished with 10 points in a team-high 29 minutes of playing time.

Samford (10-6, 2-2 SoCon) had its two-game winning streak snapped. Heading into the contest, the Bulldogs were coming off consecutive 4-point victories against Eastern Michigan, 55-51, and UNC-Greensboro, 68-64.

Despite their struggles from the field, the Bulldogs fought to within 54-47 with 3:45 to play following a 3-point basket from Windler. Samford outscored Elon, 34-29, in the second half and used a 10-2 run late in the period to trim the Phoenix's lead to 49-42.

During Samford's scoring stretch, Andy King, Wooten and Windler all knocked down a pair of free throws, Jeffrey Merritt connected on a free-throw attempt, and Davis drained a 3-point basket from the wing.

After Samford trimmed Elon's lead to 54-47, the Phoenix's Jack Isenbarger made a key 3-pointer to extend their lead to 10 points, 57-47. Samford received free throws from Davis and a 3-point basket from Bedwell down the stretch, but did not get any closer than 8 points.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	20	34	54
Elon	38	29	67

GAME 17

Chattanooga 65, Samford 60
Jan. 15, 2011, The McKenzie Arena, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Samford nearly extended its winning streak against the Chattanooga Mocs to three consecutive games as the Bulldogs almost overcame an early 13-point deficit at The McKenzie Arena. Despite Samford's rally, Chattanooga was able to remain undefeated in Southern Conference play and win its sixth straight league contest, 65-60.

Samford finished the game with three players scoring in double figures. Senior Josh Bedwell led the offense by tying his season high of 21 points. A senior guard from Hartselle, Ala., he finished six of 11 from the field and five of 10 from 3-point range. The Samford sharpshooter was also four of four from the free-throw line.

Josh Davis and Jeffrey Merritt chipped in with 10 points apiece. Merritt tallied his third double-double of the season as he pulled down a team-best 10 rebounds. The Oklahoma City, Okla., native entered the game ranked second in the SoCon with an average of 7.2 boards per game. Davis grabbed a season-high eight rebounds and knocked down a pair of key 3-point baskets.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	25	35	60
Chattanooga	30	35	65

GAME 18

The Citadel 61, Samford 50
Jan. 17, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

In a contradictory script for the Samford basketball team throughout the season, the Bulldogs surrendered a 13-point lead with 15:01 remaining as The Citadel Bulldogs mounted a second-half rally to earn a 61-50 Southern Conference win at Pete Hanna Center. The Citadel (6-13, 2-5 SoCon) outscored Samford (10-8, 2-3 SoCon), 38-19, in the second half to pull off the victory.

Typically in 2010-11, Samford was the team to charge back for come-from-behind wins. Heading into the showdown, Samford had already tallied four comeback victories when trailing by double digits in the second half.

Samford led, 31-23, at the half, but struggled from the field down the stretch and shot 21.2 percent from 3-point range in the final period. Samford's starters were limited to 16 total points, while The Citadel's starting five accumulated 52 of the team's 61 points.

Samford was paced offensively by senior center Andy King's season-high 18 points. The Omaha, Neb., native came off the bench to shoot five of 10 from the field and four of eight from 3-point land. King also finished four of four from the free-throw line and grabbed three rebounds.

Samford's bench outscored The Citadel's reserves, 34-9.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
The Citadel	23	38	61
Samford	31	19	50

GAME 19

Furman 74, Samford 55
Jan. 20, 2011, Timmons Arena, Greenville, S.C.

In a Southern Conference matchup held at Timmons Arena, the Furman Paladins used an 18-1 run midway through the second half to rally for a 74-55 victory against the Samford Bulldogs. Prior to Furman's scoring outburst, Samford (10-9, 2-5 SoCon) only trailed 47-46 with 9:41 left to play.

Following a reverse layup from Samford's Matthew Friday and a pair of free throws from Gregg Wooten, the Bulldogs trimmed Furman's lead to 47-46 with 9:41 left in

the game. From that point on, the Paladins streaked to an 18-1 run and later closed out the contest outscoring Samford, 27-9.

Furman's Jordan Miller exploded in the second half of play and scored 20 of his game-high 21 points in the final period. The senior guard from Memphis, Tenn., connected on six 3-point field goals in the second half alone.

Samford was paced by John Peterson and Gregg Wooten. Both Bulldogs tallied 11 points each and combined to shoot eight of 12 from the field. Peterson registered a season-high total with his 11 points as he turned in a four-of-four performance from the floor. Peterson knocked down a pair of 3-point field goals and was one of one from the free-throw line.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	30	25	55
Furman	30	44	74

GAME 20

Wofford 81, Samford 43
Jan. 22, 2011, Benjamin Johnson Arena, Spartanburg, S.C.

Samford was defeated in a Southern Conference road game against the Wofford Terriers, 81-43, at Benjamin Johnson Arena. Wofford (10-9, 7-1 SoCon) outscored Samford (10-10, 2-6 SoCon), 43-19, in the second half.

Samford's leading scorer was junior guard Jeffrey Merritt with 15 points. He was the only Bulldog to reach double figures in scoring. Merritt shot six of nine from the field and finished two of two from 3-point range. He also added four rebounds, an assist and a block.

Gregg Wooten, a sophomore point guard from Memphis, Tenn., added 9 points and three assists, while redshirt freshman center Drew Windler registered 8 points and a steal in 17 minutes of game action.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	24	19	43
Wofford	39	42	81

GAME 21

Samford 69, Elon 67
Jan. 27, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford broke out of its recent slump in dramatic fashion as the Bulldogs used a late second-half rally to defeat the Elon Phoenix, 69-67, in a critical Southern Conference contest at Pete Hanna Center. In the victory, Samford's John Peterson scored 14 of his career-high 16 points in the second half of play.

