

2007 Mercer Bears Baseball

2007 Schedule & Results

Overall: 2-0 A-Sun: 0-0
Home: 0-0 Away: 2-0 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)	1 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Bethune-Cookman	1 p.m.
Feb. 14	Georgia State	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	at South Alabama	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at South Alabama	1 p.m.
Feb. 18	at South Alabama	1 p.m.
Feb. 21	Georgia	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	Florida A&M	4 p.m.
Feb. 24	Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Feb. 25	Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Georgia State	6 p.m.
Mar. 2	Samford	4 p.m.
Mar. 3	Samford	1 p.m.
Mar. 4	Samford	1 p.m.
Mar. 7	at Western Carolina	3 p.m.
Mar. 9	at Florida A&M	4 p.m.
Mar. 10	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Mar. 11	at Florida A&M	1 p.m.
Mar. 16	*Campbell	6 p.m.
Mar. 17	*Campbell (DH)	noon
Mar. 20	at Georgia	6 p.m.
Mar. 23	*at Stetson	7 p.m.
Mar. 24	*at Stetson (DH)	1 p.m.
Mar. 27	Auburn	6 p.m.
Mar. 30	*Jacksonville	6 p.m.
Mar. 31	*Jacksonville (DH)	noon
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		

Games 4-6 Mercer vs. Bethune-Cookman Feb. 10-11, 2007 Daytona Beach CC Stadium

The Bears are coming off a great start to their 2007 campaign with a two-game sweep at No. 2 Miami (Fla.). Mercer scored a pair of come-from-behind victories at Mark Light Field on Feb. 2 and 3. In game one, the Bears found themselves down 5-1 in the sixth inning, but chipped away. In the top of the ninth, an RBI-single by Josh Thompson tied the game and two batters later Mike Armstrong delivered a game-winning RBI single, giving Mercer a 6-5 win. Thompson finished the game 4-for-4 with three RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a solo home run. The following night, Mercer and Miami were engaged in a back-and-forth affair that included four lead changes and one tie. Billy Shaughnessy and Mike Armstrong each hit a two-run home run helping propel Mercer to an 8-5 win in game two. Cory Gearrin notched two saves on the weekend, pitching 3.0 innings of no-hit, shutout relief. He struck out six batters and walked three. Armstrong concluded the weekend 4-for-8 with a team-high five RBIs and two runs scored.

Mercer Probable Lineup

Probable Batting Order							
Pos.	Name	Yr.	Avg.	2B	R	HR	RBI
RF	John Dortch	Jr.	.000	0	0	0	0
2B	Tyler McCarty	So.	.250	0	2	0	0
DH	Tyler Brown	Jr.	.375	0	1	0	1
C	Josh Thompson	Sr.	.556	1	3	1	3
CF	Eric Renfroe	Sr.	.000	0	0	0	0
1B	Mike Armstrong	Jr.	.500	0	2	1	5
SS	Billy Shaughnessy	Jr.	.125	0	1	1	2
LF	Jason Lowey	Sr.	.500	0	1	0	0
3B	Josh Lowey	Jr.	.500	0	0	0	0

Key Reserves

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Avg.	2B	R	HR	RBI
LF	Matt Crawford	Jr.	.200	0	3	0	0
3B	Steven Karwatt	So.	.000	0	0	0	0
C	Casey Stuart	So.	.000	0	0	0	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

Pos.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	SO
SP	Brantley New	Sr.	9.00	0-0	0	5.0	3
SP	Blake Quarles	Sr.	6.00	0-0	0	3.0	1
SP	Justin Boyette	So.	0.00	0-0	0	0	0
SP	Boone Webster	Jr.	0.00	1-0	0	3.0	2

Bullpen

RP	Cory Gearrin	Jr.	0.00	0-0	2	3.0	6
RP	Andy Campbell	Jr.	0.00	1-0	0	2.0	0
RP	Jason Lowey	Sr.	9.00	0-0	0	1.0	2

