

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

2007 Schedule & Results

Overall: 20-12 A-Sun: 6-3
 Home: 11-4 Away: 9-8 Neutral: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 2	at Miami, Fla.	W, 6-5
Feb. 3	at Miami, Fla.	W, 8-5
Feb. 4	at Miami, Fla.	Rained Out
Feb. 10	at Bethune-Cookman (DH)	L, 5-0; L, 9-2
Feb. 11	at Bethune-Cookman	L, 5-3
Feb. 14	Georgia State	W, 8-2
Feb. 16	at South Alabama	L, 7-5
Feb. 17	at South Alabama	L, 13-11
Feb. 18	at South Alabama	W, 9-5
Feb. 21	Georgia	L, 6-5
Feb. 23	Florida A&M	W, 3-2
Feb. 24	Florida A&M	W, 4-1
Feb. 25	Florida A&M	W, 5-1
Feb. 28	at Georgia State	W, 5-1
Mar. 2	Samford	W, 6-4
Mar. 3	Samford	W, 13-0
Mar. 4	Samford	L, 4-2
Mar. 7	at Western Carolina	W, 13-10
Mar. 9	at Florida A&M	W, 5-3
Mar. 10	at Florida A&M	W, 5-2
Mar. 11	at Florida A&M	W, 12-2
Mar. 16	*Campbell	W, 7-3
Mar. 17	*Campbell (DH)	W, 8-2; W, 12-3
Mar. 20	at Georgia	L, 9-3
Mar. 23	*at Stetson	L, 3-2
Mar. 24	*at Stetson (DH)	L, 9-1; W, 4-3
Mar. 27	Auburn	L, 5-1
Mar. 30	*Jacksonville	W, 5-4 (13 Inn.)
Mar. 31	*Jacksonville (DH)	L, 5-0; W, 7-6 (10 Inn.)
Apr. 4	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
Apr. 6	*Lipscomb	6 p.m.
Apr. 7	*Lipscomb (DH)	noon
Apr. 10	at Auburn	7 p.m.
Apr. 14	*at Belmont (DH)	3 p.m.
Apr. 15	*at Belmont	2 p.m.
Apr. 17	Georgia Southern	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	*at North Florida (DH)	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	*at North Florida	1 p.m.
Apr. 24	Savannah State	6 p.m.
Apr. 27	*Kennesaw State	6 p.m.
Apr. 28	*Kennesaw State (DH)	noon
May 10	*at Gardner-Webb	4:30 p.m.
May 11	*at Gardner-Webb (DH)	1 p.m.
May 15	at Georgia Southern	6 p.m.
May 17	*ETSU	6 p.m.
May 18	*ETSU (DH)	noon
May 23-26	A-Sun Tournament (DeLand, Fla.)	

*Atlantic Sun Conference game
 DH-Doubleheader
 All times are Eastern
 Home games are **bold**
 Schedule is subject to change

Game 34

Mercer vs. Georgia State

Apr. 4, 2007

The Field at Panthersville

Mercer is coming off a solid weekend as they took two of three versus A-Sun foe Jacksonville. In both wins the Bears trailed entering their final at-bat and fought back to win. In Friday night's affair, Mercer stranded 17 runners on base and could not take advantage of 16 hits and 11 walks as they were down 4-3 heading into the bottom of the ninth. Mike Armstrong highlighted his 4-for-6 night with a game-tying, RBI-single in the final frame. The game then turned into the Cory Garrin show as the junior closer tossed five shutout innings allowing the Bears to finally put the game away when Steve Karwatt came up with the bases loaded and two outs in the 13th. The sophomore slugger notched a two-strike base hit giving Mercer a 5-4 win. JU starter Matt Gardner shut down the Bears in game two as he tossed a complete-game, five-hit shutout in the Dolphins 5-0 win. The series finale saw Jacksonville take a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth, but Eric Renfroe delivered a two-run homer sending the game into extra innings. JU plated a run in the top of the 10th to take a brief one-run lead, but Mercer scored an unearned run to tie the game and Jason Lowey walked with the bases loaded to force in the winning run.

Mercer Probable Lineup

Probable Batting Order							
Pos.	Name	Yr.	Avg.	2B	R	HR	RBI
CF	Eric Renfroe	Sr.	.262	6	22	5	14
SS	Billy Shaughnessy	Jr.	.300	7	15	1	15
C	Josh Thompson	Sr.	.350	11	20	6	28
1B	Mike Armstrong	Jr.	.312	11	31	2	19
DH	Andrew Einert	Sr.	.292	1	3	1	5
3B	Steve Karwatt	So.	.305	8	20	4	18
RF	John Dortch	Jr.	.349	9	16	1	9
LF	Jason Lowey	Sr.	.228	5	10	2	14
2B	Michael Langley	Fr.	.220	1	5	0	8
Key Reserves							
LF	Matt Crawford	Jr.	.320	1	16	1	10
INF	Josh Lowey	Jr.	.227	1	0	0	1
DH	Tyler Brown	Jr.	.220	5	10	1	9
INF	Nick DiMauro	Fr.	.192	1	2	0	5
C	Casey Stuart	So.	.171	3	4	0	2
OF	Richard Bentley	Jr.	.125	0	3	0	2
OF	Mark Jarvis	Jr.	.125	0	0	0	2
INF	John Daugherty	So.	.083	0	0	0	0
Probable Pitching Rotation							
Pos.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	SO
RHP	Brantley New	Sr.	3.95	3-3	0	57.0	55
RHP	Boone Webster	Jr.	3.98	5-3	0	43.0	33
RHP	Justin Boyette	So.	3.40	3-2	0	45.0	35
Bullpen							
RHP	Cory Garrin	Jr.	0.30	3-0	8	30.1	48
RHP	Josh Lowey	Jr.	2.29	2-0	0	19.2	19
RHP	Scott Patterson	Fr.	4.35	1-0	0	10.1	5
RHP	David Harden	Fr.	4.82	1-1	0	18.2	18
LHP	J.C. Daugherty	Sr.	5.11	0-1	0	12.1	10
RHP	Jason Lowey	Sr.	5.25	0-1	0	12.0	13
RHP	Andy Campbell	Jr.	5.27	2-0	0	13.2	8
LHP	Blake Quarles	Sr.	9.00	0-1	0	17.0	15
RHP	Michael Shaw	Fr.	10.50	0-0	0	6.0	3

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No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Nick DiMauro	INF	R/R	5-9	160	Fr.	Boca Raton, Fla./Boca Raton HS
3	Casey Stuart	C	R/R	6-2	180	So.	Warner Robins, Ga./Houston County HS
4	Jason Lowey	OF	R/R	5-10	170	Sr.	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla./Okaloosa-Walton JC
5	Thomas Carroll	OF/LHP	L/L	6-2	210	Fr.	Albany, Ga./Deerfield Windsor HS
6	Blake Quarles	LHP	L/L	6-3	188	Sr.	Augusta, Ga./Young Harris JC
7	Michael Langley	INF	R/R	5-11	160	Fr.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview HS
8	Steve Karwatt	INF	R/R	6-0	210	So.	Sarasota, Fla./Sarasota HS
9	Billy Shaughnessy	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Roswell, Ga./Lassiter HS
10	Josh Lowey	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla./Okaloosa-Walton JC
11	Tyler McCarty	INF	S/R	5-10	190	So.	Griffin, Ga./Spalding County HS
12	Josh Thompson	C	R/R	6-3	210	Sr.	Pineview, Ga./Fullington Academy
13	Matt Crawford	OF	S/R	6-0	164	Jr.	Waycross, Ga./Gordon JC
14	Mike Armstrong	INF/C	R/R	6-4	225	Jr.	Evans, Ga./Evans HS
15	Tyler Brown	INF/C	L/R	6-0	210	Jr.	Monroe, Ga./Middle Georgia JC
17	Brantley New	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Sr.	Dublin, Ga./Dublin HS
19	Andrew Einert	INF	L/R	6-2	210	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb HS
20	J.C. Daugherty	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	Sr.	Clearwater, Fla./North Florida CC
21	Mark Jarvis	OF	R/R	6-2	205	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Westminister HS
22	Eric Renfroe	OF	L/R	6-2	205	Sr.	Macon, Ga./Tattnall Square Academy
23	Andy Campbell	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Whitesburg, Ga./Alexander HS
25	John Daugherty	INF	L/L	6-2	180	Jr.	Athens, Ga./Clarke Central HS
26	Cory Gearrin	RHP	R/R	6-3	210	Jr.	Dayton, Tenn./Young Harris JC
27	John Dortch	OF	R/R	6-2	180	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla./Chiles HS
28	Justin Boyette	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	So.	Beaumont, Texas/Okaloosa-Walton JC
29	Joe Winker	OF	L/L	6-1	190	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Bishop Moore HS
30	Michael Shaw	RHP	R/R	6-3	230	Fr.	Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth HS
31	Mike Narveson	RHP	R/R	6-3	191	Sr.	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Christian HS
33	David Harden	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Fr.	Marietta, Ga./Kennesaw Mountain HS
34	Scott Patterson	RHP	R/R	6-0	170	Fr.	Cumming, Ga./North Forsyth HS
35	Richard Bentley	OF	R/R	6-3	195	Jr.	Marietta, Ga./Young Harris JC
36	Kyle Bedrosian	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	So.	Sharpsburg, Ga./East Coweta HS
38	Boone Webster	RHP	R/R	6-2	201	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga./Young Harris JC
39	Jerod Northcutt	RHP/OF	R/R	6-2	190	Fr.	Cochran, Pa./Cochran HS
40	Justin True	OF	R/R	6-1	190	So.	Macon, Ga./Tattnall Square Academy
42	Travis Peyatt	C	R/R	6-2	225	Fr.	Byron, Ga./Mount de Sales
44	J.T. Odom	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Fr.	St. Mary's, Ga./The Bolles School

Head Coach: Craig Gibson (Fourth season, Mercer '85)

Assistant Coaches: Tim Boeth (Second season, Central Florida '98), Danny McMurtry (First season, Louisiana-Lafayette '03), Ty Megahee (Second season, Mercer '05)

Pronunciations

2 Nick **DiMauro**Di-Mar-oh
 6 Blake **Quarles**Kwarles
 8 Steve **Karwatt**Car-wat
 9 Billy **Shaughnessy**Shaw-nes-ee
 19 Andrew **Einert**I-nert
 26 Cory **Gearrin**Gare-in
 27 John **Dortch**Door-ch
 28 Justin **Boyette**Boy-et
 36 Kyle **Bedrosian**Buh-droh-shun
 38 **Boone** WebsterBoon
 42 Travis **Peyatt**Pee-ot
 Tim **Boeth**Booth
 Danny **McMurtry**Mc-Mer-tree
 Ty **Megahee**Muh-gay-hee

Roster Breakdown

By State

Georgia25
 Florida8
 Pennsylvania1
 Tennessee1
 Texas1

By Year

Seniors8
 Juniors12
 Sophomores6
 Freshman10

By Position

Pitchers12 (9 RHP and 3 LHP)
 Catchers3
 Infielders10
 Outfielders11

Game Notes

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

Craig Gibson Head Coach - Fourth Season



Mercer head coach Craig Gibson has helped put the Bears among the elite squads in the Atlantic Sun Conference heading into 2007. Last season, Gibson led Mercer to its best finish since 1999, earning a 34-26 mark and a third-place finish in the conference. Highlighting the season were victories over No. 1 Florida and No. 1 Clemson. Closer Andrew Urena finished second in the nation in saves with 15, and earned All-America honors from several publications. Urena was chosen by the Chicago White Sox during the 11th round of the June major league baseball draft. Brantley New was also drafted last June in the 27th round by the Boston Red Sox, but elected to return to Mercer for his senior year. The Bears also finished over .500 in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1982-83. Due to the recent success, Gibson has been able to land top-flight recruits, as *Collegiate Baseball* tabbed Mercer's 2007 recruiting class among the nation's top tier.

In 2005, Gibson guided the Bears back above .500, marking the first time Mercer had finished the season with a winning record since 1999. In the process, the Bears set a new school record with eight shutouts and defeated Southwest Missouri State, who finished the season ranked in the Top 25.

Gibson became the third head coach at Mercer University since 1948 at the start of the 2004 season. Barry Myers hung up his spikes after 26 years at Mercer and the Bears did not have to go far to find their new leader.

In his first campaign as head coach, Gibson led his young

squad to a 20-35 record, a nine-win improvement from the previous season. The 2004 Bears had just three seniors on the roster, and of the eight juniors on the squad, only one had played for Mercer in 2003. The rest of the junior class had transferred to Mercer looking for a chance to win.

Mercer opened the 2004 season with a victory over Florida A&M for Gibson's first career win on January 24, 2004. On March 20, 2004, the Bears defeated Jacksonville 2-0, for Gibson's first Atlantic Sun Conference victory. The Bears won two of three games against Troy on April 23-24, 2004 for the first conference series win during the Craig Gibson Era.

Gibson started his career at Mercer as a player. His junior year, the hard-hitting first baseman earned Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year honors, while leading the Bears to the Atlantic Sun Tournament and a second-place finish in the regular season.

Following his playing career, Gibson served as a graduate assistant coach on Myers' staff. He then took over as the head baseball coach at Jupiter Community High School in Jupiter, Fla., for two years before moving over to Suncoast Community High School in Riviera Beach, Fla., for one season. Gibson wrapped up his high school coaching career in 1993 as the head coach at Palm Beach Gardens High School in Palm Beach, Fla.

In August 1993, Gibson got the call to come home and serve as an assistant under Myers. With his strong ties to Mercer and a wealth of coaching experience, it made Athletics Director Bobby Pope's choice an easy one when he elevated Gibson to the head job following Myers resignation.

During his time as an assistant, Gibson coached four players who were drafted by the Major Leagues and helped lead Mercer to two A-Sun divisional titles. The Bears also advanced to the A-Sun Tournament three times, finishing as high as third in 1999. The 1999 team was one of the best Gibson worked with, finishing in a tie for third place in the A-Sun at 19-11 and going 36-24 overall.

Since 1994, he has also been involved in helping fundraising for Mercer athletics, serving as director of the athletic department annual fund.

On top of his victories on the field, Gibson was a winner in the classroom, earning a bachelor's degree in history and health, physical education and recreation, and a master's of education in social science from Mercer.

A native of Macon, Ga., Gibson and his wife Diane have two children, Tyler and Lindsey.

The Gibson File

Coaching Experience

Mercer University

Head Coach

2004-present

(Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach

1994-2003

(10 Seasons)

Graduate Assistant

1986-87

(Two Seasons)

Palm Beach Gardens HS

1991-93

(Three Seasons)

Suncoast Community HS

1990

(One Season)

Jupiter Community HS

1988-89

(Two Seasons)

Playing Experience

Mercer University

1981-85

(Four Seasons)

Education

Mercer University

**B.S. history and health,
physical education and
recreation**

M.S. education in

social science

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2007 Atlantic Sun Standings

Team	Conference			GB	Overall		
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
ETSU	5	1	.800	-	18	10	.643
Stetson	4	2	.667	1	20	9	.690
Kennesaw St.	2	1	.667	1	17	9	.654
Belmont	4	2	.667	1	15	9	.625
Mercer	4	2	.667	1	18	11	.621
Jacksonville	2	4	.333	3	17	15	.531
Lipscomb	1	2	.333	3	14	13	.519
Gardner-Webb	2	4	.333	3	12	17	.414
UNF	2	4	.333	3	11	18	.379
Campbell	1	5	.167	4	5	22	.185

Mercer Individuals in the A-Sun

Slugging Percentage

Josh Thompson - .602, (T5th)

On-Base Percentage

Josh Thompson - .442, (T9th)

Runs Scored

Mike Armstrong - 31, (T2nd)

Hits

Josh Thompson - 43, (8th)

Home Runs

Josh Thompson - 6, (T4th)

Eric Renfroe - 5, (T6th)

Runs Batted In

Josh Thompson - 28, (T6th)

Total Bases

Josh Thompson - 74, (T2nd)

Walks

Josh Thompson - 21, (T4th)

Tyler Brown - 17, (9th)

Doubles

Mike Amrston - 11, (T3rd)

Josh Thompson - 11, (T3rd)

ERA

Justin Boyette - 3.40, (T7th)

Innings Pitched

Brantley New - 57.0, (2nd)

Strikeouts

Brantley New - 55, (2nd)

Cory Garrin - 45, (5th)

Wins

Boone Webster - 5, (T3rd)

Appearances

Cory Garrin - 17, (T3rd)

Games Started

Brantley New - 9, (T1st)

Saves

Cory Garrin - 8, (2nd)

Mercer in the A-Sun

Batting Average278, (6th)

Slugging Percentage416, (3rd)

On-Base Percentage359, (5th)

Runs Scored180, (5th)

Hits307, (4th)

Runs Batted In162, (4th)

Doubles71, (1st)

Triples5, (6th)

Home Runs24, (2nd)

Walks118, (3rd)

Stolen Bases28, (8th)

Earned Run Average4.07, (2nd)

Opp. Batting Average270, (2nd)

Innings Pitched285.0, (5th)

Strikeouts263, (1st)

Wins20, (T2nd)

Saves8, (T4th)

Fielding Percentage971, (1st)

Putouts855, (5th)

Assists334, (6th)

Errors35, (1st)

Double Plays22, (T4th)

This Week in the A-Sun

Apr. 4

Mercer at Georgia State - 6 p.m.
 Troy at Kennesaw State - 6 p.m.
 North Carolina A&T at Campbell - 7 p.m.
 ETSU at Tennessee - 7 p.m.

Apr. 5

*Gardner-Webb at Stetson - 7 p.m.

Apr. 6

*Lipscomb at Mercer - 6 p.m.
 *Campbell at Jacksonville - 3:30 p.m. (DH)
 *Belmont at UNF - 4 p.m. (DH)
 *Kennesaw State at ETSU - 7 p.m.
 *Gardner-Webb at Stetson - 7 p.m.

Apr. 7

*Lipscomb at Mercer - noon (DH)
 *Gardner-Webb at Stetson - noon
 *Campbell at Jacksonville - 1 p.m.
 *Belmont at UNF - 1 p.m.
 *Kennesaw State at ETSU - 1 p.m. (DH)

Apr. 10

Mercer at Auburn - 7 p.m.
 Gardner-Webb at Appalachian State - 3 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Florida State - 6 p.m.
 UNF at Georgia Southern - 6 p.m.
 Belmont at Western Kentucky - 7 p.m.
 Lipscomb at Tennessee Tech - 7 p.m.
 Barton at Campbell - 7 p.m.
 Stetson at South Florida - 7 p.m.
 Kennesaw State at UAB - 8 p.m.

Apr. 11

ETSU at Furman - 6 p.m.
 Belmont at Vanderbilt - 7 p.m.

Apr. 13

*Jacksonville at Gardner-Webb - 3 p.m.
 *Stetson at Campbell - 4 p.m. (DH)
 *Lipscomb at ETSU - 7 p.m.

Apr. 14

Mercer at Belmont - 3 p.m. (DH)
 Jacksonville at Gardner-Webb - 1 p.m. (DH)
 Stetson at Campbell - 1 p.m.
 UNF at Kennesaw State - 1 p.m. (DH)
 Lipscomb at ETSU - 2 p.m.