In the waning seconds of the game, Samford's Gaby Bermudez was fouled by Elon's Gary Pope and went to the line with nine seconds remaining and Samford holding a 68-67 lead. The senior point guard from Miami, Fla., made the first of two free throws, but Elon's Lucas Troutman grabbed the rebound off Bermudez's miss on the second shot and quickly found Chris Long at midcourt.

Long, the Phoenix's senior floor general from Charleston, W.Va., sped down the right side, turned toward



the baseline and fired a skip pass across court to a wide open Jack Isenbarger on the left flank. Isenbarger, who had already knocked down a trio of 3-pointers in the game, grabbed the pass and fired a potential game-winning shot at the buzzer. Isenbarger's shot hit the back rim and caromed out to give Samford the 69-67 victory.

Peterson paced Samford with 16 points on a six-of-six outing from the field. The junior forward from Boca Raton, Fla., finished four of four from beyond the arc and pulled down four rebounds.

Samford's Bedwell went four of four from the floor and three for three from the free-throw line. The senior from Hartselle, Ala., finished with 12 points and three rebounds.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Elon	25	42	67
Samford	29	40	69

GAME 22

**UNC-Greensboro 91, Samford 72
Jan. 29, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.**

Samford allowed a season-high 91 points as the Bulldogs dropped a 91-72 decision to the resurgent UNC-Greensboro Spartans in a Southern Conference matchup held at Pete Hanna Center. With the win, UNC-Greensboro (4-16, 4-6 SoCon) tallied its fourth triumph in five outings.

UNC-Greensboro shot 58.3 percent from 3-point range in the first half and jumped to a 17-9 lead at the 12:43 mark in the opening period. The Spartans connected on 14 field goals in the first half and took a 42-23 advantage into the intermission.

Early in the second half, UNC-Greensboro tallied the first 6 points of the period to earn a 48-23 lead, its largest of the game.

Despite sleepwalking through the early portion of the contest, the Bulldogs battled back in the second half to trim the Spartans' lead to 60-54 with 7:51 remaining in the game. During Samford's 27-11 run, junior forward John Peterson and sophomore guard Gregg Wooten came off the bench to combine for 15 points.

Wooten tallied 8 points during the rally, while Peterson scored 7. Drew Windler and Andy King both added key 3-point baskets as they put together their best run of the game.

Once Samford trimmed UNC-Greensboro's lead to 6 points, the Spartans bounced back and used a pair of free throws from Trevis Simpson and a momentum-shifting 3-pointer from Kyle Randall to extend their advantage to 65-54.

The Bulldogs tried to fight back later in the game as Windler drained another 3-point shot and Wooten made a free throw to cut UNC-Greensboro's lead to 69-60, but the Spartans' Simpson dunked home an offensive rebound and Randall hit a deep 3-pointer to bring their lead to 76-61. Samford did not get any closer than 11 points for the remainder of the game.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
UNC-Greensboro	42	49	91
Samford	23	49	72

GAME 23

**Davidson 62, Samford 49
Feb. 3, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.**

On a chilly night in Birmingham, Ala., Samford's shooting from 3-point range matched the weather outside as the Bulldogs turned in an ice cold two-of-17 performance (11.8 percent) from beyond the arc in a 62-49 Southern Conference loss to the Davidson Wildcats.

Davidson led by as many as 21 points late in the second half, but the Bulldogs mounted a last-minute comeback to trim the advantage to 58-49 with 56 seconds remaining. Following a steal and a layup by Samford's Gaby Bermudez, the Wildcats were able to hold on by knocking down their final four free throws to tally the 62-49 victory.

Samford was led in scoring by Josh Davis and Gregg Wooten. Both Bulldogs finished the contest with 10 points apiece. Davis, a senior forward from Lubbock, Texas, finished four of six from the field and knocked down Samford's only two 3-pointers of the game, while Wooten went four of nine from the field in 24 minutes of action.

John Peterson provided an offensive spark for Samford with 7 points on two-of-three shooting, while Jeffrey Merritt added 7 points of his own and pulled down a game-high seven rebounds. Heading into the contest, Merritt was ranked third in the SoCon in rebounding with 6.5 boards per game.

Samford turned the ball over just nine times but was outrebounded as a team, 44-25. Davidson pulled down 18 offensive rebounds and finished with 12 second-chance points.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Davidson	33	29	62
Samford	24	25	49

GAME 24

**Samford 58, Georgia Southern 50
Feb. 5, 2011, Hanner Fieldhouse, Statesboro, Ga.**

Samford used a stellar second-half performance from sophomore Gregg Wooten to earn a 58-50 Southern Conference victory against the Georgia Southern Eagles at Hanner Fieldhouse. Wooten dominated the final period of play with his dribble-drives and acrobatic layups. The 6-2 guard from Memphis, Tenn., scored all of his 12 points in the second half.

Wooten spearheaded Samford's offensive attack in the second half and scored five of his six field goals on driving layups. He finished six of eight from the field, and added two assists and a pair of steals in 27 minutes of game action.

Samford's leading scorer was senior forward Josh Davis with 13 points on four-of-nine shooting from the floor. Davis knocked down a pair of key 3-point baskets and rattled the rim with a thunderous one-handed dunk in the second half.

Samford outscored Georgia Southern, 35-28, in the final 20 minutes of play and shot 57.1 percent from the field in the second half.

The Bulldogs led the Eagles by as many as 11 points in the victory as Samford's bench outscored Georgia Southern's reserves, 35-8.