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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	Steven 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 DiMauroDi-Mar-oh
6 Blake QuarlesKwarles
8 Steven KarwattCar-wat
9 Billy ShaughnessyShaw-nes-ee
19 Andrew EinertI-nert
26 Cory GearrinGare-in
27 John DortchDoor-ch
28 Justin BoyetteBoy-et
36 Kyle BedrosianBuh-droh-shun
38 Boone WebsterBoon
42 Travis PeyattPie-ut
Tim BoethBooth
Danny McMurtryMc-Mer-tree
Ty MegaheeMuh-gay-hee

Roster Breakdown

By State	
Georgia	25
Florida	8
Pennsylvania	1
Tennessee	1
Texas	1
By Year	
Seniors	8
Juniors	12
Sophomores	6
Freshman	10
By Position	
Pitchers	12 (9 RHP and 3 LHP)
Catchers	3
Infielders	10
Outfielders	11

Game Notes

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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				Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
Mercer	0	0	.000	-	2	0	1.000
Jacksonville	0	0	.000	-	3	1	.750
UNF	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Stetson	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
ETSU	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Campbell	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Gardner-Webb	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Kennesaw St.	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Belmont	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000
Lipscomb	0	0	.000	-	0	0	.000

2007 Preseason Poll

Pos.	Team (First-place votes)	Pts.
1.	Jacksonville (5)	91
2.	Stetson (4)	91
3.	Mercer (1)	80
4.	North Florida	72
5.	ETSU	60
6.	Kennesaw State	42
7.	Belmont	41
8.	Campbell	27
9.	Gardner-Webb	25
10.	Lipscomb	21

A-Sun Tournament Champion:
Stetson

Preseason Player of the Year:
Josh Thompson (Mercer)

2007 Preseason All-Atlantic Sun Team

Pos.	Name	Team	Cl.
SP	*Matt Dobbins	Jacksonville	Jr.
SP	Chris Ingoglia	Stetson	Sr.
SP	Brad Johnson	North Florida	Sr.
SP	Brantley New	Mercer	Sr.
RP	Robbie Elsemiller	Stetson	Jr.
1B	Mike Armstrong	Mercer	Jr.
2B	Chad Knight	North Florida	Jr.
3B	Braedyn Pruitt	Stetson	Sr.
SS	Billy Shaughnessy	Mercer	Jr.
OF	Pete Clifford	Jacksonville	Sr.
OF	Shane Jordan	Stetson	Sr.
OF	Wilson Tucker	Belmont	Sr.
C	Josh Thompson	Mercer	Sr.
DH	Travis Martin	North Florida	Jr.
DH	Jay McConnell	Gardner-Webb	So.

*Unanimous Selection

This Week in the A-Sun

Feb. 9

Creighton at Gardner-Webb - 12:30 p.m.
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.
Charlotte at Campbell - 2 p.m.
ETSU at Citadel - 3 p.m.
Virginia at UNF - 3:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 5 p.m.

Feb. 10

Mercer at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m. (DH)

Maryland at Gardner-Webb - 4:30 p.m.
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.
Charlotte at Campbell - 2 p.m.
ETSU at Citadel - 3 p.m.
Virginia at UNF - 3:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 5 p.m.

Feb. 11

Mercer at Bethune-Cookman - 1 p.m.

Gardner-Webb at Winthrop - 2:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Stetson - 1p.m.
ETSU at Citadel - 1 p.m.
Evansville at Lipscomb - 2 p.m.
Elon at UNF - 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 13

Appalachian State at Gardner-Webb - 2:30 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Campbell - 3 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Jacksonville - 3:30 p.m.
Kennesaw State at Georgia Tech - 4 p.m.
Lipscomb at Auburn - 5 p.m.
Stetson at Bethune-Cookman - 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at UNF - 7 p.m.

Feb. 14

Georgia State at Mercer - 4 p.m.

Feb. 16

Mercer at South Alabama - 6 p.m.
South Florida at Jacksonville - 12:30 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Campbell - 3 p.m.
Niagara at ETSU - 3 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at NC State - 3 p.m.
Chicago State at Lipscomb - 4 p.m.
Western Carolina at Kennesaw State - 4 p.m.
LSU at Stetson - 7 p.m.
UNF at Tulane - 7:30 p.m.