All Times are Eastern
 DH - Doubleheader

* - Atlantic Sun Conference Game



2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

A Look at the Panthers

Georgia State (14-15, 4-5 CAA) enters this match up on a two-game winning streak with a pair of wins over Delaware. The Panthers earlier this season defeated No. 15 Georgia Tech, 9-5, but dropped its last meeting with the Yellow Jackets in a quirky game. GSU one-hit Georgia Tech, but still lost 3-0. The only other nationally ranked team they have faced was No. 25 Alabama to open the season. The Crimson Tide swept the three-game series. Mercer and Georgia State have faced no common opponents this season.

Mercer defeated Georgia State, 8-2, in their first meeting of the season on Feb. 14 at Claude Smith Field. In that game, Josh Thompson went 3-for-3 with four RBIs, one run scored, one triple and a home run. Boone Webster also picked up his second win of the season allowing no runs in five innings of work. Senior Aeden McQueary led the Panthers with a 2-for-4 effort and two RBIs. Four of Georgia State's five pitchers that threw in that game gave up an earned run. On the flip side, only one of Mercer's four hurlers allowed a run to cross the plate.

Mercer ensured themselves of a season series win over Georgia State with a 5-1 victory on Feb. 28 in Panthersville. Eric Renfroe led the way going 3-for-5 with two RBIs, a pair of runs scored and a home run. Mike Armstrong chipped in with a 3-for-5 effort including an RBI and run scored and Thompson went 2-for-5 with a run batted in. Mercer threw seven pitchers in the game and six did not give up a run. Scott Patterson garnered his first collegiate victory as the Bears put the game away with a three-run seventh inning.

Mercer leads the all-time series 56-35, including its two previous wins this season. The Bears and Panthers split last season as Mercer won at Claude Smith Field, 7-2, and Georgia State took the game in Panthersville, 6-5.

Head coach Greg Frady is in his first season at the helm of Georgia State. For the past three summers, Frady has coached the German National Team and before that he resided as the head assistant coach at UCF. The Golden Eagles were ranked in the Top 25 in each of his seven seasons with the program.

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
20	Tyler Allen	LHP	So.	Kennesaw, Ga.
27	Bobby Bennett	LHP	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga.
16	Dusty Bennett	OF	So.	Tyrone, Ga.
48	Adam Bowling	RHP	Sr.	Kennesaw, Ga.
45	Kenny Camp	RHP/OF	Sr.	Ellenwood, Ga.
34	Dustin Carder	RHP	So.	Blue Ridge, Ga.
11	Carlos Cardoza	SS/2B	Fr.	Decatur, Ga.
13	Chase Childers	SS/2B	So.	Kennesaw, Ga.
22	Jeremy Compton	RHP	Sr.	Cumming, Ga.
42	Kevin Dooley	RHP	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.
35	David Ferrer	RHP	Fr.	Powder Springs, Ga.
18	Luke Gordon	C/1B	Jr.	Tifton, Ga.
29	Drew Grant	RHP	Jr.	Peachtree City, Ga.
32	Robert Hasenfelt	RHP	Jr.	Quitman, Ga.
44	Bradley Logan	RHP	Fr.	Augusta, Ga.
14	Tim Lorek	SS/2B	Fr.	Snellville, Ga.
7	Michael McCree	OF	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga.
28	Brandon McCreery	RHP	Fr.	Rincon, Ga.
1	Aeden McQueary	C	Sr.	Windermere, Fla.
40	Will Palmer	LHP	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
25	Charlie Pelt	C/1B	Sr.	Roswell, Ga.
21	Nick Pyron	OF/1B	So.	Zebulon, Ga.
17	Joel Reeves	RHP	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
8	Andy Reid	LHP	Fr.	Snellville, Ga.
26	Jean Rochon-Salvas	3B	Jr.	Longueuil, Quebec
6	Logan Sharrett	SS/2B	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga.
	Derek Simmons	SS/2B	Jr.	Duluth, Ga.
12	Eric Suttle	OF	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.
24	Matt Van Horn	OF	So.	Marietta, Ga.
5	Zac Wright	C	Jr.	Roswell, Ga.

Head Coach: Greg Frady (First Season, Troy '87)

Assistant Coaches: Blaine McFerrin (First Season, IUPUI-Fort Wayne '00), Brad Stromdahl (First Season, Southwest Minnesota State '02), Bobby Perez (First Season)

2007 Individual Statistics Leaders

Batting Leaders

Name	Avg.	2B	HR	RBI	R
Charlie Pelt	.391	9	6	24	23
Luke Gordon	.352	9	4	27	25
Jean Rochon-Salvas	.339	1	2	11	21
Eric Suttle	.318	1	0	4	6
Aeden McQueary	.308	4	1	13	24
Chase Childers	.286	4	1	17	16

Pitching Leaders

Name	W-L	ERA	SO	SV	IP
Adam Bowling	2-1	2.45	29	0	29.1
Kevin Dooley	3-0	2.97	18	1	30.1
Robert Hasenfelt	0-1	3.65	6	0	12.1
Drew Grant	2-2	3.75	24	0	24.0
Joel Reeves	2-0	4.15	12	1	21.2
Andy Reid	1-1	4.38	11	0	12.0

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Game Notes

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Current Bear Hitting Streaks

Mike Armstrong5
Steve Karwatt5
Billy Shaughnessy3

Longest Bear Hitting Streak

Josh Thompson	.....19
Eric Renfroe	.....9
John Dortch	.....8
Mike Armstrong	.....6
Matt Crawford	.....6

Game-Winning RBI

Steve Karwatt	.....4
Josh Thompson	.....3
Jason Lowey	.....3
Mike Armstrong	.....2
Eric Renfroe	.....1
Nick DiMauro	.....1
Michael Langley	.....1
John Dortch	.....1

Multiple RBI Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Josh Thompson	5	3	1		9
Eric Renfroe	4	1			5
Steve Karwatt	2		1	1	4
Mike Armstrong	3	1			4
Matt Crawford	3	1			4
Billy Shaughnessy	4				4
Jason Lowey		2	1		3
John Dortch	2				2
Andrew Einert	2				2
Tyler Brown	2				2
Michael Langley	1				1
Richard Bentley	1				1
Nick DiMauro	1				1

Multiple Hit Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Josh Thompson	7	2	1		10
Steve Karwatt	8	2			10
Mike Armstrong	3	5	1		9
John Dortch	4	4			8
Billy Shaughnessy	5	1	2		8
Eric Renfroe	4	2			6
Tyler Brown	5	1			6
Jason Lowey	5				5
Matt Crawford	3				3
Andrew Einert	2				2
Tyler McCarty	1				1
Josh Lowey	1				1
Nick DiMauro	1				1
Casey Stuart	1				1

Mercer Home Runs in 2007

Game	Inning	RBI	Outs
Josh Thompson	6th	1	1
2/2 at Miami (Fla.)			
Billy Shaughnessy	4th	2	0
2/3 at Miami (Fla.)			
Mike Armstrong	9th	2	2
2/3 at Miami (Fla.)			
Steve Karwatt	8th	1	2
2/10 at Bethune-Cookman			
John Dortch	3rd	1	0
2/11 at Bethune-Cookman			
Josh Thompson	1st	2	1
2/14 vs. Georgia State			
Tyler Brown	7th	2	1
2/17 at South Alabama			
Josh Thompson	9th	1	1
2/17 at South Alabama			
Eric Renfroe	1st	1	0
2/23 vs. FAMU			
Eric Renfroe	3rd	1	1
2/28 at Georgia State			
Josh Thompson	1st	2	1
3/2 vs. Samford			
Mike Armstrong	5th	1	0
3/2 vs. Samford			
Steve Karwatt	1st	3	1
3/3 vs. Samford			
Eric Renfroe	3rd	2	0
3/3 vs. Samford			
Jason Lowey	3rd	1	0
3/7 at Western Carolina			
Josh Thompson	4th	1	0
3/7 at Western Carolina			
Steve Karwatt	4th	3	2
3/7 at Western Carolina			
Steve Karwatt	6th	2	2
3/7 at Western Carolina			
Matt Crawford	7th	2	1
3/9 at FAMU			
Eric Renfroe	1st	1	0
3/16 vs. Campbell			
Josh Thompson	1st	3	0
3/17 vs. Campbell			
Jason Lowey	1st	3	2
3/17 vs. Campbell			
Andrew Einert	6th	2	2
3/17 vs. Campbell			
Eric Renfroe	9th	2	1
3/31 vs. Jacksonville			

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Series-by-Series

Hitting

Opponent	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SB-ATT	FLD%
#2 Miami (Fla.)	.257	74	14	19	2	0	3	12	7	5	13	1-2	.959
Bethune-Cookman	.179	95	5	17	2	0	2	4	3	1	15	2-2	.935
Georgia State	.319	69	13	22	7	1	2	13	14	1	11	3-3	1.000
South Alabama	.336	107	25	36	11	0	2	23	14	1	21	2-3	.972
Georgia	.232	69	8	16	6	0	0	6	5	2	16	2-2	.949
Florida A&M	.254	201	44	51	9	2	2	28	24	5	22	4-7	.975
Samford	.311	103	21	32	7	1	4	20	15	2	18	8-8	.980
Western Carolina	.375	40	13	15	3	1	4	13	3	0	3	1-3	1.000
Campbell	.347	101	27	35	11	0	4	25	7	3	17	4-7	.972
Stetson	.221	104	7	27	6	0	0	6	4	2	15	0-1	.949
Auburn	.267	30	1	8	1	0	0	1	4	0	3	1-1	.971
Jacksonville	.295	112	12	33	6	0	1	11	18	4	19	0-3	.985
Lipscomb													
Belmont													
Georgia Southern													
North Florida													
Savannah State													
Kennesaw State													
Gardner-Webb													
ETSU													

Pitching

Opponent	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	Opp. Avg.
#2 Miami (Fla.)	5.00	2-0	2	18.0	20	10	10	16	15	2	0	1	.290
Bethune-Cookman	6.00	0-3	0	24.0	36	19	16	3	16	7	0	1	.343
Georgia State	1.50	2-0	0	18.0	12	3	3	5	16	1	0	0	.190
South Alabama	7.20	1-2	0	25.0	32	25	20	12	23	1	2	1	.323
Georgia	7.94	0-2	0	17.0	27	15	15	9	16	5	0	1	.360
Florida A&M	1.17	6-0	3	54.0	40	11	7	9	56	5	0	1	.208
Samford	2.33	2-1	1	27.0	19	8	7	3	24	3	0	3	.194
Western Carolina	9.99	1-0	1	9.0	20	10	10	8	9	4	0	1	.465
Campbell	2.67	3-0	0	27.0	28	8	8	5	26	5	0	3	.267
Stetson	5.04	1-2	1	25.0	24	15	14	14	21	2	0	1	.253
Auburn	5.00	0-1	0	9.0	7	5	5	8	11	1	0	1	.233
Jacksonville	3.66	2-1	0	32.0	31	15	13	10	29	4	0	3	.256
Lipscomb													
Belmont													
Georgia Southern													
North Florida													
Savannah State													
Kennesaw State													
Gardner-Webb													
ETSU													

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

Mercer's Record...

Overall	20-12
A-Sun	6-3
At Home	11-4
On the Road	9-8
At a Neutral Site	
At Home (A-Sun)	5-1
On the Road (A-Sun)	1-2
At Home (Non-Conference)	6-3
On the Road (Non-Conference)	8-6
Neutral Site (Non-Conference)	
In Extra-Inning Games	2-0
Vs. Top 25 Teams	2-0
Playing a Day Game	14-8
Playing a Night Game	6-4
In the First Game of a Doubleheader	1-3
In the Second Game of a Doubleheader	3-1
In Single Games	16-8
In One-Run Games	4-2
In Two-Run Games	2-4
In Five + Run Games	5-5
When Scoring First	12-3
When Opponent Scores First	8-9
When Leading Entering Final Inning	16-0
When Trailing Entering Final Inning	3-12
When Tied Entering Final Inning	1-0
When Scoring 10+ Runs	4-1
When Allowing 10+ Runs	1-1
When Scoring 5 Runs or Less	9-11
When Allowing 5 Runs or Less	18-6
When Out-Hitting Opponent	11-5
When Matching Opponent with Hits	2-0
When Out-Hit by Opponent	6-7
When Hitting a Home Run	11-3
Vs. Starting LHP	4-4
Vs. Starting RHP	16-8

Mercer Highs and Low

	High	Low
Runs Scored	13	0
Runs Allowed	13	0
Run Differential	13	-8
Hits	17	3
At Bats	44	28
RBI's	13	0
Stolen Bases	4	0
Walks	12	0
Assists	19	5
Putouts	39	24
Errors	3	0
Hits Allowed	20	3
Earned Runs Allowed	10	0
Strikeouts	15	4
Walks	8	0
Wild Pitches	3	0
Hit By Pitch	3	0

Mercer Records - Overall Record (10-Game Record)

Year	After 10 Games		
	Overall	Home	Road
2007	4-6	8-2	5-5
2006	8-2	7-3	4-6
2005	9-1	10-0	3-7
2004	5-5	6-4	3-7
2003	5-5	5-5	2-8
2002	4-6	7-3	2-8

Year	After 20 Games		
	Overall	Home	Road
2007	13-7 (9-1)	11-4 (3-2)	9-8 (4-3)
2006	12-8 (4-6)	14-6 (7-3)	10-10 (6-4)
2005	12-8 (3-7)	13-7 (3-7)	8-12 (5-5)
2004	9-11 (4-6)	8-12 (2-8)	6-13 (3-6)
2003	8-12 (3-7)	8-12 (3-7)	4-16 (2-8)
2002	10-10 (6-4)	11-9 (4-6)	5-15 (3-7)

After 30 Games

Year	After 30 Games		After 40 Games	
	Overall	Year	Overall	Year
2007	19-11 (6-4)	2007	20-12 (1-1)	
2006	19-11 (7-3)	2006	23-17 (4-6)	
2005	18-12 (6-4)	2005	22-18 (4-6)	
2004	11-19 (2-8)	2004	14-26 (3-7)	
2003	11-19 (3-7)	2003	12-28 (1-9)	
2002	14-16 (4-6)	2002	16-24 (2-8)	

End of Season Record

Year	Overall	Home	Road	Neutral
2007	-	-	-	-
2006	34-26	20-8	12-16	2-2
2005	28-26	17-9	8-16	3-1
2004	20-35	13-21	6-13	1-1
2003	13-32	8-13	5-19	-
2002	22-32	15-12	7-20	-

Top 25 Wins: Mercer recorded two wins over No. 2 Miami (Fla.) to open the season, but defeating a Top 25 team is no new thing for Coach Gibson's squads. Last season, the Bears defeated No. 1 Florida, 3-2, in Gainesville, Fla. on Feb. 15, and scored a win over No. 1 Clemson, 3-2, in Clemson, S.C. on Feb. 26. The Bears have registered a win over a Top 25 in each of Gibson's first four seasons. In 2004, Mercer defeated No. 19 UCF on May 15, 6-0, and on Apr. 20, 2005, the Bears up-ended No. 19 College of Charleston, 10-2.

Mercer Versus the Top 25 Last Five Years

2007	2-0
2006	2-3
2005	1-2
2004	1-3
2003	0-3
2002	0-9

Game Notes

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Rankings: Auburn received votes in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 and the NCBWA Top 35 ... Stetson is ranked No. 28 in the Ping Baseball Top 30, No. 23 in the Rivals.com Top 25 and received votes in the USA Today/ESPN Poll and the NCBWA poll ... Miami (Fla.) received votes in the USA Today/ESPN poll and the NCBWA poll.

Long Balls: The Bears are second in the Atlantic Sun with 24 home runs on the season. Mercer recorded a season-high three long balls in its 12-3 win over Campbell on Mar. 17. Ten different players have hit a home run and senior Josh Thompson leads the bunch with six round-trippers, good for a tie in first in the A-Sun. Eric Renfro have each registered five dingers and Steve Karwatt has chipped in with four. Mike Armstrong and Jason Lowey each have two.

The Gearrin Watch: Junior Cory Gearrin has given up only one run and four hits in 30 1/3 innings of work for a microscopic 0.30 ERA. He has a record of 3-0, notched eight saves and recorded 48 strikeouts.

The Old Addege: The Bears are currently tied for second place in the A-Sun and can attribute that to their steady rise in pitching and defense. Mercer is slated second in the A-Sun with a team ERA of 4.04 and ranks first in team defense with a fielding percentage of .971.

The Catalyst: Senior Josh Thompson leads the squad in batting average (.350), hits (43), home runs (6), RBIs (28), total bases (74), slugging percentage (.602), walks (21) and on-base percentage (.442), and is tied for the lead in doubles with ten.

Come-from-Behind: With Mercer's two rallies in its final at-bat last weekend versus Jacksonville, the Bears now have performed the feat three times this season. The first come-from-behind bid came in the first game of the season at Miami (Fla.). Mercer entered the top of the ninth down 5-4, but Josh Thompson came up with an RBI-single to tie the game and Mike Armstrong recorded an infield single to plate the go-ahead run. Cory Gearrin earned his first save of the year with a scoreless bottom of the ninth.

The .300 Club: The Bears have five regulars hitting over .300 on the season. The list includes Josh Thompson (.350), John Dortch (.349), Mike Armstrong (.312), Steve Karwatt (.305) and Billy Shaughnessy (.300).

The K Zone: The Bears currently lead the Atlantic Sun in strikeouts with 263. Brantley New leads the club with 55 and Cory Gearrin has notched 48. Justin Boyette has garnered 35 and Boone Webster has fanned 33 batters this season.



Mercer Pitcher of the Week

Cory Gearrin

RHP ♦ 6-3 ♦ 210 ♦ Jr. ♦ Dayton, Tenn.

Gearrin tossed seven scoreless innings last week to lower his ERA at 0.30. The junior closer has a 3-0 record with eight saves and 48 strikeouts on the season. In a mid-week contest versus Auburn last week, Gearrin pitched two shutout innings and fanned five batters. The Dayton, Tenn. native followed that up with a career-high five shutout innings in earning a win over Jacksonville. Gearrin kept the Bears alive, taking the game into the 13th inning before Mercer finally came through. He gave up only three hits and walked one over the past week.

Other Notables: Brantley New 7.0 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 9 K, 0 BB; Josh Lowey 1-0, 3.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 4 K, 2 BB



Mercer Player of the Week

Steve Karwatt

3B ♦ 6-0 ♦ 210 ♦ So. ♦ Sarasota, Fla.

Karwatt led the Bears last week with a .438 batting average (7-for-16), four RBIs, two doubles, a .563 slugging percentage and tied for the lead with a .474 on-base percentage. The sophomore slugger's biggest moment came when he recorded a walk-off, run-scoring single in Friday night's 13-inning affair. He concluded his week with a 3-for-4 effort including two RBIs and a run scored in the series finale, extra inning triumph over JU.

Other Notables: Mike Armstrong 7-for-17 (.412), 3 R, 2 RBI, 1 2B, .471 Slug. Pct., .474 On-Base Pct.; Andrew Einert 4-for-12 (.333), 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 2B, .417 Slug. Pct., .467 On-Base Pct.