Senior Josh Bedwell came through in the clutch late in the game as he nailed six of six attempts from the charity

stripe. The senior from Hartselle, Ala., scored 9 points in 25 minutes of play.

Junior Jeffrey Merritt played a key role for Samford as he pulled down a game-high eight rebounds. The 6-6 guard entered the game as the second-ranked player in the conference with an average of 6.6 boards per contest. Merritt also finished with 7 points, three assists and two steals.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	23	35	58
Georgia Southern	22	28	50

GAME 25

**Appalachian State 65, Samford 59
Feb. 10, 2011, Holmes Center, Boone, N.C.**

Samford battled back from a 10-point deficit early in the second half to trim Appalachian State's lead to 55-53 with 7:19 remaining in a Southern Conference showdown held at Holmes Center. The Bulldogs continued to hold on late and were only down 63-59 before the Mountaineers rallied behind 4 late points from Donald Sims to hang on for the 65-59 victory.

The Bulldogs were paced offensively by senior Andy King's career-high 21 points. The 6-8 center from Omaha, Neb., shot seven of 11 from the field and six of 10 from 3-point range. His six 3-point field goals matched a career-high performance versus Eastern Michigan Dec. 22, 2009.

Following King's sixth 3-pointer of the night, Samford (12-13, 4-9 SoCon) cut Appalachian State's lead to 63-59 with 1:11 remaining in the game. The Bulldogs stopped the Mountaineers on the next possession and had a couple of good looks from beyond the arc, but both King's and Josh Bedwell's 3-point shots came up short.

Appalachian State (11-13, 7-7 SoCon) then received a pair of free throws from Sims to close out the game, 65-59.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	30	29	59
Appalachian State	34	31	65

GAME 26

**Western Carolina 85, Samford 63
Feb. 12, 2011, Ramsey Center, Cullowhee, N.C.**

Samford was defeated in a Southern Conference road game at Ramsey Center as the Bulldogs dropped an 85-63 decision against the Western Carolina Catamounts.

With the loss, Samford (12-14, 4-10 SoCon) split its annual home-and-home series with Western Carolina (13-13, 9-5 SoCon). Earlier in the season, the Bulldogs registered a 63-58 victory over the Catamounts at Pete Hanna Center Dec. 2.

Samford's Jeffrey Merritt led the team in scoring and rebounding. The 6-6 guard led all scorers with 17 points and pulled down a team-high six rebounds. Merritt shot six of nine from the field and knocked down a pair of 3-point baskets. He also logged a team-high 33 minutes of playing time.

Samford shot 50 percent from the field but never held a lead in the game.



SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	26	37	63
Western Carolina	42	43	85

GAME 27

Wofford 81, Samford 68
Feb. 16, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford dropped an 81-68 decision to the Wofford Terriers in a Southern Conference cross-divisional matchup at Pete Hanna Center.

Wofford shot 66.7 percent from the field in the first half and took a 46-28 lead into intermission. The Terriers extended their advantage early in the second period and held their largest lead of the game, 63-39, with 9:56 to play.

Down the stretch, Samford used 10 points each from Josh Bedwell and John Peterson, as well as 5 from Jeffrey Merritt, to trim Wofford's final advantage to 13 points, 81-68.

The Bulldogs shot 52 percent from the floor in the second half and forced the Terriers into nine of their 17 turnovers. Samford outscored Wofford, 28-20, in the paint and finished with eight steals. Samford's bench also outscored Wofford's reserve, 29-15.

Samford finished the game with three players scoring in doubles figures. Bedwell, a senior marksman from Hartselle, Ala., paced the team with 15 points on four-of-five shooting from the field. Samford's 6-0 guard also turned in a three-for-three outing from 3-point range and a four-for-four performance from the charity stripe.

Peterson followed with 14 points on four-of-seven shooting from the field. The junior forward added three rebounds and knocked down six of eight attempts from the free-throw line.

Sophomore guard Gregg Wooten led Samford with 6 first-half points and finished with 12 in 26 minutes of playing time. The Memphis, Tenn., native also handed out three assists and grabbed two rebounds.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Wofford	46	35	81
Samford	28	40	68

GAME 28

Furman 70, Samford 63
Feb. 19, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Samford suffered a heartbreaking 70-63 home Southern Conference loss as the Furman Paladins stormed back in the second half to register a come-from-behind win at Pete Hanna Center.

Samford (12-16, 4-12 SoCon) led by as many as 14 points and held a 5-point lead, 63-58, with 3:01 remaining in the contest. Furman (20-7, 12-4 SoCon) scored the final 12 points of the game and outscored the Bulldogs, 42-26, in the second half.

Down the stretch, Samford used a pair of 3-pointers from Kaylin Johnson, another 3-point field goal from Bedwell, a driving layup from Gregg Wooten and a pair of free throws to build its lead back to 7 points, 62-55, with 4:08 to play.

At the 3:11 mark, Peterson knocked down a free throw in what ended up being Samford's final point of the game. Following Peterson's free throw, Samford held a 63-58 advantage.

In the final three minutes of play, Furman used a layup from Darryl Evans, a dunk from Saaka and eight straight free throws to tally the comeback victory.

Samford was paced offensively by Merritt's 12 points on four-of-six shooting from the floor. The junior guard from Oklahoma City, Okla., also contributed with three rebounds, three assists and a pair of steals.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Furman	28	42	70
Samford	37	26	63

GAME 29

College of Charleston 75, Samford 49
Feb. 21, Carolina First Arena, Charleston, S.C.