All Times are Eastern



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A Look at the Wildcats

Bethune-Cookman is coming off a 2006 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and a trip to the NCAA Regionals in Oxford, Miss. BCC fell at Ole Miss in its first contest at the regionals and were eliminated by Tulane. The Wildcats went a perfect 15-0 in conference and finished 30-27 overall. Bethune-Cookman returns five position starters and seven pitchers from last season's squad.

The 2007 squad features last season's MEAC Freshman of the Year, outfielder Jose Ortiz-Rivera. Ortiz-Rivera garnered Rookie of the Week honors four times last season and catcher Alejandro Jimenez notched the honor once. Also returning is first team all-conference selection, Francisco Rodriguez, a senior left-handed pitcher and second team selection, senior shortstop Chris Henault. Both Rodriguez (Pitcher of the Week) and Henault notched Player of the Week honors during 2006.

BCC opened its season winning one of three games at Jacksonville, Feb. 2-4. Senior first baseman Angel Negron was 3-for-5 with four RBIs in an 8-6 loss in game one. BCC rallied to take game two at Jacksonville, 3-1, led by senior right-hander Dustin Blackwell's 7.0 innings of work in which he no-hit the Dolphins allowing zero runs while striking out six batters. Henault went 3-for-3 at the plate and drove in all 3 runs. The Wildcats lost the finale, 6-2, but received a solid day from Henault again as he was 2-for-3 with a solo home run.

Head coach Mervyl Melendez returns for his eighth season at Bethune-Cookman. He won MEAC Coach of the Year last season and holds a career record of 207-198.

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown
1	José Almonte	2B	Sr.	San Juan, P.R.
2	Luis Gonzalez	SS	Sr.	Cayey, P.R.
3	Drew Clark	C	So.	Deltona, Fla.
4	Francisco Gomez	RHP	Sr.	Barquisimeto, Venezuela
5	Justin Hoyte	OF	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.
6	Chris Henault	SS	Sr.	New Ipswich, N.H.
7	Concepción Guzmán	RHP	So.	Gurabo, P.R.
8	Hiram Burgos	RHP	So.	Cayey, P.R.
9	Jorge Velez	C	Fr.	Bayamon, P.R.
10	Felix Machado	RHP	Fr.	Isabela, P.R.
14	Chris Brown	3B/OF	So.	Daytona Beach, Fla.
15	Phil Enright	RHP	Jr.	Deltona, Fla.
16	Joseph Gautier	LHP	So.	Dorado, P.R.
17	Dexter Williams	3B	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.
18	Orlando Bacon	LHP/OF	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.
19	Spencer Hill	2B	Sr.	Miami, Fla.
20	Angel Mercado	OF	Sr.	Barranquitas, P.R.
21	Patrick Jones	OF	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.
22	José Ortiz-Rivera	OF	So.	Juncos, P.R.
23	Kevin Belliard	3B	Jr.	Boca Raton, Fla.
26	Neil Jones	OF	Jr.	Cecil, Ga.
28	Dustin Blackwell	RHP	Sr.	Acworth, Ga.
29	Junnie Munoz	OF	So.	Deltona, Fla.
30	Angel Negron	1B	Sr.	Maunabo, P.R.
32	Michael Range	OF	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.
34	Alejandro Jimenez	1B/C	So.	San Juan, P.R.
36	Francisco Rodriguez	LHP	Sr.	Barcelona, Venezuela
38	Roderick Carter II	RHP	Fr.	Brandon, Fla.
40	Devin Conner	OF	Jr.	Avon Park, Fla.
42	Arles Rivera-Cola	RHP	So.	San Juan, P.R.

Head Coach: Mervyl Melendez (Eighth Season, Bethune-Cookman '96)

Assistant Coaches: Joel Sanchez (New Mexico State, '98, Jose Vazquez (Bethune-Cookman, '03), Micah Simmons (Bethune-Cookman, '03)

2007 Individual Statistics Leaders

Batting Leaders

Name	Avg.	2B	HR	RBI	R
Chris Henault	.500	1	1	4	1
Angel Mercado	.417	1	0	1	1
Angel Negron	.333	0	0	4	0
Jose Ortiz-Rivera	.286	1	0	0	3
Justin Hoyte	.273	0	0	0	1