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2007 Bear Starting Lineups

Game (Pitcher)	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
1. Miami (Fla.) (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
2. Miami (Fla.) (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
3. Bethune-Cookman (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
4. Bethune-Cookman (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
5. Bethune-Cookman (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	McCarty	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
6. Georgia State (Webster)	Thompson	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
7. South Alabama (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
8. South Alabama (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
9. South Alabama (Shaw)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Jarvis	Crawford	Dortch	Brown
10. Georgia (Webster)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
11. Florida A&M (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
12. Florida A&M (Harden)	Stuart	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
13. Florida A&M (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
14. Georgia State (Patterson)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
15. Samford (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Jo. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
16. Samford (Webster)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
17. Samford (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
18. Western Carolina (Harden)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Brown
19. Florida A&M (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Crawford	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Brown
20. Florida A&M (Webster)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Crawford	Dortch	Brown
21. Florida A&M (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Crawford	Dortch	Brown
22. Campbell (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
23. Campbell (Webster)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Dortch	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
24. Campbell (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Einert
25. Georgia (JC Daugherty)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
26. Stetson (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
27. Stetson (Webster)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Thompson
28. Stetson (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Brown
29. Auburn (Quarles)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Dortch	Renfroe	Thompson	Brown
30. Jacksonville (New)	Thompson	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Einert
31. Jacksonville (Webster)	Stuart	Armstrong	Langley	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Thompson	Einert
32. Jacksonville (Boyette)	Thompson	Armstrong	DiMauro	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Renfroe	Dortch	Einert
33. Georgia State									
34. Lipscomb									
35. Lipscomb									
36. Lipscomb									
37. Auburn									
38. Belmont									
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41. Georgia Southern									
42. North Florida									
43. North Florida									
44. North Florida									
45. Savannah State									
46. Kennesaw State									
47. Kennesaw State									
48. Kennesaw State									
49. Gardner-Webb									
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52. Georgia Southern									
53. ETSU									
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2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

2007 Bear Starting Lineups

Game (Pitcher)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Miami (Fla.) (New)	Dortch	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Armstrong	Shaughnessy	Ja. Lowey	Jo. Lowey
2. Miami (Fla.) (Quarles)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Armstrong	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Stuart
3. Bethune-Cookman (New)	Dortch	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Ja. Lowey	Jo. Lowey
4. Bethune-Cookman (Quarles)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Karwatt	Stuart
5. Bethune-Cookman (Boyette)	Crawford	McCarty	Brown	Thompson	Armstrong	Renfroe	Karwatt	Shaughnessy	Dortch
6. Georgia State (Webster)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Renfroe	Karwatt	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Dortch
7. South Alabama (New)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Langley	Dortch
8. South Alabama (Quarles)	Armstrong	Brown	Thompson	Karwatt	Renfroe	Ja. Lowey	Shaughnessy	Jo. Lowey	Stuart
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12. Florida A&M (Harden)	Renfroe	Armstrong	Thompson	Brown	Karwatt	Shaughnessy	Stuart	DiMauro	Crawford
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32. Jacksonville (Boyette)	Renfroe	Shaughnessy	Thompson	Armstrong	Einert	Karwatt	Dortch	Ja. Lowey	DiMauro
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49. Gardner-Webb									
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52. Georgia Southern									
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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Hitting)

Returning Letterwinners

#14 Mike Armstrong

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.4, vs. Jacksonville (3.30/07)	.4, vs. Jacksonville (3.30/07)
At Bats	.6, Three Times	.6, Three Times
Runs	.3, Two Times	.3, Three Times
RBI	.3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.4, Two Times
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Four Times

#27 John Dortch

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, Four Times	.3, Seven Times
At Bats	.5, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.5, Four Times
Runs	.3, Two Times	.3, Two Times
RBI	.2, Two Times	.3, Two Times
SB	.2, vs. Campbell (3/16/07)	.2, Two Times

#21 Mark Jarvis

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.1, Two Times	.3, Three Times
At Bats	.3, at South Alabama (2/18/07)	.4, Eight Times
Runs	.2, Three Times	.2, Three Times
RBI	.1, Two Times	.4, at ETSU (4/15/06)
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Three Times

#4 Jason Lowey

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, Five Times	.3, at Kennesaw State (3/25/06)
At Bats	.5, Three Times	.5, Seven Times
Runs	.2, Two Times	.2, Four Times
RBI	.4, at Western Carolina (3/7/07)	.4, Two Times
SB	.1, Five Times	.1, Five Times

#22 Eric Renfroe

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, Two Times	.3, 15 Times
At Bats	.5, Four Times	.6, at Georgia State (3/5/05)
Runs	.2, Five Times	.3, Six Times
RBI	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.5, vs. Alabama State (1/31/04)
SB	.1, Five Times	.2, Two Times

#9 Billy Shaughnessy

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.4, Two Times	.4, Three Times
At Bats	.6, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07)	.6, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07)
Runs	.3, vs. Georgia (2/21/07)	.3, vs. Georgia (2/21/07)
RBI	.3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.3, Four Times
SB	.2, Two Times	.2, Five Times

#35 Richard Bentley

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.1, at FAMU (3/11/07)
At Bats	.2, at FAMU (3/11/07)
Runs	.1, Three Times
RBI	.2, at FAMU (3/11/07)
SB	

#2 Nick DiMauro

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, at FAMU (3/11/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times
Runs	.1, Two Times
RBI	.2, at FAMU (3/11/07)
SB	

#42 Travis Peyatt

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	
At Bats	.1, at FAMU (3/11/07)
Runs	
RBI	
SB	

#25 John Daugherty

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.1, vs. FAMU (2/25/07)	.1, vs. FAMU (2/25/07)
At Bats	.3, at FAMU (3/11/07)	.3, at FAMU (3/11/07)
Runs		
RBI		
SB		

#19 Andrew Einert

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, Two Times	.3, Two Times
At Bats	.4, Three Times	.5, Six Times
Runs	.1, Three Times	.3, vs. Alabama State (2/20/05)
RBI	.2, Two Times	.3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)
SB	.1, College of Charleston (4/20/05)	

#8 Steve Karwatt

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.3, Two Times	.3, Two Times
At Bats	.5, Two Times	.5, Three Times
Runs	.4, at FAMU (3/11/07)	.4, at FAMU (3/11/07)
RBI	.5, at Western Carolina (3/7/07)	.5, at Western Carolina (3/7/07)
SB		

#11 Tyler McCarty

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, at Bethune-Cookman (2/10/07)	.3, Five Times
At Bats	.5, at Miami (2/2/07)	.6, at ETSU (4/15/06)
Runs	.2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)	.2, Five Times
RBI	.1, at Bethune-Cookman (2/11/07)	.3, Two Times
SB	.1, Three Times	.1, Three Times

#2 Casey Stuart

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.2, vs. Auburn (3/27/07)	.2, vs. Auburn (3/27/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times	.4, Two Times
Runs	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBI	.1, Two Times	.1, Three Times
SB	.1, vs. Samford (3/3/07)	.1, vs. Samford (3/3/07)

#14 Josh Thompson

	<u>Season-High</u>	<u>Career-High</u>
Hits	.4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)	.4, Three Times
At Bats	.5, Six Times	.6, Two Times
Runs	.2, Four Times	.3, Four Times
RBI	.4, vs. Georgia State (2/14/07)	.5, at ETSU (4/14/06)
SB	.1, Four Times	.1, Four Times

Newcomers

#15 Tyler Brown

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.3, at Western Carolina (3/7/07)
At Bats	.5, Five Times
Runs	.3, vs. Georgia State (2/14/07)
RBI	.2, Two Times
SB	

#7 Michael Langley

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times
Runs	.2, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBI	.1, Eight Times
SB	.1, at South Alabama (2/18/07)

#13 Matt Crawford

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
At Bats	.5, at FAMU (3/9/07)
Runs	.3, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
RBI	.2, Three Times
SB	.2, vs. Samford (3/4/07)

#10 Josh Lowey

	<u>Season-High</u>
Hits	.2, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
At Bats	.4, Two Times
Runs	
RBI	.1, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
SB	

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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Pitching)

Returning Letterwinners

#23 Andy Campbell

Season-High

IP3.1, at South Alabama (2/17/07) . . .3.1, at South Alabama (2/17/07)
 K3, at South Alabama (2/17/07)3, Two Times
 ER0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP . . .0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP . . .0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP

#31 Mike Narveson

Season-High

IP7.2, at Jacksonville (3/19/04)
 K5, vs. Georgia State (3/28/06)
 ER0, Four Times -2 IP
 Hits0, Three Times -2 IP

#6 Blake Quarles

Season-High

IP3.0, Three Times9.0, vs. Gardner-Webb (4/22/06)
 K3, Two Times9, vs. UNF (4/2/06)
 ER0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP 0, vs. Georgia St. (3/28/06) -4 IP
 Hits0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP0, Two Times -2 IP

#20 J.C. Daugherty

Season-High

IP4.0, at Georgia (3/20/07)7.0, Three Times
 K4, at Georgia (3/20/07)5, Two Times
 ER0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -2 IP0, vs. Samford (3/3/07) -2 IP
 Hits0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -1.2 IP0, vs. FAU (3/11/06) -2 IP

#17 Brantley New

Season-High

IP8.0, at Stetson (3/23/07)9.0, Two Times
 K9, Two Times9, Six Times
 ER0, vs. Samford (3/2/07) -6 IP0, at UAB (3/3/06) -7 IP
 Hits4, vs. Samford (3/2/07) -6 IP0, at Savannah State (4/10/04) -4 IP

#4 Jason Lowey

Season-High

IP2.1, vs. Auburn (3/27/07)2.1, vs. Auburn (3/27/07)
 K3, vs. Campbell (3/17/07)3, vs. Campbell (3/17/07)
 ER0, vs. Campbell (3/17/07) -2 IP0, vs. Campbell (3/17/07) -2 IP
 Hits0, vs. Auburn (3/27/07) -2.1 IP0, vs. Auburn (3/27/07) -2.1 IP

Newcomers

#28 Justin Boyette

Season-High

IP9.0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07)
 K7, vs. Campbell (3/17/07)
 ER0, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -9 IP
 Hits6, vs. FAMU (2/23/07) -9 IP

#34 Scott Patterson

Season-High

IP3.0, at South Alabama (2/16/07)
 K2, at South Alabama (2/16/07)
 ER0, Two Times -2 IP
 Hits0, at Georgia State (2/28/07) -2 IP

#10 Josh Lowey

IP3.0, Three Times
 K3, Four Times
 ER0, Two Times -3 IP
 Hits1, Two Times -3 IP

#26 Cory Gearrin

Season-High

IP5.0, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07)
 K6, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07)
 ER0, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07) -5 IP
 Hits0, at Stetson (3/24/07) -3 IP

#30 Michael Shaw

Season-High

IP2.0, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
 K2, at South Alabama (2/18/07)
 ER0, Two Times -1 IP
 Hits0, Two Times -1 IP

#33 David Harden

Season-High

IP6.0, vs. FAMU (2/24/07)
 K7, vs. FAMU (2/24/07)
 ER0, vs. FAMU (2/24/07) -6 IP
 Hits1, vs. FAMU (2/24/07) -6 IP

#38 Boone Webster

Season-High

IP7.2, vs. Jacksonville (3/30/07)
 K6, vs. Samford (3/3/07)
 ER0, Two Times -5 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -3 IP

2007 Home Run Breakdown

Solo HR	10
Two-Run HR	10
Three-Run HR	4
Grand Slam	
First Inning	7
Second Inning	
Third Inning	4
Fourth Inning	3
Fifth Inning	1
Sixth Inning	4
Seventh Inning	1
Eighth Inning	1
Ninth Inning	3
With No Outs	9
With One Out	9
With Two Outs	6

Inside the Numbers

Mercer hitting when:

Facing a right-handed pitcher	293
Facing a left-handed pitcher	234
Bases are empty	275
Runners are on base	281
Bases are loaded	242
There are 2 outs	274
Runners in scoring position	288
Overall	278

Mercer pitching when:

Facing a right-handed hitter	242
Facing a left-handed hitter	324
Bases are empty	253
Runners on base	290
There are 2 outs	253
Overall	270

Individual Highs

Most hits	Three Tied - 4
Most at-bats	Two Tied - 6
Most runs scored	Karwatt - 4, 3/11
Most RBIs	Karwatt - 5, 3/7
Most stolen bases	Three Tied - 2
Most innings pitched	Boyette - 9.0, 2/25
Most strikeouts	New - 9, Two Times

Game Notes

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The Last Time...

Mercer scored 20 or more runs in a game - March 23, 2001, in Atlanta, Ga., when Mercer pounded out 21 hits in a 23-7 win over Georgia State.

Mercer had 20 or more hits in a game - April 27, 2001, in Birmingham, Ala., when Mercer had 23 hits in a 16-8 win over Samford.

A Mercer player hit a grand slam - April 14, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when Josh Thompson delivered a second-inning jack to center field in a 10-8 win over ETSU.

An opponent hit a grand slam - April 15, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when ETSU's Matt Traylor blasted a fourth-inning shot over the right-field fence. The Bears went on to defeat the Bucs, 10-7.

A Mercer player hit two grand slams in a game - February 23, 2001, in Macon, Ga., when Chris Connelly hit grand slams in the fourth and sixth innings of the Bears' 32-0 victory over Howard University.

Mercer players hit two grand slams in an inning - February 23, 2001, in Macon, Ga., when Luke Jackson and Chris Connelly both hit grand slams with two outs recorded in the Bears' nine-run sixth inning against Howard University. The Bears went on to win 32-0 in the seven inning contest.

Mercer players hit back-to-back home runs - May 21, 2005, in Macon, Ga., when Daniel Hurst and Josh Thompson hit back-to-back solo home runs in the sixth inning of the final game of the season. Mercer would go on to defeat UCF, 8-7.

A Mercer player hit two home runs in a game - March 7, 2007, in Cullowhee, N.C., when Steve Karwatt belted a three-run shot as part of a 10-run fourth inning and jacked at two-run homer in the sixth inning in a 13-10 non-conference win over Western Carolina.

A Mercer player hit a walk-off home run - May 1, 2002, when Kurt Levensgood ended a match-up against Florida A&M in the bottom of the seventh with a two-out, three-run shot to give the Bears a 5-2 victory.

A Mercer pitcher struck out 10 or more batters - February 20, 2004, in Macon, Ga., when Brian Jones struck out 13 Albany State batters in his complete-game, nine-inning shutout, which the Bears won 1-0.

A Mercer pitcher threw consecutive shutouts - February 7, 15 and 20, 2004, when Brian Jones threw three consecutive shutouts against VMI, Florida A&M and Albany State. His consecutive shutout innings streak would last 30.2 innings before falling in the first inning against Savannah State.

A Mercer player stole home - March 9, 2007, in Tallahassee, Fla., when Matt Crawford swiped home at Florida A&M. On an attempted double steal, Mike Armstrong drew a throw to second that allowed Crawford to slide home safely and propel Mercer to a 5-3 win.

A Mercer player had a hitting streak over 15 games - Senior Josh Thompson had a 19-game hitting streak this season that ran from Feb. 24 until Mar. 30.

Team Almanac

Longest winning streak	.....7
Longest losing streak	.....3
Most runs scored	.....13, (3/3 and 3/7)
Fewest runs scored	.....0, (2/10 and 3/31)
Most runs allowed	.....13, (2/17)
Fewest runs allowed	.....0, (3/3)
Average runs scored	.....5.6
Average runs allowed	.....4.5

Record by Month

February	.....8-6
March	.....12-6
April	.....0-0
May	.....0-0

Record by Game

Non-Conference	.....14-9
Atlantic Sun	.....6-3
Tournament	.....0-0

Record by Day

Sunday	.....3-2
Monday	.....0-0
Tuesday	.....0-2
Wednesday	.....3-1
Thursday	.....0-0
Friday	.....6-2
Saturday	.....8-5

Record vs. Conferences

Atlantic Coast	.....2-0
Miami (Fla.)	.....2-0
Colonial	.....2-0
Georgia State	.....2-0
Independent	.....0-0
Savannah State	.....0-0
Mid-Eastern	.....6-3
Bethune-Cookman	.....0-3
Florida A&M	.....6-0
Ohio Valley	.....2-1
Samford	.....2-1
Southeastern	.....0-3
Georgia	.....0-2
Auburn	.....0-1
Southern	.....1-0
Georgia Southern	.....0-0
Western Carolina	.....1-0
Sun Belt	.....1-2
South Alabama	.....1-2



2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

Game 1

Mercer 6, No. 2 Miami (Fla.) 5

Feb. 2, 2007-Coral Gables, Fla.

Mark Light Stadium

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - The Mercer baseball squad opened its 2007 campaign with a bang, scoring two runs in the ninth inning to grab a 6-5 decision over No. 2 Miami on Friday night. Preseason A-Sun Player of the Year Josh Thompson led the way going 4-for-4 with three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a home run.

The 'Canes wasted no time getting on the board, plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Mercer right-handed pitcher Brantley New retired the leadoff batter before Roger Tomas and Yonder Alonso followed with back-to-back singles.

With runners at first and third, New struck out right fielder Dennis Raben, but Alonso broke from first and on catcher Josh Thompson's throw to second, Tomas swiped home. Designated hitter Mark Sobolewski then roped an RBI single giving Miami an early 2-0 advantage.

Miami struck again when Alonso added his second hit of the game, a leadoff home run to straight-away center in the third inning.

The Bears played small ball to score their first run of the season in the fourth. Thompson led off with a double to right-center field and advanced to third on a groundout by Eric Renfroe. Mike Armstrong plated Thompson with an infield single, pulling Mercer within two at 3-1.

The 'Canes extended their lead to 5-1 in the fifth as catcher Richard O'Brien laced a two-run single to right, scoring Raben and Gus Menendez.

Mercer cut the deficit to three in the sixth when Thompson belted his first home run of the season over the left-field fence.

Tyler Brown's RBI infield single tacked on another run for the Bears in the seventh and Thompson followed with his third hit of the game, an RBI single to left, pulling Mercer within one at 5-4.

Matt Crawford led off the ninth with a bunt single and Tyler McCarty hit an opposite-field single giving the Bears life in the final frame. Brown advanced Crawford to third with a fielder's choice and Thompson delivered his fourth hit of the night, an RBI single evening up the score, 5-5.

Following a Renfroe stolen base, Mike Armstrong came through with a game-winning RBI single scoring pinch runner Richard Bentley, giving Mercer its first lead of the game, 6-5.

Boone Webster picked up the win throwing three innings of shutout ball while allowing three hits and two strikeouts. Cory Gearrin earned the save in his first appearance as a Bear. Enrique Garcia recorded the loss for Miami giving up two earned runs and four hits in 1.1 innings of work.

Each starter went five innings as New gave up five earned runs on seven hits, and Manny Miguez allowed one earned run and five hits.

Armstrong finished the game 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs and Jason Lowey went 2-for-4 with one run scored.

Mercer 6, Miami (Fla.) 5

Mercer..... 000 101 202 - 6 14 0

Miami (Fla.).....201 020 000 - 5 10 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Webster (6); Gearrin (9).
Miami (Fla.) - Miguez; Kaufman (6); Koronis (6);

Rudman (7); Garcia (8).
Win - Webster (1-0) Save - Gearrin (1)
Loss - Garcia (0-1)
T - 3:23 A - 2593
HR MER - Thompson (1).
HR MIA - Alonso (1).