Samford committed 16 turnovers and shot 33.9 percent from the field in a 75-49 Southern Conference loss against the first-place College of Charleston Cougars in front of 4,386 fans at Carolina First Arena.

Samford (12-17, 4-13 SoCon) finished 19 of 56 from the field and seven of 28 (25 percent) from 3-point range. The Bulldogs were led in scoring by junior Jeffrey Merritt's 14 points on six-of-11 shooting from the floor. The 6-6 guard from Oklahoma City, Okla., also pulled down three rebounds and connected on a pair of key 3-point baskets.

Senior Andy King came off the bench for the Bulldogs to score 8 points on three-of-six shooting. He also knocked down a pair of Samford's seven 3-point field goals. Drew Windler and Kaylin Johnson both chipped in with 6 points apiece.

Samford never held a lead in the contest. The College of Charleston finished with 10 miscues and outscored Samford, 21-13, in points off turnovers.

At the half, Samford trailed the College of Charleston, 34-19. After the Cougars jumped to a 15-6 lead, the Bulldogs battled back midway through the first half to trim the advantage to 19-14 with 6:18 to play. During Samford's run, Josh Bedwell drained a 3-pointer from the left wing, Merritt scored on a hanging jumper, and Windler connected on a post-move hook shot.

The College of Charleston ended the opening half with a 15-5 run. During the Cougars' scoring stretch, Wiggins paced his team with 13 of its 15 points, including a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from the right wing.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	19	30	49
College of Charleston	34	41	75

GAME 30

Chattanooga 77, Samford 72 (OT)
Feb. 26, 2011, Pete Hanna Center, Birmingham, Ala.

In its regular-season finale, the Samford University basketball team dropped a 77-72 overtime decision against the Chattanooga Mocs in a Southern Conference contest at Pete Hanna Center on Senior Night.

Prior to the game, Samford's four seniors—Josh Bedwell, Gaby Bermudez, Josh Davis and Andy King—were honored with a special Senior Night presentation.

On their special night, the senior class combined to score 39 of the team's 72 points, with Bedwell and King leading the way with 14 points apiece.

With 27 seconds remaining in regulation, Samford's Davis scored on an acrobatic up-and-under reverse layup to tie the game at 65-65. The senior from Lubbock, Texas, cut past a Mocs' defender, gathered a perfectly-timed pass from King, and then hung in the air of the game-tying score.

Following Davis' bucket, Chattanooga's Keegan Bell missed a possible game-winning 3-pointer.

Chattanooga (16-15, 12-6 SoCon) outscored Samford, 12-7, in the overtime period to claim the 77-72 victory. During the extra five-minute frame, the Mocs' Bell scored 8 points to propel Chattanooga to the win. A native of Hazel Green, Ala., Bell scored a game-high 25 points on eight-of-16 shooting from the field and knocked down six of 16 attempts from 3-point range.

Samford seniors Bedwell and King paced the offensive attack with 14 points apiece, while fellow senior Bermudez scored a career-high 9 points on three-of-three shooting from beyond the arc.

Bermudez, a 6-4 guard from Miami, Fla., also tallied four assists, a rebound and a steal. Jeffrey Merritt contributed with 8 points and three rebounds, while John Peterson came off the bench to register 7 points and three rebounds. Freshmen Drew Windler and Will Cook both chipped in with 6 points apiece.

Samford outshot Chattanooga from the field, 45.5 percent to 44.3 percent, but only connected on seven of 13 free-throw attempts for a 53.8 percent mark. The Mocs shot 81.3 percent from the charity stripe, making 13 of 16 attempts.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	OT	TOTAL
Chattanooga	31	34	12	77
Samford	34	31	7	72

GAME 31

Furman 61, Samford 48
March 4, 2011, The McKenzie Arena,
Chattanooga, Tenn.
SoCon Tournament First Round

Samford's 2010-11 season came to an end as the Bulldogs dropped a 61-48 decision against the Furman Paladins in the opening round of the Southern Conference Tournament at The McKenzie Arena.

The Bulldogs (12-19) rallied in the second half of play to trim the Paladins' lead to 46-37 with 8:09 remaining in the game, but couldn't overcome an early 24-4 Furman (21-9) advantage. The Paladins went on a 19-2 run in the first half to jump to their quick lead.

Samford's offensive attack was paced by redshirt freshman Drew Windler's 10 points. The ever-improving center from South Milwaukee, Wis., shot two of six from the field but knocked down six of seven attempts from the free-throw line. Windler also added three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Windler was Samford's only double-digit scorer, but Bermudez, Jeffrey Merritt, Bedwell and Will Cook all finished with 7 points apiece. Merritt, a junior from Oklahoma City, Okla., also pulled down a team-high five rebounds.

The Bulldogs shot 35.1 percent from the field and 23.5 percent from 3-point range. The Paladins turned in a 45.8 percent outing from the floor and a 33.3 mark from beyond the arc.

The Bulldogs shot 30.8 percent from the field in the first half and were one for six from beyond the arc. Cook knocked down Samford's lone 3-pointer of the period, and his deep shot from the left wing ended a nearly 11-minute Samford scoring drought. During the stretch, the Bulldogs went six for six from the free-throw line.