Pitching Leaders

Name	W-L	ERA	SO	SV	IP
*Dustin Blackwell	1-0	0.00	6	0	7.0
*Francisco Rodriguez	0-0	9.82	1	0	3.2
*Hiram Burgos	0-1	11.25	1	0	4.0
Francisco Gomez	0-0	4.50	1	1	2.0

*Probable Starters for this weekend's games



Game Notes

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Current Bear Hitting Streaks

Tyler McCarty2
Tyler Brown2
Josh Thompson2
Mike Armstrong2

Longest Bear Hitting Streaks

Four tied2
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Multiple RBI Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Mike Armstrong	1	1			2
Josh Thompson			1		1
Billy Shaughnessy	1				1

Multiple Hit Games

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Mike Armstrong		1			1
Josh Thompson			1		1
Tyler Brown	1				1
Jason Lowey	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.)			

2007 Home Run Breakdown

Solo HR	.....1
Two-Run HR	.....2
Three-Run HR	.....
Grand Slam	.....
First Inning	.....
Second Inning	.....
Third Inning	.....
Fourth Inning	.....1
Fifth Inning	.....
Sixth Inning	.....1
Seventh Inning	.....
Eighth Inning	.....
Ninth Inning	.....1
With No Outs	.....1
With One Out	.....1
With Two Outs	.....1

Inside the Numbers

Mercer hitting when:

Facing a right-handed pitcher	.....264
Facing a left-handed pitcher	.....238
Bases are empty	.....257
Runners are on base	.....256
Bases are loaded	.....000
There are 2 outs	.....231
Runners in scoring position	.....241
Overall	.....257

Mercer pitching when:

Facing a right-handed pitcher	.....290
Facing a left-handed pitcher	.....289
Facing a leadoff hitter	.....444
There are 2 outs	.....438
Runners on base	.....225
Overall	.....290

Individual Highs

Most hits	.....Thompson - 4, 2/2
Most at-bats	.....Five tied - 5
Most runs scored	.....Three tied - 3
Most RBIs	.....Three tied - 3
Most stolen bases	.....Renfroe - 1, 2/2
Most innings pitched	.....New - 5.0, 2/2
Most strikeouts	.....Gearrin - 4, 2/3

Rankings: Mercer received votes in the latest Collegiate Baseball rankings and would have finished No. 39 ... **Miami (Fla.)** is ranked No. 3 in the USA Today/ESPN Top 25, No. 5 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 35, No. 5 in Baseball America's Top 25 and No. 14 in the Collegiate Baseball Top 30 ... **Georiga** is slated No. 19 in the NCBWA poll, No. 21 by Collegiate Baseball and received votes in the USA Today/ESPN poll ... **Auburn** received votes in the NCBWA poll and the USA Today/ESPN poll ... **Jacksonville** received votes in the NCBWA poll.

Accolades: Senior Catcher Josh Thompson garnered A-Sun Player of the Week honors for his efforts in upsetting No. 2 Miami. Junior Closer Cory Gearrin earned Atlantic Sun Pitcher of the Week as Mercer swept the weekly conference honors in week one.

Hit By Pitches: Pitchers struggled with control in the opening series as there were nine batters hit by a pitch in the two games. Eric Renfroe, Mike Armstrong, Billy Shaughnessy, and John Daugherty were hit by pitches. Jason Lowey hit two batters, as Andy Campbell and Brantley New each hit one.

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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													
Georgia State													
South Alabama													
#21 Georgia													
Florida A&M													
Samford													
Western Carolina													
Campbell													
Stetson													

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													
Georgia State													
South Alabama													
#21 Georgia													
Florida A&M													
Samford													
Western Carolina													
Campbell													
Stetson													



Mercer Pitcher of the Week

Cory Gearrin

RHP ♦ 6-3 ♦ 210 ♦ Jr. ♦ Dayton, Tenn.

Gearrin notched two saves in his first two appearances as a Bear at Miami. The newcomer kept the Hurricanes without a hit or run in his outings at Mark Light Stadium. In game one, he pitched 1.0 inning and worked around a pair of walks while striking out two. In game two, Gearrin went 2.0 innings striking out four and one walk.