Game 2

Mercer 8, No. 2 Miami (Fla.) 5

Feb. 3, 2007-Coral Gables, Fla.

Mark Light Stadium

CORAL GABLES, Fla. - The Mercer baseball squad defeated No. 2 Miami, 8-5, on Saturday night. The Bears were out-hit 10-5, but took advantage of their opportunities in starting the season with their second straight win.

For the second straight night, the Hurricanes (0-2) plated a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior left-hander Blake Quarles retired the first two batters before Yonder Alonso and Mark Sobolewski delivered back-to-back singles. Following a walk to right fielder Dennis Raben, Gus Menendez recorded a two-run single scoring Alonso and Sobolewski.

Mercer tied the score, 2-2, on Billy Shaughnessy's two-run blast in the fourth inning. Shaughnessy belted senior right-hander Danny Gil's 0-2 offering just inside the foul pole down the left-field line.

Miami took back the lead in the bottom half of the fourth when Jason Lowey came in relief of Quarles. With two outs and the bases loaded, Lowey hit Sobolewski with a pitch, giving the Hurricanes a 3-2 advantage.

The Bears battled back again in the fifth as Matt Crawford led off with a walk and on a nicely executed hit-and-run, Crawford advanced to third on a Tyler McCarty single down the right-field line. With Tyler Brown batting, Gil threw a wild pitch allowing Crawford to score and even up the score at three runs apiece.

Teddy Kaufman relieved Gil with one out in the inning and hit Eric Renfroe with a pitch. The 'Canes then turned to Jason Santana out of the bullpen with the bases loaded and Mike Armstrong at the plate. Armstrong produced an RBI fielder's choice giving Mercer the lead at 4-3.

In the back-and-forth affair, Miami knotted up the score again on a sacrifice fly by Nick Freitas that scored Menendez in the bottom of the fifth. With the score tied a four, the Hurricanes struck again as freshman Ryan Jackson notched his first collegiate hit, scoring Blake Tekotte, and putting Miami back ahead, 5-4.

Mercer took advantage on a pair of Miami miscues in the seventh. McCarty scored when Shaughnessy was hit by a pitch, and Steven Karwatt followed with a high fly ball in front of home plate. Catcher Jason Haggerty and relief pitcher Carlos Gutierrez had some communication problems on the play, and Gutierrez dropped the ball allowing Brown to score the go-ahead run and give the Bears a 6-5 lead.

Armstrong added some insurance with a two-run home run in the ninth.

Andy Campbell registered the win for Mercer throwing two innings of no-hit, shutout relief. Raben was charged with the loss allowing one unearned run in 0.2 innings of work. Cory Gearrin came in and notched his second save in as many days striking out four in the final 1.2 innings

Quarles went three innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and Hurricanes' starter Danny Gil no-

hit the Bears through 3.2 innings, but only retired two more batters before his departure. He allowed four earned runs on three hits while striking out four batters.

Armstrong finished the game 1-for-3 with three RBIs, two runs scored and a home run, and Shaughnessy chipped in three RBIs, one run scored and one home run.

Before yesterday's victory, Mercer's last win over Miami came in 1975 and they were 1-27 all-time versus the Hurricanes. The Bears two wins ensures a series' victory and they will look for a sweep in game three Sunday afternoon at Mark Light Field. First pitch is slated for 1 p.m.

The last time Miami lost its opening series of the season was in 1967 against Florida State.

Mercer 8, Miami (Fla.) 5

Mercer..... 000 220 202 - 8 5 3

Miami (Fla.).....200 120 000 - 5 10 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Ja. Lowey (4); Shaw (5); Campbell (5); Jo. Lowey (7); Gearrin (8).
Miami (Fla.) - Gil; Kaufman (5); Santana (5); Raben (7); Bellamy (7); Gutierrez (7); Rudman (8).
Win - Campbell (1-0) Save - Gearrin (2)
Loss - Raben (0-1)
T - 3:45 A - 2345
HR MER - Shaughnessy (1); Armstrong (1).

Games 3-4

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 0

Bethune-Cookman 9, Mercer 2

Feb. 10-Daytona, Fla.

Daytona Beach CC Stadium

DAYTONA, Fla. - The Bears (2-2) struggled to get their offense going on Saturday as they were defeated by Bethune-Cookman 5-0 in game one and 9-2 in the second half of the doubleheader at Daytona Beach CC Stadium.

Game one was a pitcher's duel early on as Mercer senior right-hander Brantley New and BCC senior left-hander Francisco Rodriguez went toe-to-toe.

The Wildcats (3-2) got on the board first with an unearned run in the bottom of the fifth inning. First baseman Alejandro Jimenez laced a one-out double down the left-field line to get things going. With two outs, New struck out left fielder Justin Hoyte, but the ball got away from catcher Josh Thompson. New's throw to first hit Hoyte in the back allowing Jimenez to score from second base.

BCC tacked on three runs in the sixth, taking a 4-0 lead. Jose Ortiz-Rivera led off the inning with a single to left field and Luis Gonzalez followed with a bunt single. Designated hitter Angel Negron notched an RBI-single and following a Mercer error, shortstop Chris Henault drove in Bethune-Cookman's second run of the inning with a single to left. Jimenez capped the scoring with a fielder's choice, bringing in the Wildcats' third run of the inning.

Henault doubled home a run in the eighth, adding some insurance and putting BCC up 5-0.

New picked up the loss for the Bears in his first decision of the season. He allowed seven hits and four runs, three earned, while striking out five batters. Rodriguez registered a complete game, five-hit shutout for the Wildcats. He struck out eight batters and walked one.

Bethune-Cookman did not waste anytime in game

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two, plating five runs in the bottom of the first inning. The first two runs came off a double to left-center field by Negron. Two batters later, Jimenez delivered a RBI-base hit and Patrick Jones followed with an opposite-field single. Catcher Drew Clark recorded BCC's third straight hit, a two-run single giving the Wildcats a 5-0 advantage. Bethune-Cookman finished the opening frame with seven hits.

Jones led off the third for BCC with a walk and scored on Ortiz-Rivera's RBI-single. In the sixth inning, Negron struck again for the Wildcats blasting a two-run shot over the right-field fence, extending their lead to 8-0.

The Bears finally got on the board following 16 straight scoreless innings with a Steven Karwatt solo home run in the eighth inning. Bethune-Cookman tacked on an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth and Mercer scored an unearned run of its own in the ninth for the final margin.

Senior left-hander Blake Quarles registered his first loss on the season going 3.0 innings and allowing six earned runs on 10 hits. Quarles struck out one and walked two batters. Dustin Blackwell moved to 2-0 for Bethune-Cookman pitching 8.0 innings of two-hit ball and striking out four.

Tyler McCarty went 2-for-4 in game two and scored one run.

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 0

 Mercer.....000 000 000 - 0 5 3
 Bethune-Cookman.....000 013 01X - 5 9 0

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Harden (7).
 Bethune-Cookman - Rodriguez.
 Win - Rodriguez (1-0)
 Loss - New (0-1)
 T - 2:03 A - 144

Bethune-Cookman 9, Mercer 2

 Mercer.....000 000 011 - 2 3 3
 Bethune-Cookman.....501 002 01X - 9 17 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Campbell (4); Patterson (7).
 Bethune-Cookman - Blackwell; Guzman (9).
 Win - Blackwell (2-0)
 Loss - Quarles (0-2)
 T - 2:04 A - 121
 HR BCC - Negron (1).

Game 5

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 3

Feb. 11-Daytona, Fla.

Daytona Beach CC Stadium

DAYTONA, Fla. - The Wildcats pushed across four runs in the second and went on to defeat the Bears, 5-3, on Sunday afternoon at Daytona Beach CC Stadium.

The series finale started much better for the Bears (2-3) as Tyler McCarty got things going in the first inning with a RBI-single scoring Matt Crawford giving Mercer a 1-0 advantage.

The Wildcats (4-2) took the lead in the bottom of the second inning registering six hits. Justin Hoyte started the scoring with a double down the left-field line allowing Alejandro Jimenez to score. Two batters later Jose Almonte drove in Hoyte with a single up the middle, and following a single by Jose Ortiz-Rivera,

Luis Gonzalez laced a RBI-single to right. Angel Mercado followed with a run-scoring single giving Bethune-Cookman a 4-1 lead.

John Dortch led off the third inning with a solo home run, his first of the season, narrowing the margin to two runs. Mercer continued to chip away in the fourth when an infield single by Billy Shaughnessy produced the Bears' third run of the afternoon.

The Bears had a chance to tie the score in the sixth with runners at the corners and only one out, but BCC right-hander Felix Machado induced Shaughnessy to groundout into an inning-ending double play.

In the bottom of the sixth, Bethune-Cookman tacked on another run, extending its lead to 5-3, with a RBI-ground out by Ortiz-Rivera.

Junior right-hander Justin Boyette recorded the loss in his first start as a Bear. He worked around a four-run second inning and allowed eight hits while striking out four in 5.0 innings of work.

Sophomore right-hander Hiram Burgos made the start for BCC and went 3.2 innings. Burgos gave up three earned runs on seven hits and struck out one. Machado picked up the win supplying 2.1 innings of shutout relief. He allowed one hit and walked one batter. Francisco Gomez registered his second save of the season for the Wildcats.

Bethune-Cookman 5, Mercer 3

 Mercer.....101 100 000 - 3 9 1
 Bethune-Cookman.....040 001 00X - 5 10 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Webster (6); Ja. Lowey (8).
 Bethune-Cookman - Burgos; Machado (4); Enright (7); Gomez (9).
 Win - Machado (1-0)
 Loss - Boyette (0-1)
 T - 2:36 A - 143
 HR MER - Dortch (1).

Game 6

Mercer 8, Georgia State 2

Feb. 14-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball squad defeated in-state rival and former conference foe Georgia State 8-2 on Wednesday evening at Claude Smith Field. The Bears put the game away with a four-run seventh inning and received solid pitching in winning their home opener.

"It is nice to be back home and have the bats come alive," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Josh (Thompson) had a great game and our bullpen was solid. It was a great team effort tonight."

The Bears (3-3) wasted no time getting on the board, plating a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior Josh Thompson belted a one-out home run to center field, scoring Tyler Brown on the play.

Mercer added a run in the second as center fielder Eric Renfroe walked with the bases loaded. Two innings later, the Bears loaded the bases with one out. Brown scored his second run of the game on a RBI-ground out by Steve Karwatt, putting Mercer up 4-0.

The Panthers (0-4) notched two runs in the seventh inning cutting the Bears' advantage to two runs. Catcher Aeden McQueary laced a two-run single to left field, scoring Chase Childers and Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas.

Mercer struck back in the bottom of the seventh,

scoring four runs in taking a commanding 8-2 lead. John Dortch got things going with a RBI-double down the left-field line. Mike Armstrong followed with his first hit of the game, plating Dortch on the play, and putting the Bears on top 6-2. Thompson then delivered his third hit of the game, a two-run triple, giving Mercer a six-run advantage.

Thompson led the way going 3-for-3 with four RBIs and one run scored. Brown scored three runs and Billy Shaughnessy chipped in with a 2-for-3 night and a run scored. Dortch finished the game 2-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored for Mercer.

The Bears recorded 10 hits and were aided by 12 walks from the Panthers' pitching staff, but left 14 stranded on base.

Junior Boone Webster made his first start as a Bear and registered the win, moving his record to 2-0 on the season. He pitched 5.0 innings of shutout ball giving up five hits and one walk while striking out three batters. Cory Gearrin closed the door with 2.0 innings of no-hit, no-run ball while striking out three.

GSU left-hander Andy Reid made the start and lasted only 1.2 innings. He recorded the loss while allowing three earned runs on two hits and walking five batters.

Mercer 8, Georgia State 2

 Georgia State.....000 000 200 - 2 9 0
 Mercer.....210 100 40X - 8 10 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Quarles (6); Campbell (6); Gearrin (8).
 Georgia State - Reid; Reeves (2); Compton (4); Dooley (7); Grant (8).
 Win - Webster (2-0)
 Loss - Reid (1-0)
 T - 3:06 A - 357
 HR MER - Thompson (2).

Game 7

South Alabama 7, Mercer 5

Feb. 16-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - The Bears out-hit the Jaguars 11-9, but stranded seven base runners in a 7-5 loss at Stanky Field on Friday afternoon.

Game one had a crazy beginning as four runs crossed the plate courtesy of wild pitches in the first two innings. In the top of the first inning, Josh Thompson drew a two-out walk and advanced to third on a single by Steve Karwatt. With Eric Renfroe batting, USA's starting right-hander Dan Goldberg threw a wild pitch, allowing Thompson to score and give Mercer an early 1-0 lead.

The Jaguars came right back in the bottom half of the first. Mercer right-hander Brantley New walked the leadoff man Ray Kruml. Kruml then advanced to second base on a sacrifice bunt and moved to third on a base hit by Ryne Jernigan. South Alabama benefited from a pair of wild pitches by New as Kruml and Jernigan scored giving USA a 2-1 advantage.

In the second inning, Jason Lowey led off with a double for the Bears, but was stranded on third base following a pair of strikeouts to end the frame.

South Alabama did not relent, tacking on three more runs in the second. Eric Shortell led off the inning with a single to center and Joel Collins was hit by a pitch. Bill Kleinschrodt successfully sacrificed the runners over and New followed with another wild

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pitch allowing Shortell to score. Russell Harben then followed with a RBI-single and Clint Toomey added a RBI-base hit of his own making the score 5-1.

The Bears were able to push across a run in the third, narrowing the Jaguars' advantage to three. Mike Armstrong led the inning off with a double and scored on Thompson's double two batters later.

A RBI-ground out by Kleinschrodt extended South Alabama's lead to 6-2 in the fifth inning.

Mercer began chipping away in the sixth inning, starting the frame with three consecutive singles. Karwatt led off with his second hit of the day and Renfroe followed with a base hit to right field. The next batter, Jason Lowey, drove in Karwatt with a single to left and Billy Shaughnessy continued the inning by sacrificing Renfroe to third and Lowey to second with one out. Freshman Michael Langley notched his first collegiate hit earlier in the game and came up with his first run batted in on a ground out to the shortstop. Renfroe scored on the play pulling the Bears within two at 6-4.

The Jaguars came right back adding an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth. Kruml registered another leadoff walk and proceeded to steal second base. Following a sacrifice bunt, Jernigan scored Kruml on a sacrifice fly.

With two innings remaining, the Bears showed life and added another run making the score 7-5. Renfroe led off the frame with an infield base hit and advanced to third on a pair of groundouts. Mark Jarvis came off the bench and produced a big pinch-hit, run-scoring single.

The Bears were unable to get anything going in the ninth inning and lost their fourth straight on the road.

Karwatt, Renfroe and Lowey each finished the contest 2-for-4 from the plate.

New recorded his second loss of the season giving up six earned runs on eight hits in 5.0 innings of work, while striking out three and walking one.

Goldberg picked up the win for South Alabama throwing 6.0 innings and giving up four earned runs on eight hits. Goldberg struck out five batters and walked one. Chris LaGrow registered the save for the Jaguars. After allowing a leadoff double to John Dortch in the ninth, he set down the next three batters, the final two by strikeouts.

South Alabama 7, Mercer 5

Mercer.....101 002 010 - 5 11 0
South Alabama.....230 011 00X - 7 9 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Patterson (6).
South Alabama - Goldberg; Kerns (7); Turner (7); LaGrow (9).
Win - Goldberg (1-0)
Loss - New (0-2)
Save - LaGrow (1)
T - 2:51 A - 321

Game 8

South Alabama 13, Mercer 11

Feb. 17-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - In a game that featured 24 runs and 32 hits, South Alabama out-lasted Mercer, 12-10, on Saturday afternoon at Stanky Field.

Leading the offensive attack for the Bears were Mike Armstrong (3-for-6, 3 runs scored) and Billy Shaughnessy (4-for-5, two RBIs). Tyler Brown and

Matt Crawford each chipped in a pair of RBIs and Steve Karwatt finished the game 2-for-3 with two doubles, one RBI and two runs scored.

Aided by three walks, the Bears (3-5) grabbed an early three-run lead in top of the first inning. After an Armstrong single to lead off the game, South Alabama right-hander Kevin Nabors walked three of the next four batters. Eric Renfroe received the third free pass of the frame with the bases loaded, forcing in Armstrong. Jason Lowey followed with a sacrifice fly and Shaughnessy capped the first-inning output with a RBI-single.

South Alabama (2-0) did not waste anytime getting back into the game in the bottom of the first, cutting the deficit to one. For the second straight day USA lead off man Ray Kruml opened the game by reaching base. Kruml advanced to second on a wild pitch and following a walk to Bunky Kateon, each runner moved up a base on a ground out. Jeff Cunningham registered the Jaguars' first big hit of the day with a run-scoring single and an error by Josh Thompson allowed Kateon to cross the plate on the play.

The Bears tacked on a pair of runs in the second inning as catcher Casey Stuart led off with his first hit of the season. Armstrong then laced a double down the left-field line advancing Stuart to third base. Thompson pushed across the Bears' fourth run of the day with a sacrifice fly and Karwatt continued his recent hot streak with a RBI-double to deep center field, giving Mercer a 5-2 cushion early on.

The Jaguars opened their half of the third inning with back-to-back singles by Kateon and Ryne Jernigan. Cunningham delivered another run batted in with a sacrifice fly to right field and Michael Cart added a RBI-ground-out in the inning, pulling South Alabama within one at 5-4. USA had a chance to tie the game later in the inning on a wild pitch by Mercer left-hander Blake Quarles, but David Doss was thrown out at the plate as Stuart hustled after the ball and Quarles applied the tag.

Mercer looked to increase its lead in the fourth, loading the bases with no outs, but USA reliever Stephen Boyd struck out the next two batters and then induced an inning-ending ground out to escape the inning unscathed.

Bill Kleinschrodt opened the South Alabama fourth with a triple and scored on Sean Laird's ground out, evening up the score at five runs apiece.

One inning later, South Alabama put up a six-spot on the scoreboard. Four of the runs were unearned off of two Mercer errors. Doss, Joel Collins and Jernigan each delivered one RBI in the inning and Kaeton plated a pair of runs with a single up the middle.

The high-scoring affair continued in the sixth as Crawford roped a two-run double, scoring Thompson and Karwatt. Two batters later, Crawford scored on Shaughnessy's RBI-single, narrowing the South Alabama lead to three.

Mercer struck again in the seventh on Tyler Brown's first home run of the season. The two-run shot brought Mercer within one, making the score 11-10.

South Alabama added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh as Kleinschrodt got things started with a lead off home run. Once again Kruml gave the Bears fits on the base paths, swiping second and third following his seeing-eye single through the right side. Kateon then delivered his third RBI of the day on a ground out, giving USA a lead it would not relinquish.

The Bears put together a rally in the ninth as Thompson hit a solo home run with one out making the score 13-11. Karwatt then walked and advanced

to third base courtesy of a wild pitch and a ground out, but was stranded at third to end the game.

Quarles went 3.0 innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits. He struck out three and walked one batter. David Harden (0-1) picked up the loss for Mercer giving up seven runs, three earned, on five hits in 1.2 innings of work. Harden registered two strikeouts and one walk.