SCORING	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
Samford	18	30	48
Furman	32	29	61



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TEAM STATISTICS

SCORING OFFENSE

	G	W-L	PTS	AVG/G
1. College of Charleston	37	26-11	2821	76.2
2. Elon	31	14-17	2301	74.2
3. Wofford	34	21-13	2502	73.6
4. Appalachian State	31	16-15	2265	73.1
5. Davidson	33	18-15	2392	72.5
6. UNC-Greensboro	31	7-24	2204	71.1
7. Chattanooga	32	16-16	2274	71.1
8. Western Carolina	33	18-15	2303	69.8
9. Furman	33	22-11	2271	68.8
10. Georgia Southern	32	5-27	2090	65.3
11. The Citadel	32	10-22	2049	64.0
12. Samford	31	12-19	1880	60.6

SCORING DEFENSE

	G	PTS	AVG/G
1. Furman	33	2124	64.4
2. Samford	31	2072	66.8
3. Wofford	34	2313	68.0
4. Davidson	33	2266	68.7
5. Western Carolina	33	2275	68.9
6. College of Charleston	37	2554	69.0
7. The Citadel	32	2237	69.9
8. Appalachian State	31	2269	73.2
9. Elon	31	2301	74.2
10. Chattanooga	32	2380	74.4
11. Georgia Southern	32	2423	75.7
12. UNC-Greensboro	31	2501	80.7

SCORING MARGIN

	G	OFF	DEF	+/-
1. College of Charleston	37	76.2	69.0	+7.2
2. Wofford	34	73.6	68.0	+5.6
3. Furman	33	68.8	64.4	+4.5
4. Davidson	33	72.5	68.7	+3.8
5. Western Carolina	33	69.8	68.9	+0.8
6. Elon	31	74.2	74.2	+0.0
7. Appalachian State	31	73.1	73.2	-0.1
8. Chattanooga	32	71.1	74.4	-3.3
9. The Citadel	32	64.0	69.9	-5.9
10. Samford	31	60.6	66.8	-6.2
11. UNC-Greensboro	31	71.1	80.7	-9.6
12. Georgia Southern	32	65.3	75.7	-10.4

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE

	G	FTM	FTA	PCT
1. College of Charleston	37	441	595	.741
2. Davidson	33	496	677	.733
3. Furman	33	503	694	.725
4. The Citadel	32	388	542	.716
5. Elon	31	486	681	.714
6. Appalachian State	31	489	694	.705
7. Wofford	34	539	778	.693
8. UNC-Greensboro	31	458	664	.690
9. Georgia Southern	32	458	666	.688
10. Samford	31	351	520	.675
11. Western Carolina	33	399	613	.651
12. Chattanooga	32	480	740	.649

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

	G	FG	FGA	PCT
1. College of Charleston	37	1037	2173	.477
2. Wofford	34	883	1853	.477
3. Appalachian State	31	790	1738	.455
4. Georgia Southern	32	745	1661	.449
5. Furman	33	765	1712	.447
6. Davidson	33	819	1887	.434
7. Western Carolina	33	857	1990	.431
8. UNC-Greensboro	31	780	1820	.429
9. Elon	31	765	1786	.428
10. Samford	31	627	1464	.428
11. The Citadel	32	752	1758	.428
12. Chattanooga	32	761	1827	.417

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

	G	FG	FGA	PCT
1. Furman	33	731	1727	.423
2. Samford	31	722	1672	.432
3. Davidson	33	753	1740	.433
4. College of Charleston	37	969	2218	.437
5. Chattanooga	32	829	1887	.439
6. Wofford	34	796	1787	.445
7. Western Carolina	33	779	1733	.450
8. Appalachian State	31	841	1822	.462
9. Elon	31	827	1790	.462
10. The Citadel	32	821	1772	.463
11. UNC-Greensboro	31	850	1796	.473
12. Georgia Southern	32	823	1694	.486

3-POINT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

	G	FG	FGA	PCT
1. Wofford	34	197	493	.400
2. Furman	33	238	636	.374
3. College of Charleston	37	306	835	.366
4. Elon	31	285	784	.364
5. UNC-Greensboro	31	186	522	.356
6. Samford	31	275	776	.354
7. Davidson	33	258	750	.344
8. Appalachian State	31	196	582	.337
9. Western Carolina	33	190	570	.333
10. Georgia Southern	32	142	435	.326
11. The Citadel	32	157	488	.322
12. Chattanooga	32	272	846	.322

3-POINT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

	G	FG	FGA	PCT
1. Western Carolina	33	161	519	.310
2. Furman	33	181	550	.329
3. Davidson	33	161	482	.334
4. The Citadel	32	215	633	.340
5. College of Charleston	37	213	627	.340
6. Appalachian State	31	197	579	.340
7. Chattanooga	32	301	871	.346
8. Wofford	34	188	540	.348
9. Georgia Southern	32	214	586	.365
10. Samford	31	247	669	.369
11. Elon	31	206	540	.381
12. UNC-Greensboro	31	247	646	.382

3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

	G	3FG	AVG/G
1. Elon	31	285	9.2
2. Samford	31	275	8.9
3. Chattanooga	32	272	8.5
4. College of Charleston	37	306	8.3
5. Davidson	33	258	7.8
6. Furman	33	238	7.2
7. Appalachian State	31	196	6.3
8. UNC-Greensboro	31	186	6.0
9. Wofford	34	197	5.8
10. Western Carolina	33	190	5.8
11. The Citadel	32	157	4.9
12. Georgia Southern	32	142	4.4

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

	G	REB	AVG/G
1. Furman	33	1040	31.5
2. Wofford	34	1073	31.6
3. The Citadel	32	1034	32.3
4. Davidson	33	1075	32.6
5. Georgia Southern	32	1061	33.2
6. Appalachian State	31	1070	34.5
7. College of Charleston	37	1307	35.3
8. Chattanooga	32	1131	35.3
9. Western Carolina	33	1177	35.7
10. Samford	31	1121	36.2
11. UNC-Greensboro	31	1135	36.6
12. Elon	31	1152	37.2