Other Notables: Boone Webster 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 3 IP, 2 K; Andy Campbell 1-0, 0.00ERA, 2 IP, 0 Hits



Mercer Player of the Week

Josh Thompson

C ♦ 6-3 ♦ 210 ♦ Sr. ♦ Pineview, Ga.

Thompson opened the 2007 campaign with a solid weekend at the plate versus Miami. He finished the series 5-for-9 (.556) with 3 RBIs, three runs scored, one double and one home run. In game one the preseason A-Sun Player of the Year led the way, going went 4-for-4 at the plate with 3 RBIs, two runs scored, one double and a solo home run. In game two, the senior was 1-for-5 and scored a run.

Other Notables: Mike Armstrong 4-for-8, 5 RBIs, 2 R, 1 HR; Tyler Brown 3-for-8, 1 RBI, 1 R

Game Notes

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Mercer's Record...

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

Mercer Highs and Lows

	High	Low
Runs Scored	8	6
Runs Allowed	5	5
Run Differential	3	
Hits	14	5
At Bats	40	34
RBI's	6	6
Stolen Bases	1	0
Walks	6	1
Assists	9	8
Putouts	27	27
Errors	3	0
Hits Allowed	10	10
Earned Runs Allowed	5	5
Strikeouts	8	7
Walks	8	8
Wild Pitches	1	0
Hit By Pitch	3	1



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

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

Big Road Wins: Mercer opened its season with a pair of road wins at Miami. They travel to Bethune-Cookman for a three-game series this weekend and open the home slate on Feb. 14 against Georgia State.

Mercer Records the Last Five Seasons (First 10 Games)

Year	Overall	Home	Road
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

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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

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



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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Hitting)

Returning Letterwinners

#14 Mike Armstrong

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)3, Six Times
 At Bats5, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)5, 10 Times
 Runs2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) ..3, vs. Gardner-Webb (4/21/06)
 RBIs3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)4, Two Times
 SB1, vs. VMI (2/11/06)

#27 John Dortch

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, Three times
 At Bats5, Three times
 Runs2, Eight Times
 RBIs3, Two Times
 SB2, at Georgia Southern (4/11/06)

#21 Mark Jarvis

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, Three Times
 At Bats4, Eight Times
 Runs2, Three Times
 RBIs4, at ETSU (4/15/06)
 SB1, Three Times

#4 Jason Lowey

Season-High

Career-High

Hits2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) ..3, at Kennesaw State (3/25/06)
 At Bats4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)5, Five Times
 Runs1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)2, Two Times
 RBIs4, vs. Bethune-Cookman (2/18/06)
 SB1, Five Times

#22 Eric Renfroe

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, 13 Times
 At Bats5, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) ..6, at Georgia State (3/5/05)
 Runs3, Six Times
 RBIs5, vs. Alabama State (1/31/04)
 SB2, Two Times

#9 Billy Shaughnessy

Season-High

Career-High

Hits1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) ..4, at Kennesaw State (3/25/06)
 At Bats4, Two Times5, Five Times
 Runs1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)2, Five Times
 RBIs3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)3, Four Times
 SB1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)2, Three Times

Newcomers

35 Richard Bentley

Season-High

Hits
 At Bats
 Runs1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 RBIs
 SB

#2 Nick DiMauro

Season-High

Hits
 At Bats
 Runs
 RBIs
 SB

#42 Travis Peyatt

Season-High

Hits
 At Bats
 Runs
 RBIs
 SB

#25 John Daugherty

Season-High

Career-High

Hits
 At Bats2, vs. Alabama State (2/20/05)
 Runs
 RBIs
 SB

#19 Andrew Einert

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, Two Times
 At Bats5, Six Times
 Runs3, vs. Alabama State (2/20/05)
 RBIs3, vs. Savannah State (2/28/04)
 SB1, College of Charleston (4/20/05)

#8 Steven Karwatt

Season-High

Career-High

Hits3, vs. FAU (3/11/06)
 At Bats3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)5, at UAB (3/3/06)
 Runs2, Two Times
 RBIs2, Four Times
 SB