Nabors lasted only 1.0 inning for South Alabama after allowing five earned runs on four hits while striking out one and walking three batters. Boyd (1-0) picked up Nabors throwing 4.0 innings of two-run, four-hit ball. Boyd struck out four and walked four. Freshman Chris LaGrow recorded his second save in as many outings for the Jaguars.

South Alabama 13, Mercer 11

Mercer.....320 003 201 - 11 17 3
South Alabama.....202 160 20X - 13 15 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Harden (4); Campbell (5).
South Alabama - Nabors; Boyd (2); Kerns (6); Turner (7); Doss (8); LaGrow (9).
Win - Boyd (1-0)
Loss - Harden (0-1)
Save - LaGrow (2)
T - 3:15 A - 543
HR MER - Brown (1); Thompson (3).
HR USA - Kleinschrodt (1).

Game 9

Mercer 9, South Alabama 5

Feb. 18-Mobile, Ala.

Stanky Field

MOBILE, Ala. - The Mercer (4-5) baseball squad posted seven runs in the last three innings, pulling out a come-from-behind 9-5 victory over South Alabama (2-1) on Sunday afternoon at Stanky Field.

The Bears took an early lead for the second consecutive day as John Dortch got things going in the second inning with a lead-off single. Following a sacrifice bunt by Billy Shaughnessy, Mark Jarvis, making his first start of the season, came through with a run-scoring single.

South Alabama responded as they had all weekend with three runs in the bottom of the second. Mercer right-hander Michael Shaw retired the lead-off man, but the next four USA batters registered singles. Joel Collins and Bill Kleinschrodt recorded back-to-back RBI-singles and Ray Kruml capped the scoring with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Mercer took advantage of South Alabama miscues an inning later. Mike Armstrong led off with a single and following a pair of wild pitches advancing Armstrong to third, Josh Thompson notched a sacrifice fly pulling the Bears within one at 3-2.

Both pitching staff buckled down over the next three innings allowing no runs on only two hits. This was a rarity in the three-game series that saw both teams combine for 50 runs and 68 hits.

The Bears rallied to take a 5-3 lead in the seventh. Billy Shaughnessy started the rally with a lead-off double and three batters later, Shaughnessy scored on a fielder's choice by Matt Crawford. Freshman Michael Langley, who earlier in the series recorded his first career hit and RBI, scored on another fielder's choice groundout, this time by Tyler Brown. Jaguars' shortstop Russell Harben threw the ball away on the play and Crawford scored an unearned run giving

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Mercer the lead.

In this back-and-forth series, South Alabama countered again in the bottom of the seventh. Clint Toomey recorded a RBI-single and Kruml scored on a ground out by Ryne Jernigan evening the score at five runs apiece.

Mercer took the lead for good in the eighth inning as Dortch led off with a double down the left-field line. Eric Renfroe plated Dortch with a fielder's choice and Armstrong produced another run with a sacrifice fly giving the Bears a 7-5 lead.

Closer Cory Gearrin entered the game in the bottom of the seventh and shut down the Jaguars the rest of the way in picking up his first win as a Bear. He struck out four and walked four, while pitching 2.2 innings of no-hit, shutout ball. Gearrin has yet to allow a hit or run in 7.2 innings of solid relief.

The Bears tacked on some insurance in the ninth spearheaded by Dortch's second double and run scored in as many innings. Shaughnessy drove in Steve Karwatt with a sacrifice fly and Renfroe drove in his second run of the day with a single up the middle.

Shaw went 2.0 innings for Mercer and allowed three earned runs on four hits while striking out two. South Alabama starter Joey Doan pitched a solid game going 6.2 innings while giving up five runs, four earned, on five hits. Doan walked none and struck out five batters. Travis Johnson was tagged with the loss allowing two earned runs in 0.2 innings of work.

Dortch finished the game 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two doubles. Seven Bears picked up a run batted in led by Renfroe's two RBIs.

Mercer 9, South Alabama 5

Mercer.....011 000 322 - 9 8 0
South Alabama.....030 000 200 - 5 8 3

Pitchers: Mercer - Shaw; Jo. Lowey (3); Ja. Lowey (6); Gearrin (7).

South Alabama - Doan; Johnson (7); Dunning (8); Baxter (8); Nickerson (8); Clarke (9).

Win - Gearrin (1-0)
Loss - Johnson (0-1)
T - 3:16 A - 511

Game 10

Georgia 6, Mercer 5

Feb. 21-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Bears gave the Bulldogs all they could handle Wednesday night at Claude Smith Field, but were defeated 6-5 in front of a standing-room only crowd. The Georgia bullpen held Mercer in check over the final five innings, allowing only one unearned run, and stranding seven runners on base.

Mercer (4-6) received a big lift as right-hander Boone Webster escaped a jam in the first inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, Webster struck out Ryan Peisel to end the inning.

A wild second inning began when Georgia (1-3) notched four consecutive hits with one out to take a 3-0 lead. Matt Cerione delivered a RBI-double and Gordon Beckham scored two more runs on his double down the left-field line.

The Bears came right back as Eric Renfroe got things going with a one-out double and Jason Lowey followed with a walk. Billy Shaughnessy came

through with a big two-run single and he scored on an error by right fielder Cerione to tie the game at three. Dortch drove a single to the opposite-field and Shaughnessy was held by head coach Craig Gibson at third, but Cerione attempted to throw behind the runner and air-mailed the ball to the fence, allowing Shaughnessy to cross the plate.

The Dogs took the lead for good in the top of the fourth, as Beckham picked up another run batted in with a single to left field and Jonathan Wyatt followed with a run-scoring single.

Mercer would not go quietly tacking on a run in its half of the fourth, making the score 5-4. Shaughnessy once again was clutch notching a lead-off double. The Bears played small ball as Shaughnessy advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Dortch's second hit of the night.

Georgia added some insurance an inning later when Mike Freeman registered the game-winning RBI on a double down the left-field line.

In the eighth inning, the Bears pulled to within one at 6-5. Shaughnessy scored his third run of the game on a heads-up play. Mike Armstrong hit a routine grounder to the shortstop, but Beckham was unable to make the play. While first baseman Ryan Peisel was trying to gather the ball, Shaughnessy alertly took off from third and dove around catcher Joey Lewis's tag.

Matt Crawford kept the game alive for Mercer, recording a bunt single with two outs in the final frame. Lowey followed with a walk, but Georgia's hard-throwing closer Josh Fields notched his third strikeout of the inning to pick up his first save of the season.

Webster (2-1) went 4.0 innings and allowed five earned runs on 11 hits. He struck out one and walked five batters. Nick Montgomery (1-0) picked up starter Dean Weaver and threw 3.0 innings of no-run, one-hit ball. Montgomery fanned three and walked one.

Shaughnessy led the Bears at the plate as he went 2-for-4 with two RBIs to go along with his three runs scored. Dortch finished the game 2-for-4 with one RBI and Steve Karwatt was 2-for-4 with a double to deep-center field in the seventh inning.

"We gave it our best shot and played well," said Gibson. "We need to get more two-out hits against a team of Georgia's caliber. This game should help us down the road when we get into our conference schedule."

Georgia 6, Mercer 5

Georgia.....030 210 000 - 6 14 5
Mercer.....030 100 010 - 5 8 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Boyette (5); New (8); Gearrin (9).

Georgia - Weaver; Montgomery (4); McRee (7); Dodson (8); Fields (9).

Win - Montgomery (1-0)
Loss - Webster (2-1)
Save - Fields (1)
T - 2:55 A - 1157

Game 11

Mercer 3, Florida A&M 2

Feb. 23-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - In his first collegiate at-bat, freshman Nick DiMauro notched a run-scoring double in the bottom of the ninth propelling Mercer to a 3-2 win

over Florida A&M at Claude Smith Field on Friday evening.

"We were emotionally flat after the big Georgia game on Wednesday," said assistant coach Tim Boeth. "You have got to tip your hat to (Ben) Baylor. He did an outstanding job for them, but this was a much-needed win for us."

The Bears (5-6) started the game off with a bang as Eric Renfroe led off the first inning with a home run to right-center field.

For the second straight inning, Mercer tacked on a run to take an early 2-0 lead. Mike Armstrong reached on an error by shortstop David James and scored on Josh Lowey's first RBI of the season.

The Rattlers (1-11) cut the lead in half in the top of the sixth inning when Thaddous McBurrows doubled home Darryl Evans.

Florida A&M tied the game in the seventh with an unearned run. Gordon hit a routine ground ball to Armstrong at first base, but relief pitcher Andy Campbell dropped Armstrong's toss and Gordon advanced to second on the play. Jared Jeffries then recorded a two-out base hit, evening the score at two runs apiece.

In the bottom of the eighth inning the Bears had a chance to take the lead, but a mistake on the base paths and a fine defensive play by the Rattlers thwarted the potential rally.

With runners on first and second FAMU's left-handed starter Ben Baylor threw a wild pitch, but catcher Elvin Millan made a nice recovery and threw out Matt Crawford at second base. Following an intentional walk to Josh Thompson, Armstrong laced a ball that looked as though it would get through the infield, but third baseman Jared Jeffries ranged to his left and made a nice diving stop. Jeffries threw to second and forced out Thompson to end the inning.

After coming in and recording the final two outs in the top of the ninth, Cory Gearrin led off the bottom of the frame with a single in his first at-bat as a Bear. Dortch followed with a fielder's choice and Josh Lowey notched a single, moving Dortch to second and setting up DiMauro's heroics. DiMauro laced a one-out double into the gap in left-center field and Dortch crossed the plate giving Mercer the win.

Right hander Brantley New picked up a no-decision in his fourth start of the season. He allowed one earned run on six hits in 6.0 innings of work. New struck out eight batters and walked one. Gearrin (2-0) registered the win recording the final two outs in the ninth on a strikeout and a nicely executed pick-off in which Billy Shaughnessy snuck up behind the runner at second and applied the tag.

Baylor pitched a solid game for FAMU going 8.0 innings. He allowed two runs, one earned, on three hits while striking out six and walking two. Austin Dill (0-1) was the losing pitcher. Dill allowed the winning run on three hits while recording only one out.

Mercer 3, FAMU 2

Florida A&M.....000 001 100 - 2 8 1
Mercer.....110 000 001 - 3 6 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Campbell (7); Ja. Lowey (8); Gearrin (9).

FAMU - Baylor; Dill (9).
Win - Gearrin (2-0)
Loss - Dill (0-1)
T - 2:28 A - 432
HR MER - Renfroe (1).

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Game 12

Mercer 4, Florida A&M 1

Feb. 24-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Senior Josh Thompson notched a pair of run-scoring doubles leading Mercer (6-6) to a 4-1 win over Florida A&M on Saturday night at Claude Smith Field.

"(Josh) Thompson had a couple big knocks and it was enough tonight," said assistant coach Tim Boeth.

For the second straight day, Eric Renfroe reached base to lead off the game and FAMU starter Cirilo Manego hit the next batter, Mike Armstrong. That set up Josh Thompson's first double down the left-field line to plate Mercer's first run of the game. Two batters later, Steve Karwatt produced a run-scoring groundout, giving the Bears an early 2-0 lead.

Thompson struck again in the fifth with a double to right-center field, scoring Renfroe for the second time and putting Mercer up by three.

FAMU (1-12) tallied an unearned run in the sixth closing the gap at 3-1, as Stanley Gnat crossed the plate when second baseman Nick DiMauro mishandled a ground ball of the bat of Jared Jeffries.

Billy Shaughnessy tacked on some insurance in the bottom of the eighth, registering a RBI-single that scored Steve Karwatt. Karwatt recorded a two-out triple setting up the opportunity.

Cory Gearrin entered the game in the bottom of the ninth and closed the door once again. The junior picked up his third save of the season by striking out the side. Gearrin has not allowed a hit or run in 10 1/3 innings of work and has struck out 20 batters.

Right-hander David Harden (1-1) retired the first nine batters of the game and faced the minimum through five innings. The freshman was stellar in his first start as a Bear throwing six innings while allowing one unearned run and one hit. Harden struck out seven and walked none.

"It was a great outing by (David) Harden," added Boeth. "He showed a great deal of maturity and poise, and was on the attack. Casey Stuart called a great game behind the plate as well."

Manego (1-2) recorded the loss giving up four earned runs on seven hits in eight innings of work. He struck out seven and walked three batters.

Mercer 4, FAMU 1

Florida A&M.....000 001 000 - 1 3 0
Mercer.....200 010 01X - 4 7 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Harden; Jo. Lowey (7); Gearrin (9).

FAMU - Manego.
Win - Harden (1-1)
Loss - Manego (1-2)
Save - Gearrin (3)
T - 2:08 A - 576

Game 13

Mercer 5, Florida A&M 1

Feb. 25-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - In a game that featured only three earned runs and 10 hits, Mercer came out on top, 5-1, at Claude Smith Field on Sunday afternoon.

Both Justin Boyette and Chad Smith were sharp in the early going as the game remained scoreless

through three innings. Boyette allowed zero hits and struck out three and Smith gave up only one hit after three frames.

Florida A&M (1-13) jumped out to an early lead for the first time in the series, plating an unearned run in the top of the fourth inning. Darryl Evans notched a RBI-single, scoring Jared Jeffries on the play. The Bears avoided further damage with a nifty 1-4-6-3 double play to end the inning. Jared Grace hit a ball up the middle that deflected off Boyette's glove and Michael Langley grabbed it at the edge of the dirt. Langley then made a nice flip to Billy Shaughnessy who turned the twin-killing for Mercer.

The Bears answered back in the bottom half of the fourth as Josh Thompson came around to score after a lead-off walk. Mercer took the lead, 2-1, when Mike Armstrong scored on a wild pitch.

Mercer (7-6) put together its first rally of the day in the eighth inning. Pinch runner Richard Bentley started the scoring crossing the plate on a wild pitch by relief pitcher Eddie Thomas. Tyler Brown then laced a run-scoring single to right field giving the Bears a 4-1 advantage. Matt Crawford kept the inning going registering a walk with the bases loaded to tack on another run.

Boyette (1-1) earned his first win as a Bear. The junior college transfer tossed a complete game and allowed one unearned run on six hits. He struck out six and walked one.

Smith (0-4) was charged with the loss going 3 2/3 innings while allowing two unearned runs on one hit and two walks.

Thompson finished the game 1-for-1 with three walks and two runs scored.

Mercer 5, FAMU 1

Florida A&M.....000 100 000 - 1 6 2
Mercer.....000 200 03X - 5 4 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette.
FAMU - Smith; Reed (4); Thomas (8).
Win - Boyette (1-1)
Loss - Smith (0-4)
T - 1:59 A - 232

Game 14

Mercer 5, Georgia State 1

Feb. 28-Panthersville, Ga.
The Field at Panthersville

PANTHERSVILLE, Ga. - Behind solid pitching and timely hitting, the Mercer (8-6) baseball squad defeated Georgia State, 5-1, at Panthersville Field on Wednesday night. The Bears out-hit the Panthers 12-3 and received a stellar effort from seven pitchers in the second of three non-conference match-ups between the two teams.

Senior Eric Renfroe picked up where he left off over the weekend sparking the Bears with a solo home run in the third inning, giving Mercer an early 1-0 lead.

An inning later, Mike Armstrong who went 3-for-5 in the game with a pair of doubles, led off with a single through the left side of the infield. Two batters later, Steve Karwatt notched his fourth double of the season to score Armstrong and put the Bears on top, 2-0.

Georgia State (4-7) looked to battle back in its half of the fifth inning benefiting from a pair of walks. Bradley Logan plated Aeden McQueary with a sacri-

fice fly, but J.C. Daugherty came in to make his first appearance of the season and escaped further damage.

Mercer put the game away in the seventh inning by putting together a two-out rally. Eric Renfroe picked up his second run batted in on the night with a single that allowed John Dortch to cross the plate. Following a walk to Matt Crawford, Josh Thompson delivered with a RBI-single and Armstrong followed suit with a run-scoring double, giving the Bears a four-run cushion.

Renfroe finished the game 3-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Thompson chipped in with a 2-for-5 effort and Karwatt stayed hot with a 2-for-4 performance.

Freshman Scott Patterson (1-0) picked up the win in his first start at Mercer. In the staff outing, Patterson pitched two innings of no-hit, shutout ball. Blake Quarles got back on track with a strong two innings, recording three strikeouts without giving up a hit or run. Daugherty pitched 1 2/3 innings in his debut and also did not give up a hit or run. Jason Lowey, Boone Webster and Cory Gearrin each added a scoreless inning for the Bears. Gearrin allowed his first hit of the season, but struck out a pair to increase his A-Sun leading total to 22 in 11 1/3 innings. As a staff, Mercer struck out nine batters and walked three.

Jeremy Compton (0-3) was tagged with the loss after going 6 1/3 innings and allowing three earned runs on seven hits. He struck out three and walked one batter.

Mercer 5, Georgia State 1

Mercer.....001 100 300 - 5 12 0
Georgia State.....000 010 000 - 1 3 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Patterson; Quarles (3); Shaw (5); J.C. Daugherty (5); Ja. Lowey (7); Webster (8); Gearrin (9).

Georgia State - Compton; Bowling (7); Dooley (7).
Win - Patterson (1-0)
Loss - Compton (0-3)
T - 2:18 A - 213
HR MER - Renfroe (2).

Game 15

Mercer 6, Samford 4

Mar. 2-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team defeated former conference foe Samford, 6-4, on Friday evening at Claude Smith Field.

Senior Josh Thompson struck first for the Bears (9-6) with his A-Sun leading fourth home run of the season in the first inning. Matt Crawford got things going with a bunt single and proceeded to steal second base. Thompson then laced a two-run shot over the left-center field fence and Tyler Brown tacked on another run in the frame with an RBI-single up the middle, giving Mercer a 3-0 advantage.

Samford (4-6) got on the board with an unearned run in the top of the fourth inning as John Morgan came around to score when Josh Lowey mishandled Bill Whitehead's ground out.

In the fifth inning, Mike Armstrong gave the Bears their second long ball of the game with a jack over the left-center field fence and four batters later Michael Langley scored Steve Karwatt on a two-out single, putting Mercer up 5-1.

Eric Renfroe extended his hitting steak to seven

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games with a lead-off single in the sixth. Following a walk to Thompson, Armstrong delivered again with a run-scoring double to deep center, extending Mercer's lead to five.

The Bulldogs made a game of it with Garrett Rice's three-run home run in the eighth inning, making the score 6-4.

Closer Cory Gearrin closed the door for Mercer picking up his fourth save of the season while registering one strikeout. Gearrin has yet to allow a run in 12 1/3 innings of work this season.

Brantley New (1-2) was solid in six innings giving up only one unearned run on four hits. He struck out five and walking one batter.

Trent Hill (2-1) gave up three earned runs in the first inning, but settled down after that allowing two runs in four more innings of work. He finished his outing with one strikeout and four walks.

"We know we have to play a full nine innings against these guys," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Samford played well and fought hard. It should be two more great games this weekend."

Armstrong finished the game 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored, and Thompson also drove in a pair of runs. Crawford chipped in with a 2-for-3 effort and one run scored, and Brown was 2-for-3 with one run batted in.