ASSISTS

	G	ASSTS	AVG/G
1. Wofford	34	487	14.3
2. Elon	31	435	14.0
3. Chattanooga	32	447	14.0
4. College of Charleston	37	497	13.4
5. Samford	31	409	13.2
6. Western Carolina	33	432	13.1
7. Davidson	33	425	12.9
8. The Citadel	32	402	12.6
9. Furman	33	404	12.2
10. Georgia Southern	32	381	11.9
11. UNC-Greensboro	31	353	11.4
12. Appalachian State	31	327	10.5

STEALS

	G	STEALS	AVG/G
1. Western Carolina	33	299	9.1
2. Georgia Southern	32	276	8.6
3. Wofford	34	227	6.7
4. UNC-Greensboro	31	205	6.6
5. Samford	31	182	5.9
6. College of Charleston	37	214	5.8
7. Appalachian State	31	179	5.8
8. Elon	31	171	5.5
9. Furman	33	170	5.2
10. Chattanooga	32	164	5.1
11. Davidson	33	162	4.9
12. The Citadel	32	151	4.7



2010-11 FINAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

NORTH DIVISION	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	STREAK	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	LAST 10	STREAK
Western Carolina	12-6	.667	8-1	4-5	W1	18-15	.545	11-1	6-11	1-3	8-2	L1
Chattanooga	12-6	.667	8-1	4-5	W1	16-16	.500	10-6	6-10	0-0	4-6	L1
Appalachian State	10-8	.556	6-3	4-5	W2	16-15	.516	9-3	6-8	1-4	8-2	L1
Elon	7-11	.389	4-5	3-6	W1	14-17	.452	8-5	5-9	1-3	4-6	L1
UNC-Greensboro	6-12	.333	3-6	3-6	L1	7-24	.226	3-12	3-11	1-1	3-7	L1
Samford	4-14	.222	2-7	2-7	L6	12-19	.387	6-8	5-9	1-2	1-9	L7

SOUTH DIVISION	CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
	W-L	PCT	H	A	STREAK	W-L	PCT	H	A	N	LAST 10	STREAK
College of Charleston	14-4	.778	9-0	5-4	L2	26-11	.703	13-1	9-8	4-2	6-4	L1
Wofford	14-4	.778	6-3	8-1	W4	21-13	.618	8-4	8-6	5-3	8-2	L1
Furman	12-6	.667	7-2	5-4	L2	22-11	.667	11-2	9-8	2-1	5-5	L2
Davidson	10-8	.556	6-3	4-5	W3	18-15	.545	10-3	5-10	3-2	7-3	L1
The Citadel	6-12	.333	3-6	3-6	L1	10-22	.313	6-8	3-12	1-2	1-9	L2
Georgia Southern	1-17	.056	1-8	0-9	L2	5-27	.156	5-10	0-14	0-3	1-9	L3

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

SCORING

	SCHOOL	CL	G	PTS	AVG/G
1. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	877	23.7
2. SIMS, Donald	ASU	Sr.	31	652	21.0
3. DAHLMAN, Noah	WOF	Sr.	34	682	20.1
4. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	552	17.3
5. CARTER, Omar	ASU	Jr.	31	505	16.3
6. DRAYTON, Ben	GSU	Jr.	32	504	15.8
7. SAAKA, Amu	FUR	Sr.	33	514	15.6
8. WILLIAMS, Mike	WCU	Sr.	33	508	15.4
9. LONG, Chris	ELON	Sr.	31	456	14.7
10. WATTAD, Omar	UTC	Jr.	32	456	14.3

REBOUNDING

	SCHOOL	CL	G	TOTAL	AVG/G
1. JOHNSON, Tim	WOF	Sr.	34	288	8.5
2. WIEDEMAN, Trent	COFC	Fr.	37	246	6.6
3. SAAKA, Amu	FUR	Sr.	33	213	6.5
4. JEFFERSON, DeAntre	UTC	Sr.	32	206	6.4
5. GROSELLE, Mike	CIT	So.	31	198	6.4
6. EARLY, Chris	UTC	Jr.	31	196	6.3
7. WILLIAMSON, Andre	ASU	Jr.	31	195	6.3
8. MERRITT, Jeffrey	SAM	Jr.	31	194	6.3
9. COHEN, Jake	DAV	So.	33	205	6.2
10. BRACKETT, Aaron	UNCG	Jr.	31	185	6.0

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 5.0 MADE PER GAME)

	SCHOOL	CL	G	FGM	FGA	PCT
1. DAHLMAN, Noah	WOF	Sr.	34	255	417	.612
2. GROSELLE, Mike	CIT	So.	31	149	248	.601
3. WILLIAMSON, Andre	ASU	Jr.	31	104	185	.562
4. BROOKS, De'Mon	DAV	Fr.	31	102	193	.528
5. MANN, Clint	DAV	So.	33	107	204	.525
6. STATES, Noah	FUR	Sr.	28	106	209	.507
7. HALL, Willis	COFC	So.	37	129	256	.504
8. MUTOMBO, Harouna	WCU	Jr.	32	135	274	.493
9. COHEN, Jake	DAV	So.	33	138	282	.489
10. DRAYTON, Ben	GSU	Jr.	32	185	385	.481

ASSISTS

	SCHOOL	CL	G	NO	AVG/G
1. LONG, Chris	ELON	Sr.	31	188	6.1
2. BELL, Keegan	UTC	Jr.	32	182	5.7
3. DRAYTON, Ben	GSU	Jr.	32	146	4.6
4. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	138	4.3
5. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	157	4.2
6. WILLIAMS, Mike	WCU	Sr.	33	127	3.8
7. SIMS, Donald	ASU	Sr.	31	112	3.6
8. EVANS, Darryl	FUR	Sr.	33	114	3.5
9. RANDALL, Kyle	UNCG	So.	30	103	3.4
10. LOESING, Brad	WOF	Jr.	34	109	3.2