#11 Tyler McCarty

Season-High

Career-High

Hits1, Two Times3, Five Times
 At Bats5, at Miami (2/2/07)6, at ETSU (4/15/06)
 Runs2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)2, Five Times
 RBIs3, Two Times
 SB1, Three Times

#2 Casey Stuart

Season-High

Career-High

Hits1, Two Times
 At Bats4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 Runs1, Three Times
 RBIs1, vs. VMI (2/10/06)
 SB

#14 Josh Thompson

Season-High

Career-High

Hits4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)4, Three Times
 At Bats5, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)6, Two Times
 Runs2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)3, Four Times
 RBIs3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)5, at ETSU (4/14/06)
 SB1, Four Times

#15 Tyler Brown

Season-High

Hits2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 At Bats5, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 Runs1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 RBIs1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 SB

#7 Michael Langley

Season-High

Hits
 At Bats
 Runs
 RBIs
 SB

#13 Matt Crawford

Season-High

Hits1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 At Bats4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 Runs2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 RBIs
 SB

#10 Josh Lowey

Season-High

Hits1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 At Bats2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 Runs
 RBIs
 SB

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Mercer Season and Career Highs (Pitching)

Returning Letterwinners

#23 Andy Campbell

Season-High

Career-High

IP2.0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)2.1, vs. Rider (3/15/06)
 K3, vs. Belmont (5/19/06)
 ER0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -2 IP

#31 Mike Narveson

Season-High

Career-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

Career-High

IP3.0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)9.0, vs. Gardner-Webb (4/22/06)
 K1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)9, vs. UNF (4/2/06)
 ER2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -3 IP 0, vs. Georgia State (3/28/06) -4 IP
 Hits6, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -3 IP0, at Clemson (2/26/06) -2 IP

#20 J.C. Daugherty

Season-High

Career-High

IP7.0, Three Times
 K5, Two Times
 ER0, Three Times -1 IP
 Hits0, vs. FAU (3/11/06) -2 IP

#17 Brantley New

Season-High

Career-High

IP5.0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)9.0, Two Times
 K3, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)9, Four Times
 ER5, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -5 IP0, at UAB (3/3/06) -7 IP
 Hits7, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -5 IP0, at Savannah State (4/10/04) -4 IP

Newcomers

#28 Justin Boyette

Season-High

IP
 K
 ER
 Hits

#34 Scott Patterson

Season-High

IP
 K
 ER
 Hits

#26 Cory Gearrin

Season-High

IP1.2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 K4, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 ER0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -1.2 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -1.2 IP

#30 Michael Shaw

Season-High

IP0.2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 K1, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07)
 ER2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -0.2 IP
 Hits2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/3/07) -0.2 IP

#33 David Harden

Season-High

IP
 K
 ER
 Hits

#38 Boone Webster

Season-High

IP3.0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 K2, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07)
 ER0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -3 IP
 Hits0, at Miami (Fla.) (2/2/07) -3 IP

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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 - April 14, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn., when Josh Thompson recorded a grand slam in the first inning and added a solo shot in the fourth inning of a 10-8 win over ETSU.

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 - February 11, 2006, in Macon, Ga., when Mike Armstrong and Billy Shaughnessy successfully pulled off a double steal. Armstrong broke from third as Shaughnessy left first to draw a pick-off attempt, and Armstrong beat the throw to the plate. The Bears went on to defeat VMI, 9-4.

A Mercer player had a hitting streak over 15 games - In 2006, junior Josh Thompson registered a 21-game hitting streak from March 24 until

Team Almanac

Longest winning streak	.....2
Longest losing streak	.....
Most runs scored	.....8, (2/3)
Fewest runs scored	.....5, (2/4)
Most runs allowed	.....5, Twice
Fewest runs allowed	.....5, Twice
Average runs scored	.....6.5
Average runs allowed	.....5

Record by Month

February	.....2-0
March	.....0-0
April	.....0-0
May	.....0-0

Record by Game

Non-Conference	.....2-0
Atlantic Sun	.....0-0
Tournament	.....0-0

Record by Day

Sunday	.....0-0
Monday	.....0-0
Tuesday	.....0-0
Wednesday	.....0-0
Thursday	.....0-0
Friday	.....1-0
Saturday	.....1-0

Record vs. Conferences

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



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).