Mercer 6, Samford 4

Samford.....000 100 030 - 4 6 0
Mercer.....300 021 00X - 6 10 2

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Ja. Lowey (7); Gearrin (9).
Samford - Hill; Swann (6); Knapp (6).

Win - New (1-2)
Loss - Hill (2-1)
Save - Gearrin (4)
T - 2:36 A - 263

HR MER - Thompson (4); Armstrong (2).
HR SAM - Rice (4).

Game 16

Mercer 13, Samford 0

Mar. 3-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team put together a nine-run first inning and cruised from there in defeating Samford, 13-0, Saturday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. The win marked Mercer's sixth in a row.

"It was just one of those days," said head coach Craig Gibson. "We got the bats going early, got into their bullpen and had a good all-around day."

The Bears (10-6) got things going early with a nine-spot in the first inning on nine hits. For the second straight day, Josh Thompson put Mercer on top in the opening frame. His double off the wall in right-center field plated Matt Crawford.

Following a walk to Mike Armstrong, Steve Karwatt belted a three-run home run over the left-center field fence, giving the Bears an early 4-0 lead. With the jack, Karwatt has hit safely in 10 of his last 11 games.

Michael Langley kept the inning going with his first collegiate extra-base hit, a triple past a diving Bear Burnett in center field, allowing Tyler Brown to score. Langley came around to score when second baseman Parker Gargis mishandled Casey Stuart's ground ball and Eric Renfroe followed with a run

scoring double down the right-field line. With the hit, Renfroe extended his hitting streak to eight games.

Crawford kept the inning going with an RBI-single and Armstrong capped the explosion, scoring Crawford with an opposite-field single.

In the bottom of the third inning, Renfroe tacked on two more runs with a jack over the right-field fence and Karwatt registered his fourth run batted in of the day with a ground out to third base.

One inning later, Mercer added to its lead as Crawford walked with the bases loaded forcing home Langley, making the score 13-0.

Thompson finished the game 3-for-3 with two doubles, one RBI and one home run, and Crawford went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and three runs scored. Renfroe chipped in with a 2-for-3 effort, three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a home run. Langley went 2-for-4 with a double, triple, two runs scored and one run batted in.

Right-hander Boone Webster (3-1) picked up his team-high third win of the season tossing five innings of shutout ball. He allowed four hits and struck out six batters while walking two. J.C. Daugherty, Andy Campbell and Michael Shaw shut down Samford the rest of the way giving Mercer its first shutout of the season.

Samford starter Daniel Payne (0-1) lasted only 2/3 of an inning and gave up eight runs, five earned, on six hits.

Mercer 13, Samford 0

Samford.....000 000 000 - 0 6 1
Mercer.....903 100 00X - 13 14 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; J.C. Daugherty (6);
Campbell (8); Shaw (9).

Samford - Payne; Nichols (1); Forrester (4); Jones (4);
Waite (8).

Win - Webster (3-1)
Loss - Payne (0-1)
T - 2:22 A - 217

HR MER - Renfroe (3); Karwatt (2).

Game 17

Samford 4, Mercer 2

Mar. 4-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball team had its six-game winning streak snapped with a 4-2 loss on Sunday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. Billy Shaughnessy went 4-for-4, but the Bears managed only four other hits and stranded 10 runners on base.

"You have got to give them credit," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Their starter pitched well and we knew they would come to play today."

Samford (5-7) opened the game with a bang as Kyle Krebs took right-hander Justin Boyette's first offering of the day and crushed it over the right-field fence. Two batters later, Parker Gargis belted a ball over the left-field fence, giving the Bulldogs an early 2-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs tacked on another run in the third inning when Krebs led off the frame getting hit by a Boyette pitch. Krebs advanced to third on Michael Marseco's single to left and scored on a double play ball by Gargis.

Mercer (10-7) answered back in its half of the third, narrowing the deficit to two runs on Josh Thompson's RBI-single up the middle.

Following a pair of scoreless frames, Samford increased its lead to 4-1 when Bear Burnett scored on wild pitch.

The Bears cut the lead in half in the eighth as Shaughnessy delivered a run-scoring single down the right-field line, but Mercer stranded runners at second and third to end the inning.

Boyette (1-2) was tagged with loss working six innings and allowing four earned runs on six hits. He struck out three batters and walked none. Josh Lowey pitched three innings of scoreless relief recording three strikeouts.

Left-hander Josh Ehmke (2-1), a 2006 third team All-American, tossed a solid game for Samford. The crafty southpaw threw 7 2/3 innings and gave up two earned runs on six hits. He fanned seven batters and walked five. Closer Joseph Edens picked up his fourth save of season with a scoreless ninth inning.

Samford 4, Mercer 2

Samford.....201 001 000 - 4 7 0
Mercer.....001 000 010 - 2 8 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Jo. Lowey (7).
Samford - Ehmke; Knapp (8); Edens (9).

Win - Ehmke (2-1)
Loss - Boyette (1-2)
Save - Edens (4)
T - 2:11 A - 209

HR SAM - Krebs (1); Gargis (4).

Game 18

Mercer 13, Western Carolina 10

Mar. 7-Cullowhee, N.C.
Moore-Kittles Field

CULLOWHEE, N.C. - The Mercer (11-7) baseball squad put together a 10-run fourth inning and held on for a 13-10 win over Western Carolina on Wednesday afternoon at Ronnie Childress Field.

Steve Karwatt led the attack going 3-for-5 with five RBIs, three runs scored and a pair of home runs. Jason Lowey chipped in with 2-for-4 effort and added four RBIs, two runs scored and a home run. Tyler Brown registered three hits in the game, and Josh Thompson and Matt Crawford each recorded two.

Western Carolina out-hit Mercer 20-15, but stranded 15 runners on base and the Bears left only four on.

The Catamounts (7-5) took an early lead as their first three batters reached in the first inning. Barrett Shaft and Nick Liles recorded back-to-back singles, and right-hander David Harden walked Jonathan Greene to load the bases with no outs. Harden allowed a sacrifice fly by Blake Murphy scoring Shaft, but escaped further damage with a caught stealing and strikeout.

Jason Lowey evened the score with his first home run of the season, a solo shot to lead off the third inning.

Western Carolina used a pair of singles and a double to deep left field in taking back the lead, 3-1, in its half of the third.

One inning later, the Bears exploded plating 10 runs in the frame. Thompson tallied his A-Sun leading fifth home run of the season over the purple monster in left field to open the frame. Right-hander Tyler Johnson walked the next batter, Mike Armstrong, and Karwatt and Brown followed with a pair of singles, loading the bases with nobody out.

Billy Shaughnessy produced Mercer's third con-

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secutive hit in the inning, driving in Armstrong and tying up the score at three. The next batter, Jason Lowey, delivered a big blow in the inning with a bases-clearing double to left-center field, giving the Bears a 6-3 advantage.

Crawford tacked on another run with an RBI-bunt single down the first-base line and Armstrong added a run-scoring single. The bunt hit was Crawford's fifth of the season. Steve Karwatt followed with another big blast, a three-run home run extending Mercer's lead to eight runs.

The high-scoring affair continued in the bottom of the fourth as Kenny Smith belted a two-run shot. Following a walk and wild pitch, Liles notched an RBI-double and John Ingram knocked in Liles with a single through the left side of the infield. A walk with the bases loaded by Steven Strausbaugh forced in a run and Smith drove in his third run of the inning with an infield single, pulling the Catamounts within two runs.

In the sixth inning, Karwatt notched his second round-tripper of the game with a two-run blast over the left-field fence, widening the Bears' lead to four.

Western Carolina narrowed the gap to three runs on Andy John's pinch-hit RBI-single in the eighth inning.

Cory Gearrin entered the game in the ninth and picked up his fifth save of the season. He tossed a scoreless inning while striking out two batters. Gearrin has yet to allow a run and has 25 strikeouts in 13 1/3 innings of work this season.

Harden went three innings and gave up five runs on eight hits while striking out three batters. Andy Campbell (2-0) picked up the win throwing 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Johnson (0-2) was tagged with the loss allowing six runs on five hits in three innings of work. He struck out two and walked a pair.

Mercer 13, Western Carolina 10

Mercer.....001 (10)02 000 - 13 15 0
Western Carolina.....102 6 00 010 - 10 20 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Harden; Quarles (4); Campbell (4); Jo. Lowey (6); Gearrin (9).

Western Carolina - Johnson; Nelson (4); Ottone (5); Corbett (7); Larrimore (9).

Win - Campbell (2-0)

Loss - Johnson (0-2)

Save - Gearrin (5)

T - 2:56 A - 106

HR MER - Ja. Lowey (1); Thompson (5); Karwatt 2 (4).

HR WCU - Smith (5).

Game 19

Mercer 5, Florida A&M 3

Mar. 9-Tallahassee, Fla.

Moore-Kittles Field

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Mercer baseball squad won its fourth straight road contest with a 5-3 victory over Florida A&M on Friday afternoon at Moore-Kittles Field. Matt Crawford led the way scoring a pair of runs and the junior college transfer added a two-run round tripper, giving the Bears life late in the game.

"We played hard for nine innings today and took advantage of our opportunities late," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Brantley (New) came out and threw well for us.

Mercer (12-7) garnered an unearned run in the opening frame to take an early lead. Crawford reached base on an error by shortstop Adam Gordon and stole home on an attempted double steal. On the play, Mike Armstrong broke from first drawing a throw to second base and while Gordon looked Armstrong back, Crawford swiped home giving the Bears a 1-0 advantage.

Florida A&M (1-17) evened up the score at one run apiece in the third inning when Stanley Gnat led off with a home run just over the wall in left-center field. FAMU took the lead on an unearned run later in the frame as Darryl Evans came around to score on a throwing error by second baseman Michael Langley.

FAMU tacked on another run in the fifth inning on a nicely executed suicide squeeze to take a 3-1 advantage. Gnat led off the frame with a double and scored on Jared Jeffries bunt down the first-base line.

The Bears got their bats going in the seventh inning playing a pair of runs. Following a lead-off single by Langley, Crawford delivered a two-run homer knotting the score at three.

In the eighth inning, the Bears regained the lead on a run-scoring triple by Jason Lowey. Langley then followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Lowey and extending Mercer's lead at 5-3.

Closer Cory Gearrin entered the game in the bottom of the eighth and picked up his sixth save in as many chances. Gearrin still has yet to give up a run in 14 1/3 innings this season and struck out four, raising his season total to 29.

Josh Thompson went 2-for-3 with two walks and Billy Shaughnessy finished the game 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Right-hander Brantley New (2-2) won his second consecutive start allowing three runs, two earned, on eight hits in seven innings of work. The senior tied a career high with nine strikeouts and he walked one.

Left-hander Ben Baylor (0-4) had his second hard-luck decision against the Bears giving up five runs, four earned, in nine innings. He allowed eight hits and two walks while striking out three.

Mercer 5, FAMU 3

Mercer.....100 000 220 - 5 8 1
Florida A&M.....002 010 000 - 3 8 4

Pitchers: Mercer - New; Gearrin (8).

FAMU - Baylor.

Win - New (2-2)

Loss - Baylor (0-4)

Save - Gearrin (6)

T - 2:06 A - 61

HR MER - Crawford (1).

HR FAMU - Knat (1).

Game 20

Mercer 5, Florida A&M 2

Mar. 9-Tallahassee, Fla.

Moore-Kittles Field

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Mercer (13-7) baseball squad defeated Florida A&M, 5-2, on Saturday afternoon at Moore-Kittles Field. The Bears put together a three-run fourth inning and added two runs in the ninth as they won for the 10th time in their last 12 contests.

The game was a pitcher's duel early on as the contest remained scoreless through three innings. Mike Armstrong broke the tie in the fourth with an RBI-

double scoring Tyler Brown on the play. Following a bunt single and stolen base by Billy Shaughnessy, John Dortch came up big with a two-run single giving Mercer a 3-0 advantage.

FAMU (1-18) recorded its first run of the game when Corey McFadden delivered a two-out, run-scoring single in the bottom of the sixth.

One inning later, the Rattlers narrowed the margin to one run with a run-scoring single up the middle by Jared Jeffries, but that is the closest they would get.

The Bears tacked on some insurance in the final inning as Shaughnessy led off with a single and Dortch bunted his way on base. Following an intentional walk, Andrew Einert recorded a pinch-hit, two-run single making the score 5-3.

Closer Cory Gearrin closed the door once again notching his seventh save of the season while pitching the final two innings. The junior struck out two, giving him 31 on the year, and has yet to allow a run in 17 1/3 innings this season.

Shaughnessy went 3-for-4 with a double and scored two runs while John Dortch was also 3-for-4 with a pair of RBIs and a run scored. Josh Thompson extended his hitting streak to nine games with a single in the first inning and Brown finished the game 2-for-4 with a walk and run scored.

Right-hander Boone Webster (4-1) started the game sharp not allowing a hit until the fourth inning. The junior college transfer allowed one run on three hits in six innings of work. He fanned five batters and walked four.

Right-hander Chad Smith (0-6) was tagged with the loss tossing 8 2/3 innings of five-run, 13-hit ball. Smith recorded no strikeouts and walked two.

Mercer 5, FAMU 2

Mercer.....000 300 002 - 5 13 0
Florida A&M.....000 001 100 - 2 6 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Daugherty (7); Patterson (8); Gearrin (8).

FAMU - Smith; Thomas (9).

Win - Webster (4-1)

Loss - Smith (0-6)

Save - Gearrin (7)

T - 2:20 A - 65

Game 21

Mercer 12, Florida A&M 2

Mar. 9-Tallahassee, Fla.

Moore-Kittles Field

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The Bears notched their fourth straight win with a 12-2 victory over Florida A&M on Sunday afternoon at Moore-Kittles Field. Mercer benefited from five FAMU errors and has now won 11 of its last 13 contests.

Mercer (14-7) took advantage of a pair of Florida A&M miscues to take a first-inning 1-0 lead. Matt Crawford reached on an error to open the game. He then stole second base and advanced to third on an error on the play. Crawford eventually came around to score on Josh Thompson's double-play ball.

The Bears broke the game open with a five-run second inning. Nick DiMauro opened the scoring when he delivered a run-scoring single through the right side of the infield and John Dortch scored on the play due to a throwing error by right fielder Jared Grace. Crawford then notched a sacrifice fly knocking in Jason Lowey and Josh Thompson extended his

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hitting streak to 10 games with an RBI-single. Mike Armstrong capped the output driving in Thompson with a single up the middle.

In the fifth inning, Mercer added to its lead after loading the bases with one out. Jason Lowey recorded a bases-clearing double, giving the Bears a 9-0 advantage.

Richard Bentley notched his first hit as a Bear in the seventh inning, driving in Steve Karwatt and giving Mercer a 10-run lead.

One frame later, DiMauro and Bentley each garnered their second RBIs on the day, putting the Bears up 12-0.

FAMU (1-19) plated its first runs of the game in its half of the eighth as David James registered a run-scoring double and Thaddous McBurrows knocked in James with a base hit.

Tyler Brown performed well over the weekend and went 2-for-2 with a double on get-away day. Armstrong finished the game 3-for-3 with a double, run batted in and scored a run. Karwatt crossed the plate four times and Dortch scored three runs. Jason Lowey chipped in with three RBIs.

Right-hander Justin Boyette (2-2) had a solid outing tossing five innings of shutout, three-hit ball. The junior college transfer struck out four batters and walked none.

Right-hander Austin Dill (0-2) did not receive much help from his defense as he allowed six runs, all of which were unearned. Dill gave up six hits and one walk in 1 2/3 innings of work.

Mercer 12, FAMU 2

Mercer.....150 030 120 - 12 13 0

Florida A&M.....000 000 020 - 2 9 5

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Quarles (6); Shaw (7); Patterson (8); Lowey (9).

FAMU - Dill; Patton (2); Cook (6); Birch (7); Reed (9).

Win - Boyette (2-0)

Loss - Dill (0-2)

T - 2:37 A - 87

Game 22

Mercer 7, Campbell 3

Mar. 16-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer Bears opened conference play with a 7-3 win over Campbell on Friday evening at Claude Smith Field. The victory marked Mercer's fifth consecutive win as the Camels out-hit the Bears 13-10, but 12 of their hits were singles and Mercer registered four extra-base hits.

The Bears (15-7, 1-0 A-Sun) took an early 1-0 lead as Eric Renfroe led off the bottom of the first inning with his fourth home run of the season over the right-center field fence.

Two innings later, Mercer plated a pair of runs in taking a three-run advantage. John Dortch led off the frame with a double, but the next two batters were unable to move him over to third. With two outs, Shaughnessy worked the count drawing a walk and Dortch moved to third on a wild pitch. Josh Thompson then delivered a two-out double that scored both Dortch and Shaughnessy.

Mercer tacked on two more runs in its half of the fourth when Mike Armstrong crossed the plate on Jason Lowey's double-play ground out and Michael

Langley notched a run-scoring single, extending the lead to 5-0.

Campbell (4-16, 0-1 A-Sun) got its first run on the board in the fifth inning with a RBI single from Carlton Floyd, his third single of the game.

Dortch picked up a big two-out, two-run single in the eighth, giving the Bears a six-run lead they would not relinquish.

The Fighting Camels showed fight in the final frame when Rob Lyerly jacked a two-run homer to straightaway-center field.

Right-hander Brantley New (3-2) scattered eight hits and gave up one run over six innings of work. The hard-throwing senior struck out four and walked one.

Campbell starter Justin Lilly (0-1) allowed seven runs on 10 hits in a career-high eight innings. Lilly fanned six and walked two batters.

Dortch led the way going 3-for-4 with a double, two runs scored, a pair of RBIs and a stolen base, and Armstrong scored a pair of runs giving him 23 on the year.

Mercer 7, Campbell 3

Campbell.....000 010 002 - 3 13 0

Mercer.....102 200 02X - 7 10 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New; J.C. Daugherty (7); Jo. Lowey (8); Campbell (9); Patterson (9).

Campbell - Lilly.

Win - New (3-2)

Loss - Lilly (0-1)

T - 2:24 A - 211

HR MER - Renfroe (4).

HR CAM - Lyerly (1).

Games 23-24

Mercer 8, Campbell 2

Mercer 12, Campbell 3

Mar. 17-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball squad swept a doubleheader over Campbell on Saturday afternoon at Claude Smith Field. The Bears won going away in game one, 8-2, and capped the day with an 12-3 win. Mercer has now won seven consecutive games and 14 of its last 16 contests.

In game one, Mercer right-hander Boone Webster cruised through six innings allowing no runs on two hits. At one point the junior college transfer set down 14 batters in a row.

The Bears (17-7, 3-0 A-Sun) put together a two-out rally in the bottom of the third inning taking a 3-0 advantage. Michael Langley started things with a walk and advanced to third on a double by Eric Renfroe. Billy Shaughnessy then delivered a two-run double down the left field line and scored on a base hit by Josh Thompson.

One inning later, Mercer tacked on a pair of runs extending its lead to five runs. Mike Armstrong led off the frame with a single and came around to score on a base hit from John Dortch. Steve Karwatt scored the Bears second unearned run of the game on a wild pitch by Campbell starter Brandon Scott.

Mercer added another two-out run in the fifth inning as Armstrong laced a run-scoring single to left field and the Bears scored for the fourth straight inning in the sixth when Dortch crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly by Langley.