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 2.5 MADE PER GAME)

	SCHOOL	CL	G	FTM	FTA	PCT
1. COCHRAN, Nik	DAV	So.	33	89	101	.881
2. SAAKA, Amu	FUR	Sr.	33	130	149	.872
3. SIMS, Donald	ASU	Sr.	31	178	206	.864
4. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	139	168	.827
5. KUHLMAN, JP	DAV	So.	33	115	139	.827
6. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	110	134	.821
7. LONG, Chris	ELON	Sr.	31	150	185	.811
8. EVANS, Brandon	UNCG	Sr.	31	111	137	.810
9. SUMLER, Trey	WCU	Fr.	33	85	107	.794
10. WILLIAMS, Mike	WCU	Sr.	33	73	92	.793

STEALS

	SCHOOL	CL	G	NO	AVG/G
1. WILLIAMS, Mike	WCU	Sr.	33	67	2.0
2. HEWITT, Jelani	GSU	Fr.	32	62	1.9
3. DRAYTON, Ben	GSU	Jr.	32	60	1.9
4. DIGGS, Jamar	WOF	Sr.	33	59	1.8
5. LONG, Chris	ELON	Sr.	31	53	1.7
SIMS, Donald	ASU	Sr.	31	53	1.7
7. GORDON, Richie	WCU	Sr.	33	51	1.5
8. FERGUSON, Eric	GSU	Fr.	31	46	1.5
9. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	46	1.4
10. JOHNSON, Tim	WOF	Sr.	34	43	1.3

3-POINT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 2.0 PER GAME)

	SCHOOL	CL	G	3FG	FGA	PCT
1. STATES, Noah	FUR	Sr.	28	41	89	.461
2. DEHM, Justin	FUR	Sr.	33	48	109	.440
3. SUMLER, Trey	WCU	Fr.	33	52	119	.437
4. BEDWELL, Josh	SAM	Sr.	31	51	118	.432
5. EVANS, Brandon	UNCG	Sr.	31	46	109	.422
KING, Andy	SAM	Sr.	31	46	109	.422
7. GILTNER, Kevin	WOF	Jr.	34	52	125	.416
8. WINDLER, Drew	SAM	Fr.	31	35	85	.412
9. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	131	322	.407
10. CARTER, Omar	ASU	Jr.	31	38	95	.400

3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

	SCHOOL	CL	G	3FG	AVG/G
1. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	131	3.5
2. WATTAD, Omar	UTC	Jr.	32	88	2.8
3. MCKILLOP, Brendan	DAV	Sr.	32	85	2.7
4. SIMS, Donald	ASU	Sr.	31	78	2.5
5. RUNDLES, Cameron	WOF	Sr.	34	75	2.2
6. URBANUS, Zach	CIT	Sr.	32	64	2.0
7. BELL, Keegan	UTC	Jr.	32	62	1.9
8. ISENBARGER, Jack	ELON	Fr.	31	60	1.9
9. DAHN, Austin	CIT	Sr.	32	61	1.9
10. SPRADLIN, Drew	ELON	Jr.	31	57	1.8

BLOCKED SHOTS

	SCHOOL	CL	G	NO	AVG/G
1. TROUTMAN, Lucas	ELON	Fr.	31	47	1.5
2. COHEN, Jake	DAV	So.	33	49	1.5
3. WILLIAMSON, Andre	ASU	Jr.	31	46	1.5
4. GORDON, Richie	WCU	Sr.	33	42	1.3
5. SPENCER, Rory	GSU	Jr.	29	35	1.2
6. WIGGINS, Antwaine	COFC	Jr.	36	42	1.2
7. WIEDEMAN, Trent	COFC	Fr.	37	39	1.1
8. FERGUSON, Eric	GSU	Fr.	31	26	0.8
9. STATES, Noah	FUR	Sr.	28	23	0.8
10. DIGGS, Jamar	WOF	Sr.	33	27	0.8

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO

	SCHOOL	CL	G	AST	T/O	RATIO
1. LONG, Chris	ELON	Sr.	31	188	69	2.7
2. BELL, Keegan	UTC	Jr.	32	182	77	2.4
3. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	138	78	1.8
4. DIGGS, Jamar	WOF	Sr.	33	102	58	1.8
5. EVANS, Darryl	FUR	Sr.	33	114	66	1.7
6. KUHLMAN, JP	DAV	So.	33	103	62	1.7
7. RANDALL, Kyle	UNCG	So.	30	103	69	1.5
8. LOESING, Brad	WOF	Jr.	34	109	74	1.5
9. WILLIAMS, Mike	WCU	Sr.	33	127	93	1.4
10. GOUDELOCK, Andrew	COFC	Sr.	37	157	119	1.3

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

	SCHOOL	CL	G	NO	AVG/G
1. JOHNSON, Tim	WOF	Sr.	34	112	3.3
2. DAHLMAN, Noah	WOF	Sr.	34	94	2.8
3. GORDON, Richie	WCU	Sr.	33	80	2.4
4. GROSELLE, Mike	CIT	So.	31	74	2.4
5. STREETER, Bryan	CIT	Sr.	32	71	2.2
6. FERGUSON, Eric	GSU	Fr.	31	68	2.2
7. WIEDEMAN, Trent	COFC	Fr.	37	81	2.2
8. MANN, Clint	DAV	So.	33	69	2.1
9. HALL, Willis	COFC	So.	37	77	2.1
10. SAAKA, Amu	FUR	Sr.	33	68	2.1

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

	SCHOOL	CL	G	NO	AVG/G
1. JOHNSON, Tim	WOF	Sr.	34	176	5.2
2. EARLY, Chris	UTC	Jr.	31	148	4.8
3. MERRITT, Jeffrey	SAM	Jr.	31	147	4.7
4. WILLIAMSON, Andre	ASU	Jr.	31	144	4.6
5. WELLS, Cameron	CIT	Sr.	32	144	4.5
6. JEFFERSON, DeAntre	UTC	Sr.	32	143	4.5
7. WIEDEMAN, Trent	COFC	Fr.	37	165	4.5
8. BRACKETT, Aaron	UNCG	Jr.	31	138	4.5
9. SAAKA, Amu	FUR	Sr.	33	145	4.4
10. COHEN, Jake	DAV	So.	33	138	4.2



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The Southern Conference [SoCon], which began its 92nd season of intercollegiate competition in 2011, is a national leader in emphasizing the development of student-athletes, building lifelong leaders and role models. SoCon has been on the forefront of innovation to develop creative solutions to address issues facing intercollegiate athletics. SoCon established the first conference basketball tournament (1921), tackled the issue of freshmen eligibility (1922) and developed women's championships (1984). It was the first conference to institute the 3-point goal in basketball (1980). SoCon is the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association.

Academic excellence is a major part of SoCon's tradition. Hundreds of SoCon student-athletes have been recognized on ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America and All-District teams. Nineteen Rhodes Scholarship winners have been selected from conference institutions.

SoCon consists of 12 members in five states throughout the Southeast, and sponsors 19 varsity sports and championships that produce participants for NCAA Division I Championships.



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Membership History

On Feb. 25, 1921, representatives from 14 of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association's [SIAA] 30 members met at Atlanta's Piedmont Hotel to establish the Southern Intercollegiate Conference. At the inaugural meeting were officials from Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn), Clemson, Georgia, Georgia School of Technology (now Georgia Tech), Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi A&M (now Mississippi State), North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute (now Virginia Tech) and Washington & Lee.

Dr. S. V. Sanford of Georgia was chosen as acting chairman, and N. W. Dougherty of Tennessee was named secretary. The decision to form a new athletics conference was motivated by the desire to have a workable number of conference games for each league member. With 30 schools in the SIAA, it was impossible to play every school at least once during the regular season.

Play began in the fall of 1921. A year later, six more schools joined the fledgling league: Tulane (which had attended the inaugural meeting but had elected not to join), Florida, Louisiana (now LSU), Mississippi, South Carolina and Vanderbilt. VMI joined in 1925, and Duke was added in 1929.

By the 1930s, membership in SoCon had reached 23 schools. In 1932, Sanford announced that 13 institutions west and south of the Appalachian Mountains were reorganizing as the Southeastern Conference. Members of that new league included Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Florida, Georgia, Georgia School of Technology, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Mississippi A&M, University of the South, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt. Florida's Dr. J. J. Tigert, spokesman for the withdrawing group, regretted the move but believed it was necessary as SoCon had grown too large.

By 1952, SoCon included 17 colleges and universities. Another split occurred when seven schools—Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake

Forest—departed to form the Atlantic Coast Conference, which began play in 1953. The revamped SoCon included The Citadel, Davidson, Furman, George Washington, Richmond, VMI, Virginia Tech, Washington & Lee, West Virginia and William & Mary.

Today, the league continues to thrive with a membership that includes 12 institutions and a footprint that spans five states: Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia. Current league members are Appalachian State, College of Charleston, Chattanooga, The Citadel, Davidson, Elon, Furman, Georgia Southern, Samford, UNC-Greensboro, Western Carolina and Wofford.

Leadership

SoCon named its first commissioner, former Duke head football coach Wallace Wade, in December 1950. Lloyd Jordan replaced Wade as the commissioner in 1960 and served until Ken Germann became the league head in 1974. Germann was commissioner for 13 years and orchestrated the league's expansion to include women's athletics. In 1987, he was succeeded by Dave Hart, who spearheaded the transfer of the league office from Charlotte, N.C. to Asheville, N.C.

Wright Waters succeeded Hart in 1991. SoCon expanded to 12 members, added three women's sports and posted record revenue from the basketball tournament. Waters was followed by Alfred B. White in 1998. A veteran member of the NCAA office, White introduced the current conference logo and elevated SoCon's commitment to the marketing and development of corporate partners.

Danny Morrison headed the conference from 2001 to 2005 and orchestrated SoCon's move from Asheville, N.C. to Spartanburg, S.C.

John Iamarino was named commissioner of SoCon on Jan. 2, 2006. He has promoted the conference through an ambitious agenda that has improved competition, upgraded compliance-related matters, and increased the marketing and brand awareness of the conference and its member institutions.

Championship History

The first Southern Conference Championship was the league basketball tournament held in 1922. The tournament remains the oldest of its kind in college basketball.

Commissioner Germann spearheaded SoCon's expansion to include women's athletics during the 1983-84 season. That year, league championships were held in volleyball, basketball and tennis. Cross-country joined the mix in 1985, and the league began holding indoor and outdoor track championships in 1988. SoCon instituted golf and softball championships in the spring of 1994 and added soccer in the fall of 1994.

The Germann Cup, named in honor of the former commissioner, annually recognizes the top women's athletics programs in the conference.

SoCon declares champions in 10 men's sports—football, soccer, cross-country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, baseball, tennis and golf—and nine women's sports—soccer, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, tennis, golf and softball.