Campbell (4-18, 0-3 A-Sun) scored its first runs of the game as Jacob Allen and Ryan Hamme recorded back-to-back doubles to open the seventh. Brandon York then notched an RBI single making the score 7-2.

Armstrong sparked another scoring chance in the eighth with a lead-off double down the left field line. Karwatt followed with an infield single, advancing Armstrong to third, and Casey Stuart plated Armstrong with a sacrifice fly.

Shaughnessy led the way in game one going 2-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a double. Armstrong went 3-for-4 with a double, run batted in and scored two runs. Dortch went 2-for-4 with a double, run scored and RBI, and Renfroe also finished the game 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Webster (5-1) had a solid outing throwing seven innings of two-run, six-hit ball. The junior struck out four batters and walked none.

Scott (0-1) was tagged with the loss in his second start of the season. He allowed six runs, four earned, on eight hits in 4 2/3 innings of work. Scott registered one strikeout and walked a pair.

In game two, Campbell wasted no time getting on the scoreboard as the third batter of the game, Hamme, jacked his third round tripper of the season to give the Camels an early one-run lead.

The Bears struck back in their half of the first with a seven-run frame. Renfroe led off with a single and Shaughnessy reached on an error by third baseman Rob Lyerly. Thompson then followed with a big three-run homer to straightaway centerfield, his sixth of the season.

Armstrong followed with a single and two batters later, Karwatt recorded a base hit. After a Dortch ground out, Jason Lowey delivered the Bears second three-run homer of the inning. Campbell committed another error and Renfroe came up with his second hit of the inning, a run-scoring double to right field to cap the scoring.

The Camels did not quit as Jacob Allen led off the fourth inning with a home run to left field, pulling Campbell within five runs.

Mercer added a run in the fifth on Nick DiMauro's RBI single up the middle and tacked on another run an inning later on Armstrong's run-scoring double. Andrew Einert belted a two-run homer off the scoreboard later in the sixth, giving the Bears' an 11-2 lead.

Campbell scored its final run of the game in the seventh as Hamme plated Brandon Scott with a base hit.

Langley picked up his second run batted in on the day extending the Mercer lead to nine runs after seven innings of play.

Right-hander Justin Boyette (3-2) tossed six innings and gave up two runs on five hits. Boyette fanned seven batters and walked none. Cory Gearrin pitched two innings of no-hit, shutout relief. Gearrin registered three strikeouts moving his season total to 34. He has yet to allow a run in 19 1/3 innings and has only given up only one hit.

The Fighting Camels game two starter' Quinn Lesage (0-5) lasted only one inning and gave up seven runs, two earned, on six hits.

Renfroe had another solid game in the second half of the doubleheader reaching all four times at-bat while going 3-for-3 with a run scored, run batted in and one stolen base. Karwatt went 2-for-4 with a double and scored a pair of runs, and Thompson extended his hitting streak to 13 games with his first-inning home run and added a double in the sixth. Armstrong was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI, and

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Jason Lowey provided a 2-for-4 effort with three RBIs and crossed the plate once. Eight of Mercer's nine starters scored a run in the game.

The series sweep by Mercer marked the first time since 1995 that either team has swept the other squad.

Mercer 8, Campbell 2

Campbell.....000 000 200 - 2 7 1
Mercer.....003 211 01X - 8 11 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Ja. Lowey (8).
Campbell - Scott; Martinez (5); Herring (7).
Win - Webster (5-1)
Loss - Scott (0-1)
T - 2:03 A - 173

Mercer 12, Campbell 3

Campbell.....100 100 100 - 3 8 4
Mercer.....700 013 10X - 12 14 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Harden (7); Quarles (7); Gearrin (8).
Campbell - Lesage; England (2); Lehman (7); Ford (7).
Win - Boyette (3-2)
Loss - Lesage (0-5)
T - 2:18 A - 151
HR MER - Thompson (6); Ja. Lowey (2); Einert (1).
HR CAM - Allen (1); Hamme (3).

Game 25

Georgia 9, Mercer 3

Mar. 20-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

ATHENS, Ga. - For the second time this season the University of Georgia defeated Mercer, this time by a score of 9-3 at Foley Field. The loss ended the Bears' seven-game winning streak.

Georgia (9-11) struck first in the bottom of the second inning. Left-hander J.C. Daugherty retired the lead-off man, but the next three batters reached base, loading the bases with only one-out. Center fielder Jonathan Wyatt came up to bat and registered a bases-clearing double, giving the Bulldogs a 3-0 lead.

On the other side, Georgia starter Jason Leaver set down the first six batters he faced and kept the Bears scoreless through three innings. The freshman left-hander left the game with a pair of strikeouts and allowed one hit.

Mercer (17-8) got things going in the fourth as Josh Thompson notched an infield single, extending his hitting streak to 14 games, and Mike Armstrong followed with a base hit up the middle. Tyler Brown then plated both Thompson and Armstrong with a double down the left-field line and John Dortch stayed hot with a two-out, RBI double tying the game at three runs apiece.

The 'Dogs answered back in their half of the fifth as designated hitter Joey Lewis notched a two-run double, closing the book on Daugherty. The Bears escaped further damage as relief pitcher Josh Lowey struck out Wyatt with the bases loaded to end the frame, keeping Mercer within two runs.

Daugherty (0-1) allowed five runs on six hits in four innings of work. The senior fanned four batters and walked four as well.

Gordon Beckham extended the Georgia lead to three with a solo home run in the sixth inning. The

jack was Beckham's team-high fourth of the season.

Georgia tacked on some insurance in seventh as Jake Crane notched his second run batted in this year with a single to left field and Wyatt scored Crane with a sacrifice fly, giving the 'Dogs an 8-3 advantage.

Junior Cory Gearrin gave up his first run in 20 1/3 innings of work this season when he hit Crane with the bases loaded in the eighth inning.

Adam McDaniel (1-0) picked up the win tossing two innings of shutout, one-hit ball. The senior right-hander struck out one and walked none.

Dortch led the way for the Bears with a 3-for-4 effort including a double and RBI, and Brown chipped in with a pair of RBIs. Six Mercer starters recorded a hit in the contest.

Georgia 9, Mercer 3

Mercer.....000 300 000 - 3 8 2
Georgia.....030 021 21X - 9 13 0

Pitchers: Mercer - JC Daugherty; Jo. Lowey (5); Quarles (7); Gearrin (8).
Georgia - Leaver; Weaver (4); McDaniel (6); Sebastian (8); Woolley (9).
Win - McDaniel (1-0)
Loss - JC Daugherty (0-1)
T - 2:28 A - 1574
HR UGA - Beckham (4).

Game 26

Stetson 3, Mercer 2

Mar. 23-DeLand, Fla.
Melching Field

DELAND, Fla. - In a battle between two of the top teams in the Atlantic Sun Conference Stetson prevailed in game one, 3-2, on Friday evening at Melching Field.

Stetson (19-7, 3-1 A-Sun) plated the first runs of the game in the second inning as right-hander Brantley New walked the leadoff man, Braedyn Pruitt, and then gave up a base hit to Justin Bass to open the frame. Jeremy Cruz moved the runners over with a ground out and Pruitt scored the first run of the game on a wild pitch. Brian Pruitt then produced a run-scoring single giving the Hatters an early 2-0 advantage.

The Bears (17-9, 3-1 A-Sun) answered back in the third inning cutting the deficit in half. John Dortch extended his hitting streak to eight games with a double to open the frame and he advanced to third on a fly out by Jason Lowey. Michael Langley picked up his eighth RBI of the season with a ground out plating Dortch.

The Hatters managed to score another run in their half of the third on a RBI single from Bass, extending their lead back to two runs.

Following a pair of scoreless innings Mercer had a chance to knot the score in the sixth, but they stranded runners at second and third keeping the score 3-1.

Mercer did not quit tallying a run in the eighth on Tyler Brown's RBI single up the middle off of Robbie Elsemillier, the A-Sun leader in saves. Elsemillier rebounded in the ninth setting the Bears down in order to pick up his 10th save.

Josh Thompson moved his hitting streak to 15 games with a single in the fourth inning and garnered another hit in the eighth. Dortch notched the only extra base hit of the game.

New (3-3) allowed three runs on five hits in eight

innings of work. He struck out eight and walked three batters.

Right-hander Corey Kluber (5-0) gave up one run on four hits in 7 2/3 innings. Kluber fanned nine and walked a pair.

Stetson 3, Mercer 2

Mercer.....001 000 010 - 2 6 0
Stetson.....021 000 00X - 3 5 1

Pitchers: Mercer - New.
Stetson - Kluber; Elsemillier (8).
Win - Kluber (5-0)
Loss - New (3-3)
Save - Elsemillier (10)
T - 2:14 A - 1605

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Stetson 9, Mercer 1

Mercer 4, Stetson 3

Mar. 24-DeLand, Fla.

Melching Fla.

DELAND, Fla. - After losing the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, 9-1, Mercer rallied for a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Stetson in the series finale at Melching Field.

In the first game of the day the Bears (18-10, 4-2 A-Sun) plated a run in the first inning taking an early lead. Josh Thompson ripped a two-out double down the left field line, extending his hitting streak to 16 games, and Mike Armstrong reached on an error to plate Thompson. Armstrong hit a routine ground ball to second base, but first baseman Justin Bass missed the bag on the play.

Stetson (20-8, 4-2 A-Sun) did not waste anytime answering back with four runs of its own in the bottom half of the first. Shane Jordan led off with an infield single and following a walk, Braedyn Pruitt delivered a RBI single. Then right-hander Boone Webster found himself in a heap of trouble walking consecutive batters, the first loaded the bases and the second forced in a run. Jeremy Cruz delivered the big blow with a two-run double to deep center field and another walk forced Webster to leave the game without making it out of the first inning.

In the second inning, Bass recorded a run-scoring single off of relief pitcher David Harden and Cruz scored Braedyn Pruitt with a base hit later in the frame extending the Hatters' lead to five runs.

Stetson added to its lead when Braedyn Pruitt garnered a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Josh Clendenin garnered a run-scoring single in the eighth.

The Bears had their chances placing a runner in scoring position in every inning except for four frames, but Stetson kept Mercer at bay the rest of the game. The Hatters also stranded 14 batters of their own.

Casey Stuart and Eric Renfroe each notched doubles for the Bears, and Billy Shaughnessy went 2-for-3 with a walk.

Webster (5-2) gave up four runs on three hits while striking out one and walking four in 1/3 of an inning.

Left-hander Chris Ingoglia (4-2) tossed a complete game one-run, six-hitter. The senior southpaw struck out a pair and walked two.

Stetson jumped out quickly in the second game of the twin bill as Cruz notched his fifth run batted in on the day with a two-run single in the second inning.

The Bears put together a two-out rally in the fourth

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cutting the deficit in half. Steve Karwatt recorded a double and Shaughnessy followed with a RBI single.

In the fifth inning, Bass put the Hatters back up by two with a run-scoring single up the middle.

Mercer showed life in the top of the seventh putting runners at first and second with two outs. Stetson brought in closer Robbie Elsemiller (1-1), the A-Sun leader in saves, but Thompson kept his hitting streak alive with a two-run double down the left field line knotting the score at three. The Bears kept it going as Tyler Brown followed with a single and Armstrong came through with a go-ahead RBI single. It was Elsemiller's first blown save this season.

Cory Gearrin made his entrance for the first time in the series in the bottom of the seventh and proceeded to pick up his eighth save of the year. The junior closer threw three innings of no-hit, shutout ball. He struck out three and walked two batters.

Karwatt finished the second game 2-for-4 with a double and scored a run, and Renfroe chipped in with a 2-for-5 effort and a run scored.

Right-hander Justin Boyette allowed three runs on five hits in five innings of work. He fanned three batters and walked a pair. Josh Lowey (1-0) picked up the win throwing one scoreless inning while registering two strikeouts.

Stetson starter Justin Dechert gave up one run on five hits in 6 1/3 innings. Dechert recorded three strikeouts and walked none.

Stetson 9, Mercer 1

Mercer.....100 000 000 - 1 6 2
Stetson.....420 000 21X - 9 14 2

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Harden (1); Patterson (6); Shaw (8).

Stetson - Ingoglia.
Win - Ingoglia (4-2)
Loss - Webster (5-2)
T - 2:43 A - 1530
HR STET - Bra. Pruitt (5).

Mercer 4, Stetson 3

Mercer.....000 100 300 - 4 11 3
Stetson.....020 010 000 - 3 5 0

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; Jo. Lowey (6); Gearrin (7).

Stetson - Dechert; Thompson (7); Elsemiller (7).
Win - Jo. Lowey (1-0)
Loss - Elsemiller (1-1)
Save - Gearrin (8)
T - 2:45 A - 1530

Game 29

Auburn 5, Mercer 1

Mar. 27-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Led by Mike Bianucci's three hits and four RBIs, Auburn defeated Mercer 5-1 on Tuesday evening at Claude Smith Field.

Mercer evened the score at one in the fourth inning, but Auburn took over from there plating the final four runs in the game. The Bears out-hit the Tigers 8-7, but stranded eight runners on base.

"You have to give them credit, their middle of the lineup stepped up," said head coach Craig Gibson. "Our middle part of the order has not been getting it

done lately."

Auburn (19-9) grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first as Mike Bianucci recorded a run-scoring single up the middle.

The Bears (18-11) had a chance to tie things up in the first two frames, but Josh Thompson and Casey Stuart were thrown out at home in consecutive innings by Bianucci from left field both times.

Mercer played small ball to tie the game at one in the fourth inning. Billy Shaughnessy led off with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by John Dortch. Following a wild pitch by Auburn starter Taylor Thompson that moved Shaughnessy to third base, Stuart delivered with an RBI-double.

The Tigers went back on top in the fifth inning, 3-1, when Bianucci's knocked in another run on a base hit and a sacrifice fly by Joseph Sanders that scored Josh Donaldson.

Stuart was robbed of his third hit in the sixth when second baseman Robert Brooks made an over the shoulder catch while falling to the ground, stranding Steve Karwatt on base.

Bianucci struck again in the seventh belting a two-run homer over the left field fence giving Auburn a decisive 5-1 advantage.

"The lead off walks hurt us," added Gibson. "I am disappointed because I felt if we could keep it close and get to (Cory) Gearrin late, we would have a chance."

Left-hander Blake Quarles went two innings and allowed one run on two hits. The senior southpaw struck out two and walked a pair. Jason Lowey (0-1) followed with 2 1/3 innings of two-run relief and Boone Webster tossed two innings of two-hit, two-run ball in the staff outing. Josh Lowey took over in the seventh and gave up one hit while striking out one in 2/3 of an inning.

Cory Gearrin entered the game in the eighth and fired a pair of scoreless frames. The junior closer registered five strikeouts, moving his season total to 42.

Taylor Thompson (3-0) allowed one run on six hits in a career-high six innings of work. The freshman hurler fanned two batters and walked four.

Thompson extended his hitting streak to 18 games with a first-inning single and Stuart finished the game 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Auburn 5, Mercer 1

Auburn.....100 020 200 - 5 7 1
Mercer.....000 100 000 - 1 8 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Quarles; Ja. Lowey (3); Webster (5); Jo. Lowey (7); Gearrin (8).

Auburn - Thompson; Woodall (7); Greinke (8).
Win - Thompson (3-0)
Loss - Ja. Lowey (0-1)
T - 2:38 A - 831
HR AUB - Bianucci (7).

Game 30

Mercer 5, Jacksonville 4 (13 Inn.)

Mar. 30-Macon, Ga.
Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - Down 4-3 to A-Sun foe Jacksonville in the bottom of the ninth inning, Mercer was able to tie the score with an RBI-single by Mike Armstrong and Steve Karwatt capped the comeback with a run-scoring single in the 13th inning, giving the Bears a 5-4 win on Friday evening at Claude Smith Field.

"We made some mistakes, but we fought hard and were fortunate to survive this one," said head coach Craig Gibson. "We were confident with Steve (Karwatt) at the plate in that situation, even with two strikes we were confident he would get a good part of the bat on the ball."

The Bears tied up the game at four in the ninth as JU closer Matt Davis blew his first save of the season in five tries. Billy Shaughnessy led off the inning with a double down the right-field line and Josh Thompson advanced him to third with a ground out. Armstrong then scored Shaughnessy with a base hit up the middle.

Mercer (19-11, 4-3 A-Sun) was the beneficiary of 11 walks and managed 16 hits in the contest, but stranded 17 runners on base and made four outs on the base paths including two caught stealing, one pick off and had a runner gunned down at third base.

The Bears' pitching staff did an outstanding job as three pitchers combined to limit the Dolphins to one hit in the last eight innings of the ball game.

Thompson led the way for the Bears with a 3-for-5 effort and one run scored. Mike Armstrong chipped in going 4-for-6 with two RBIs and scored a run, and Andrew Einert, making his second start of the season, went 2-for-4 with a run batted in and crossed the plate once. Karwatt and Jason Lowey each went 2-for-5 as Karwatt drove in two runs.

Jacksonville (17-16, 2-5 A-Sun) took an early 2-0 lead in the opening inning on Mike McCallister's second home run this season. The two-run shot cleared the right-center field fence just in front of the scoreboard.

Mercer answered back with two runs of its own in the bottom half of the first as Armstrong and Einert notched back-to-back run-scoring doubles. Thompson singled in the frame to extend his hitting streak to 19 games.

The Dolphins took the lead right back an inning later stringing together four singles. Logan James and Pete Clifford each delivered RBI-singles in the frame.

In the seventh inning the Bears put together a rally, but left the bases loaded. They nearly put together a crooked number on the scoreboard as Karwatt roped a long foul ball that soared just outside the foul pole in left field and John Dortch placed a ball just foul down the left-field line.

Right-hander Brantley New allowed four runs on seven hits in the first two innings, but settled down after that tossing five shutout frames while striking out seven batters. The senior ace finished the game with nine strikeouts for the sixth time in his career.

Cory Gearrin (3-0) had his usual dominating stuff throwing five innings of one-hit, scoreless relief. The junior closer fanned a career-high six batters and walked one.

On the other side, Jacksonville right-hander Justin Young gave up two runs in the opening inning, but was solid over the next four frames setting down 12 of the 16 batters he faced. Young left the game in the sixth after allowing an RBI-double to deep left center by Karwatt, cutting the Mercer' deficit to one run.

Young completed his outing with six strikeouts and a pair of walks while giving up three runs on nine hits.

Davis (0-1) performed well following the ninth frame giving up two runs on five hits in 5 2/3 innings of work. He struck out five and walked four.

Mercer 5, Jacksonville (13 Inn.)

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Jacksonville.....220 000 000 000 0 - 4 9 0
Mercer.....200 001 001 000 1 - 5 16 0

Pitchers: Mercer - New; JC Daugherty (8); Gearrin (9).
Jacksonville - Young; Brown (6); Witkowski (7); Rapoza (7); Davis (8).
Win - Gearrin (3-0)
Loss - Davis (0-1)
T - 4:17 A - 281
HR JAX - McCallister (2).

Games 31-32

Jacksonville 5, Mercer 0

Mercer 7, Jacksonville 6 (10 Inn.)

Mar. 31-Macon, Ga.

Claude Smith Field

MACON, Ga. - The Mercer baseball squad dropped the front end of Saturday's doubleheader 5-0 at Claude Smith Field, but rebounded for a come-from-behind 7-6 win in 10 innings in the second game of the day.

For the second time in three games, the Bears trailed entering their final at-bat and this time Eric Renfroe delivered a game-tying two-run homer to knot the score at five. The Dolphins scored a run in the top of the 10th to take a 6-5 lead, but Mercer battled back again scoring an unearned run to tie the game and Jason Lowey walked with the bases loaded to force in a run and secure the win. A strong pitching performance by JU right-hander Matt Gardner helped propel the Dolphins to a 5-0 in game one.

Mercer (20-12, 6-3 A-Sun) was never able to get anything going in game one putting together only four base hits, all singles. The Bears only had two runners reach third base in the contest. Gardner (3-2) had a spectacular outing as he tossed a five-hit, complete-game shutout. The junior fanned a pair of Bears and issued one free pass.

The second game featured a battle between two teams primed to compete for the conference title this season as Mercer came out on top to win the series. The Bears foiled their chances in the early going by grounding into three double plays and the Dolphins took advantage of their opportunities hitting .313 with runners in scoring position in the contest.

In the first game of the twin bill, both starting pitchers had it working early as Mercer' starter Boone Webster gave up only two hits in the first four frames and Gardner no-hit the Bears through three innings.

The Bears had their first scoring chance in the fourth inning as Billy Shaughnessy and Mike Armstrong garnered back-to-back singles, putting runners on the corners with one out. Andrew Einert and Steve Karwatt followed with a pair of fly outs to left field to end the frame.

An inning later the Dolphins (19-16, 4-5 A-Sun) put the first runs of the game on the board as Pete Clifford belted his fifth home run this season, a two-run shot over the right-center field fence. JU added to its lead on Jimmy Potucek's solo home run in the sixth inning.

In the eighth, Kevin Ferreira added an RBI-single and Ferreira came around to score when Shaughnessy let Matt Lopez's ground ball skip underneath his glove to give the Dolphins a 5-0 lead they would not relinquish.

Webster (5-3) allowed five runs, four earned, on nine hits in 7 2/3 innings of work. The junior struck

out five and walked four batters.

The Dolphins jumped out quickly in the opening inning of game two plating a pair of runs. Clifford started the scoring with a run-scoring single. The second run came courtesy of a crazy play as Ryan McArdle roped a double to left-center field, but the Bears were able to gun down Clifford at home on the play. McArdle advanced to third on the throw home and scored an unearned run when Karwatt was unable to hold onto Josh Thompson's snap throw.

The Bears were able to score their first runs of the day in the bottom of the second. Karwatt got things going with an RBI-double to the gap and following a base hit by John Dortch, two batters later Nick DiMauro drove home Einert with a base hit to center field, evening the score at two runs apiece.

Jacksonville had a chance to re-take the lead an inning later as they had the bases loaded with only one out and cleanup hitter McArdle at the dish, but right-hander Justin Boyette induced a 1-2-3 double play to end the frame.

JU grabbed the lead back, 3-2, when Lopez crossed the plate on Chuck Opachich's fielder's choice ground out in the fifth. The Dolphins added to their advantage an inning later on a run-scoring single from John Tiner.

The Dolphins added more insurance in the eighth on an RBI-double from Potucek making the score 5-2.

Mercer started to chip away in its half of the eighth narrowing the deficit to two runs on a sacrifice fly by Karwatt that plated Armstrong on the play.

Josh Lowey (2-0) tossed 2 2/3 innings of one-run, two-hit relief to help set up the Mercer heroics.

Boyette settled down after allowing two runs, one earned, on two hits and a walk in the first inning. He gave up two runs on seven hits the rest of the way. The junior college transfer finished his outing with four strikeouts and two walks in six innings of work.

JU starter Carson Andrew did not last long going one inning while giving up two runs on four hits. Preseason all-conference selection Matt Dobbins came in and threw 4 1/3 innings of two-hit, shutout relief. Dobbins fanned three batters and walked four in his appearance.

The Dolphins had to go deep into their bullpen using seven pitchers in the game, but Glenn Witkowski (3-3) was charged with the loss allowing a pair of runs, one earned, on two hits.

Karwatt led the way in game two going 3-for-4 with a double, scored a run and produced two RBIs. Einert chipped in with a 2-for-3 effort while crossing the plate once and stroking a double.

Jacksonville 5, Mercer 0

Jacksonville.....000 021 020 - 5 9 0
Mercer.....000 000 000 - 0 5 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Webster; Harden (8).
Jacksonville - Gardner.
Win - Gardner (3-2)
Loss - Webster (5-3)
T - 2:17 A - 232
HR JAX - Clifford (5); Potucek (1).

Mercer 7, Jacksonville 6 (10 Inn.)

Jacksonville.....200 011 010 1 - 6 13 3
Mercer.....020 000 012 2 - 7 12 1

Pitchers: Mercer - Boyette; JC Daugherty (7); Jo.

Lowey (7).

Jacksonville - Andrew; Dobbins (2); Ackley (6); Yates (8); Brown (9); Witkowski (10); Rapoza (10).

Win - Jo. Lowey (2-0)
Loss - Witkowski (3-3)
T - 3:27 A - 232
HR MER - Renfroe (5).



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Overall Statistics for Mercer (as of Apr 02, 2007)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 20-12 Home: 11-4 Away: 9-8 Conference: 6-3

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
THOMPSON, Josh.....	.350	32-32	123	20	43	11	1	6	28	74	.602	21	1	25	0	.442	2	0	0-1	208	23	2	.991
DORTCH, John.....	.349	29-24	86	16	30	9	0	1	9	42	.488	2	3	11	0	.385	0	3	4-6	26	1	1	.964
ARMSTRONG, Mike.....	.312	32-32	125	31	39	11	0	2	19	56	.448	8	8	13	0	.387	1	0	3-3	272	11	1	.996
KARWATT, Steven.....	.305	29-28	105	20	32	8	1	4	18	54	.514	12	4	23	0	.393	1	0	0-0	23	44	4	.944
SHAUGHNESSY, Billy..	.300	32-32	110	15	33	7	0	1	15	43	.391	12	1	15	0	.371	1	10	7-9	39	86	6	.954
RENFROE, Eric.....	.262	30-29	107	22	28	6	0	5	14	49	.458	13	3	11	0	.358	0	2	5-7	74	2	1	.987
BROWN, Tyler.....	.220	30-27	100	10	22	5	0	1	9	30	.300	17	1	14	0	.339	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000

GEARRIN, Cory.....	1.000	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	1	7	0	1.000
CRAWFORD, Matt.....	.320	19-13	50	16	16	1	0	1	10	20	.400	11	0	4	0	.435	1	2	7-10	22	0	2	.917
MCCARTY, Tyler.....	.313	5-5	16	3	5	1	0	0	1	6	.375	3	0	1	0	.421	0	0	0-0	6	14	1	.952
HEINERT, Andrew.....	.292	11-4	24	3	7	1	0	1	5	11	.458	3	0	1	1	.370	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
LOWEY, Jason.....	.228	23-21	79	10	18	5	1	2	14	31	.392	5	2	14	0	.287	1	0	0-2	34	8	1	.977
LOWEY, Josh.....	.227	13-7	22	0	5	1	0	0	1	6	.273	0	1	2	1	.261	0	0	0-1	4	5	3	.750
LANGLEY, Michael....	.220	26-18	59	5	13	1	2	0	8	18	.305	3	1	12	0	.262	2	2	1-1	35	66	3	.971
DIMAURO, Nick.....	.192	17-6	26	2	5	1	0	0	5	6	.231	2	1	2	0	.276	0	1	0-1	15	23	4	.905
STUART, Casey.....	.171	15-9	35	4	6	3	0	0	2	9	.257	1	0	13	0	.189	1	1	1-1	63	5	1	.986
JARVIS, Mark.....	.125	15-1	16	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.125	3	0	8	0	.263	0	0	0-0	9	1	0	1.000
BENTLEY, Richard....	.125	18-0	8	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	.125	1	0	1	0	.222	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
DAUGHERTY, John.....	.083	12-0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.083	1	1	5	0	.214	0	0	0-0	13	1	0	1.000
PEYATT, Travis.....	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.278	32-32	1105	180	307	71	5	24	162	460	.416	118	28	175	2	.359	10	21	28-42	855	335	35	.971
Opponents.....	.270	32-32	1095	144	296	40	2	17	128	391	.357	102	36	262	0	.349	9	23	33-43	849	348	47	.962

LOB - Team (254), Opp (266). DPs turned - Team (22), Opp (29). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (8), THOMPSON 4, ARMSTRONG 1, LOWEY,JA 1, CRAWFORD 1, BROWN 1, Opp (7). Picked off - DORTCH 2, SHAUGHNESSY 1, LOWEY,JO 1, ARMSTRONG 1, THOMPSON 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
BOYETTE, Justin.....	3.40	3-2	8	7	1	0/0	0	45.0	45	19	17	6	35	8	0	4	172	.262	1	6	0	0	3
NEW, Brantley.....	3.95	3-3	10	9	1	0/0	0	57.0	61	28	25	11	55	5	0	3	221	.276	9	6	1	0	7
WEBSTER, Boone.....	3.98	5-3	11	7	0	0/1	0	43.0	48	20	19	21	33	8	0	3	169	.284	3	2	0	1	2

GEARRIN, Cory.....	0.30	3-0	17	0	0	0/0	8	30.1	5	1	1	17	48	0	0	0	89	.056	1	5	0	0	3
LOWEY, Josh.....	2.29	2-0	11	0	0	0/0	0	19.2	20	5	5	4	19	3	0	1	73	.274	2	2	0	0	2
PATTERSON, Scott....	4.35	1-0	7	1	0	0/0	0	10.1	9	6	5	9	5	1	0	1	37	.243	0	0	0	1	2
HARDEN, David.....	4.82	1-1	7	2	0	0/0	0	18.2	24	17	10	3	18	5	1	1	79	.304	4	4	0	2	1
DAUGHERTY, J.C.....	5.11	0-1	7	1	0	0/1	0	12.1	13	7	7	5	10	3	0	0	48	.271	0	1	0	1	0
LOWEY, Jason.....	5.25	0-1	8	0	0	0/0	0	12.0	9	8	7	8	13	2	0	1	44	.205	0	4	0	0	1
CAMPBELL, Andy.....	5.27	2-0	8	0	0	0/1	0	13.2	19	9	8	3	8	2	1	3	61	.311	0	3	1	0	0
QUARLES, Blake.....	9.00	0-1	10	4	0	0/0	0	17.0	33	17	17	10	15	3	0	0	77	.429	2	2	0	2	2
SHAW, Michael.....	10.50	0-0	6	1	0	0/1	0	6.0	10	7	7	5	3	0	0	0	25	.400	1	1	0	2	0
Totals.....	4.04	20-12	32	32	2	1/1	8	285.0	296	144	128	102	262	40	2	17	1095	.270	23	36	2	9	23
Opponents.....	4.71	12-20	32	32	6	2/0	6	283.0	307	180	148	118	175	71	5	24	1105	.278	28	28	7	10	21

PB - Team (8), THOMPSON 7, STUART 1, Opp (8). Pickoffs - Team (5), GEARRIN 3, NEW 2, Opp (6). SBA/ATT - THOMPSON (23-31), STUART (10-12), WEBSTER (7-9), NEW (8-9), BOYETTE (3-5), GEARRIN (3-5), DAUGHERTY,JC (3-4), CAMPBELL (3-3), PATTERSON (3-3), HARDEN (0-2), SHAW (2-2), LOWEY,JA (1-1).

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(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	Dps	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
DAUGHERTY, John.....	14	13	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
JARVIS, Mark.....	10	9	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
GEARRIN, Cory.....	8	1	7	0	1.000	0	3	2	.600	0	0
HARDEN, David.....	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	0	2	.000	0	0
PATERSON, Scott....	3	1	2	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
DAUGHERTY, J.C.....	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	3	1	.750	0	0
BENTLEY, Richard....	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
QUARLES, Blake.....	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
BROWN, Tyler.....	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
ARMSTRONG, Mike....	284	272	11	1	.996	22	0	0	---	0	0
THOMPSON, Josh.....	233	208	23	2	.991	2	23	8	.742	7	0
RENFROE, Eric.....	77	74	2	1	.987	0	0	0	---	0	0
STUART, Casey.....	69	63	5	1	.986	0	10	2	.833	1	0
LOWEY, Jason.....	43	34	8	1	.977	1	1	0	1.000	0	0
LANGLEY, Michael....	104	35	66	3	.971	12	0	0	---	0	0
DORTCH, John.....	28	26	1	1	.964	0	0	0	---	0	0
SHAUGHNESSY, Billy..	131	39	86	6	.954	15	0	0	---	0	0
MCCARTY, Tyler.....	21	6	14	1	.952	3	0	0	---	0	0
KARWATT, Steven.....	71	23	44	4	.944	1	0	0	---	0	0
NEW, Brantley.....	15	2	12	1	.933	0	8	1	.889	0	0
CRAWFORD, Matt.....	24	22	0	2	.917	0	0	0	---	0	0
BOYETTE, Justin.....	12	1	10	1	.917	2	3	2	.600	0	0
DIMAURO, Nick.....	42	15	23	4	.905	3	0	0	---	0	0
WEBSTER, Boone.....	7	1	5	1	.857	0	7	2	.778	0	0
LOWEY, Josh.....	12	4	5	3	.750	1	0	0	---	0	0
CAMPBELL, Andy.....	6	0	4	2	.667	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
SHAW, Michael.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
PEYATT, Travis.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
EINERT, Andrew.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	1225	855	335	35	.971	22	33	10	.767	8	0
Opponents.....	1244	849	348	47	.962	29	28	14	.667	8	1

The Automated ScoreBook
 Game Results for Mercer (as of Apr 02, 2007)
 (All games)

Game date	Opposing team	Score	r	h	e/	r	h	e	Inns	Overall	Conference	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time	
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Feb. 2, 2007	at Miami (Fla.)	W 6-5	6	14	0/	5	10	1	9	1-	0- 0	WEBSTER (W 1-0)	2593	3:23	
Feb. 3, 2007	at Miami (Fla.)	W 8-5	8	5	3/	5	10	3	9	2-	0- 0	CAMPBELL (W 1-0)	2345	3:45	
Feb. 10, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	0-5 L	0	5	3/	5	9	0	9	2-	1- 0	NEW (L 0-1)	144	2:03	
Feb. 10, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	2-9 L	2	3	3/	9	17	3	9	2-	2- 0	QUARLES (L 0-1)	121	2:04	
Feb. 11, 2007	at Bethune-Cookman	3-5 L	3	9	1/	5	10	2	9	2-	3- 0	BOYETTE (L 0-1)	143	2:36	
Feb. 14, 2007	Georgia State	W 8-2	8	10	0/	2	9	0	9	3-	3- 0	WEBSTER (W 2-0)	357	3:06	
Feb 16, 2007	at South Alabama	5-7 L	5	11	0/	7	9	1	9	3-	4- 0	NEW (L 0-2)	321	2:51	
Feb 17, 2007	at South Alabama	11-13 L	11	17	3/	13	15	1	9	3-	5- 0	HARDEN (L 0-1)	543	3:15	
Feb 18, 2007	at South Alabama	W 9-5	9	8	0/	5	8	3	9	4-	5- 0	GEARRIN (W 1-0)	511	3:16	
Feb. 21, 2007	Georgia	5-6 L	5	8	2/	6	14	5	9	4-	6- 0	WEBSTER (L 2-1)	1157	2:55	
Feb. 23, 2007	Florida A&M	W 3-2	3	6	1/	2	8	1	9	5-	6- 0	GEARRIN (W 2-0)	432	2:28	
Feb. 24, 2007	Florida A&M	W 4-1	4	7	1/	1	3	0	9	6-	6- 0	HARDEN (W 1-1)	576	2:08	
Feb. 25, 2007	Florida A&M	W 5-1	5	4	2/	1	6	2	9	7-	6- 0	BOYETTE (W 1-1)	232	1:59	
Feb 28, 2007	at Georgia State	W 5-1	5	12	0/	1	3	1	9	8-	6- 0	PATTERSON (W 1-0)	213	2:18	
Mar. 2, 2007	Samford	W 6-4	6	10	2/	4	6	0	9	9-	6- 0	NEW (W 1-2)	263	2:36	
Mar. 3, 2007	Samford	W 13-0	13	14	0/	0	6	1	9	10-	6- 0	WEBSTER (W 3-1)	217	2:22	
Mar. 4, 2007	Samford	2-4 L	2	8	0/	4	7	0	9	10-	7- 0	BOYETTE (L 1-2)	209	2:11	
Mar. 7, 2007	at Western Carolina	W 13-10	13	15	0/	10	20	2	9	11-	7- 0	CAMPBELL (W 2-0)	106	2:56	
Mar. 9, 2007	at Florida A&M	W 5-3	5	8	1/	3	8	4	9	12-	7- 0	NEW (W 2-2)	61	2:06	
Mar. 10, 2007	at Florida A&M	W 5-2	5	13	0/	2	6	0	9	13-	7- 0	WEBSTER (W 4-1)	65	2:20	
Mar. 11, 2007	at Florida A&M	W 12-2	12	13	0/	2	9	5	9	14-	7- 0	BOYETTE (W 2-2)	87	2:37	
*Mar. 16, 2007	Campbell	W 7-3	7	10	1/	3	13	0	9	15-	7- 0	NEW (W 3-2)	211	2:24	
*Mar. 17, 2007	Campbell	W 8-2	8	11	1/	2	7	1	9	16-	7- 0	WEBSTER (W 5-1)	173	2:03	
*Mar. 17, 2007	Campbell	W 12-3	12	14	1/	3	8	4	9	17-	7- 0	BOYETTE (W 3-2)	151	2:18	
Mar. 20, 2007	at Georgia	3-9 L	3	8	2/	9	13	0	9	17-	8- 0	DAUGHERTY,JC (L 0-1)	1574	2:28	
*Mar. 23, 2007	at Stetson	2-3 L	2	6	0/	3	5	1	9	17-	9- 0	NEW (L 3-3)	1605	2:14	
*Mar. 24, 2007	at Stetson	1-9 L	1	6	2/	9	14	2	9	17-	10- 0	WEBSTER (L 5-2)	0	2:43	
*Mar. 24, 2007	at Stetson	W 4-3	4	11	3/	3	5	0	9	18-	10- 0	LOWEY,JO (W 1-0)	1530	2:45	
Mar. 27, 2007	Auburn	1-5 L	1	8	1/	5	7	1	9	18-	11- 0	LOWEY,JA (L 0-1)	831	2:38	
*Mar. 30, 2007	Jacksonville	W 5-4	5	16	0/	4	9	0 (13)	19	11-	0	GEARRIN (W 3-0)	281	4:17	
*Mar. 31, 2007	Jacksonville	0-5 L	0	5	1/	5	9	0	9	19-	12- 0	WEBSTER (L 5-3)	0	2:17	
*Mar. 31, 2007	Jacksonville	W 7-6	7	12	1/	6	13	3 (10)	20	12-	0	LOWEY,JO (W 2-0)	232	3:27	

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